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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL  
STATED MEETING

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December 18, 2025  
Start: 4:50 p.m.  
Recess: 8:47 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne Adams  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Diana Ayala  
Chris Banks  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Erik Dinowitz  
Amanda Farias  
Simcha Felder  
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Frank Morano  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Shahana K. Hanif  
Kamillah Hanks  
Robert F. Holden  
Crystal Hudson  
Rita C. Joseph  
Shekar Krishnan  
Kristy Marmorato  
Linda Lee  
Farah N. Louis  
Christopher Marte  
Darlene Mealy  
Julie Menin  
Francisco P. Moya  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Sandy Nurse  
Chi Ossé  
Vickie Paladino  
Keith Powers  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Yusef Salaam  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens  
Sandra Ung  
Inna Vernikov  
Nantasha Williams  
Julie Won  
Susan Zhuang  
Harvey D. Epstein

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2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen,  
3                   ladies and gentleman, can I have your attention,  
4                   please? Can I please have your attention? Quiet on  
5                   the floor, please. Quiet on the floor, please.  
6                   Ladies and gentleman, today, a record-breaking day  
7                   today, 25 hearings for our legislative body. A round  
8                   of applause.

9                   [applause]

10                  SERGEANT AT ARMS: Congratulations to our  
11                  outgoing members. Round of applause, please.

12                  [applause]

13                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen,  
14                  for the last time this year, we will start our Stated  
15                  Meeting. At this time, please place all electronic  
16                  devices, all electronic devices, to vibrate. Madam  
17                  Majority Leader, it's all yours.

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Good afternoon  
19                  and welcome to the Stated Meeting of December 18,  
20                  2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás and I'd like  
21                  to thank you for joining us. If you would like to  
22                  follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is  
23                  posted on our website. On behalf of the body, I  
24                  welcome the members of the public who have joined us  
25                  today. During stated meetings, only members of the

2 Council may speak. Members of the public shall remain  
3 silent. If you wish to express your support of any  
4 remarks, you may make the silent approval gesture. I  
5 want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to be  
6 respected at all times. Insulting each other is not  
7 appropriate. All remarks are to be addressed to the  
8 Chair and members shall not speak unless recognized  
9 by the Chair. It is essential that even if we  
10 disagree, we treat each other with respect.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Please join us for the  
12 pledge of allegiance.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Roll call?

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Still here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Bottcher?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: For the last  
3 time, I'm here.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

8                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabán?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr? De La Rosa?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: [inaudible]

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Felder?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here. And not  
18 Yeger.

19                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here, and not  
21 Yeger either.

22                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

24                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

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2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks? Holden?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

8                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Marmorato?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

18                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

20                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy? Menin?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

22                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Morano?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here.

24                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

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2                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Narcisse?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE:   Present.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Nurse?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE:   Here.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Ossé?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ:   Present.

8                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Paladino?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO:   Here.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Powers?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS:   I'm here.

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Restler?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER:   Here.

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Riley?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY:   Present.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Salaam?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM:   Present.

18                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Salamanca?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA:   Present.

20                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Sanchez?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ:   Present.

22                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Schulman?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN:   Here.

24                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Stevens?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS:   Here.

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2                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Ung?   Vernikov?

3                   Williams?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS:   Here.

5                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Won?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER WON:   Here.

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Zhuang?   Ariola?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA:   Sono qui.

9                   COMMITTEE CLERK:   Farias?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS:   Present.

11                  COMMITTEE CLERK:   Speaker Adams?

12                  SPEAKER ADAMS:   Present, and still the  
13 Speaker of the New York City Council.

14                  [applause]

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS:   Thank you.   We  
16 will now have today's invocation which will be  
17 delivered by Reverend Richard Hogan, Senior Pastor of  
18 Divine Deliverance Ministries which is located at  
19 122-13 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard in Queens.

20                  SERGEANT AT ARMS:   All rise.

21                  REVEREND HOGAN:   Almighty God, divine  
22 source of grace, we gather this afternoon on this  
23 18<sup>th</sup> day of the last month of 2025.   With 13 days  
24 left and this being the last Stated Meeting of the  
25 year, we offer thanks for the milestones reached, the

2 challenges overcome, and the steadfast dedication of  
3 the City Council Members and their staff. Standing  
4 at the threshold of a new year and looking back on  
5 all we have journeyed through to 2025, we ask that  
6 your peace, patience and presence dwell with us. The  
7 acts of hate taking place right now on our shores and  
8 abroad, we ask that you will go to places and touch  
9 the hearts of men. The Bible and scripture tells us  
10 that blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be  
11 called the Sons of God. Our country is divided, but  
12 President Lincoln stated, a house divided against  
13 itself cannot and shall not stand. Help us, God.  
14 Watch over and protect those who are attacked and  
15 persecuted and bring calm in the midst of hate,  
16 uncertainty and chaos. As we face this difficult  
17 times, help these elected leaders to have the wisdom,  
18 strength, and vision to alleviate the problems and  
19 pain of their constituents. As each member of this  
20 body represents approximately 157 to 160,000  
21 constituents, continue to guide them as they have  
22 significant responsibilities on municipal scale.  
23 Representing these many people is equivalent to being  
24 a mayor of mid-size city in America, Savannah,  
25 Georgia or Syracuse, New York. We've seen this body

2 grow and do great things from 35 members to 51  
3 members. Psalms 51:10 says create in me a clean  
4 heart and renew a right spirit within me. God, only  
5 you can give them the strength needed to perform this  
6 task. Grant them a vision of a unified city that  
7 empower its people on every level, and may their  
8 choices transcend fear to build a just future. We ask  
9 for your protection over our first responders, and  
10 all that help this city to run effectively as it  
11 does. Lord, we thank you for you to allow the unity  
12 to flow through the five boroughs and then to the 50  
13 states. Let it start here in New York and in these  
14 chambers. We pray for these elected leaders who hold  
15 an office of trust that they will be granted the  
16 wisdom to govern among the conflicting interests and  
17 conflict issues of this time. We pray for our mayor,  
18 mayor-elect, and also this assembly council asking  
19 that you would help them lead with humility, never  
20 with pride, and by your wisdom, never by personal  
21 opinion. Grant them that they will faithfully perform  
22 their duties for the benefit of all citizens,  
23 especially the most vulnerable. We pause to  
24 acknowledge your faithfulness of every day, the  
25 believers here. We thank you for how you grant us

2 peace in life that you have given us. This being the  
3 last month of the year, the 12<sup>th</sup> month, 12 in  
4 biblical terms means government and order. In  
5 scriptures and life we find the number 12 all around  
6 us each and every day. When we look at the clock,  
7 the number there is 12. There are 12 disciples, 12  
8 months in a year, 12 midnight starts today, 12 noon  
9 is lunchtime, 12 inches in a foot, and 12 ribs in our  
10 body, 12 grades before we complete grades to college,  
11 12 years we live before we become teenagers, and 12-  
12 step programs for those who are in need. 12 is  
13 always present. The letter 12-- the 12<sup>th</sup> letter of  
14 the alphabet is L which stands for live, love, and  
15 leaders. Let these leaders live, love, and let them  
16 lead. So as we close this 12<sup>th</sup> month, let there be  
17 order in this city and abroad, and let it be started  
18 with these members. As this Speaker leaves this part  
19 of her life, enter into another one, continue to  
20 bless those that stood by her, that helped to fight  
21 to make things better. All of these distinguished  
22 leaders in this place, you have different steps, and  
23 order their steps to go places. The Bible said the  
24 steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Let the  
25 Council's calling at this time in 2025 be a shining

2                   light, and bless-- of blessing for the city and the  
3                   year to come. Bless Speaker Adams and all that  
4                   helped her, because she truly has been a blessing  
5                   with all of the help of all these distinguished  
6                   leaders. Bless them, bless their families, and God  
7                   bless America. Let all God's people say amen.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. I  
9                   would now ask Speaker Adams to spread the invocation  
10                   on the record.

11                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,  
12                   Majority Leaders, and thank you, Pastor Hogan, for  
13                   that beautiful, beautiful invocation. Pastor Richard  
14                   B. Hogan, founder and Executive Director of Brothers  
15                   Against Killing Each Other, or BAKE, is a dedicated  
16                   and selfless leader who has served our communities in  
17                   southeast Queens for decades. Through his exemplary  
18                   commitment he has helped thousands of young people  
19                   find meaning in their lives, offering them services  
20                   and workshops that advance their safety and well-  
21                   being. As pastor of Divine Deliverance Ministries,  
22                   he has been the voice of strength and guidance for  
23                   our youth, seniors and vulnerable members of our  
24                   community. I've been honored to have known Pastor  
25                   Hogan for about two decades now as a reverend leader

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2 in my own district, the Great 28. We are so grateful  
3 indeed for his words of wisdom today as we close out  
4 our final Stated Meeting of the year and of this  
5 term, I make a motion, Madam Majority Leader, to  
6 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. We  
8 will now ask Council Member Rita Joseph for the  
9 adoption of minutes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I make a motion  
11 that the minutes of the Stated Meetings of November  
12 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be adopted as  
13 printed.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Messages and  
15 papers from the Mayor?

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Communication  
18 from city, county and borough offices?

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: None

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
21 communications?

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: None

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Land Use call-  
24 ups?

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you. We  
3 will now have communication from Speaker Adrienne  
4 Adams.

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,  
6 Madam Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.  
7 As it is our last Stated Meeting of the term and for  
8 some of us, our last as members, and my final as  
9 Speaker, I'd like to say a few words to reflect on  
10 our time together over these last four years. In  
11 2021, New Yorkers elected the most diverse and first  
12 women-majority Council in our history, and with it, I  
13 was honored to be elected as our city's first Black  
14 Speaker. Our historic representation fully reflected  
15 the breadth of New Yorker's experiences, enabling us  
16 to lead differently than our predecessors. When  
17 people who have experienced housing insecurity,  
18 poverty, working-class struggles, and the impacts of  
19 racial and gender disparities come together to  
20 represent New Yorkers, we are better prepared to  
21 address the perspectives and priorities of everyone  
22 in our city. By prioritizing women and the working  
23 people that make up the backbone of our city, we  
24 tackled issues like the housing crisis, inequities in  
25 economic opportunity, racial disparity in maternal

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2 health outcomes, and the need for crime victim  
3 services that have long-impacted historically  
4 overlooked communities of color. And whether it was  
5 opening pathways to economic mobility through CUNY  
6 Reconnect which has now enrolled over 62,000 New  
7 Yorkers, the majority of whom are women--

8 [audience disruption]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]  
10 There will be silence in the gallery. Sergeants,  
11 please remove-- please remove the member of the  
12 public that is interrupting the Stated Meeting.

13 || [gavel]

14 [audience disruption]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: There will be  
16 silence from the gallery. This is the first and  
17 final warning. I will clear the gallery if there are  
18 any other interruptions during the Stated Meeting.  
19 Please remove that member of the public as well. I  
20 will reiterate for those folks in the gallery and in  
21 the chamber, I will clear the gallery if there is  
22 another interruption.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Our historic  
24 representation fully reflected the breadth of New  
25 Yorkers' experiences, enabling us to lead differently

2 than our predecessors. When people who have  
3 experienced housing insecurity, poverty, working-  
4 class struggles and the impacts of racial and gender  
5 disparities come together to represent New Yorkers,  
6 we are better prepared to address the perspectives  
7 and priorities of everyone in our city. By  
8 prioritizing women and the working people that make  
9 up the backbone of our city, we tackled issues like  
10 the housing crisis, inequities in economic  
11 opportunity, racial disparities in maternal health  
12 outcomes, and the need for crime victim services that  
13 have long impacted historically overlooked  
14 communities of color. And whether it was opening  
15 pathways to economic mobility through CUNY Reconnect  
16 which has now enrolled over 62,000 New Yorkers, the  
17 majority of whom are women and people of color, or  
18 securing over \$8 billion for more affordable housing,  
19 homeownership opportunities and neighborhood  
20 investments, we were true to our North Start of  
21 centering communities most harmed by inequity. An  
22 important legacy of our leadership is not just  
23 holding government accountable and legislating  
24 solutions to address these inequities, but also  
25 incubating innovative new programs that directly

2 address them. Like CUNY Reconnect, we also created  
3 New York State's first trauma recovery centers in our  
4 cities who help Black, Latino and Asian communities  
5 receive the support to end cycles of violence which  
6 is especially important as these communities have  
7 historically lacked access to traditional crime  
8 victim services. To address the economic and  
9 employment barriers that have contributed to a mental  
10 health and workforce shortage, we launched the CUNY  
11 Social Work Fellows which will help us improve mental  
12 health outcomes, and we created the first city-funded  
13 guaranteed income program to help new mothers avoid  
14 homelessness, improve maternal health, and reduce  
15 child poverty. These have been investments in  
16 innovation to confront deeply entrenched inequities.  
17 Our city is only as strong as our people, and I'm so  
18 proud of how we prioritize New Yorkers over the last  
19 four years when chaos in this building was all too  
20 present. As public servants, it is our  
21 responsibility to improve the conditions of our  
22 communities, ensuring that all of us can live  
23 healthy, safe, and dignified lives. Our city must  
24 continue to champion Black, Latino, Asian, and  
25 immigrant communities that have not always received

2                    equitable priority an uplift the working people who  
3                    make our city run. The Council must continue to move  
4                    city government to focus on New Yorkers' push to the  
5                    margins. That is how we build a city for all New  
6                    Yorkers. I want to thank all of my Council colleagues  
7                    for their fierce advocacy, service, and support to  
8                    New Yorkers over these last four years. Together, we  
9                    have provided our city with steady, unwavering, and  
10                    principled leadership prioritizing the needs of New  
11                    Yorkers above everything else. I also want to thank  
12                    my outstanding leadership team, Deputy Speaker Diana  
13                    Ayala.

14                    [applause]

15                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Majority Leader Amanda  
16                    Farias.

17                    [applause]

18                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Majority Whip Selvena  
19                    Broks-Powers.

20                    [applause]

21                    SPEAKER ADAMS: And Council Members  
22                    Justin Brannan, the General.

23                    [applause]

24                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Rafael Salamanca.

25                    [applause]

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2                   SPEAKER ADAMS:   Keith Powers, Sandra Ung.

3                   [applause]

4                   SPEAKER ADAMS:   The sage of New York  
5   City, Gale Brewer.

6                   [applause].

7                   SPEAKER ADAMS:   And former Council Member  
8   Carlina Rivera.

9                   [applause]

10                  SPEAKER ADAMS:   I also want to  
11   acknowledge my superior senior staff who's labor  
12   behind the scenes made our achievements possible and  
13   who were instrumental in the fight to protect our  
14   institutions and its values, Super Chief Jeremy John  
15   [sp?].

16                  [applause]

17                  SPEAKER ADAMS:   The amazing  
18   infrastructure of the City Council, Faiza Ali [sp?].

19                  [applause]

20                  SPEAKER ADAMS:   The king of comms,  
21   Mandela Jones [sp?].

22                  [applause]

23                  SPEAKER ADAMS:   The amazing Jay Cole  
24   [sp?].

25                  [applause]

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2 ||| SPEAKER ADAMS: Jay Cole? Megan Lynch

3 || [sp?] --

4 [applause]

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Danielle Castaldi-Micca,  
6 our DCM.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: The gentleman of  
11 legislation, Jeff Baker [sp?].

12 || [applause]

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: The lord of land  
14 use Perris Straughter [sp?].

15 || [applause]

17 || [applause]

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: And our jewel of OGC,  
19 Jason Otano [sp?].

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you to every single  
22 member of the Council's superior central staff in  
23 every division, and the Council Member's staff who  
24 support New Yorkers in all corners, all districts,

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2       all constituents of our city. Let's give your staff  
3       a hand.

4                   [applause]

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: And finally, I want to  
6       thank my family who has lovingly given me over to you  
7       all for almost a decade. My family members that are  
8       present here today, my backbone, his name is Joseph  
9       J. Adams. Hi, honey-bunny.

10                  [applause]

11                  SPEAKER ADAMS: My sister Tracy Edie  
12       Gaffe [sp?]. I call these two our sister cousins,  
13       Katrine Edie [sp?] and Pamela Edie [sp?]. And my  
14       amazing one who has always been my personal  
15       assistant, I call her Sissy. Her name is Tamara  
16       Ogburn [sp?]. Thank you all for being with me today.  
17       I wouldn't be here without you. I also want to take a  
18       moment to acknowledge the New Yorkers that we lost.  
19       It seems to be fire season in New York City  
20       unfortunately, and on December 7<sup>th</sup>, a 66-year-old man  
21       perished in a fire in Inwood. A few days later on  
22       December 12<sup>th</sup>, a 62-year-old man perished in a fatal  
23       fire in Van Nest. That same day, an 83-year-old  
24       woman died in a fire in her Upper West Side  
25       apartment. And yesterday, we lost a New Yorker to a

2 fatal fire in Astoria. This morning we lost yet  
3 another New Yorker to a fatal fire in Jackson  
4 Heights, and I know as is mine, our hearts are with  
5 all of their loved ones, family members and neighbors  
6 who are grieving their unimaginable loss. As we see  
7 an increase in the usage of space heaters during this  
8 winter season, remember to keep them at least three  
9 feet away from combustible material. Never use  
10 extension cords for large appliances because they can  
11 overheat. Property owners are legally required to  
12 provide heat and hot water to tenants. If they're  
13 unresponsive, register a complaint by calling 311.  
14 Last Monday, a 42-year-old man fell to his death on a  
15 construction site in the Dutch Kills section of Long  
16 Island City. All workers deserve to be safe on the  
17 job, and my thoughts are with his colleagues, his  
18 family, his friends, his loved ones. December 16<sup>th</sup>  
19 was Bangladesh Victory Day which commemorates the  
20 independence of Bangladesh and the enduring fight for  
21 freedom. On this day we honor the history, culture  
22 and contributions of our Bangladeshi communities.  
23 Hanukkah which concludes Monday evening teaches us  
24 about spreading light, especially the horrific anti-  
25 Semitic attack that took place at a Hanukkah event in

Sydney, Australia. Let us continue to carry the light of this Hanukkah season into our daily lives. I can only imagine the fear and pain the Jewish people around the world, here in our city are feeling. Violence against any of us threatens all of us, and we must denounce hate in all of its forms, including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and we must work together to prevent violence before it ever occurs. I sincerely wish all Jewish New Yorkers who are gathering this week a safe and meaningful Hanukkah. December 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas, and Kwanza and will be celebrated between December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope everyone has a safe and warm holiday season and a wonderful new year with your loved ones. Next, I want to wish a happy birthday to Carmen de La Rosa whose birthday is on Christmas day, our Christmas baby. And Council Member Simcha Felder who will be celebrating on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday, Simcha. Now, let's move onto our stated agenda. First, we'll vote on the following Land Use items. Herkimer-Williams, an application to facilitate the development of four new mixed-use buildings including approximately 988 affordable residential units, commercial space, light industrial space, and open

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2 space in Council Member Sandy Nurse's district. The  
3 Council is modifying the application to add MIH  
4 Option 3. 2941 through 2153, Pacific Street, Article  
5 11, an application to facilitate the rehabilitation  
6 of a four-story building with approximately 24  
7 homeownership cooperative units in Council Member  
8 Mealy's district. 18-15 Francis Louis Boulevard  
9 commercial overlay, a private application to amend  
10 the zoning map to bring a medical office building  
11 into compliance in Council Member Vickie Paladino's  
12 district. MTA 125<sup>th</sup> and Lexington rezoning, an  
13 application to create a new sub-district within  
14 special 125<sup>th</sup> Street and transit land-use districts  
15 in Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala's district in order to  
16 facilitate the development of a new mixed-use  
17 building with 648 housing units, 171 of which will be  
18 affordable under MIH Option 1. Resolution 1109  
19 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca will  
20 authorize OTI to extend the franchise allowing for  
21 the installation, operation, and maintenance of  
22 public communication structures. Resolution 1157,  
23 also sponsored by Council Member Salamanca, will  
24 authorize DOT to enter into a franchise for the  
25 installation, operation, and maintenance of

2 coordinated street furniture. Next, we'll vote on  
3 the following finance items. Introduction 1427  
4 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan would  
5 establish the Coney Island Business Improvement  
6 District. Pre-considered Introduction sponsored by  
7 Council Member Brannan would permanently extend the  
8 deadline for the submission of the preliminary  
9 Mayor's Management Report in years following the  
10 election of a mayor. The bill would also extend  
11 other preliminary budget deadlines pertaining to the  
12 preparation of the fiscal year 2027 budget. Pre-  
13 considered Resolution sponsored by Council Member  
14 Brannan, approving the new designation and changes in  
15 the designation of certain organizations to receive  
16 funding in the expense budget. Pre-considered  
17 Resolution sponsored by Council Member Brannan  
18 approving a modification pursuant to Section 107 of  
19 the New York City Charter. Pre-considered  
20 Resolutions sponsored by Council Member Brannan would  
21 establish Article 11 tax exemptions for buildings in  
22 the districts of Council Member Avilés, Carr, Hudson,  
23 Salamanca, and Stevens, and an Article 5 tax  
24 exemption for one building in Council Member Salaam's  
25 district. Next, we will vote on the following

2   resolutions. Resolution 842 sponsored by Council  
3   Member Rita Joseph would recognize March annually as  
4   Music in Our Schools Month in New York City.

