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B E F O R E:
CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

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Council Member Ruben Wills

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Christine C. Quinn
Introducing Ceremonials
Speaker
New York City Council

James G. Van Bramer
Introducing ceremonial for:
P.S. 152 Dancing Classroom Rainbow Team
New York City Council Member

Bill
Photographer
New York City Council

Mike McSweeney
Reading Proclamation for P.S. 152
Clerk
New York City Council

Vincent Vitolo
Principal
P.S. 152
Woodside, Queens

Joel Rivera
Introducing ceremonial for:
Sister Mary Alice Hannan
Part of the Solution

Clerk (Lady)
Reading Proclamation for Sister Mary Alice Hannan
New York City Council

Sister Mary Alice Hannan
Former Executive Director
Part of the Solution

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Robert Jackson
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Paula Da Silva-Michelin
Robin Winters

Paula Da Silva-Michelin
2011 *New York Times* ESOL Teacher of the Year

Robin Winters
Nominated for 2011 *New York Times* ESOL Teacher of the
Year

Christine C. Quinn
Introducing ceremonial for:
Chuck Meara
Surprise Birthday ceremonial

Chuck Meara
Speaker Quinn's Office
New York City Council
Thanks to:
Barbara Scafiddi for making the cakes
Meghan Lineham

Rabbi Gerald Sussman
Temple Emanuel
984 Post Avenue
State Island, NY

Deborah L. Rose
Motion to Spread the Invocation
New York City Council Member

Stephen T. Levin
Motion to Adopt Minutes of October 5 and 17, 2011
New York City Council Member

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking in memory of Alice Cardona
Speaker
New York City Council

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Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaking in memory of Alice Cardona
New York City Council Member

James G. Van Bramer
Speaking in memory of Alice Cardona
New York City Council Member

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking on Intro 656-A

Thanks:

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Melissa Mark-Viverito, Sponsor of 656-A
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Alix Pustilnik, Deputy Director, Governmental Affairs
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Jennifer Montalvo, Governmental Affairs Division
Staff of Melissa Mark-Viverito
Colleagues who supported the bill
Make The Road New York
Cardozo Law School
Bloomberg Administration

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Christine C. Quinn

Speaking on Intro 412-A

Thanks:

James Vacca, Chairperson, Committee on Transportation

Lewis A. Fidler, Sponsor of 412-A

Lyle Frank, Human Services Division

Nivardo Lopez, Human Services Division

Gafra Zoloff

James Vacca

Speaking in Intro 412-A

Chairperson

Committee on Transportation

Lewis A. Fidler

Sponsor of Intro 412-A

New York City Council Member

Thanks:

Speaker Quinn and her staff

Committee on Transportation Chair Vacca and staff

Laura Popa, Governmental Affairs Division

Lyle Frank, Human Services Division

Christine C. Quinn

Speaking on SLR 0014

Thanks:

Helen Diane Foster, Chairperson, Committee on State
and Federal Legislation

James Vacca

Speaking on SLR 0014

Chairperson

Committee on Transportation

Thanks:

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker

Members of Committee on Transportation

Members of Committee on State and Federal Legislation

Christine C. Quinn

Speaking on 999-A

Thanks:

Fernando Cabrera, Chairperson, Committee on Technology

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Stephen T. Levin
Speaking on of SLR 0014
New York City Council Member

Thanks:

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker
James Vacca, Chairperson, Committee on Transportation
Helen Foster, Chairperson, Committee on State and
Federal Legislation
Letitia James, New York City Council Member

Robert Jackson
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Thanks:

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Daniel Dromm, Chairperson, Committee on Immigration

Lewis A. Fidler
Speaking on SLR 0014
New York City Council Member

Sara M. Gonzalez
Speaking on LU 0466
New York City Council Member

Thanks:

Leroy G. Comrie, Chairperson, Land Use Committee
Brad S. Lander, Chairperson, Zoning Committee
Gale Benjamin, Land Use Committee staff
Land Use Staff
Richard Moylan, President, Greenwood Cemetery
Ken Fisher, Greenwood Cemetery

Charles Barron
Speaking on Intro 697
New York City Council Member

Thanks:

Roger Wareham, December 12th Movement
The Freedom Party

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Letitia James

Calling for Independent Commission to investigate the
NYPD

New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer

New York City Council Member

Acknowledges new John Jay College building

Thanks:

Dana Segal, Intern from Barnard

Kate Hensley, Intern from New York University

Deborah L. Rose

Speaking on Resolution 1094

New York City Council Member

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SPEAKER QUINN: --Ceremonials

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today, the first one is Council Member Van Bramer.

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If we could ask the folks from P.S. 152's Dancing

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Classroom Rainbow Team, Match Ballroom Dance Team

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Champions, that's a lot of work for dancing, to

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come on up to the front.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: Citywide Champions.

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Let's give them a round of applause as they make

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their way up.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: Two years in a row,

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come on up. Whoa, here they come. [Cheering,

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clapping]

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: You're probably

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good at that, and then face this way. [Cheering]

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Come on up in the front Jimmy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: First

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of all thank you very much Madam Speaker for

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allowing us for the second--

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SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Hang

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on one second Jimmy. If some of the parents want

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to come in behind here you can so you can be in

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2 the pictures. And if you give Bill your cameras,
3 if you want to be in the pictures, he'll take them
4 for you. Bill's right there. Okay. Do you want
5 Bill to take a picture for you? Okay. You want
6 me to give him the camera? Go ahead Jimmy.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: You
8 want me to talk? Okay. So for the second year in
9 a row the, the second year in a row, P.S. 152 in
10 Woodside has sent an amazing team to the Citywide
11 Ballroom Dance Competition which is one of the
12 best and most important dance competitions in all
13 of New York City with public schools all over the
14 city competing at very, very high levels. Very
15 high levels. And the team that P.S. 152 in
16 Queens, in Woodside, Queens assembled this year
17 went to the Citywide Championships for the second
18 year in a row and they finished first, number one,
19 in the entire City of New York.