5   Resolution 82A sponsored by James Gennaro would  
6   support the mission and growth of a climate museum.

7   Resolution 649A sponsored by Council Member Gale  
8   Brewer would call on the Congress to pass and the  
9   President to sign legislation allocating funds for  
10   the restoration of the SS United States and force  
11   relocation to New York City. Thank you to our staff  
12   members, Dirk Spencer [sp?] and Regina Paul [sp?].

13   Pre-considered resolution sponsored by Public  
14   Advocate Jumaane Williams and Council Member Keith  
15   Powers celebrating the New York Knicks in a  
16   spectacular win of the 2025 Emirates NBA Cup

17   Championship. Thank you to our staff member Regina  
18   Paul. Resolution 499 sponsored by Council Member

19   Joseph would call on the United States Congress to  
20   pass and the President to sign the Protecting

21   Consumers from Deception AI Act. Resolution 500  
22   sponsored by Council Member Joseph would call on the  
23   New York State Legislature to introduce and pass and  
24   the Governor to sign the New York State College  
25   Safety Act. Thank you once again to our staff member

2       Regina Paul. Resolution 1061A sponsored by Majority  
3       Leader Amanda Farias would call on the New York State  
4       Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
5       legislation requiring pain management options to be  
6       offered to patients undergoing in-office  
7       gynecological procedures. Thank you to our staff  
8       members Joshua Newman [sp?], Christopher Pepe, and  
9       Sarah Sucher [sp?]. Resolution 734A also sponsored  
10      by Council Member Brewer would call on the Governor  
11      to sign S8415-A8871 known as the Prison Reform  
12      Omnibus Bill. Thank you to our staff members Jeremy  
13      Whiteman and Natalie Meltzer. Today, we'll vote on  
14      the following legislation: Pre-considered  
15      Introduction sponsored by Council Member Shaun Abreu  
16      would co-name 77 thoroughfares in public places.  
17      Thank you to our staff members Kristopher Satori  
18      [sp?] and Patrick Mulvihill [sp?]. Introduction 403A  
19      sponsored by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams would  
20      require the Department of Environmental Protection to  
21      report annually on the inspection, clean-up and  
22      maintenance of catch basins in each community  
23      district. The bill would also require DEP to inspect  
24      catch basins and resolves clogs within eight business  
25      days of inspection or receipt of a complaint. Thank

2 you to our staff member Sierra Townsend.

3                   Introduction 1279B sponsored by Deputy Speaker Diana  
4 Ayala would limit rules issued by the Department of  
5 Sanitation prohibiting supplemental sanitation  
6 service providers from placing refuse or recycling by  
7 public litter baskets, and further, requiring  
8 supplemental sanitation service providers to set  
9 material out for collection by DNSY in rigid  
10 receptacles with tight-fitting lids. Thank you to our  
11 staff member Morganne Barrett.   Introduction 987A  
12 sponsored by Council Member Rita Joseph would require  
13 the DOE to establish a pilot program to develop and  
14 distribute educational materials regarding the  
15 reduction of surplus food in public schools.   Thank  
16 you to our staff members Katie Salina [sp?], Chloe  
17 Rivera, and Alejandro Carvajal [sp?].   Introduction  
18 1169A sponsored by Council Member Oswald Feliz would  
19 require syringe service programs to give participants  
20 guidance on safe disposal, provide information about  
21 nearby disposals sites, offer portable, disposable  
22 containers, and require DOHMH to collect discarded  
23 meals in public spaces.   Thank you to our staff  
24 member Sarah Sucher[sp?].   Introduction 868A  
25 sponsored by Council Member Feliz would prohibit

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2 programs from distributing syringes or needles in or  
3 within 50 feet of playground and on or adjacent to  
4 school premises. Thank you to our staff member Sara  
5 Suture. Introduction 1452A sponsored by Minority  
6 Leader Joann Ariola would require the Fire Department  
7 to provide notice to employees of any PPE known to  
8 contain PFAS by 2028. FDNY would be required to  
9 provide employees with equipment that does not  
10 contain PFAS at or above established hazardous  
11 levels. Introduction 1453A sponsored by Minority  
12 Leader Ariola would require FDNY to establish a  
13 program to exchange and dispose of equipment that  
14 contains PFAS. Thank you to our staff member Josh  
15 Kinglsey. Introduction 142A sponsored by Majority  
16 Whip, Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require the DOE to  
17 issue a biannual report regarding students access to  
18 the internet and electronic devices at home, and  
19 student's use of virtual learning. Introduction  
20 1359A sponsored by Council Member Joseph would  
21 require DOT to report annually on manifestation,  
22 determination reviews conducted for students with  
23 disabilities. Introduction 1360A, also sponsored by  
24 Council Member Joseph would require the NYPD to  
25 develop materials regarding their youth programs and

2 provide them to the DOE which would distribute them  
3 to schools. Thank you to our staff member Alejandro  
4 Carbajal. Introduction 472A sponsored by Council  
5 Member Nantasha Willians would require Borough  
6 Presidents to provide equal employment opportunity  
7 training to community board members and staff. Thank  
8 you to our staff members Johari Melnik Fraiser [sp?].  
9 Introduction 1350A also sponsored by Majority Leader  
10 Amanda Farias would require SBS to provide loan  
11 readiness resources to help small businesses prepare  
12 for the lending process and understand the services  
13 offered by community development financial  
14 institutions. Thank you to our staff member Luciano  
15 Hamel [sp?]. Introduction 1401A sponsored by Council  
16 Member Yusef Salaam would allow city agencies to  
17 request voluntary disclosures from bidders on city  
18 contracts about their efforts to identify and address  
19 labor and human rights risks. Thank you to our  
20 staff members Alex Paulenoff and Alex Yablon.  
21 Introduction 479A also sponsored by-- sponsored by  
22 Council Member Julie Won would require the City Chief  
23 Procurement Officer to establish standards and  
24 procedures for contractors to determine the existence  
25 of conflicts of interest and misconduct concerning

2                    city contracts valued over \$100,000. Thank you to  
3                    our staff members Alex Polonof and Alex Yoblon.  
4                    Introduction 1149A sponsored by Majority Leader  
5                    Farias would require language accessibility at both  
6                    city-owned ferry terminals and contracted ferry  
7                    service landings. Introduction 1121A sponsored by  
8                    Majority Leader Farias would expand eligibility for  
9                    reduced-cost ferry service to include middle school  
10                  students. Thank you to our staff members Alex  
11                  Polonof and William Hangat [sp?]. Introduction 1229A  
12                  sponsored by Minority Leader Ariola would require  
13                  monthly reports from the FDNY on the average number  
14                  of EMS units available each day to respond to medical  
15                  emergencies. Introduction 1140A sponsored by  
16                  Minority Leader Ariola would require the FDNY to  
17                  report annually on information related to firehouse  
18                  and EMS assets that are not included in existing  
19                  capital asset reporting. Thank you to our staff  
20                  member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1366A, also  
21                  sponsored by Council Member Salaam, would require the  
22                  Department of Social Services to create web forms for  
23                  any applications that must be completed to apply for  
24                  benefits and services through DSS. Thank you to our  
25                  staff member Aminta Kilawan [sp?]. Introduction

1 1490B sponsored by Council Member Pierina Sanchez  
2 would bring the New York City Energy Conservation  
3 Code up to date with the state's 2025 version. Thank  
4 you to our staff members Austin Malone [sp?], Billy  
5 Eck [sp?], Natasha Bynum [sp?], and Sierra Townsend.  
6 Introduction 571A also sponsored by Council Member  
7 Brewer would require HPD to conduct and publish a  
8 study on the feasibility of building affordable  
9 housing on Ward's Island. Thank you to our staff  
10 member Sierra Townsend. Introduction 1066A sponsored  
11 by Council Member Williams would require the Office  
12 of Technology and Innovation to conduct a study and  
13 publish a report on the impacts of algorithmic tools  
14 and automated employment decision tools on civil  
15 service employees. Thank you to our staff members  
16 Rie Ogasawara. Introduction 1346A sponsored by  
17 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers would require the DOE to  
18 study the license and unlicensed vans that make up  
19 New York City's commuter van industry. Thank you to  
20 our staff members Margaret Lyford [sp?] and Mark Chen  
21 [sp?]. Introduction 276A sponsored by Council Member  
22 Shekar Krishnan would prohibit high-volume for-hire  
23 vehicle services from deactivating drivers, unless  
24 due to just cause, a bona fide economic reason, or  
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if required by law. Thank you to our staff members Ricardo Licia [sp?] and Mark Chen. Introduction 1000A sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan would require DOT to establish a pilot program to allow for-hire vehicles to park in commercial parking meter areas. Thank you to our staff members, David Lowenstein, Connor Mealey, and Theodore Miller.

Introduction 1233A sponsored by Council Member Eric Bottcher would require DOT to build any new medians separating bicycle lanes from motorized vehicle traffic to accommodate the planting of trees and other vegetation. Thank you to our staff members Ricardo Licia and Theodore Miller.

Introduction 1332A sponsored by Council Member Brannan would prohibit delivery services from deactivating app-based contracted delivery service workers unless the deactivation is for just cause or bon a fide economic reasons. Thank you once again to our staff member Sarah Swaine and Natalie Meltzer.

Introduction 902B, also known as the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act, sponsored by Council Member Sandy Nurse would give qualified nonprofits or joint ventures between qualified nonprofits and other entities a first opportunity to submit an offer and purchase

2 certain residential properties when an owner plans to  
3 sell the property before it is placed on the open  
4 market. Thank you to our staff members Austin Malone  
5 and Billy Eck. Introduction 1120B sponsored by  
6 Majority Leader Farias would set up timelines for  
7 decisions regarding the sale of co-op apartments.  
8 Thank you to our staff members Natasha Bynum, Sierra  
9 Townsend, Austin Malone, Billy Eck, Dirk Spencer,  
10 Jose Conde, and Brad Reid [sp?]. Introduction 1321A  
11 sponsored by Council Member Sanchez would replace the  
12 building code of 1968 with a more modern framework.  
13 Introduction 1422A sponsored by Council Member  
14 Sanchez would update the New York City fuel gas code,  
15 building code, mechanical code, and electrical code.  
16 Thank you once again to our staff members Austin  
17 Malone, Billy Eck, Dirk Spencer, Jose Conde, Natasha  
18 Bynum, and Sierra Townsend. Introduction 1412A, also  
19 known as the Safer Sanctuary Act, sponsored by  
20 Council Member Tiffany Cabán would bar federal  
21 immigration authorities from maintaining office on  
22 land under the New York City Department of  
23 Corrections jurisdiction. It would also amend the  
24 City's Sanctuary Laws to account for current federal  
25 immigration enforcement practices. Thank you to our

2 staff members, Nicole Cata [sp?], Rebecca Barilla  
3 [sp?], and Nicholas Widzowski [sp?]. Introduction  
4 1237A sponsored by Council Member Feliz would require  
5 the NYPD to report data on all criminal complaints  
6 and arrests. Thank you once again to our staff  
7 member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1460A sponsored  
8 by Council Member Brewer would require the NYPD to  
9 adopt a written policy regarding access to encrypted  
10 radio channels. Thank you to our staff member Jeremy  
11 Whiteman. Introduction 125A sponsored by Deputy  
12 Speaker Ayala would require that in most  
13 circumstances the NYPD must obtain the consent of a  
14 parent, legal guardian or attorney before collecting  
15 a DNA sample from a minor. Thank you to our staff  
16 member Jeremy Whiteman. Introduction 1451A sponsored  
17 by myself would require the NYPD to provide  
18 designated CCRB employees with direct access to  
19 footage recorded by officer body-worn cameras for the  
20 purpose of investigating and prosecuting allegations  
21 of police misconduct. Thank you once again to our  
22 staff member Josh Kingsley. Introduction 1391A, also  
23 known as the Alan Etienne [sic] Safety and Security  
24 Act, also sponsored by me would direct security guard  
25 employers to provide their employees with minimum

2 wage, paid vacation time, and supplemental benefits.

3 This legislation was inspired the heroic efforts of  
4 Alan Etienne, a 32BJ security guard who was fatally  
5 shot by a gunman in the lobby of 345 Park Avenue this  
6 summer. Thank you once again to our staff members  
7 Sarah Swaine, Natalie Meltzer, and Rachel Cordero.

8 Introduction 408A sponsored by Public Advocate  
9 Jumaane Williams would require a Division of Street  
10 Vendor Assistance within the Department of Small  
11 Business Services to assist street vendors. Thank  
12 you again to staff members Sarah Swaine and Natalie  
13 Meltzer. Introduction 1251A sponsored by Majority

14 Leader Farias would authorize DOHMH and DCWP to issue  
15 license applications to mobile food and general  
16 vendors until the licenses issued reaches the capped  
17 amount, as not every license application results in a  
18 license issued. Thank you once again staff member

19 Sarah Sway. Introduction 431B sponsored by Council  
20 Member Sanchez would make 2,200 additional

21 supervisory license applications available to  
22 perspective mobile food vendors annually from 2026  
23 until 2031, and 10,500 new general vendor license in  
24 2027. It would also expand street vendor training  
25 and increase inspections of street vendor set-ups to

2 ensure compliance with new requirements. Thank you  
3 again, staff member Sarah Swayne [sp?]. The  
4 following bills were based on work from the temporary  
5 taskforce on tax liens. Together they seek to shift  
6 the current practice away from selling tax liens to a  
7 private trust, and instead toward a city land bank  
8 that prioritizes community needs, avoids unnecessary  
9 displacement of homeowners and ensure tax delinquent  
10 properties can be returned to productive use.

11      Introduction 1419A sponsored by Council Member Nurse  
12      would require the Commissioner of Finance to report  
13      annually on properties encumbered by chronically  
14      unresolved tax liens that remain unsatisfied for 36  
15      months or more after being sold. Thank you to our  
16      staff member Nick Connell. Introduction 1420A  
17      sponsored by Council Member Nurse would require the  
18      Commissioner of Finance to require purchases of tax  
19      liens to make best efforts to transfer the liens to  
20      the city land bank upon certain triggering events.

21      Introduction 1411A sponsored by Council Member Gale  
22      Brewer would require the Commissioner of Finance to  
23      notify condominium boards if the Commissioner intends  
24      to sell a tax lien on one of its units.   Introduction  
25      1407A sponsored by myself would authorize the city to

2                    sell tax liens past 2028, but only to a city land  
3                    bank and add additional protections for primary  
4                    resident homeowners. Introduction 570B sponsored by  
5                    Council Member Brewer would create a New York City  
6                    land bank to acquire and manage vacant, abandoned,  
7                    tax delinquent, and foreclosed properties with the  
8                    goal of promoting the preservation of homeownership  
9                    and home equity, prevention of displacement and  
10                  putting properties to productive community use.

11                  Thank you to our staff members Nick Connell [sp?] and  
12                  Emra Edev [sp?]. Introduction 994A sponsored by  
13                  Council Member Lincoln Restler would require that by  
14                  June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2030, owners of tenant-occupied buildings  
15                  provide cooling systems capable of maintaining 78  
16                  degrees Fahrenheit in rooms which tenants sleep upon  
17                  the request of the tenant. Thank you to our staff  
18                  members William Eck, Austin Malone, Jose Conde, and  
19                  Dirk Spencer. Introduction 910B sponsored by Council  
20                  Member Carmen de La Rosa would establish a  
21                  compensation standard and local hiring provision for  
22                  construction workers on certain housing development  
23                  projects. Thank you to our staff members Rie  
24                  Ogasawara and Elizabeth Artz. Our city is  
25                  experiencing an exodus of working-class and middle-

2 income families due to the affordability crisis. The  
3 housing bills we're voting on today are meant to  
4 ensure that the city's public dollars are used wisely  
5 to actually create housing that is affordable and can  
6 support working families. My bill will make the  
7 dream of affordable homeownership within reach for  
8 our families so that they can remain in the city they  
9 love. Introduction 1443A sponsored by Council Member  
10 Sandy Nurse would require that starting January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
11 2027, 50 percent of newly constructed rental units  
12 financed by the city be affordable for very low-  
13 income households and at least 30 percent for  
14 extremely low-income households. Introduction 1433A  
15 sponsored by Council Member Eric Dinowitz would  
16 require that starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027, at least 25  
17 percent of rental affordable units financed by the  
18 city be two-bedroom units and 15 percent be three-  
19 bedroom units. And Introduction 958A sponsored by  
20 myself would approximately double the production of  
21 affordable homeownership opportunities financed by  
22 the city by requiring that at least four percent of  
23 all newly constructed affordable units be for  
24 homeownership. Thank you Perris Straighter and Anne  
25 McCaughey, William Vidal [sp?], Brian Paul, Deborah

2                    Kerzhner, and Kaitlyn Greer [sp?].            Thank you  
3                    all for your attention. Now I turn it back over to  
4                    our majority leader.

5                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS:   Thank you,  
6                    Speaker Adams. We will now move into discussion of  
7                    general orders, and I'd like to first recognize  
8                    Council Member Cabán followed by Sanchez and  
9                    Gutiérrez.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN:   Thank you. Today,  
11                  I am urging my colleagues to vote aye on Intro 1412,  
12                  the Safer Sanctuary Act. Our sanctuary laws exist  
13                  for one reason and it's to keep people safe. The data  
14                  is clear, sanctuary counties are safer per capita  
15                  than non-sanctuary counties because when you drive  
16                  people into hiding, they don't seek health care, they  
17                  don't seek public safety officials. They're more  
18                  likely to be harmed. They become afraid to send  
19                  their children to school. They're afraid to go to  
20                  work and participate in our economy, and that makes  
21                  us all less safe. Under the Trump administration,  
22                  federal agencies that usually have nothing to do with  
23                  immigration enforcement are suddenly being turned  
24                  into tools of fear. So, we must pass the Safer  
25                  Sanctuary Act to clarify and strengthen our sanctuary

2 laws so that no one can claim confusion or loopholes  
3 regardless of what federal agency is being used for  
4 immigration enforcement. The Safer Sanctuary Act  
5 also stops ICE from setting up offices inside of our  
6 jails. New Yorkers already disappear inside those  
7 walls, and they cannot also become a deportation  
8 machine. If we succeed in passing the Safer  
9 Sanctuary Act, it will be the most significant update  
10 of New York Sanctuary City laws in nearly a decade,  
11 and we need it desperately. We've seen seniors  
12 beaten, pregnant mothers shackled, children torn away  
13 from their parents including six-year-olds ripped  
14 from their father's arms. These are kidnappings.  
15 They're acts of terror and they're happening our city  
16 to our neighbors. Fear and terror don't make us  
17 safe. Safety comes from community, from solidarity,  
18 from fighting for each other, and the Safer Sanctuary  
19 Act is a critical tool in that fight. Thank you to  
20 the Legal Aid Society, to the Immigrant Defense  
21 Project, the New York Immigration Coalition, the New  
22 York Civil Liberties Union, and all our co-sponsors  
23 and every advocate who came to testify for the Safer  
24 Sanctuary Act even when the Adams administration  
25 couldn't be bothered to show up. Thank you to

2                   Immigration Committee Chair Alexa Avilés and thank  
3                   you Speaker Adams. Thanks.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
5                   Council Member Sanchez.

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,  
7                   Majority Leader. We are at a pivotal moment for  
8                   street vending, and as the daughter and granddaughter  
9                   of street vendors, I could not be prouder of how far  
10                  we've come. A week ago, I stood at a rally where  
11                  street vendors were alongside bodegas [sic],  
12                  restaurants, supermarkets, all side by side calling  
13                  for one thing, to finally fix our broken vending  
14                  system. That moment matters because it shows how far  
15                  we've come. When we started, decades' old license  
16                  caps made legal compliance nearly impossible for most  
17                  vendors. Enforcement was inconsistent, ineffective,  
18                  and stakeholders were so polarized that many feared  
19                  even sitting at the same table. Vendors felt  
20                  criminalized. Brick and mortar businesses felt  
21                  ignored. Reform was stalled. But today's bill is  
22                  more balanced with broader brick and mortar support  
23                  than ever before, and that's because 431B expands  
24                  access to licenses, pairing that access with real  
25                  enforcement, stricter suspension and revocation

2                   standards, stronger penalties for unlicensed vending,  
3                   and new requirements around cleanliness and waste.  
4                   This is a C change and implementation will not be  
5                   easy. I urge my colleagues to vote aye, and for  
6                   everyone who was at the table to stay there with us  
7                   as we implement. Thank you to the Street Vendor  
8                   Justice Coalition, to Bronx Vendors, and especially  
9                   Mohammad Atia [sp?] and Carina Koffman Gutierrez  
10                  [sp?], and all who negotiated to the very end. We  
11                  did our best, and we did well. To my staff, Maria  
12                  Ben, Kim, Gerard, Dylan, Steph [sp?], Brenda, MJ,  
13                  and the former team, and to Speaker Adams and your  
14                  incredible team, thank you for supporting my endless  
15                  optimism, and to Majority Leader Fariás, thank you  
16                  for co-priming this with me and to all the co-  
17                  sponsors, a super majority at this point, for giving  
18                  your political capital to help our city's most  
19                  vulnerable. Please also support our building code  
20                  updates and street co-naming in honor of Ms. Gloria  
21                  Thomas, a local champion, a leader. Thank you.

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
23                  Council Member Gutiérrez followed by Restler, then  
24                  Feliz. Passing on Council Member Gutiérrez.  
25                  Recognizing Council Member Restler.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I didn't-- I  
3    wasn't quite ready, but I'm ready. I really want to  
4    just thank my colleagues in advance for support today  
5    on Intro 994. This legislation is groundbreaking.  
6    It will allow for every tenant in New York City to  
7    accessing cooling in their homes. Just like we  
8    required landlords to provide cooling 107-- provide  
9    heating 107 years ago after a cold famine, we are now  
10   going to finally be requiring access to cooling for  
11   tenants as well starting in 2030, and that's because  
12   extreme heat is the number one climate killer. 580  
13   people die every single year in New York city from  
14   extreme heat, and the most common factor among them  
15   is that they lack access to cooling in their homes.  
16   This bill will change that once and for all. it will  
17   save hundreds of lives a year and create a model  
18   framework for other cities around the nation and even  
19   around the globe to follow, to navigate and mitigate  
20   the threat of extreme heat. There was just an  
21   extraordinary team that worked on this bill, most of  
22   all, my Chief of Staff Molly Haley [sp?]. I really  
23   want to thank the Council team led by Jeff Baker, CJ  
24   Murray. Congrats to CJ on his second child-- Billy  
25   Eck and many others for their hard work on this. and

2 from the administration there was just a really  
3 special partnership where people worked harder than I  
4 could have ever imagined to get this bill done and  
5 get the environmental review done. And so I really  
6 want to thank my friend Amitagani [sp?] for clearing  
7 his schedule and focus-- laser focusing on this,  
8 bringing HPD resources to bear to make this happen.  
9 The team at MOCEJ [sic] led by Elijah Hutchison [sp?]  
10 and his Deputy Executive Director Paul Lizito [sp?]  
11 were phenomenal, as was our Chief Climate Officer Rit  
12 Aggarwal [sp?] who was huge champion on this bill,  
13 the folks in the Environmental Law Unit, especially  
14 Chris Reo [sp?] who's a constituent and is wonderful.  
15 They just did great work here and I'm immensely  
16 grateful for how hard they worked to make this bill  
17 possible. I-- this was a bit of an emotional  
18 rollercoaster. I didn't think this bill was going to  
19 get done at multiple times over the last few weeks,  
20 but it was the hard work of everybody who contributed  
21 that made it happen, and I'm really appreciative.  
22 This bill is going to save a lot of lives. Thank you  
23 all so much.

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I'm recognizing  
25 Council Member Feliz, followed by Morano, then Banks.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Proud  
3                   of many bills that we're voting on today including  
4                   three of my bills. One related to transparency, and  
5                   two related to syringe distribution programs. On the  
6                   police bill, we've made a lot of progress on the  
7                   issue of safety. Shootings are down. Homicides are  
8                   down. This is good, and it's also good that we have  
9                   data to-- data related to these numbers. It's also  
10                  important, however, that we analyze information  
11                  related to the resolution of these cases. So we know  
12                  whether some issues need-- so that we can know which  
13                  cases are being resolved, which cases are not being  
14                  resolved and so that we can know which issues need  
15                  more attention and need more attention and resources,  
16                  and this bill will help us do exactly that. on the  
17                  two syringe bills, our mobile syringe distribution  
18                  programs are life-saving. I have many of them in my  
19                  district and I see their work on a daily basis. These  
20                  programs are literally lifesaving. They ensure that  
21                  those with drug addiction challenges get resources  
22                  and the help that they need, including clean  
23                  syringes. Life saving programs, but we must make  
24                  sure that we execute them the right way. My bill  
25                  will help do that by requiring that syringe

2 distributions be conducted at least 50 feet from  
3 children's playgrounds and schools to help ensure  
4 that used syringes do not end up in places where  
5 children are at. Used syringes, as we know, can lead  
6 to many challenges including lack of access to those  
7 playgrounds. Even worse, it could lead to tragedy.  
8 My bill will also ensure that disposal containers be  
9 provided so that used syringes can be disposed of in  
10 a safe way. This is a very complex issue. These  
11 bills are not going to fully resolve the problem, but  
12 they are an important step. So, I encourage  
13 everybody to support them. Thank you so much.

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
15 Council Member Morano.

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam  
17 Majority Leader. I wanted to take a moment during  
18 General Orders to speak about two street co-namings  
19 that'll be coming before the Council today, both of  
20 which mean a great deal to me personally and even  
21 more to the Tottenville community that I represent.  
22 I've never spoken during General Orders for a street  
23 naming before, and I realize on a long meeting where  
24 we're setting records for passing legislation, a lot  
25 of people may get frustrated with that, but these two

2 are different, and these are the kinds of moments  
3 that remind you why public service matters. The  
4 first is Chris Walsh [sp?]. Chris Walsh wasn't  
5 really a politician although he did run for office  
6 before. In fact, he ran for my seat. He didn't win.  
7 I didn't vote for him. In fact, I managed the  
8 campaign for the other guy, but he wasn't looking for  
9 recognition. He was someone who quietly devoted  
10 decades of his life to Staten Island and to New York  
11 City, especially to youth and adult sports on the  
12 south shore. He was a lifelong member of the  
13 Department of Sanitation, but for generations what  
14 really made him known and famous to everybody was if  
15 you played softball or football in Tottenville,  
16 chances are you did so on a field that Chris Walsh  
17 cared for. He cut the grass. He fixed the drainage.  
18 He lined the fields. He made sure those spaces were  
19 safe, dignified and worthy of the people using them.  
20 He built community the old-fashioned way by  
21 showing up day after day, and even while battling  
22 cancer, he remained generous and encouraging. The  
23 second co-naming honors Staff Sergeant William T.  
24 Johnson, a native son of Staten Island whose story  
25 deserves to be remembered far beyond our

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2 neighborhood. William Johnson graduated from  
3 Tottenville High School, served as a New York City  
4 police officer, and then answered his nation's call  
5 during World War II. As a radio operator and aerial  
6 gunner aboard a B24 Bomber with the 8<sup>th</sup> Airforce, he  
7 flew dangerous missions over Europe and on July 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
8 1944, his aircraft was shot down over France while  
9 returning from a mission targeting German V-boats, V  
10 weapon sides. He's buried at Normandy, was awarded  
11 the Purple Heart, and finally 80 years later, I'm  
12 proud that we'll have a street named for him in my  
13 district.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
15 Council Member Banks, followed by Salaam, then  
16 Dinowitz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Madam  
18 Majority Leader. I want to take some time to speak  
19 about five individuals who exemplify the very best of  
20 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Council District. We'll get the opportunity  
21 to have their names adorned in the streets in the  
22 East New York community. Starting with Money K.  
23 Perkins, a dedicated entrepreneur and local business  
24 owner taken from us far too soon. He was a role  
25 model for our youth, proving one can achieve great

success while remaining rooted in giving back to their community. Jimmy O'Pharrow, a community legend, world renowned boxing trainer. By mentoring thousands of amateur and professional boxers from around the globe, Jimmy provided that world-class greatness is born right here in our district. Virginia Burroughs, a long-time tenant association president from Essex Terrace, a fierce leader and dear supporter, Ms. Burroughs moved our community forward through her deep love and tireless advocacy for her neighbors. Corinna Grant, a former Community Board Five member and lifelong champion for affordable housing and our seniors. As a former board member of Community Board Five, her skill in navigating complex community issues and her passion for the most vulnerable taught us how to effectively advocate for progress in our district. And finally, Sandy Bender, a former tenant association president at Patrick E. Gordon Houses, a true powerhouse in Brownsville. Sandy worked day and night to ensure his resident shareholders were always heard, respected, and had a seat at the table. And in closing, I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams. We want to thank you for your leadership, for your

2                    friendship and for your unwavering commitment not  
3                    only to your district, but to this council and the  
4                    City of New York. We will miss you. We wish you the  
5                    very best in your next chapter. We love you, and God  
6                    bless you. Thank you.

7                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
8                    Council Member Salaam followed by Dinowitz, then  
9                    Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

10                   COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Madam  
11                   Majority Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker. Today  
12                   I want to speak about support for two legislations  
13                   before us that reflect how we govern with both care  
14                   and accountability. First, Proposed Introduction  
15                   1366-A modernizes access to benefits and services  
16                   through DSS. For children, for older adults, people  
17                   with disabilities, and caregivers, paper-based  
18                   systems and mandatory in-person visits can be real  
19                   barriers. This bill allows applicants to be  
20                   completed-- applications, rather, to be completed and  
21                   signed online and expands the option of telephone  
22                   interview while preserving paper submission and in-  
23                   person reviews when needed. Just as important, it  
24                   includes clear safeguards. DSS can still require in-  
25                   person interviews to prevent fraud, to address

2 domestic violence, or to respond to unsafe  
3 conditions. This is access with protection built in.  
4 Second, Proposed Introduction 1401-A strengthens  
5 transparency and city procurement by allowing  
6 agencies to request voluntary labor and human rights  
7 disclosures from bidders. Based on European Union's  
8 corporate sustainability due diligence directive,  
9 this disclosure helps identify risks like child  
10 labor, forced labor, wage theft, and unsafe working  
11 conditions which in most extreme cases can be linked  
12 to crimes against humanity deep within the global  
13 supply chains. These disclosures are voluntary and  
14 cannot be used to deem a bidder non-responsible and  
15 cannot be the sole basis for contract decisions. This  
16 is about awareness, not punishment. Together, these  
17 bills expand access. They increase transparency and  
18 they protect the city and its residents. I urge my  
19 colleagues to vote aye, and thank you.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
21 Council Member Dinowitz.

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you,  
23 Madam Majority Leader. Today, we're voting on a bill  
24 that answers the question who are we actually  
25 building housing for? For too long our affordable

2 housing system has measured success almost entirely  
3 by the number of units produced without asking  
4 whether those units reflect the real needs of New  
5 Yorkers. It often seems like HPD wants to build  
6 units, but I want to house people. And right now,  
7 city-funded housing overwhelmingly prioritizes  
8 studios and one-bedroom apartments. In fact, current  
9 term sheets encouraged developments were as much as  
10 70 percent of the units fall into those categories.  
11 That approach may boost unit count, but it ignores  
12 the lived reality of families across our city,  
13 families with children and even multi-generational  
14 households. The consequences are clear. Families  
15 with young children are leaving New York City at  
16 alarming rates, and roughly 70 percent of people in  
17 our shelter system are members of homeless families.  
18 When we fail to build housing that families can  
19 actually live in, we push them out, or worse, push  
20 them into crisis. Intro 1433 responds directly to  
21 that reality. The bill establishes clear, citywide  
22 minimums for family-sized housing in projects that  
23 receive city financial assistance. This legislation  
24 also strengthens the city's fair housing framework by  
25 explicitly requiring consideration of the housing

2       needs of families and aging adults, including the  
3       availability and affordability of two and three-  
4       bedroom apartments in senior housing. This ensures  
5       that equity is not just aspirational, but built into  
6       our long-term planning. I want to thank advocates,  
7       community leaders, and housing experts who made  
8       important recommendations to strengthen this bill.  
9       Of course, Adam Staropoli, my legendary budget  
10      director, Jenna Klaus [sp?], my Chief of Staff,  
11      William Vidal, Perris Straughter, and Ann McCaughey,  
12      and the Speaker Adrienne Adams for their support and  
13      work on this issue which we have all been working on  
14      for many years. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on  
15      Intro 1433A if we want New York City to remain a  
16      place where families can stay, grow, and thrive.

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
18      Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council  
19      Members Brewer, Joseph, and Krishnan.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank  
21      you. I speak today in support of Introduction 142  
22      and Introduction 1346, two bills that reflect our  
23      responsibility as a council to govern with data,  
24      equity, and lived experience at the center of our  
25      decisions. Intro 142 addresses the digital divide

2 facing our public school students. While we've made  
3 progress since the pandemic, too many families still  
4 lack reliable internet access or functional devices  
5 at home. That reality undermines learning during  
6 snow days, emergencies, and hybrid instruction, and  
7 it disproportionately impacts low-income communities.

8 This bill requires the Department of Education to  
9 regularly report on student access to internet and  
10 devices, incorporate parent and guardian feedback,  
11 and critically make recommendations to reduce these  
12 barriers. It ensures we are not just identifying the  
13 problem, but actively working towards solutions.

14 Introduction 1346 focuses on commuter vans, a  
15 transportation mode that fills real gaps in our  
16 transit network, especially in communities where  
17 buses and subways do not meet demand. Despite how  
18 heavily these vans are relied upon, the city lacks a  
19 comprehensive understanding of where and how they  
20 operate. This bill directs the Department of  
21 Transportation to conduct a thorough study so future  
22 policy decisions improve safety, coordination with  
23 public transit and curb management without disrupting  
24 a system many New Yorkers depend on. Finally, I'd  
25 like to thank Speaker Adams, Chair Joseph, the

2                   committee staff for the Committees on Education and  
3                   Transportation and infrastructure for all of their  
4                   tireless work in making these important bills  
5                   possible. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on Intro  
6                   142 and Intro 1346 and continue our shared work  
7                   toward a more equitable and responsive city.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
9                   Council Member Brewer.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
11                  much. And I have four diverse bills: Intro 14-- I'm  
12                  sorry. Intro 570, this is a tax lien reform package,  
13                  and this bill establishes a New York City land bank  
14                  to acquire vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent  
15                  properties to facilitate development of affordable  
16                  housing and other protective uses. I want to say that  
17                  I know that there have been challenges about this  
18                  bill from the Department of Finance. I believe that  
19                  unlike the current tax lien system where properties  
20                  go to the highest bidder regardless of intended use,  
21                  this bill will establish a hierachal ranking of  
22                  priorities that I mentioned earlier for the use of  
23                  real property upon disposal by the land bank. And I  
24                  don't think that we'll be losing revenue as a result.  
25                  The prompt resolution of unpaid city taxes and timely

2 collection of city taxes remains essential. Intro  
3 1411 is also part of that package. It requires the  
4 Department of Finance to notify condo boards if the  
5 Department intends to sell a tax lien on a unit  
6 within the condo. And I want to thank Emry Adev  
7 [sp?] and certainly Nick Connell, and from my staff,  
8 the awesome Sam Goldsmith [sp?] for their work on  
9 this bill. Intro 571 initiates a study on the  
10 feasibility of building affordable housing on Ward's  
11 Island, assessing factors like cost, restrictions and  
12 potential scale. Thank you, Sierra Townsend, and  
13 please tell Lincoln Restler that it is not part of  
14 Randall's Island. Intro 1460, beginning in 2023, the  
15 NYPD began transitioning all Department radio  
16 communications to encrypted channels, removing all  
17 public access to the frequencies. Members of the  
18 press objected, as they should, particularly the  
19 photographers, arguing that access is vital to the  
20 public interest. Intro 1460 restores access for  
21 credentialed journalists. Thank you to Jeremy  
22 Whiteman and Josh Kingsley, and again, Sam Goldsmith,  
23 from my office. Thank you.

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
3                   Council Member Joseph followed by Krishnan, then  
4                   Vernikov.

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,  
6                   Majority Leader. Today we're talking about Intro  
7                   987, a Local Law establishing a pilot program to  
8                   develop-- distribute educational materials on  
9                   reducing surplus food in public schools. Second bill  
10                  is Intro 1359, requiring New York City Public Schools  
11                  to report annually on manifestation determination  
12                  reviews for students with disabilities. Transparency  
13                  in this process is critical, ensuring accountability  
14                  and equity and protection of students' rights. And  
15                  the third one is to make sure that NYPD to develop  
16                  materials for youth to provide to New York City  
17                  Public Schools. As the Chair of the Committee on  
18                  Education, I worked closely with colleagues and my  
19                  dedicated team to strengthen both educational  
20                  experiences for our student and environments which  
21                  they learn and grow. These bills reflect that  
22                  ongoing commitment. They expand access to  
23                  information, promote equity and center inclusion and  
24                  compassion for every student and young person in New  
25                  York City. I'm deeply grateful for the team, for my

2                    team, Council central staff, and advocates who worked  
3                    tirelessly to bring these bills across the finish  
4                    line. Asking for colleagues to support. Thank you.

5                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
6                    Council Member Krishnan.

7                    COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so  
8                    much, Majority Leader. I'm proud that our City  
9                    Council is standing up today against Uber and Lyft.  
10                  Today is a new day for drivers of our city, some of  
11                  our most essential workers who keep this city moving.  
12                  Drivers last night were ending their shifts at 2:00,  
13                  4:00 or even 6:00 a.m., but they knew they'd be going  
14                  to sleep and waking to the future they deserve. They  
15                  knew that when the City Council clocked in today this  
16                  morning, they would finally as drivers have the job  
17                  protection that they truly deserve, have long  
18                  deserved. They would finally have notice, just cause  
19                  and appeal system if they'd been fired. Today, our  
20                  New York City Council is standing up against billion-  
21                  dollar corporations. We are taking back the power  
22                  from Uber and Lyft and returning it to where it  
23                  belongs, with drivers. The fact of the matter is  
24                  ever worker in New York City deserves dignity, the  
25                  right to notice, an explanation as to why they've

2                   been fired, and an opportunity to make their case.

3                   But in a matter of seconds right now, Uber and Lyft

4                   can strip the livelihood of drivers, most of whom are

5                   immigrants and people of color, and most of them, 90

6                   percent of them will never be put back on the app.

7                   they lose their job permanently, and then they have

8                   no way to pay off the \$30,000 in car loans they took

9                   out to start driving. Soon enough, they won't be able

10                  to put food on the dinner table, and their families

11                  are devastated. But my bill, Intro 276, with the New

12                  York Taxi Workers Alliance, puts an end to these

13                  unfair and unjust firings, giving workers notice,

14                  just cause, and an appeals process. No longer are

15                  Uber and Lyft the judge, jury, and prosecutor in

16                  these cases. This is about due process for drivers.

17                  I am proud that this council is championing this bill

18                  and starting a nationwide movement to end unfair

19                  firings of app-based drivers, to hold corporations

20                  accountable that are spreading fear, fear about

21                  what's happening with this bill, fear about drivers,

22                  because that's all they know, because they are afraid

23                  of what happens when workers rise up and have power.

24                  We are proving once again that this is a council that

25                  stands up for workers and is committed to making New

2                   York City a city for working families. I want to  
3                   thank Speaker Adams for her leadership in bringing  
4                   this bill up for a vote. I want to thank the New  
5                   York Taxi Workers Alliance. You all inspire me every  
6                   day. We have fought together side by side from the  
7                   medallion crisis in front of City Hall to right now  
8                   to end unjust firings. To Executive Director Badi  
9                   Vivaysi [sp?], and of course to my staff, Chanel  
10                   [sp?], Victoria, and Hunter for their work and to  
11                   committee staff Mark Chen, Theodore Miller, Kevin  
12                   Kotowski, John Basile [sp?], Brad Reid [sp?], Audrey  
13                   Son [sp?] and CJ--

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]

15                   Council Member, your time has expired.

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: [inaudible] You  
17                   will stand up for workers today. Thank you.

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
19                   Council Member Vernikov.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you.  
21                   Today, this Council is voting on Introduction 902B,  
22                   COPA, which would compel property owners to offer  
23                   their properties to nonprofits before being able to  
24                   put in on the market. That means, with some  
25                   exceptions, property owners would no longer to be

able to choose how to dispose of their property. This is an unacceptable state-imposed and potentially illegal intrusion into our private property rights. It is a stunning example of government overreach and communist agenda that has found its way to New York City, being pushed under the guise of helping the poor and the under-privileged, but in reality, only harming them. COPA will not only make housing less affordable, decrease property values, and make it harder to buy and sell property, but also raises serious constitutional issues, including but not limited to a violation of our due process and unconstitutional taking and unconstitutional restriction and commercial speech, and imposition of excessive fines and much, much more. I urge my colleagues to vote no on this terrible and likely unconstitutional bill. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
20 Council Member Won followed by Mealy, then Nurse.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much,  
22 Majority Leader. Today, we're voting on my bill,  
23 Intro 479A, which strengthens oversight of city  
24 contracts valued at \$100,000 or more by requiring  
25 contractors to identify, certify, and report

2 conflicts of interest and serious misconduct. This  
3 bill is important given the repeated corruption and  
4 procurement scandals that we have witnesses as New  
5 Yorkers and as legislators under the current mayoral  
6 administration, including high-profile cases of  
7 fraud, abuse within our contracting systems. These  
8 incidents have exposed gaps in our oversight and  
9 undermined public trust and put taxpayer dollars at  
10 risk, at minimum of millions and millions of dollars.  
11 Intro 479A closes the gaps by requiring the City  
12 Procurement Officer in consultation with the Conflict  
13 of Interest Board and the Department of Investigation  
14 to establish clear standardized procedures  
15 contractors must use to detect conflict of interest  
16 and misconduct involving their employees and  
17 subcontractors. Contractors must certify compliance  
18 and promptly notify the city if problems arise. This  
19 legislation strengthens accountability, protects the  
20 integrity of our procurement process and helps the  
21 city contract serve the public interest, not private  
22 gain. This was inspired by countless hearings that  
23 many of you have partnered with me on, especially the  
24 Parks Department, and NYCHA as well where we had so  
25 many contractors that have been flagged for

2 corruption from wage theft to other embezzlements  
3 that have gone through our city's contracting  
4 process. So, thank you to our Senior Legislative  
5 Counsel, Alex Paulenoff, Policy Analyst, Alex Yablon  
6 [sp?], Financial Analyst, Owen Kotowski [sp?] for  
7 their work on the bill, and I-- when the city passes  
8 this bill, I implore all of you to pass this bill,  
9 and I look forward to seeing much better procurements  
10 in our city so that we're using our taxpayer dollars  
11 in the right way. Thank you so much.

12                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
13 Council Member Mealy.

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just would like  
15 to ask my colleagues to vote no on 902B, and I concur  
16 with my colleague Vernikov. In regards to-- we should  
17 not have the city government telling us who we could  
18 purchase or sell our own property to. This, I know  
19 is a violation not matter what way we put this. If  
20 you buy your own home, blood, sweat, and tears, and  
21 now the city going to tell you who you could sell  
22 your own property to, it's absurd. And I hope my  
23 colleagues understand this. Maybe when years from  
24 now when your children want to sell their home to  
25 their child, they cannot do it. They have to go

2                   through HPD or give it to a nonprofit, in which we  
3                   don't know-- half of the nonprofits have violations.  
4                   They are not good actors anyway. So, I just hope my  
5                   colleagues will vote no on that, and I hope my  
6                   colleagues could vote no on Land Use 414 in which is  
7                   my district. It has went through four Council  
8                   Members from Tracy Boyland to myself, to Alicka  
9                   Ampry-Samuel, and now again, Council Member Darlene  
10                   Mealy, in which we gave them 40 years before and now  
11                   they asking for 40 years again. And guess what, we  
12                   gave the money back then. How many of our New  
13                   Yorkers would to not to pay taxes for 80 years?  
14                   Think about that. Just because you know someone in  
15                   finance or someone that's in the city, that should  
16                   not be a requisite for you to get free-- for not  
17                   paying taxes for 80 years. I hope my members vote  
18                   no on this article 414 in which they have not did  
19                   anything to upgrade this property. Half of it is  
20                   vacant and no one who's really the owners. And I  
21                   hope my colleagues think about this. Imagine 80  
22                   years--

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]

24                   Council Member, your time has expired.

25                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: with not paying  
                         taxes. Anyone--

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]

3   Thank you, Council Member.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: When normal  
5   people--6                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]  
7   Council Member,8                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: are losing their  
9   homes--10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: your time has  
11   already expired.

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: for two years.

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: You're out of  
14   order.15                  COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I'm not paying  
16   taxes.17                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [gavel] Council  
18   Member--19                  COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [interposing] And  
20   we giving somebody 80 years. That's absurd.21                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Sergeants, can  
22   you please go mute her mic-- thank you so much. Your  
23   time has expired. Now recognizing Council Member  
24   Nurse.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you Majority  
3                   Leader. I wasn't going to speak, but there shots  
4                   fired, so--

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [inaudible]

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: That's right. So,  
7                   today I'm putting forward bills for homeowners and  
8                   tenants. The opposition to these bills coming from  
9                   individuals who have done nothing for homeowners or  
10                   tenants. My bills Intro 1419 and 1420, we are  
11                   passing long overdue reforms to the lien sale that  
12                   get rid of the opaque trust system and bring  
13                   municipal debt collection back into public hands  
14                   through a municipal land bank model that balances our  
15                   budget while protecting homeowners. We're also  
16                   voting on my bill, Intro 1443 to ensure that when we  
17                   do spend our public dollars, we are building housing  
18                   and producing homes for low-income families which  
19                   everybody in this room agrees are the number one  
20                   group leaving this city right now. Today, we're also  
21                   voting on the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act,  
22                   a landmark piece of social housing legislation that I  
23                   inherited in September. COPA will give certified,  
24                   vetted, preservation buyers the first chance to buy  
25                   buildings that are in physical distress, that are in

2                   city enforcement programs for very lengthy periods of  
3                   time, and that have expiring affordability  
4                   restrictions. This is creating a program that will  
5                   protect tenants and preserve permanently affordable  
6                   homes. I ask all of my colleagues to do their  
7                   reading before they come to vote on bills. Make sure  
8                   you know what you're talking about. This bill does  
9                   not impact homeowners with five or less units. Some  
10                  people wanted that, but we didn't get that. What we  
11                  have before us is a bill that achieves as much  
12                  consensus from as many stakeholders as possible, and  
13                  I urge my colleagues to take a good look, and I ask  
14                  for your support. Thank you.

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
16                  Council Member Paladino.

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: In regard to  
18                  what we're just talking about now, COPA, how wrong  
19                  can a person be or body of government be when we  
20                  start to take the individual rights away from the  
21                  homeowner? Whether it's a two-family house, three-  
22                  family house, four-family house, what does it matter?  
23                  The fact is the person owns the home. They have the  
24                  right to sell the home to whomever they please. The  
25                  idea that we have to consult with the Building

2                   Department and give a six-month period of time for  
3                   someone else to make an offer is absolutely  
4                   outrageous, and to say it's government overreach is  
5                   100 percent true. This is absolutely maniacal. I do  
6                   not understand how this body works when it comes to  
7                   individual citizens of this city. This is overreach  
8                   at it's very best. I'm a homeowner, and no one is  
9                   going to tell me or anybody else I know that's worked  
10                   so damn hard to own a three or a four-family home,  
11                   that I have to submit the ability to sell my house  
12                   first to the Building Department, and then offer it  
13                   up to a not-for-profit when my neighbor across the  
14                   street may want to buy it. And they have to wait six  
15                   months? Nonsense. This is absolutely ridiculous.  
16                   And also I want to just add this hearing today, this  
17                   meeting today that it's absolutely ridiculous and  
18                   everybody in this room should be terribly embarrassed  
19                   that we stripped our veterans bills today from  
20                   today's hearings. Why? Why? When the men and women  
21                   of this country deserve better treatment, and our  
22                   city today, that we passed in committee has failed to  
23                   come through for our veterans. Stripped it totally  
24                   off the record for today. Absolutely ridiculous.

2       Thank you very much, and shameful. Shame, shame on  
3       all of you.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Seeing no one  
5       else signed up to speak, we're going to move to the  
6       agenda. Report of special-- apologies, recognizing  
7       Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: No, thank you.  
9       Thank you so much, and I'm sorry I raised my hand a  
10       little bit late. I just wanted to chime in on the  
11       whole COPA conversation and kind of hear my two  
12       cents, because I think people are, you know,  
13       mistaking what the intent of this bill is. This bill  
14       is not intended to take over and to take anybody's  
15       property, but there are properties that exist in some  
16       of our communities that are already in distress that  
17       sometimes the city is already putting into like  
18       third-party transfer programs, and you know, someone  
19       will come in and they'll bid on it, that we don't  
20       know, that's not from our community, may not have the  
21       best intentions. And so you know, I just want to  
22       clarify that in my district I have a number of  
23       nonprofit organizations that had the foresight to  
24       acquire a number of buildings that fall into this  
25       category many, many years ago, and it was because of

2                   that foresight that we were able to avoid a full-on,  
3                   you know, gentrification wave that came our way many  
4                   years ago, because those nonprofits have preserved  
5                   those buildings in perpetuity. So, there is a very  
6                   small universe of buildings that would qualify for  
7                   this program, but if they did, I as a resident of my  
8                   community would rather that buildings that are  
9                   building sold that are already in trouble be sold to  
10                   somebody from the community, a nonprofit from the  
11                   community that knows, you know, what the ins and outs  
12                   of that neighborhood, rather than to some speculator  
13                   that's going to come in-- and you'll take those  
14                   buildings and do God knows what, and there will be,  
15                   you know, little to no accountability. So, I want to  
16                   thank, you know, Sandy Nurse for having the bravery  
17                   to deal with the insults and, you know, the  
18                   accusations and just the nastiness. You know, I'm on  
19                   my way out. I'll just say, you know, we need to do  
20                   better. We're grown adults in this room. We've all  
21                   done things we probably should not do, have said  
22                   things that we probably should not have said, and a  
23                   lot of us should be embarrassed and actually sit here  
24                   with a fresh face like we have nothing to be  
25                   embarrassed about. This is not one of those cases.

2                   Sandy did a fantastic job, and I urge all of my  
3                   colleagues who actually understood the piece of  
4                   legislation to support her, because it is not easy to  
5                   get these things done. It is a shame that we even  
6                   have to have this conversation today. Thank you so  
7                   much.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
9                   Council Member Epstein.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: [inaudible] I've  
11                  been privileged to be here for two weeks, and I have  
12                  to say if you think about the issues that affect  
13                  working-class New Yorkers, today is the day to be  
14                  proud of. We're talking about helping delivery  
15                  workers. We're talking about helping ensure that  
16                  people who are Uber and Lyft drivers get justice.  
17                  We're talking about creating opportunities for more  
18                  affordable housing. Really want to applaud my  
19                  colleagues today, because this is what New York  
20                  stands for. This what we're fighting for. This is an  
21                  opportunity to say New York that we see you. We know  
22                  the affordability crisis exists. People talk about  
23                  it every day, but these are real ways to manage that,  
24                  to keep people in affordable homes, to fight for  
25                  working-class jobs and fight for our community.

2                   That's what I see happening on this agenda, and  
3                   that's what we should be proud of, and there are  
4                   going to be naysayers. In every legislative body  
5                   there are going to be people who say, you know what,  
6                   this is not going to have the outcome. The  
7                   opportunity here is to create those messages. I live  
8                   in a district that's-- you know, I lived here for  
9                   decades-- that have been gentrified around me. If we  
10                  had COPA in place 30 years ago, we could have saved  
11                  hundreds of buildings from speculators and  
12                  developers. We have now opportunities to do that  
13                  with this passage of this legislation. I want to  
14                  applaud my colleagues for doing that. I also want to  
15                  respect Council Member Mealy's concerns about  
16                  something in her district in Article 11 that where  
17                  she's not supportive of something happening in her  
18                  own district where the affordability issues are  
19                  really our question. Where they're talking about  
20                  affordable housing at 120 percent of AMI with no  
21                  resale cap for homeowners, this means that she said  
22                  80 years of no taxes, and allowing those homeowners  
23                  to be able to sell for whatever they want. That is  
24                  not what the affordability agenda is. I encourage for  
25                  her sake and for the sake of New York and

2 affordability to vote against that. The last thing  
3 is, I understand the issues of franchise agreements  
4 and extending those, but in a moment in the end of  
5 session where there's lots of issues on the table,  
6 and there's not a lot of transparency, I have deep  
7 concerns of moving that issue forward today. I would  
8 encourage my colleagues to look at Reso 1109 and 1157  
9 and encourage them to vote against those resolutions.

10                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
11 Council Member. Seeing no one else signed up to  
12 speak, we will move along with the agenda. Report of  
13 Special Committees?

14                   COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

15                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Reports of  
16 Standing Committees?

17                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
18 on Civil Service and Labor, Intro 910B, city-assisted  
19 housing development projects.

20                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
21 General Orders.

22                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1066A, automated  
23 employment decision tools.

24                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
25 General Orders.

1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING      76

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3                   on Consumer and Worker Protection, Intros 408A, 431B,  
4                   and 1251A, general and food vendors.

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

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1332A, app-based  
8                   delivery workers.

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

11                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1391A, security  
12                   guard compensation.

13                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
14                   General Orders.

15                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
16                   on Contracts, Intros 479A and 1401A, city contracts  
17                   and city procurement.

18                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
19                   General Orders.

20                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
21                   on Economic Development, Intros 1121A and 1149A,  
22                   ferry service.

23                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
24                   General Orders.

1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING      77

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3                   on Education, Intro 142A, student internet access.

4                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
5                   General Orders.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 987A, surplus  
7                   food in schools.

8                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
9                   General Orders.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1359A,  
11                  manifestation determination reviews.

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

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1360A, Police  
15                  Department youth programs.

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

18                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
19                  on Environmental Protection, Resiliency and  
20                  Waterfronts, Intro 403A, catch basins.

21                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
22                  General Orders.

23                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
24                  on Finance, Intro 570B, land bank.

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

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1407A, 1411A,  
5 1419A, and 1420A, tax liens.

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

8                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1427, Coney  
9 Island BID.

10                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
11 Orders.

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered Intro  
13 1503, Mayor's Management Report.

14                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
15 Orders.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered Reso  
17 1186, transparency resolution.

18                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
19 Orders.

20                  COMMITTEE CLERK: M207 and Reso 1196,  
21 budget modifications.

22                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
23 Orders.

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1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING      79

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 448  
3 and Reso 1197 through Pre-considered Lu 455 and Reso  
4 1204, Article 11 items.

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
8 on Fire and Emergency Management, Intros 1140A and  
9 1229A, Fire Department reports.

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

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1452A and 1453A,  
13 fire fighting personal protective equipment.

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

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
17 on General Welfare, Intro 1366A, web forms for  
18 services.

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

21                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
22 on Governmental Operations, State and Federal  
23 Legislation, Intro 472A, equal opportunity training.

24                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
25 General Orders.

1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING       80

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3                   on Housing and Buildings, Intro 571A, Ward's Island.

4                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
5                   General Orders.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 902B, first  
7                   opportunity to purchase certain properties.

8                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
9                   General Orders.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 994A, Building  
11                  Code.

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

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1120B, cooperative  
15                  apartments.

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

18                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intros 1321A and 1422A,  
19                  Building and Construction Codes.

20                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
21                  General Orders with message of necessity.

22                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1490B.

23                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
24                  General Orders.

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1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING       81

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3                   on Immigration, Intro 1412A, immigration enforcement  
4                   practices.

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

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
8                   on Land Use, Intros 958A, 1433A and 1443A, affordable  
9                   homeownership opportunities.

10                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
11                  Orders.

12                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolutions 1109 and  
13                  1157, various franchises.

14                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
15                  Orders.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 414 and Reso 1205,  
17                  2149-2153, Pacific Street.

18                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
19                  Orders.

20                  COMMITTEE CLERK: LUs 434 through 438,  
21                  Herkimer-Williams.

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

1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING       82

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 439 and Reso 1206,  
3 1850 Francis Louis Boulevard commercial overlay.

4                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
5 Orders.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 447, Le Dive.

7                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to field pursuant  
8 to letter of withdrawal.

9                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
10 on Mental Health, Disabilities and Addiction, Intros  
11 868A and 1169A, hypodermic syringes and needles  
12 services program.

13                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
14 Orders.

15                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
16 on Parks and Recreation, Pre-considered Intro 1501,  
17 naming of 77 thoroughfares in public places.

18                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
19 Orders.

20                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
21 on Public Safety, Intro 125A, DNA collection from  
22 minors.

23                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
24 General Orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1237A, arrest  
3 reporting.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
5 General Orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1451A, body-worn  
7 camera footage.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
9 General Orders.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1460A, encrypted  
11 police radios.

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

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
15 on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro  
16 1279B, supplemental sanitation service providers.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
18 General Orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
20 on Small Business, Intro 1350A, small business loan  
21 readiness.

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

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1                   NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING     84

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3                   on Transportation and Infrastructure, Intros 276A and  
4                   1000A, for-hire vehicles.

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

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1233A, median  
8                   management.

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

11                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1346A, commuter  
12                   vans.

13                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
14                   General Orders.

15                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
16                   on Veterans, Intros 465 through Intro 1171, various  
17                   bills.

18                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Refereed to Finance  
19                   pursuant to Rule 9.10.

20                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolutions 18, 311,  
21                   465.

22                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Laid over.

23                   COMMITTEE CLERK: General Orders  
24                   Calendar, LU 427 and Reso 1207 through LU 438 and  
25                   Reso 1213, various applications.

2                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing  
5 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

6                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
7 Orders. I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call  
8 vote on all of the items coupled on today's General  
9 Orders Calendar.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ossé?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all,  
12 except for Intro 868 in which I'm a no.

13                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Cabán?

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Hi, thank you. I  
15 vote aye on all with the exception of Intros 868A and  
16 1433 on which I vote no. Thank you.

17                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote on all  
19 with the exception of Resolution 1109. And I just  
20 want to thank the Speaker for being an extraordinary  
21 leader, and somebody left lipstick on my desk. Thank  
22 you.

23                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Abreu?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I vote aye.

25                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Avilés?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all, except  
7 I vote abstention on LU 414, Resolution 1205.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Abstain on 1433  
10 and 1443 and aye on the rest.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm voting aye on  
15 all. I will say regarding the COPA bill, which I  
16 respect all the calls I have received, but I do  
17 believe that it is a small number of buildings that  
18 will be impacted, and I think we'll have the chance  
19 if that is not the case to make revisions, and  
20 there'll certainly be regulations and rules  
21 promulgated by the agencies. So, I vote aye on all  
22 except 414, 1205, vote no.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Just a friendly  
24 reminder to members to please give your disclosures  
25 prior to your votes.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm sorry. I  
3 teach at CUNY. Sorry.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Brooks-  
5 Powers?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission  
7 to explain my vote?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
9 granted.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'm  
11 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
12 that the Ed School of the Arts is funded in the  
13 transparency resolution we are adopting today, and my  
14 child is associated with this entity. With that, I  
15 vote aye.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Carr? De  
17 La Rosa?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to  
19 explain my vote?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
21 granted.

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you.  
23 It's been an honor to serve as the Labor Chair in  
24 this Council under the leadership of our history-  
25 making Speaker Adrienne Adams. Together, we have

2 uplifted working people across our city, and today we  
3 continue to make history as we finally pass the  
4 Construction Justice Act. Many New Yorkers who build  
5 affordable housing cannot afford to live in it, and  
6 today, we are delivering for those workers a bill  
7 that will give them combined minimum wage and an  
8 essential benefits package of at least \$40 an hour  
9 with no less than \$25 of this package being in wages  
10 as well as a local hire component and a plan so that  
11 New York City residents benefit the most. As we move  
12 towards a new era in New York City with ambitious  
13 housing goals, we must center the dignity and care of  
14 the workers who help us achieve them. I want to take  
15 a moment to thank the staff, Speaker Adams' team, the  
16 drafters, the legislative team, and my own staff who  
17 has worked tirelessly to get us here, most especially  
18 the coalition that brought us to this day. I want to  
19 thank the laborers, Local 79, and specifically the  
20 team led by Dave Bolder [sp?], Chris Kholer [sp?],  
21 Anthony Vida [sp?], Justice Favor [sp?], Carla Cruz  
22 [sp?], Ari Espinal [sp?], and Una Adams [sp?] who are  
23 here. Thank you and congratulations. I vote aye on  
24 all.

25                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I'd like to  
3    disclose for the record my daughter is a student at  
4    New York City Public Schools.

5                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Marte?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all,  
7    except LU 414 and Reso 1205.

8                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Dinowitz?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Permission to  
10   explain my vote?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
12   granted.

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you. I  
14   just want to take a moment to thank two legislators  
15   here, Majority Leader Farias on 1120 who was really  
16   trying to address an issue that exists in some co-  
17   ops, and really took the time to listen to members of  
18   my community, to really tailor the bill to weed out  
19   the bad actors and not really impact most of the co-  
20   op boards. Most every co-op board, especially in my  
21   district, that are doing the right thing and just  
22   trying to be good volunteers, because that's what  
23   they are, volunteers. So, I want to thank you for  
24   taking all the time and energy and input into this  
25   bill. I'm obviously voting yes. And also Council

2 Member Sanchez who took, I don't know, a million  
3 years I think to really get all sides of the vendor  
4 debate, and really listened to everyone, again,  
5 including people in my community that married rights  
6 for our vendors, expansion of vendors while including  
7 critical enforcement mechanisms in the bill. So, I  
8 just wanted to thank the two of you publicly. And  
9 with that, I'm going to vote aye on all, except I'm  
10 going to abstain on 902 and 1451. Thank you.

11                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

12                   COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yeah, I'm going  
13 to vote no on Reso 1109, 1157, and land use 414/Reso  
14 1205. Yes on everything else.

15                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Felder?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yeah, I'm sorry.  
17 I want to apologize to my colleagues, I had a long  
18 list. I'm aye on everything. You ready? I'm a no--  
19 you want this sheet of paper? Or do you want--

20                   COMMITTEE CLERK: [interposing] You could  
21 bring it up afterwards.

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Huh? I have to  
23 say it, okay.

24                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes. Yes, Council  
25 Member. Thank you.

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Okay, no problem.

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: We have team of  
4 three, we're good.

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Okay. I'm a no on  
6 1451, 1443, 1000, 1401, 902, 431, 1251, 140. These  
7 are the Lotto numbers, by the way. 1332, 1411,  
8 2706, 1109, and I abstain on 1501. DL3

9                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.  
10 Feliz?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all  
12 with a minor exception. LU 414-2205 in Council  
13 Member Mealy's district, vote no on that one. Lots  
14 of good bills today, bills that we should be proud  
15 of. The bill to protect our taxi drivers, a bill to  
16 make sure we're building larger apartments, because  
17 New York City is a city of families. We need to make  
18 sure we're building housing for them, not just  
19 closet-sized studios, and many other bills that we  
20 should all be proud of. So, aye on all except for  
21 414-2025.

22                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.  
23 Just one moment. Gennaro?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes, I vote aye  
25 on all with the exception of 902B and 1412A on which

2                   I vote no, and I'd ask for just a little bit of  
3                   latitude for me to be able to give my heartfelt  
4                   thanks to Speaker Adams and my colleagues who are  
5                   graduating the Council for new horizons. It has been  
6                   most rewarding to serve with you and most enriching  
7                   to share your comradery. I wish you every success and  
8                   blessing. Vaya con Dios.

9                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutiérrez?

10                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye on  
11                   all except 868 for which I am abstaining, and  
12                   congrats to all the Progressive Caucus members who  
13                   passed bills today.

14                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
15                   Member. Hanif?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

17                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks? Council Member  
18                   Brewer?

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I just want to  
20                   change to Resolution 1109 as a no. Thank you.

21                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
22                   Member. Holden?

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all,  
24                   except, and here's the list, Intro 1443, LU 414,  
25                   Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186, Intro

2       1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A, Intro  
3       1451, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431, Intro 1251,  
4       Intro 1332, Intro 1233 of which I vote no. I think I  
5       beat you on that one.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hudson?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Permission to  
8       explain my vote?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
10       granted.

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you. I'd  
12       like to congratulate all of my colleagues who've  
13       passed legislation today, and I'd like to thank  
14       everyone in central staff for making a day like today  
15       happen. And I'd like to especially shout out Council  
16       Members Pierina Sanchez, Lincoln Restler, Carmen De  
17       La Rosa, and Sandy Nurse for weathering so many  
18       storms in order to move consequential legislation  
19       such as the street vendor reform package, the Cooling  
20       for All bill, the Community Justice Act, and the  
21       Community Opportunity to Purchase Act. Each of you,  
22       as well as your indefatigable teams-- excuse me, it's  
23       late-- listened to feedback, made amendments to  
24       address concerns and put up with misinformation being  
25       spread about common sense bills that will have a

2 positive impact on so many lives. I'm proud to call  
3 you all colleagues, and to Council Member Nurse, who  
4 has even had individuals come to her private home to  
5 protest the COPA legislation, I say good Sandy, good.  
6 I proudly vote aye on all, and I'd like to disclose  
7 on the record that I'm a member of the Brooklyn  
8 Botanic Garden which is being funded in today's  
9 transparency resolution. Thank you.

10                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Feliz?

11                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Just  
12 want to change my vote to an aye on everything on the  
13 agenda. Thank you.

14                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
15 Member. Joseph?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on everything  
17 except I abstain on Reso 1109 and Reso 1157. I  
18 abstain on both.

19                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan?

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: First, I want  
21 to disclose that we are funding New York City Public  
22 School system and both my children are students in  
23 New York City Public Schools. I'd like to abstain on  
24 Intros 1433 and 1443. I vote no on Intro 1120, and I  
25 vote yes on everything else, with an enthusiastic yes

2                   for Intro 276 to end the unfair deactivation of  
3                   drivers.  Driver power.  Union power.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK:  Lee?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER LEE:  Permission to  
6                   explain my vote?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS:  Permission  
8                   granted.

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER LEE:  I'd just like to  
10                  disclose for the record that both my children attend  
11                  public schools which is being funded or having money  
12                  taken away on this transparency reso.  Aye on all  
13                  with the exception of Intro 1451 which I abstain, and  
14                  no on LU 414 and accompanying Reso 1205.  And I just  
15                  wanted to say today's a very proud day for our  
16                  immigrant communities.  Congratulations to the  
17                  deliveristas, the vendors, our taxi workers.  I know  
18                  this fight has been going on for many, many, many,  
19                  many years.  And kudos, congratulations to all my  
20                  colleagues that have passed these bills, and congrats  
21                  Sandy Nurse for your bill and for fending off a lot  
22                  of the misinformation.  So, thank you.

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS:  Recognizing  
24                  Council Member Joseph for her disclosure.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. I'd  
3 like to disclose on the record that my child is a  
4 student in the New York City Public Schools that's  
5 being funded in this transparency reso. Thank you,  
6 Majority Leader.

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you.  
8 Louis?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to  
10 explain my vote?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
12 granted.

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
14 Majority Leader. I would like to congratulate Council  
15 Member Nurse for working diligently and responsibly  
16 on Intro 902 after inheriting this bill, and I  
17 sincerely appreciate her and her staff that took the  
18 time to listen to wide-ranging feedback and  
19 implementing that feedback into the language of the  
20 bill. While I cannot support 902 today due to  
21 primary concerns with the school, which we've  
22 discussed, I hope concerns can be flushed out during  
23 the rule-making process. I would also like to  
24 disclose for the record that MTA is being funded, and  
25 my brother is associated with this entity. I vote aye

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2   on all, and would like to abstain from 902, and vote  
3   no on LU 414.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Marmorato?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I'd like to  
6   disclose for the record that my husband works for the  
7   Board of Elections, and Council Member Holden, I  
8   think I have you beat on this one. So, I'd like to  
9   vote aye on all with the exception of Intro 1443, LU  
10   414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186,  
11   Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A,  
12   Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro  
13   1391, Intro 431, Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and Intro  
14   1233A, I vote no.

15                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
16   Member. Council Member Gennaro?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you. I  
18   just want to amend my vote. I previously voted yes  
19   on Intro 1451. Now, I am voting no on Intro 1451. I  
20   had it written down, but I left it out.

21                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
22   Member.

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: So, 1451, that's  
24   a no.

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

3                   Mealy?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Pass.

5                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Menin?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Permission to  
7                   explain my vote?8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
9                   granted.10                  COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: First of all, I  
11                  want to thank my colleagues. We have some tremendous  
12                  bills that we are voting on today, and particularly  
13                  on the worker protection angle. I just want to say  
14                  since we as a city cannot have the City Department of  
15                  Labor because we are pre-empted by the state, it's  
16                  incumbent upon this City Council to do really strong  
17                  robust worker protection, and that's exactly what  
18                  we're doing today. I particularly want to  
19                  congratulate and thank on street vending, Council  
20                  Member Sanchez, who had a very big idea and had to  
21                  contend with a lot of stakeholders, and she really  
22                  listened, and I know moving forward in the next  
23                  iteration of the Council will focus on the  
24                  enforcement piece. And I want to congratulate  
25                  Council Member Krishnan who also had a very difficult

2       bill listening to a lot of stakeholders. So, there's  
3       some fantastic bills that we are voting on today, and  
4       just want to congratulate everyone. I'm voting aye on  
5       all with the exception of Intro 902B and 1451 for  
6       which I abstain. Thank you.

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Morano?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Permission to  
9       explain my vote?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
11       granted.

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Madam Majority  
13       Leader, I want to be very clear at the outset in  
14       discussing 902B that everyone in this chamber,  
15       irrespective of party, agrees that New Yorkers  
16       deserve safe, affordable housing, and that predatory  
17       behavior by bad landlords should be stopped. Where I  
18       think we disagree is on whether this bill actually  
19       accomplishes that goal. COPA is being sold as a  
20       tenant protection measure, when in reality it is a  
21       sweeping change to property rights that will make  
22       housing harder to finance, harder to maintain, and  
23       ultimately harder to afford. This bill doesn't just  
24       regulate bad actors, it rewrites the rules for every  
25       owner of a covered building by inserting the city

2        into private property transactions. It delays sales  
3        for months, injects uncertainty in the market and  
4        sends a clear message to lenders and buyers, New York  
5        City is a risky place to invest. And that matters  
6        because when capital dries up, buildings don't get  
7        repaired. When buildings don't get repaired, tenants  
8        suffer. COPA assumes that nonprofit purchasers will  
9        magically have the resources to buy, rehabilitate,  
10       and manage these buildings, but the bill doesn't  
11       provide guaranteed funding, staffing, or capacity to  
12       do that at-scale. So, what happens instead? Sales  
13       stall. Owners walk away. Properties deteriorate, and  
14       the very tenants this bill claims to protect are left  
15       living in worse conditions. There's also a  
16       fundamental fairness issue here. We're telling small  
17       and mid-size property owners, many of them family  
18       owners, many of them immigrants, many of them  
19       working-class, that when they want to sell, they no  
20       longer control that decision on equal terms. That's  
21       not progressive. That's punitive. If this bill  
22       worked as advertised, we'd already see examples of it  
23       solving the housing crisis elsewhere. Instead,  
24       cities that have tried similar approaches have seen  
25       fewer transactions, less investment and more blight.

2 Affordable housing is created by fixing broken  
3 buildings, enforcing existing laws, and encouraging  
4 responsible ownership, not by freezing the market and  
5 hoping government can manage thousands of properties  
6 better than the private sector. So, for those  
7 reasons, I'm voting aye on all with the exception of  
8 902B, Intro 1443, LU 414, and accompanying resolution  
9 1205, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186,  
10 Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro 902B--  
11 sorry to repeat that-- Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro  
12 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431,  
13 Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and finally, Intro 472.

14                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
15 Member. Moya?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all  
17 with the exception of 902A, and I abstain on 276A.

18                   COMMITTEE CLERK: My apologies, Council  
19 Member. I have to ask you to repeat that.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Yes. I vote aye on  
21 all with the exception of I vote no on 902A and I'm  
22 abstaining 276A.

23                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse?

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

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
3 granted.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: I want to say  
5 congratulations to all those that worked so hard for  
6 the tenants. I understand that it's for protecting  
7 the tenants. Today, I want to ask who is looking out  
8 for the small property owner in this city? Today,  
9 the hardest thing for me-- I was crying, because I  
10 could not say anything to meet the advocates, the  
11 homeowners-- they were hopeful and they believe that  
12 we were going to do something for them. What is the  
13 something? Dr. King said never a wrong time to do  
14 the right thing, but little did I know-- in this  
15 place, somewhere else, not in this place here, the  
16 fake, the flaky, the external forces, misinformation  
17 prevent the bill from 948B or [inaudible] always  
18 repeat--

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]  
20 Council Member, we're speaking on bills that are on  
21 the General Order calendar.

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: That bill--

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing] If  
24 you would like to move--

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: supposed to be  
3 here. It's not here.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: It is not on the  
5 calendar, so you are not allowed to speak on that  
6 bill. If you would like to speak, you can speak on  
7 the bills that are being voted on today and I can  
8 move you to General Discussions to speak on a bill  
9 that's on the General Order Calendar.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [inaudible]  
11 civil disobedience sometimes acceptable in this, in  
12 here? This is my civil--

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing] This  
14 is-- this is about--

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [interposing]  
16 disobedience.

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: being in order.

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to stay  
19 in order.

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: And so would you  
21 like to speak on bills that are on the General Order  
22 Calendar, or would you like--

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [interposing]  
24 Alright--

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: to speak in  
3 General Discussions?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: I do that--

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]  
6 Thank you.

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: but I want ot  
8 know who's watching, who's looking over for the small  
9 property owner.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Please state your  
11 vote.

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: Okay, I will.

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you.

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: In all due  
15 respect, I'll do that. So, now, on the vote for  
16 today, I have an excellent woman that work for our  
17 community that invested a lot of time, and that  
18 called Terry Cadet [sp?]. She served with passion,  
19 compassion, fairness, and hold folks accountable.  
20 So, for that, I want to say I'm so proud to be part  
21 to vote today for Terry Cadet. So, to say that you  
22 can have a street named after yourself because you  
23 are committed to the cause of the city. Hold people  
24 accountable at all times, even when it's  
25 inconvenient. I'm going to abstain on 296A, 902B, LU

2       414, Reso 1205. And I want to disclose that my hubby  
3       work for NYU. And thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not  
4       trying to be disrespectful. I'm angry and disturbed  
5       by the folks, and I did not know what to say and what  
6       to place among ourselves. So, thank you, and I  
7       excuse myself. I'll come back. Thank you.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
9       Council Member.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
11       Member. Nurse?

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

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
15       granted.

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I just wanted to  
17       take an opportunity to clarify since there has been  
18       clearly some lack of reading. What this bill is and  
19       what this bill isn't. We took a bill that was  
20       introduced five years ago that covered 70 percent of  
21       all New York City buildings, three units and above,  
22       and that was going to be subject to an 18-month  
23       timeline and at that point of that bill, there were  
24       over 30 people in this body sponsoring it. We took  
25       that bill and in less than three months, we brought

2       it down to an extremely targeted universe of  
3       properties that we already spend a lot of time and  
4       money on trying to make safer buildings. These are  
5       in enforcement programs. This is not the Olympics.  
6       You do not want to get into these programs, and to  
7       get into these programs takes a lot of effort and  
8       advocacy from us as members who are constantly  
9       calling down to the city saying why are you not  
10      protecting these tenants, and why are you not working  
11      to keep them safe. We do emergency repairs in them.  
12      We have-- we're spending-- we have free housing legal  
13      services that we're paying for people to be in and  
14      out of court because we have irresponsible property  
15      managers who maybe bit off more than they could chew.  
16      They are under water and they are not taking care of  
17      their buildings. We are already putting a ton of  
18      money into these buildings. We are creating a small  
19      chance, just a tiny chance, that instead of that  
20      building being sold to some company with people and  
21      investors from all over the world that we have no  
22      relationship to and that we have no relationship of  
23      accountability to, that maybe just maybe we get an  
24      opportunity for nonprofits that we trust, that we  
25      fund, that we have a relationship with, that we are

2 holding accountable all the time-- that's what we've  
3 been doing for the last four years-- that maybe they  
4 can have an opportunity to purchase it, fix it up,  
5 make it better and make it safe for those tenants.

6 Thank you Majority Leader. Sorry, I vote aye on all.

7                    COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
8 Member. Paladino?

9                    COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Just in regard-  
10 - I'm going to give you my vote in one second. I just  
11 want to say, does anybody think about NYCHA and the  
12 tenants that live in NYCHA and how we-- what we  
13 should do to already city-owned buildings that are  
14 falling apart and dilapidated, and these people are  
15 living without kitchens, without heat and everything  
16 else? I think we should reapproach this idea that you  
17 have and point it in the right direction. The city-  
18 owned properties that should be maintained and are  
19 not, instead of going after the private homeowner,  
20 building owner and such. Okay, let me go forward  
21 with my vote. I vote aye on all except for Intro  
22 1443, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso  
23 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro  
24 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460,  
25 Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 1431, Intro 1251, Intro

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2 1332, Intro 1233, and like I said, aye on the rest.

3 And that's about it for today.

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Powers?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I'm  
6 voting aye on all and I'm abstaining on 902B. I just  
7 want to congratulate everyone on their fantastic  
8 bills and lots of hard work to get here. And that is  
9 it. Thank you.

10                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

11 Council Member Joseph?

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Voting aye on  
13 1109. Changing my vote to yes.

14                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

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

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
18 granted.

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you,  
20 Majority Leader. Today marks a meaningful moment as  
21 we close out this year. And this final Stated Meeting  
22 led by Madam Speaker herself, Speaker Adrienne Adams.  
23 It has been an honor to serve alongside you and  
24 support your leadership. You made history as the  
25 first African-American Speaker of this council, but

2 what we will endure is how you led with steadiness,  
3 clarity, and purpose under your leadership. This  
4 council became the most diverse and woman majority  
5 body-- and then men, they get it-- in our city's  
6 history, and you ensured that equity was not just  
7 actionable, but something attainable. On a personal  
8 level, I am grateful for our shared work from the  
9 coalition building during my time as Co-Chair of the  
10 Black, Latino, Asian Caucus, to your leadership in  
11 advancing diversity within the FDNY, and our  
12 collaboration to secure capital investments for  
13 schools, playgrounds, and libraries in District 12. I  
14 also want to take this time to recognize my  
15 colleagues that are leaving, Council Member Moya,  
16 Council Member Holden, my brothers Council Member  
17 Brannan and Council Member Powers. I also want to  
18 recognize and include the Bronx members leaving,  
19 Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala and Land Use Chair Rafael  
20 Salamanca, Jr. whose leadership in service has  
21 strengthened this council and left a lasting impact  
22 not only in our city, but the borough we call the  
23 Bronx. On behalf of the 12<sup>th</sup> District and New Yorkers  
24 across the city, I want to thank Madam Speaker and  
25 thank her staff as they depart, and thank you for all

2                    your service and dedication. With that being said, I  
3                    vote aye on all with the exception of 902B and 994A  
4                    which I abstain. Thank you. And just want to state  
5                    for the record, we're funding New York City Public  
6                    Schools, and my babies are associated with that  
7                    entity.

8                    COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council  
9                    Member. One moment. Salaam?

10                   COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I'm an aye on all  
11                   except for LU 414 and accompanying Resolution 1205  
12                   which I abstain.

13                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Salamanca?

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on  
15                   all, but I abstain on 902B. Thank you.

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Council Member,  
17                   your disclosure?

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I  
19                   want to disclose on the record that we are providing  
20                   this budget funding for the New York City Parks  
21                   Department in which my wife is associated with that  
22                   institution. We're also adding funding for Gotham  
23                   Health in which my wife is associated with that  
24                   institution, and funding for the [inaudible] in which  
25                   my son is a member of that institution. Thank you.

2                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'd like to  
4 disclose upon the record that my sibling is  
5 associated with CUNY. And I just want to take a  
6 moment to thank the Speaker for your leadership, the  
7 incredible fights that you've fought with this  
8 council, the places you put your name on the line,  
9 and the people that you are uplifting today and  
10 throughout all of your days as Council Speaker.11                  Thank you for your leadership. And I want to  
12 congratulate our advocates who have fought so hard,  
13 especially the Street Vendor Project. And we'll miss  
14 you colleagues who are moving on from the Council.  
15 And with that, I vote aye on all.

16                  COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to  
18 explain my vote?19                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
20 granted.21                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: So, I wanted to  
22 congratulate and say goodbye to my colleagues who are  
23 leaving and say you're going to be missed. I also  
24 want to say in terms of Sandy Nurse, both Sandy Nurse  
25 and Pierina Sanchez, that they worked with me

2                    throughout the process, and Sandy made major  
3                    concessions that I asked for. So, I'm happy to vote  
4                    yes on everything with the exception of Intro 1451 in  
5                    which I abstain. Thank you.

6                    COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Stevens?

7                    COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Permission to  
8                    explain my vote?

9                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
10                  granted.

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I've-- it's been  
12                  an honor of my life to serve in this council under  
13                  the leadership of our first Black Speaker, Adrienne  
14                  Adams, alongside my incredible mentor, Diana Ayala.  
15                  Thank you to all the outgoing members who have been  
16                  here to support me, give me guidance, and really show  
17                  leadership during your time. I will carry all the  
18                  jewels you shared with me on this journey in my final  
19                  term. And with that, I vote-- oh, wait, before I  
20                  vote, I also want to give a special shout out to  
21                  Sandy who has been really showing leadership and  
22                  standing up to everyone who kept having lies and  
23                  saying things that were not true about her bill.  
24                  Continue the fight. Thank you for showing us what it  
25                  looks like to lead with courage, leadership, and

2                   integrity. Also, to Pie [sic] who even convinced me  
3                   to get on her vendor bill. We appreciate all the  
4                   hard work that you guys continue to do. And with  
5                   that, I vote aye on all.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Ung?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Permission so I can  
8                   explain my vote?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
10                  granted.

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Thank you. I'm  
12                  voting no today on Intro 431B. I appreciate all the  
13                  work by Council Member Sanchez and the conversations  
14                  we've had about this issue. Throughout my time in  
15                  the City Council I made addressing unlicensed illegal  
16                  street vending a top priority in neighborhoods like  
17                  downtown Flushing. Our sidewalks are severely  
18                  congested. When unregulated vending proliferates, it  
19                  creates real safety hazards for seniors, families,  
20                  and those with mobility challenges who are just  
21                  trying to walk to the supermarket or to the subway  
22                  station. It generates mounds of garbage, putting a  
23                  huge strain on our local BID who is left cleaning and  
24                  piling up boxes left by vendors, and puts our small  
25                  business owners who pay the BID fees for these

2                   supplemental sanitation services at an unfair  
3                   disadvantage. I understand the rationale Intro 431B,  
4                   that by expanding access to licenses, vendors who  
5                   have incentive to follow the rules and that increased  
6                   enforcement and higher penalties will deter illegal  
7                   activities. However, my own district, which has a  
8                   strict no vending policy, we have seen that even with  
9                   significant increased enforcement illegal vending  
10                  continues unabated. Expanding the total number of  
11                  licenses does not address the fundamental issues of  
12                  how manage persistent unlicensed vending. My vote is  
13                  not a rejection of the concerns that this bill seeks  
14                  to address, nor is it the need to create pathways so  
15                  a vendor to participate in the regulated system, but  
16                  I'm concerned that moving forward with this bill  
17                  without coupling it with a more comprehensive  
18                  strategy risks closing the door on the needs to  
19                  meaningfully address the unlicensed vending. I worry  
20                  that passage might allow us to believe we have solved  
21                  their problem. I hope today is not the end of this  
22                  conversation, but the beginning. We must continue  
23                  working together with our partners in government to  
24                  find long-term sustainable solutions that protect  
25                  public safety and supports lawful commerce and

2 ensures fairness for all. I also abstain on Intro  
3 1451 and aye on the rest. And before I finish, I  
4 want to thank Speaker Adams for her fearless  
5 leadership the last four years. Thank you.

6                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all  
8 except no on Intro 4143, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro  
9 1407, Intro 1420, Reso 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A,  
10 Intro 1401, Intro 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro  
11 1451, Intro 1460, Intro 1412, Intro 1391, Intro 431,  
12 Intro 1251, and Intro 1332.

13                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Okay, that's  
14 [inaudible]. Williams?

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

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
18 granted.

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.  
20 While many of the bills that we are voting on today  
21 aren't perfect, as many typically are. I think it's  
22 just a part of the legislative process. I do know  
23 that the spirit and intent of all the bills are  
24 perfect, and so with that, I vote aye on all.

25                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Won?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Zhuang?

4 Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Could I explain my  
6 vote? I just want everyone to think, and I want to  
7 thank all my colleagues who did vote with members'  
8 preference. At least we know what we're here for,  
9 and we have to think about what COPA-- the same  
10 sponsor just said that we sponsor the same nonprofits  
11 and these same nonprofits will be buying up small  
12 homes owners' buildings. I don't understand how no  
13 one is paying attention to that. But please pay  
14 attention to that, also. How do we know some of these  
15 same nonprofits have a lot of violations? We don't  
16 know how long, if people can really opt out or if  
17 they do pay their bill and next year, could they  
18 reclaim their property? These questions haven't been  
19 asked. And with that, I vote yes on Intro 571A,  
20 Intro 868A, Intro 1121A, Intro 1140a, Intro 1229A,  
21 Intro 1411A, Intro 1433, and no-- I abstain from  
22 everything else.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And merry  
25 Christmas.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Can I please get  
3 quiet in the chambers?

4                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to  
6 explain my vote?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Permission  
8 granted.

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: First, I'd like  
10 to disclose that my son works for the DSNY which is  
11 on the transparency resolution, and he's also-- has  
12 an anniversary of 10 years with the DSNY today and  
13 received a plaque for his exemplary service. So,  
14 congratulations, Matthew, I'm proud of you. I'd also  
15 like to thank my colleagues for voting in the  
16 affirmative for the package of bills to protect our  
17 first responders and our New Yorkers, especially  
18 Intro 1229 which was legislation prompted in honor of  
19 24-year-old Nicholas Costellow [sp?] who lost his  
20 life waiting for an ambulance for 19 minutes. I want  
21 to echo the sentiments of my colleagues, Vernikov,  
22 Morano and Paladino on Intro 902B, COPA, but also  
23 want to add that this legislation is legally dubious  
24 at best, and likely is a substantial infringement on  
25 the private property rights, including the right

2 dispose, the right to select counterparts, the right  
3 to determine timing in terms. This bill may not be  
4 constitutional, and it may also conflict with the  
5 provisions of the federal banking law, federal tax  
6 law, common law restraints on alienation and uniform  
7 commercial code. Additionally, I am disappointed  
8 that our veterans' bills did not get the services.  
9 Our veterans did not get the services they  
10 desperately needed by the package of bills that  
11 advanced, because they were referred to finance  
12 instead of being passed at today's stated. The bills  
13 would have made a difference in the lives of our  
14 heroes, and help get veterans in need off the street  
15 and into stable long-term housing. I'm committed to  
16 making sure that these bills pass in the next  
17 legislative session. With that, I vote no on Intro  
18 1443, LU 414, Intro 570, Intro 1407, Intro 1420, Reso  
19 1186, Intro 276A, Intro 1000A, Intro 1401, Intro  
20 902B, Intro 994A, Intro 125A, Intro 1451, Intro 1460,  
21 Intro 1421-- I'm sorry, 1412. Intro 1391, Intro 431,  
22 Intro 1251, Intro 1332, and Intro 1233 which is  
23 beautifying medians for a bicycle lanes that are on  
24 center malls, and the reason for my no vote on this  
25 is that I have them in my district and they become

2                   places where people put garbage and it's very  
3                   difficult to get the DOT or the Parks Department and  
4                   DSNY to clean those center malls. Also, I'm voting  
5                   no on-- the reso I brought up. Okay. Thank you so  
6                   much for the time.

7                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Fariás?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all  
9                   with the exception of Intro 276A in which I vote no,  
10                   and I've already expressed my reasonings in the  
11                   Committee. Lastly, I just want to congratulate my  
12                   colleagues on their bills today, and particular the  
13                   Street Vendor Coalition and a big thank you to all  
14                   the folks that worked with me on the five bills that  
15                   I'm passing.

16                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

18                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Just a reminder,  
20                   as we are tallying votes, there should be silence in  
21                   the chambers, and a friendly reminder to my  
22                   colleagues that we have six resolutions that we must  
23                   vote on after this. Thank you. All items on today's  
24                   General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 48 in  
25                   the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions

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2 with the exceptions of Introduction 431B which was  
3 adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 9 in the  
4 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Introduction 570B  
5 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,  
6 7 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction  
7 902B which was adopted by a vote of 30 in the  
8 affirmative, 10 in the negative and 8 abstentions,  
9 and Introduction 994A which was adopted by a vote of  
10 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative and 1  
11 abstention, and Introduction 1000A which was adopted  
12 by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the  
13 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Introduction 1401A  
14 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,  
15 8 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction  
16 1407A which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the  
17 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions,  
18 and Introduction 1412A which was adopted by a vote of  
19 39 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and 0  
20 abstentions, and Intro 1420A which was adopted by a  
21 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative and 0  
22 abstentions, and Intro 1443A which was adopted by a  
23 vote of 37 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and  
24 2 abstentions, and Introduction 1451A which was  
25 adopted by a vote of 34 in the affirmative, 9 in the

2 negative, and 5 abstentions, and Resolution 1186  
3 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,  
4 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, and LU 414 and  
5 Resolution 1205 which were adopted by a vote of 32 in  
6 the affirmative, 13 in the negative, and 3  
7 abstentions, and Intro 1233A which was adopted by a  
8 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative and  
9 0 abstentions, and Introduction 1251A which was  
10 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the  
11 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1332A which was  
12 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 in the  
13 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1391A which was  
14 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the  
15 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 868A which was  
16 adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 3 in the  
17 negative and 1 abstention, and Resolution 1109 which  
18 was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 4 in  
19 the negative and 0 abstentions, and Introduction  
20 1433A which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
21 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 2 abstentions, and  
22 Resolution 1157 which was adopted by a vote of 47 in  
23 the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions,  
24 and Introduction 125A which was adopted by a vote of  
25 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative and 0

2 abstentions, and Introduction 276A which was adopted  
3 by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative  
4 and 1 abstention, and Intro 472A which was adopted by  
5 a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative  
6 and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1120B which was adopted  
7 by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative  
8 and 0 abstentions, and Intro 1460A which was adopted  
9 by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative  
10 and 0 abstentions, and Intros 142A, 403A, 408A, 479A,  
11 910B, 958A, 987A, 1066A, 1149A, 1169A, 1229A, 1237A,  
12 1279A, 1321A, 1346A, 1350A and 1359A, 1360A. 1366A,  
13 1419A, 1422A, 1427A, 1452A, 1453A, 1490B, and 1503  
14 which all were adopted by a vote of 47 in the  
15 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and  
16 Intro 1501 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
17 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1 abstention, and  
18 M207 and Reso 1196 which were adopted by a vote of 47  
19 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0  
20 abstentions, and LUs 426, 427, 434, 435, 436, 437.  
21 438, 439, 447, and 448 through 455 with their  
22 accompanying resolutions were adopted by a vote of 47  
23 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0  
24 abstentions.

25                   [applause]

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you.

3                   [applause]

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Okay, and with  
5                   that, all items on the calendar have passed. We're  
6                   going to move through the agenda of introduction and  
7                   reading of bills.8                   SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
9                   referred to committee as indicated on today's agenda.10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
11                  Speaker. We will now move into the discussion of  
12                  resolutions, and I'd like to recognize Council Member  
13                  Brewer.14                  COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
15                  much. I have two resolutions to discuss. One is  
16                  Resolution 734. It's been a very challenging year in  
17                  the state prisons. This resolution calls on governor  
18                  Hochul to sign the Prison Reform Omnibus Bill which  
19                  would strengthen independent monitoring and  
20                  oversight. I want to thank Natalie Metlzer [sp?] and  
21                  again, Sam Goldsmith from my office. This has a lot  
22                  to do with Mr. Brooks being killed by the guards at a  
23                  particular prison, and I hope that it passes and is  
24                  signed by the Governor. Resolution 649, this  
25                  resolution calls on the Federal Government to save

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2 the historic Trans-Atlantic passenger ship known as  
3 the S.S. United States. The ocean-liner is slated to  
4 be sunk off the coast of Florida as part of a planned  
5 artificial reef. It is the-- still has the record of  
6 going to Europe faster than any other ocean-liner.  
7 It's as long as the Chrysler Building. It is in  
8 Alabama, but we would love to have it back on the  
9 Brooklyn waterfront where it started in 1951. Thank  
10 you Dirk Spencer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Seeing no one  
12 else signed up to speak, we will now a voice vote on  
13 today's resolutions. If you wish to vote against or  
14 abstain from any of today's resolutions, please  
15 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by  
16 approaching the dais. I'll now read today's  
17 resolutions into the record. Please quiet in the  
18 chambers. Resolution 82A supports the mission and  
19 growth of the Climate Museum. All those in favor say  
20 aye.

21 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
23 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
24 499 calls on the United States Congress to pass and

2                   the President to sign the Protecting Consumers from  
3                   Deceptive AI Act. All those in favor say aye.

4                   COUNCIL AS WHOLE: Aye.

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
6                   nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
7                   500 calls on the New York State Legislature to  
8                   introduce and pass and the Governor to sign  
9                   legislation entitled the New York State College  
10                   Safety Act to require that all campuses of the State  
11                   University of New York and the City University of New  
12                   York permit autoimmune and immunocompromised students  
13                   and faculty to learn and teach via remote instruction  
14                   in as many course as feasible whenever students or  
15                   faculty are dealing with an unpredictable or  
16                   temporarily debilitating impact of their condition.

17                   All those in favor say aye.

18                   COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
20                   nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
21                   649A calls on the United States Congress to pass and  
22                   the President to sign legislation allocating funds  
23                   for the restoration of the S.S. United States and for  
24                   its relocation to the City of New York. All those in  
25                   favor say aye.

2 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
4 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
5 734A calls on the Governor to sign Senate Bill 8415  
6 and Assembly Bill 8871 known as the Prison Reform  
7 Omnibus Bill. All those in favor say aye.

8 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
10 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
11 842 recognizes the month of March annually as Music  
12 in Our Schools Month in the City of New York. All  
13 those in favor say aye.

14 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
16 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution  
17 1061A calls on the New York State Legislature to pass  
18 and the Governor to sign legislation requiring pain  
19 management options to be offered to patients  
20 undergoing in-office gynecological procedures. All  
21 those in favor say aye.

22 COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
24 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Pre-  
25 considered Resolution 1194 celebrates the New York

2       Knicks in a spectacular win of the 2025 Emirates NBA  
3       Cup Championship. Let's go Knicks. All those in  
4       favor say aye.

5                   COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
7       nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. We will now  
8       move into general discussion, and I'd like to first  
9       recognize Council Member Salamanca.

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,  
11       Madam Majority Leader. Since joining the New York  
12       City Council almost 10 years ago, actually nine years  
13       and 10 months, it has been one of my greatest honors  
14       of my life. When I stepped into this room, I made a  
15       promise to fight for the community that raised me, to  
16       make the south Bronx in New York City a stronger,  
17       healthier and safer and more equitable for every  
18       family who calls it home, and over the years we've  
19       done exactly that doing the work together. Together  
20       we expanded affordable housing across the district  
21       and throughout all New York City. We invested in  
22       schools such as the schools that I grew up in  
23       attending and giving our students the tools,  
24       technology and classrooms that they need. And I'm  
25       proud to say that I was able to do that with an

2 investment of almost \$50 million in my schools. We  
3 rebuilt the parks and playgrounds that shaped my  
4 childhood and that of my son Aiden [sp?], who now  
5 enjoys them, creating beautiful safe spaces for the  
6 next generations to play and grow. And I'm proud  
7 that I was able to invest another \$50 million in  
8 capital dollars to my playgrounds, and I'm proud to  
9 say that 90 percent of all my playgrounds in my  
10 district have been redeveloped. We confronted COVID  
11 together, and we also confronted the health  
12 disparities that have impacted our borough and the  
13 city for far too long, working to close gaps in care  
14 and bringing better health care options to our  
15 community. And year after year we fought for food  
16 insecurities with compassion, making sure our  
17 neighbors had access to fresh, healthy food when they  
18 needed it most. Now, I'm asked often, "What are you  
19 most proud of in your tenure in the New York City  
20 Council?" And I can say that I'm extremely proud of  
21 some of the bills that I was able to pass such as the  
22 15 percent homeless set aside which many said we  
23 could not do it, even in our Legislative Department,  
24 but we got it done. And I'm proud to say that I was  
25 part of closing two jails in my district alone, a

2 juvenile detention center called Spofford which we  
3 transformed into over a thousand units of housing,  
4 and just recently we were able to close the floating  
5 jail in the Hunts Point community, and I was able to  
6 see it barged [sic] out of our communities. Now,  
7 none of this would have been possible without the  
8 support, trust, and resilience of my community or  
9 without the love and strength of my family who stood  
10 side by side with me in every step of the way. But  
11 of course, most importantly, like we all-- we have a  
12 team. And I would like to thank with deep respect my  
13 team, Team Salamanca. I'd like to thank my Chief of  
14 Staff, Shanna [sp?]. and I need to thank Brian Hetey  
15 [sp?] who's my Deputy Chief of Staff, Legislative  
16 Director, Budget Director and he is my face here in  
17 City Hall. Serana [sp?], Maritza [sp?], Saida [sp?],  
18 Layla [sp?], Angel, Freddie, and Cristobal [sp?], a  
19 group of dedicated hardworking individuals who poured  
20 their hearts into serving this district. Your  
21 commitments made everything-- every accomplishment  
22 possible, and I'm endlessly proud of the work we have  
23 done together. And then finally, I want to thank  
24 you, Madam Speaker, for number one, allowing me to be  
25 part of your leadership, and number two, for

2                   reappointing me as your Land Use Chair, something  
3                   that I'm extremely proud of and a position that I've  
4                   served in the last eight years. I want to thank your  
5                   Chief of Staff Jeremy Efisa [sp?]. I want to thank  
6                   the Land Use team, Paris and your team, and I want to  
7                   thank the Sergeant at Arms for always keeping us safe  
8                   and protected, calling [sic] your team.

9                   [applause]

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I want to  
11                  thank Will and your team, your photographer team who  
12                  make us always look good even on our bad days. I want  
13                  to thank the Finance team for actually-- for standing  
14                  with us and ensuring that we understand the budget,  
15                  you know? And I was proud to say that I was part of  
16                  the budget negotiating team for the last eight years.  
17                  And I also want to thank the LS team department, even  
18                  though they gave me a hard time getting hearings or  
19                  passing bills, I want to thank you for your hard work  
20                  and your dedication. And finally, we need to thank  
21                  the clerks that are here who ensure that our votes  
22                  are counted and you make this possible. Please,  
23                  let's give them a big round of applause.

24                  [applause]

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: To my  
3     district, District 17, I want to thank you for  
4     allowing me to serve you, your families, and the  
5     borough, and I will always be proud to call home. I'm  
6     proud to leave behind a better south Bronx than the  
7     one that inherited 10 years ago. God bless you all.  
8     Thank you.

9                   [applause]

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
11     Council Member Marmorato.

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you.  
13     So, to my D13 family it's been not just a pleasure,  
14     but a profound honor to represent you over the past  
15     two years. These truly have been two of the best  
16     years of my life, and I will carry this experience  
17     with deep gratitude and pride as I look forward to  
18     continuing to see you around the neighborhood. And  
19     to my colleagues, thank you for your collaboration,  
20     the debates, and the shared commitment to serving our  
21     city. I have made friendships here, some I was  
22     surprised to make, and I appreciate it and I thank  
23     you. And to those who chose exclusion over  
24     inclusion, I wish you grace. And now to the  
25     incredibly staff that I have down in my district, I

2 couldn't even begin to explain how much I appreciate  
3 you. You made so much possible, your dedication, your  
4 long hours, your unwavering support has meant more to  
5 me than I can ever express. And my family, most  
6 importantly, thank you for your patience, your  
7 sacrifice and endless love. You are my foundation, my  
8 strength, and the reason why I do this work. And  
9 last, and certainly not least, we cannot forget to  
10 think Carl and the Sergeant at Arms teams for always  
11 going above and beyond, and we have seen that here  
12 today-- for keeping us safe not only in the people's  
13 house, but always in our district, and I thank you  
14 all so much. It was truly an honor to be here those  
15 last two years. Thank you.

16                   [applause]

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
18 Council Member Holden.

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you,  
20 Majority Leader. Serving eight years in this council  
21 has been a dream come true. Representing a district  
22 that my parents grew up in and my grandparents had a  
23 farm in the exact neighborhood right around the  
24 corner from where I live, and my office is a few  
25 blocks away. This is an unbelievable honor to serve

2                   eight years as the Council Member for District 30.

3                   It's a bitter sweet kind of crossroads for me, but I

4                   would like to thank the Sergeant at Arms staff, the

5                   wonderful staff, and it's been said-- and Chief Carl

6                   D'Alba and I also-- Chief Rafi-- I call him Rafi

7                   Perez, but great, great people and great staff, and

8                   they did keep us safe. So, it was very difficult

9                   sometimes getting through the picket lines outside,

10                  but they always had somebody there, and I want to

11                  thank them. And also Bill Alatriste [sp?] also for

12                  photography. I got to talk photography with him

13                  many, many hours, and I appreciate that. He did make

14                  us look good, even made me look good at my age, but

15                  it was great. But I just want to talk about the

16                  experience in the last four years, and especially

17                  yesterday, an important package of veteran

18                  legislation cleared our committee, and today, the

19                  Speaker and the Council leadership killed it using a

20                  procedural trick to avoid a vote before the full

21                  body. That's disgraceful. These bills dealt with

22                  veteran housing, homelessness, mental health, and

23                  support for veteran organizations, but instead of

24                  letting veterans finally get some relief from this

25                  city, leadership chose politics and personal payback,

2 and that's what this was. I've never-- that's not  
3 called leadership, folks. This had nothing to do  
4 with the cost or policy or-- and everything to do  
5 with vendetta against me. I had over 100 bills that  
6 I introduced over the years, and nothing got through,  
7 and the veterans were caught in the crossfire. It's  
8 vindictive and petty. The message from this City  
9 Council to veterans today is simple, drop dead.  
10 That's to veterans. And that-- they served our  
11 country and this is how they get back. They got back  
12 at the whole committee too, because there's people--  
13 Council Member Ariola and Paladino and Vernikov that  
14 had bills that were sacrificed also only because it  
15 came from the committee chaired by Bob Holden. And  
16 this is something-- this is not demonstrating  
17 leadership. This is nowhere near leadership.  
18 Leadership is doing the right thing for constituents.  
19 so, instead, I got my-- for speaking up against bills  
20 or speaking up against leadership, my constituents  
21 were hurt. My parks weren't funded. My schools  
22 weren't funded. This is not leadership, folks. This  
23 is a lack of leadership. So, I just want to say it's  
24 been a great honor, especially the first four years  
25 in the Council serving this body. These last four

2 years, again, when your bills are boycotted, you're  
3 boycotted, it's not a great feeling, folks, but I  
4 stay true to my principles. I spoke up how I felt,  
5 and they didn't like it. They didn't like that I went  
6 to the press. They didn't like that I exercised my  
7 First Amendment rights. They didn't like it, and  
8 that's chilling. So, going forward, I hope the next  
9 Speaker will be fair, that we'll have an even hand,  
10 and we'll do the right things by 51 districts, not  
11 just a few of their favorite. So, this is not the  
12 finest hour of this council. I'll never believe that.  
13 I came in. I attended all hearings, meetings, never  
14 missed a day, stayed until the end of the hearings  
15 most of the time, and I wasn't rewarded at all. Most  
16 jobs when you work hard, you show up, you do the  
17 right thing, chaired a committee, you get rewarded  
18 somehow. I didn't. And that's the bittersweet, you  
19 know-- it's sweet that I represented my district. I  
20 loved being in my district, but I didn't like what  
21 was happening here, and it was very, very unfair.  
22 Thank you, everyone. Thanks.

23                   [applause]

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing

25 Council Member Powers.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, and  
3                   thank you, everyone, for your remarks today. When I  
4                   came into office in 2018 I had the same hopeful  
5                   vision for our city that I still hold today, that New  
6                   York City can be a place where everyday people like  
7                   my family, a small business owner, a nurse, could  
8                   make it here because the city made it possible to  
9                   access good affordable housing, good schools, and a  
10                  way to make a living, and I've taken that vision with  
11                  me every single day to the City Council on a number  
12                  of issues I've championed over the last eight years.  
13                  Our victories including reducing rents at places like  
14                  Waterside Plaza and fighting for tenants in  
15                  Stuyvesant Town, to creating a new Life Sciences  
16                  Center and a new high school in Kipps Bay, to  
17                  rezoning Midtown South to create 10,000 new homes  
18                  through new conversions, to reducing barriers to  
19                  housing for tenants including the source of income  
20                  discrimination, the Fair Chance for Housing Act,  
21                  tackling quality of life issues like noise, cameras,  
22                  and tackling scaffolding, expanding arts education  
23                  through New York City, our fight in 2018 to provide  
24                  fair fares for transit riders, and investing millions  
25                  of dollars to our schools, our parks, our libraries,

2 and our culture institutions. I am honored every  
3 single day to walk into this place and work alongside  
4 so many people who I think have sometimes different  
5 visions for this city, but a shared hope-- hopefully  
6 a shared collaborative spirit to get things done for  
7 their constituents. I want to congratulate all of my  
8 colleagues who are leaving here today on a tremendous  
9 eight years in City Council. There's so much to be  
10 proud of, not only today, but over the last eight  
11 years of the work that you have done to make it a  
12 better place, and for all of you who are leaving, I  
13 just say thank you for great partners and friends  
14 throughout your eight years and lifetime friends, I  
15 know that. of course, none of us can do any of this  
16 without great partners in the room, and I have  
17 incredible staff who have been with me throughout  
18 these eight years that have helped make this work  
19 easier and more rewarding. To my Chief of Staff, Ben  
20 Jacobs, who's been with me for eight years. Thank  
21 you for holding it down every single day, and to the  
22 rest of my staff, to Hailey, to Pat, to Franklin, to  
23 Walker, Aton [sic], Eric, and all the others  
24 throughout the years, thank you for giving your best  
25 every single day. This is a hard job and a hard

2 business, but thank you for being great role models  
3 for everyone here. I want to thank all the staff of  
4 the City Council who do the work here to make this a  
5 better place. There's so many behind the scenes who  
6 actually make this place work. Sometimes we fight.  
7 Sometimes we disagree, but what matters is we get  
8 things done and we do it on behalf of New Yorkers.  
9 So thank you to the entire staff here who have really  
10 led with your hearts every single day. I want to  
11 thank my colleagues in this last term and all of  
12 those here. You've become-- all of you have become  
13 true friends over the course of our time in our  
14 office, and I know that will last far in the years  
15 ahead. I do want to join the echo of people who give  
16 a shout out to our amazing Sergeant of Arms and to  
17 Carl. I will miss hearing that stated call and  
18 sometimes trying to do it back, but I don't have the  
19 voice you have. But you guys are the first faces we  
20 often see when we walk in this building, and you are  
21 the last ones when we walk out of here and the  
22 friendly nature and the way you guys work for us  
23 every day, your friendship just means the world to  
24 all of us, and I'm glad we're all recognizing that  
25 here today. And just so many people to name, and I

2                   think most of my colleagues have gone through most of  
3                   them, but just thank you to everyone in this  
4                   building. Thank you to everyone across the street.  
5                   Thank you to all the staff of all the Council  
6                   Members, but most of all, thank you to the people of  
7                   Fourth Council District, a district where I grew up  
8                   and I spent my life. It has been an honor serving  
9                   you, and I look forward to doing this work together.

10                  Thank you.

11                  [applause]

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
13                  Council Member Brannan.

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. I  
15                  obviously want to thank the voters for sending me  
16                  here a couple of times and taking a chance on a punk  
17                  rock kid from southern Brooklyn who never dreamt of  
18                  being a politician. Over the last eight years I've  
19                  been able to build seven new public schools in my  
20                  district, renovated 17 parks and playgrounds, and  
21                  brought back over \$350 million in investments,  
22                  improving the district where I grew up. Serving as  
23                  Chair of the Finance Committee for the past four  
24                  years has been an incredibly rewarding experience,  
25                  something that I'm so lucky that the Speaker put her

2 trust in me in appointing me to that role, and what I  
3 learned over the past four years doing battle with  
4 City Hall on a daily basis, and the fights that we  
5 won together as a council, and the millions and  
6 millions of dollars in cuts that we restored. Had we  
7 not fought back, those cuts would have gone through.  
8 The mighty Council Finance Division, there are so  
9 many smart, dedicated people. As someone who got his  
10 start in the Council 15-16 years ago as a staffer, I  
11 know hard the staff works and how much of the glory  
12 that we get as elected officials, so much of that  
13 hard work is actually done by the staff behind the  
14 scenes, especially during budget season and very,  
15 very long hours, and the sacrifice that we all make  
16 and our families make to support us in public  
17 service. So, it has been an amazing run. This is  
18 the best job in the world. Getting paid to worry  
19 about the neighborhood where you grew up is just  
20 about as good as it gets. But it is time to shuffle  
21 on, and I look forward to seeing and supporting the  
22 Council in the years to come, and this has been a  
23 great time. Thank you, everybody.

24                    [applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing

Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala.

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I just want to

start off by saying that I'm shocked that he didn't

mention me at all, because you know, I thought that

we were Ma and Pa Council and I'm shocked. I'm just

shocked. But no, I didn't want to make this a long

speech. You know, I think when I came into the

Council I was very-- I was a lot younger and also

very naive. I had no political ambition whatsoever

and ran solely for the purpose of being able to lend

continuity to the good work of my predecessor and

because of my love for my community and that

district. I am so excited and happy that I did take

that chance, even when I was throwing up most days

because I was scared out of my mind, because I think

that I have served my community well. I came here

with a goal of improving conditions that impact New

Yorkers every single day, and I think I've done that

on multiple fronts. Obviously, you know, time is a

thief, and it went by really quickly. We faced very

challenging times because we were in two years when

the pandemic hit, and it robbed us of the ability to

really focus on projects in the district because we

2 were always kind of on high alert. There were so  
3 many things that were happening back then. Gun  
4 violence was rising. People were starving, and we  
5 were all out there. And I want to thank, you know,  
6 many of my colleagues here. Ralph and I did a lot  
7 food distribution. Ralph is the food master, but  
8 he's also been very generous with his resources and  
9 has made sure that the rest of us also benefit from  
10 it. So, I want to thank him for that. I want to  
11 thank the Bronx delegation for accepting me. I  
12 represent two districts, practically two boroughs,  
13 one district, and when I got to the Bronx, you know,  
14 most people were like well, does she really belong  
15 here. Is she like from Manhattan? And I'm like now,  
16 I actually was-- you know, I lived most of my adult  
17 life in the Bronx, and I love the borough. I love the  
18 people, and I was really excited to be there, but  
19 they really embraced me like family and I will, you  
20 know, forever take that, you know, take that with me  
21 for present and former members that were here, the  
22 good, the bad, and the ugly. And you know, the  
23 staff, the staff has been, you know, amazing. We  
24 have an amazing leadership team. We have an amazing  
25 budget negotiating team, but we would not be able to

2 do that without the help and the support of all of  
3 you and your different legislative and fiscal  
4 divisions and comms division. Faisa and Jeremy, you  
5 know, I love you guys so much. You know, I don't  
6 even want to look over there [inaudible] and my  
7 little A.J. Ms. Phyllis [sp?] who's no longer here.  
8 I hope she's enjoying her retirement. And you know,  
9 Madam Speaker, thank you for believing in me when we  
10 met, and you know, I-- when she called me she said,  
11 "Diana, I want to tell you that I want to-- I want to  
12 appoint you Deputy Speaker." And I was so excited,  
13 and I'm like, [inaudible] "I'm not finished. I also  
14 want you to Chair the General Welfare Committee."  
15 And if you know me, if you heard my story, you know  
16 that it's one of those committees that really speaks  
17 to my heart because I lived all of those experiences.  
18 And I was like, wait, you're giving me both? She was  
19 like, "Yes, I'm giving you both." And I was just so  
20 excited, but I know that-- you know, and I think--  
21 you know, you've been a great partner and I hope that  
22 I have, you know, been that support to you as well.  
23 It's been, you know, a huge pleasure to work  
24 alongside you, Amanda. Nobody looks prettier up  
25 there, Amanda. Selvena, you know, Justin, Ralph, all

2 of you, all of you that have served, you know, with  
3 me in some capacity. You're welcome for the  
4 [inaudible] today. You know, I will try to bring  
5 food every now and then for those starving members  
6 that don't have time to go out and eat, and you know,  
7 I hope that you remember me as well and that, you  
8 know, you-- we can continue to have a relationship  
9 outside of this. You haven't seen the last of me,  
10 but I would be remiss if I also did not thank the  
11 Sergeant at Arms team. Those are my die, you know,  
12 hard champions in this space, and I've loved spending  
13 so much time with them. So, I wanted to call out,  
14 you know, Carl D'Dalba, Rafael Perez, John Biondo,  
15 Dain Hope, Michael Leonardo [sp?], Keith Polite,  
16 Pedro Lugo, Danny Wong, Nazly Paytuvi [sp?], Walter  
17 Louis, Rocco Masiti [sp?], Patrick Kurzyna [sp?],  
18 James Marino [sp?], Ben Levy [sp?], Ginelle Yearwood  
19 Fynn [sp?], Tavell King [sp?], Taisha Sherman [sp?],  
20 Annie Lin [sp?], Preston Cameron [sp?], Michael Kane  
21 [sp?], Kimberley Smith-Thomas. My staff who have  
22 been, you know, fantastic keeping things up to date  
23 and under control in the district, but also my  
24 committee staff here, you know, when I was Chair of  
25 the Mental Health Committee,

2                    Consumer and Worker Protection, and now in the  
3                    General Welfare, I've had the best team that anyone  
4                    can have, and I am so grateful for them, and I wish  
5                    them so much success. So, whoever gets those  
6                    committees, make sure that you treat them well,  
7                    because these are good, smart, talented young people  
8                    that deserve to be treated like the smart, dedicated,  
9                    hard-working people that they are. And with that,  
10                    goodbye.

11                    [applause]

12                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
13                    Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

14                    COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.  
15                    So, I wanted to take a moment to recognizes you,  
16                    Speaker Adams, for your extraordinary leadership and  
17                    service to this body and to the people of New York  
18                    City. It has been a true honor to serve alongside  
19                    you, not just as colleagues in this chamber, but as  
20                    representatives of southeast Queens, a part of this  
21                    city that has too often been overlooked, yet  
22                    consistently produces leaders who govern with  
23                    integrity, balance and deep respect for the lived  
24                    experience of everyday New Yorkers. As the first  
25                    Black Speaker of the New York City Council, you led

2 during one of the most consequential periods in our  
3 city's history. Under your leadership, this Council  
4 centered affordability, equity, and dignity,  
5 particularly for the outer borough communities that  
6 know firsthand what it means to live in transit  
7 deserts, to fight for housing stability and to  
8 stretch every dollar just to stay in the city we  
9 love. Together, we worked through some of the most  
10 complex policy debates facing New York from housing  
11 and public safety to mental health, education, and  
12 economic recovery. You created space for diverse view  
13 points, respected the legislative process, and never  
14 lost sight of the fact that this body exists to serve  
15 hardworking New Yorkers. And you reminded us that  
16 leadership is about steadiness, principle, and  
17 showing up for New Yorkers even when it's hard. I  
18 would also like to recognize Deputy Speaker Ayala and  
19 Council Members Powers, Brannan, and Salamanca, and  
20 all of the outgoing members for their hard work and  
21 service to our city. I look forward to seeing all the  
22 incredible work you will continue to accomplish for  
23 New York and beyond. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
25 Council Member Hanif followed by Hudson, then Brewer.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Today I speak as a  
3 Muslim leader on this body and as your colleague for  
4 four years. A member of this body continues to  
5 dehumanize people. This week she called for the  
6 expulsion of Muslims from our country. This is not  
7 the first time she has said something this racist and  
8 abhorrent, but the leniency of this body emboldens  
9 her hateful rhetoric that puts New Yorkers in danger.  
10 And she's proud of it, too. She won't apologize just  
11 like every other time. So, I ask you, where do we  
12 draw the line? Where do want to draw the line? Is  
13 it if she says queer people are groomers, or that  
14 immigrants should be deported, or if she trivializes  
15 the Holocaust? No, it couldn't be. She already did  
16 all that. I am a Muslim in this body which  
17 represents almost a million Muslim New Yorkers. I  
18 stand before you a testament to the resilience of my  
19 people. I'm a walking, breathing reminder to people  
20 like her that they are losing. As a City Council, we  
21 must send a clear message to the New Yorkers that we  
22 represent, that racism is unacceptable. This  
23 colleague must be expelled or at the very, very least  
24 censured. We all know this. We must act. And  
25 colleagues, this hateful incident has happened on our

2   watch. I look to my colleagues to step up now. New  
3   Yorkers expect us to do better. We must do better.

4   Now, I speak to the young Muslima [sic] at home. You  
5   are strong. I'm with you. Together, we are even  
6   stronger. And as you walk through life hearing hate  
7   be normalized and made to feel scared, don't be. As  
8   long as I breathe, there will be at least one member  
9   of this Council fighting for you, even if injustice  
10   is coming from inside the house. Thank you.

11                    [applause]

12                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
13   Council Member Hudson.

14                    COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, and I  
15   had written here good afternoon, but I'll say good  
16   evening. I'd like to a moment today to recognize our  
17   outgoing colleagues, all of whom will be missed, and  
18   also to address the leadership of Speaker Adrienne  
19   Adams and the legacy she leaves behind in this  
20   chamber and across our city as the first Black  
21   Speaker of the New York City Council who also led the  
22   first majority women council in our city's history.  
23   From day one there was pressure for her not to push  
24   back, to fall in line and fold to avoid conflict with  
25   the mayor, but Speaker Adams understood her

2 responsibility to protect the independence and  
3 integrity of this council and to stand up for New  
4 Yorkers. Many people undeservedly claim the legacy  
5 of Shirley Chisolm, unbought and unbossed, but  
6 Speaker Adams lives it. She listened to her members,  
7 trusted a diverse majority women body, and allowed  
8 this council to legislate boldly, even when it was  
9 difficult. Under her leadership we approved more  
10 than 157,000 new homes, expanded housing vouchers,  
11 childcare, and mental health supports, confronted the  
12 Black maternal mortality crisis, and protected  
13 LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers' access to care. Through  
14 innovative programs she championed like CUNY  
15 Reconnect and direct cash assistance for new mothers.  
16 She has changed lives beyond the headlines. Speaker  
17 Adams has led with steadiness and seriousness through  
18 moments of tension, disagreement, and challenge  
19 without ever losing sight of this body's dignity, and  
20 she's done this with the help of her incredible  
21 staff led by Jeremy, John, and Faiza Ali to whom I  
22 say thank you. We never know how good something is  
23 until it's gone. So often, institutions resist Black  
24 women's leadership, questioning our authority,  
25 challenging our presence, even treating us as

2 something to tolerate rather than embrace. Speaker  
3 Adams shows us that when Black women lead, we  
4 transform the institutions that were never designed  
5 for us to begin with. I'm proud to have served under  
6 her leadership, and I'm honored to forever call her  
7 my colleague and, of course, my Spellman sister.  
8 Madam Speaker, thank you for your courage, your  
9 integrity and your historic service to the City of  
10 New York. And on behalf of the Black, Latino and  
11 Asian Caucus Executive Committee, we'd like to  
12 present you with a lovely bouquet of flowers wrapped  
13 in pink and green. Thank you, Majority Leader.

14                    [applause]

15                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
16 Council Member Brewer.

17                    COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
18 much. On a very mundane level, I'm talking about  
19 Intro 1505 which would combine at the Department of  
20 Records the Archival Review Board, and the Board of  
21 Archives Reference and Research Advisory Board into  
22 one Archival Review Advisory Board. I say this  
23 because I've spent many years working on archives and  
24 is why I have such an interest. And number two, term  
25 limits suck. Thank you very much.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
3                   Minority Leader Ariola.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you so  
5                   much. I was originally standing to again echo the  
6                   thank you to our Sergeants at Arms. Carl, no one can  
7                   quiet a room like you by just saying "All rise." And  
8                   Rafi, John, thank you for protecting us. Rafi, I met  
9                   you, I was only 32. How is that I aged and you  
10                   didn't? All our clerks, our New York City Clerk, our  
11                   facilities, our photographers, our Parliamentarian  
12                   Jeff Campagna, an unsung hero who sits there and  
13                   keeps us all honest. Johanna Castro [sp?] who I have  
14                   one thousand ETA? texts from. Thank you so very  
15                   much. And of course, the Committee Counsels from all  
16                   our committees that we chair and that I was blessed  
17                   to chair. But on the heels on what Council Member  
18                   Shahana Hanif just said, there is a reason that we  
19                   have free speech enshrined in our Constitution, and  
20                   that's to protect us from government retaliation,  
21                   punishment and censorship. It would be the height of  
22                   hypocrisy for members of this council who swore to  
23                   uphold that constitution to call out a Council Member  
24                   even if it isn't by name, but by inuendo, for  
25                   punishment for exercising their right to free speech.

2     My colleagues often say things I disagree with and I  
3     often find abhorrent, but like every American, I can  
4     choose to respond to their speech with my own speech.  
5     I suggest our colleagues stop acting like what they  
6     say they detest, and we will all do the same. On  
7     that note, I don't want to let this day go by without  
8     saying to my colleague Kristy Marmorato, you are  
9     class act, lady. You walked into this chamber and-- a  
10    few more moments? You walked into this chamber to  
11    represent the District 13 and represent it you did.  
12    And some days, most days, you didn't get a fair  
13    shake, even from your own colleagues, and yet you  
14    still stood with your head high and you acted with  
15    grace, and that's why we call you our lioness. You  
16    will be greatly missed. Our Minority Whip and  
17    myself, it was an honor to work with you. It was an  
18    honor to partner with you. It was an honor to become  
19    your friend, a member of your extended family. Gino  
20    and Renada [sp?] are lucky to have you, and we are at  
21    a disadvantage to lose you. But understand  
22    something, you made your mark here, and you fought  
23    hard, harder than anyone that I've ever seen. You  
24    faced such adversity from the moment you walked  
25    through those doors, and yet, you never lost your

2                   integrity, your temper. You gave your word and you  
3                   kept it, and you never lost your honor. You are an  
4                   honorable woman, and I applaud you. Thank you.

5                   [applause]

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
7                   Council Member Morano.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you.  
9                   First, I want to thank my family who stuck around,  
10                   especially my four-year-old son Carmine [sp?] to see  
11                   me sworn in after the Stated Meeting today. It's  
12                   been a marathon day, and my staff who did the same,  
13                   and my friends, especially the indefatigable Curtis  
14                   Sliwa, although I guess he's got nowhere to be these  
15                   days, but it's nice for him to come as well. But I  
16                   speak to you today with a lump in my throat, because  
17                   I'm going to miss a lot of my colleagues that are  
18                   leaving, but especially because this is Council  
19                   Member Bob Holden's last day. Now, I know the room is  
20                   divided. Some of you won't miss him because he's the  
21                   Democrat that Progressives love to hate. Others  
22                   won't miss him because he's the conservative that  
23                   drives Republicans crazy, but I'm here to say  
24                   without any hedging, I'm going to miss Bob Holden a  
25                   lot. Because beneath all the controversy, beneath  
                         the

2 bluntness, beneath the refusal to go along just to  
3 get along, Bob has been something that is far too  
4 rare in this body, authentic. He's been stubborn in  
5 the best way, stubborn for taxpayers, stubborn for  
6 seniors, stubborn for public safety, and stubborn for  
7 the people who don't have a lobbyist or a public  
8 relations team whispering in our ear. And if you  
9 want to talk about legacy, the landmark veterans  
10 legislation that were supposed to pass today would  
11 have been the perfect coda for Bob's legacy in the  
12 City Council. Bob has been the best advocate in this  
13 council for veterans, not in words, not in photo ops,  
14 in work, real work. He's also been the best advocate  
15 in this body for animal rights. He's been steadfast  
16 for law enforcement whether you agree with him or  
17 not. You never had to wonder where he stood, and you  
18 never had to wonder who he was standing up for. I  
19 also have to say this, Bob Holden got elected eight  
20 years ago because of the votes he received on the  
21 Reform Party line, and at the time I was proud, along  
22 with Curtis Sliwa, to be a leader of the Reform  
23 Party, and if neither Curtis nor I do anything else  
24 worthwhile in public life, we're both pretty proud of  
25 that, because Bob Holden's election was a reminder

2                    that voters still have a way of rewarding  
3                    independence. And I'll close with a line from Dead  
4                    Poet's Society, another Staten Island Councilman  
5                    Jimmy Oddo said when another Queens Councilman Tom  
6                    Ognibene he left this body, "Oh Captain, my  
7                    Captain." Bob Holden, Captain, you drove a lot of  
8                    people here crazy, but you make this council better,  
9                    and in my opinion, this body is worse off without  
10                    you. God bless you and thank you for your service  
11                    to New York City. We're really going to miss you.

12                    [applause]

13                    COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
14                    Council Member Joseph.

15                    COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: It's my turn.  
16                    Madam Speaker, I've had many bittersweet days in this  
17                    lifetime and today's one of them. As you close this  
18                    historic chapter, I want to begin by publicly saying  
19                    thank you from my heard and on behalf of District 40  
20                    whose lives are better because you chose to lead.  
21                    Adrienne, you have never waivered your values. In  
22                    moment of uncertainty, you walk firmly in your  
23                    purpose, guided by integrity, courage and an  
24                    unwavering commitment to the people of this city.  
25                    You showed us what principled leadership looks like,

2 especially when the path was not easy. During the  
3 most challenging times our city has faced, you led  
4 with clarity, compassion and strength. You reminded  
5 us that leadership is not about title, but about  
6 service, integrity and courage, and you served with  
7 excellence. I am deeply grateful for your leadership,  
8 your support, your mentorship. You made space for  
9 voices to be heard for collaborations to thrive, and  
10 for us to lead boldly and authentically. I am better  
11 because I had the opportunity to serve alongside you.  
12 It is important for me to note that your incredible  
13 leadership was fueled by an extraordinary team. I  
14 want to personally extend my deepest thanks to your  
15 incredible staff, communications team. Your  
16 partnership, professionalism and dedication over the  
17 years made the work stronger and the mission clearer.  
18 The body benefitted greatly from your commitment and  
19 care. Adrienne, you will not be forgotten. Your  
20 impact is etched into the institution and into future  
21 leaders who will follow. We will ensure that your  
22 legacy lives through the values that you've upheld,  
23 the doors you've opened and the standards you set.  
24 Let this be a reminder that as the first Black woman  
25 in our city's history to lead the New York City

2 Council, you did not just make history, you are  
3 unapologetic. You honored it. May your next chapter  
4 be as powerful, purposeful as the legacy you leave  
5 behind. To my sister Speaker, thank you for  
6 everything. This is a goodbye for now and not  
7 forever. I love you.

8 || [applause]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
10 Council Member Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I don't want to  
12 go back, but I just want to ask one question. Who's  
13 going to care-- who care about the homeowner, the  
14 small property owner, the Black and Brown communities  
15 that's losing their home? So, having said that, I'm  
16 not going to call all the names. I'm going to say  
17 there, and I'm going to say for those fake, flaky and  
18 external forces got to stop. This is the  
19 legislator's year. We have to make tough decision,  
20 and I want to know that next time when we bring any  
21 bill up that has to do with small property owners, I  
22 want my sisters, my colleagues, my friends to stand  
23 with us-- I mean with me, because there is no way we  
24 can leave this happening in the City Council.  
25 Majority Black folks are in here working for the

2       people. We need to take on the small property owner.  
3       It was shaped-- that bill was shaped by homeowners,  
4       advocates, civil rights leaders, religious leaders,  
5       community leaders, providers, everyone came together  
6       to say we need a lifeline for the small property  
7       owner. I don't care much about the Airbnb, but  
8       that's the-- that's where the platform that can give  
9       those folks an opportunity to hold their home. They  
10      are struggling out there. But having said that, I  
11      want to say thank you to every-- all my colleagues  
12      that stayed on and that tried to fight with me. I  
13      will never forget that. For Austin, Baker, I want to  
14      say 10:30 p.m., we were on the phone trying to make  
15      the best out of it. I want to say thank you from the  
16      bottom of my heart. And I have to say enough on all  
17      this. but just for this evening, I'm not going to  
18      let go. And for that, I'm going to finish to say the  
19      best Speaker ever for me, because here Madam Speaker  
20      Adrienne Adams, you stood strong. You did not waive.  
21      You did not shake. You are Black woman and you have  
22      learned how to stand up, stand on, keep on going no  
23      matter what's going on. So, for that my sister, I  
24      want to say I'm so happy to get to know you. I can  
25      tell you the best Speaker, because that's the Speaker

2       I have in this City Council, and I love you,  
3       appreciate you. And your leadership, really I admire  
4       that and everyday, whatever I can do to support. I  
5       love women leadership.

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Council Member--

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: So, I want to  
8       say thank you.

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: your time has  
10       expired.

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: And for that, I  
12       want to say all the staff here, if I stop calling  
13       Joanna or Carl-- I call all the folks, all the staff  
14       here, I admire you, appreciate you. I know every day  
15       you sacrifice your family to be here to help us out.  
16       I love you all. Thank you. The photographers, the  
17       Sergeants, I love you all. But Madam Speaker--

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [interposing]  
19       Thank you so much, Council Member.

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSÉ: this is for  
21       you.

22                  [applause]

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Okay, while the  
24       hug is happening, recognizing Council Member  
25       Gutiérrez.

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you. I  
3                   know folks have already left, but I just want to make  
4                   sure that I emphasize that the only hypocrisy in  
5                   these chambers are coming from colleagues of mine who  
6                   are here representing a party that quite literally  
7                   stifled and censor and make excuses for hate. So,  
8                   forgetting that they're words, whether they're tweets  
9                   or IG posts or hashtags, that they have weight, and  
10                  there are on-the-ground impacts when someone reads  
11                  your tweets. Council Member Hanif has moved with  
12                  integrity and love always. I hate that you  
13                  experience hate at your place of work, and I hope  
14                  that we can be better, and I'm proud to call her a  
15                  friend and a colleague and a friend. I also want to  
16                  take a moment to thank our hardworking Speaker  
17                  Adrienne Adams. This job is impossible. I don't know  
18                  why people want it, I want to be honest. But you  
19                  have been tremendous. You have been absolutely  
20                  tremendous in this role. You have been kind. You  
21                  have been thoughtful. You have been fair. You let me  
22                  chair a committee in an industry that I don't come  
23                  from. You took a chance, and I've learned so much,  
24                  and I owe that to you. You have done so much for my  
25                  community. Bushwick, Williamsburg, and Ridgewood is

2 better because of you, because you were the Speaker,  
3 because we were proud to vote you the Speaker. I love  
4 saying that we were born at the same hospital. Shout  
5 out to Elmhurst Hospital. And what you have done for  
6 maternal mortality, Speaker-- a lot of people here  
7 before you I think talked the talk, but you showed  
8 up. Every single year you brought in the midwives.  
9 You brought in the doulas. You stepped foot into  
10 every single hospital that we were hoping to impact,  
11 and it was so genuine and I thank you. I truly thank  
12 you, because it's easy to just say you care about it.  
13 The hard this is putting the money behind that,  
14 prioritizing that, pushing the policies to do that,  
15 and I think you hold the record for that. and with  
16 my last six seconds, I want to say thank you and  
17 until-- hasta luego to my wonderful Chief of Staff  
18 Anya Lehyr [sp?]. She has been incredible, loyal,  
19 hardworking, and I will miss her greatly, and if  
20 you've worked with Anya, you know that girl knows her  
21 stuff. So do not cross her, please. I wish her the  
22 best. Thank you so much. Merry Christmas everybody.

23                   [applause]

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: And with that  
25 wonderful message, seeing no one else signed out to

2 speak, and I do not expect any raised hands, I'll now  
3 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's  
4 Stated Meeting.

5                   [applause]

6                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Alright, everybody have a  
7 seat. This is not going to take long. I'm about to  
8 adjourn the final Stated Meeting of the year.  
9 Colleagues, this has been the honor of a lifetime  
10 leading this body for the last four years. So many  
11 of you came in and hadn't governed before, hadn't  
12 managed offices before. Your work over the last four  
13 years has transformed the lives of millions of New  
14 Yorkers for the betterment of them, of their  
15 families. You have put forth life-changing  
16 legislation that will last a lifetime. My work with  
17 you all has been unprecedented, and I thank you for  
18 your leadership-- your leadership. My leadership  
19 team--

20                   [applause]

21                   SPEAKER ADAMS: You all have seen some  
22 unbelievable things, and we'll put the budget right  
23 in the center of unbelievable, because we had some  
24 things to deal with. BNT members, we have endured  
25 some hours and some pain and some resistance, and

2       yes, even some contempt at some point in time, but  
3       through it all we stood up, we stood our ground, and  
4       we stood for over eight million people of the City of  
5       New York that needed us to stand up for them and our  
6       budget, and we won. We won and we won and we won,  
7       and we beat budget cuts back. We restored and got  
8       even more. I'll layer that finance team, the best in  
9       the world. Richard Lee--

10                   [applause]

11                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Shout out to Tanisha  
12       Edwards as well for a job well done, \$115 billion.  
13       And you all did that for this council and for our  
14       constituents. Legislative team, the most legislation  
15       that we've ever seen in four years.

16                   [applause]

17                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Led by Jeff Baker.

18                   [applause]

19                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Jeff, you can get some  
20       sleep now. Tell your wife we're real sorry, but you  
21       can get some sleep now. We thank you, Johanna [sp?].

22                   [applause]

23                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. Comms team,  
24       Mandela [sp?] and team, some of the best writers.

2       Some of the best coaches. Got to shout out Ben,  
3       because Ben was with me from my district office days.

4                   [applause]

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: [inaudible] Estrada  
6       [sic]. My senior staff, I can't say enough. To my  
7       super Chief Jeremy John [sp?]--

8                   [applause]

9                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Jeremy, you have led this  
10      body in ways that many of them don't even know.  
11      Jeremy has really, really been that guy behind the  
12      scenes. Jeremy brings decades of expertise to this  
13      council and he never waivered and never been shy  
14      about sharing all of his brilliance with this body.  
15      He's given that freely and has given it up for you,  
16      for our constituents and for the betterment of all  
17      New York. Tell Betty you're coming home. Thank  
18      you, Jer [sic]. Faiza Ali, I have always considered  
19      you in my heart to be the infrastructure of the  
20      New York City Council. Faiza has been a leader for  
21      years and years and years, dedicating herself to  
22      community engagement, and over these four years, she  
23      has dedicated herself to you colleagues, to you.  
24      Thank you, Faiza.

25                   [applause]

2                   SPEAKER ADAMS: I could just go on and on  
3 and on and on just looking at everybody's faces. You  
4 all-- my Sergeants led by the amazing "All rise."  
5 Carl D'Alba, colleague Carl. Carl, you've kept  
6 us safe with your amazing security team. They have  
7 always been here. John [sic] has always-- I get a  
8 John-- [inaudible] "Yo Adrienne," every time. How  
9 we thank you for your service, for keeping all of us  
10 safe, for your love, for this institution, for  
11 continuing to hold it up year after year after year.  
12 Ralphie [sic], the best fish tank I've every seen in  
13 my life.

14                   [applause]

15                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. Thank you,  
16 Jason Otano [sp?], leader of the best OGC that we've  
17 ever seen. I see Pasak Cocina [sp?] sitting back  
18 there. Pasak, I got to shout you out.

19                   [applause]

20                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Pasak, you have been an  
21 amazing, amazing person that has been with me for--  
22 gosh, even before I was elected. We've known each  
23 other that long. Thank you for your leadership and  
24 your support, not just for this body, but for Queens,

2                    your beloved Queens, our beloved Queens. Thank you,  
3                    Pasak.

4                    [applause]

5                    SPEAKER ADAMS: And colleagues as we  
6                    move on, our clerk staff, Mike McSweeney [sp?].

7                    [applause]

8                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Oh, my gosh, thank you,  
9                    Mike for all of your hard work. Jonathan, for keeping  
10                   me in line because you just say those words, "coupled  
11                   on general orders, coupled on general orders,  
12                   coupled--" My constituent, Jonathan, "Ladies and  
13                   gentlemen."

14                   [applause]

15                   SPEAKER ADAMS: I thank the entire staff,  
16                   all of you that take the time to count these votes,  
17                   make sure that it's right, make sure that we get it  
18                   right in this council. Jeff Campagna [sp?], you were  
19                   my compagna [sic] for quite a while when we worked  
20                   together on the Landmarks Committee. Thank you so  
21                   much for all of your dedication to this body. This  
22                   has been an amazing ride for me, colleagues. Hi,  
23                   Frank. Frank, just let everybody know you're here  
24                   again. Just do that roll call thing that you do.  
25                   Welcome addition to this body. You all have given me

2                   growth. You all have given me guidance. You all have  
3                   given me confidence to go on to whatever the next  
4                   great thing is in store for me. I know that I can do  
5                   that, because you all are the wind beneath my wings.  
6                   And I'll say something else. You know, my love for  
7                   veterans has been questioned today, and I take person  
8                   offense to that. This veteran walks with me on a  
9                   daily basis, even though he no longer walks with me  
10                  on this earth. This veteran, my dad, veteran of the  
11                  United States Airforce, I lost him to COVID in May  
12                  2020. My allegiance to my father as a veteran will  
13                  never be questioned. I do this work for this veteran,  
14                  this veteran, this veteran who was so proud of his  
15                  child, for my husband who is a veteran that had to  
16                  leave to make sure that our puppy didn't tear up our  
17                  house. For that veteran also, United States  
18                  Airforce. This work I do is for our veterans. Let it  
19                  never be said that Adrienne Adams does not stand up  
20                  for veterans. Veterans stood up for us. A veteran  
21                  birthed this first Black Speaker of the New York City  
22                  Council.

23                  [applause]

24                  SPEAKER ADAMS: And so colleagues, I love  
25                  you all more than you will ever know, and I thank you

2 for growing me into the person that I am today. Our  
3 work will never be forgotten. Go forth and do the  
4 work that your constituents voted you to do.

5 Remember them. Most importantly, colleagues, never  
6 forget the least of these. This is the work for  
7 those that need us so badly. Remember the least of  
8 these. The Stated Meeting of December 18, 2025 is  
9 hereby adjourned.

10                   [gavel]

11                   [applause]

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13                   TRANSCRIPTION NOTE: Vote Revision:  
14                   Proposed Introduction 1229-A 48 affirmative, 0  
15                   negative, 0 abstentions; Proposed Introduction 1433-A  
16                   45 affirmative, 1 negative, 2 abstentions; Proposed  
17                   Introduction 1443-A 38 affirmative, 8 negative, 2  
18                   abstentions; Proposed Introduction 1460-A  
19                   41 affirmative, 7 negative, 0 abstentions.

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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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