20 [Cheering, applause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Taking
22 home this amazing trophy, this amazing trophy, and
23 we wanted to say a thank you and congratulations
24 to all of the kids, to their coaches who are here
25 in the back, and to all the parents and families

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2 who are so proud of these children, and most of
3 all to Principal Vitolo who is an amazing
4 principal at P.S. 152 who believes in the power of
5 the arts in our public schools and who does his
6 best to keep his program going. It is an amazing
7 success. Last year I went to watch the kids
8 dance--

9 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Do
10 you dance?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I do
12 dance, Madam Speaker.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: [Laughing].

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Is that
15 an invitation? And--not as well as these kids
16 though.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: I bet.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: These
19 young people who danced merengue, right? And the
20 Rumba and all sorts of dances to carry home this
21 title, they make all of Woodside proud, they make
22 all of Queens proud, and all of New York City
23 proud. Thank you and congratulations. And now
24 I'd like to ask Woodside's own, the Clerk of the
25 City of New York, Mike McSweeney to read the

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Proclamation.

MR. MIKE McSWEENY: Thank you.

Council, City of New York

Proclamation:

The Council of the City of New York is proud to honor the ballroom dancers of P.S. 152 Queens for their stellar performances and outstanding achievements

And whereas, for the past three years the talented fifth grade students at P.S. 152 in Woodside, Queens have participated in American Ballroom Theater's Dancing Classrooms Program, an arts and education program founded by Otto Cappell, Pierre Dulaine, and Yvonne Marceau,

And whereas, the ballroom dancers of P.S. 152 have mastered meringue, rumba, foxtrot, tango and swing,

And whereas, in 2010 the New York City Council recognized performers who comprised the P.S. 152 ballroom dancers and we are proud to honor the most recent fifth grade class for they not only upheld the tradition of excellence throughout the season of competitions, but ended the season at the Citywide Elementary School

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2 Division Ballroom Championship with the school's
3 first victory.

4 And whereas, the triumphant P.S.
5 152 ballroom dancers include Aldo here Juskovitch,
6 Alison Mussero, Dina Guen, Jenses Vera, Justin
7 Acosta, Carla Quispee, Mathew Alvarez, Palab Saha,
8 Paula Ipes, Sergio Larios, Sernan Lama, and Yeshi
9 Lahi. [All phonetic]

10 [Cheering, applause]

11 And whereas the hours, energy and
12 enthusiasm that the young ballroom dancers at P.S.
13 152 have invested in their training have been
14 rewarded with more than award-winning
15 performances, whether they have been challenged by
16 difficult routines, an amazing partner, or two
17 left feet, these young dancers have all become
18 strong performers who can inspire others of any
19 age.

20 Now therefore be it known, that the
21 Council of the City of New York honors and
22 congratulates the ballroom dancers of P.S. 152 for
23 their outstanding triumph in the 2011 Ballroom
24 Dancing Championship and we wish them continued
25 success both in and out of school and in the years

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ahead.

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
entire Council

James G. Van Bramer, Council Member
26th District, Queens.

SPEAKER QUINN: [Cheering] Just as
I give the mic to the principal, Bill, make sure
we get a picture with everybody's camera. I don't
want an angry parent. So get a picture and if you
want a copy of Bill's picture just give him your
email and he'll email it to you. And Principal,
and everybody congratulations.

[Applause]

MR. VINCENT VITOLLO: Thank you
Speaker Quinn. Thank you so much Council Member
Van Bramer. What an honor it is for us to be with
our children all the time. Children, this is the
best profession possible, being surrounded by
children keeps us going day by day. It truly is a
case that the community, school really is the
heart of a community. And we have our parents
with us, our staff members, and our students who
are all part of that community.

And this group graduated in June so

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2 we've had a nice mini-reunion today. Having
3 parents and the boys and girls come together to
4 celebrate their education at our school and their
5 community and their achievements as ballroom
6 dancers and being able to learn about the arts and
7 being able to learn about public presentations and
8 being able to do that.

9 Additionally the children have gone
10 to senior centers in order to do community service
11 and dance for the senior centers and different
12 community events in the neighborhood. So they've
13 learned about all of those items. We thank you so
14 much. Thank you for your time. And thank you
15 again for honoring our boys and girls. That's
16 what this is all about. Thank you so much.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
18 and congratulations and best of luck. Sure, we're
19 going to get... [taking pictures]

20 [Pause]

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Congratulations.
22 And everybody, best of luck in the school year.
23 Keep dancing. See you all soon. Congratulations.

24 All right, we're going to ask our
25 dancers to make their way to the back and we have

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2 two more ceremonials. So if everybody would
3 follow Council Member Van Bramer and the
4 Principal, thank you very much. Okay.

5 And if I could ask Majority Leader
6 Rivera to come on around. So if I could just, as
7 our dancers make their way out, our next
8 ceremonial--let's give them another round of
9 applause, that's a good idea.

10 [Applause]

11 SPEAKER QUINN: I now want to ask
12 the folks who are here from a terrific community
13 group called POTS to come on up and make their way
14 up so the folks here from Part of the Solution,
15 POTS. All right. Come on up. So we are holding
16 this ceremonial today as Sister Mary Alice makes
17 her way up to... and we wanted to--come on up
18 everybody from the POTS family. We wanted, myself
19 and Joel and the other members of the Bronx
20 Delegation wanted to thank Sister Mary Alice for
21 her 15, is that right?

22 SISTER MARY ALICE HANNAN: Yes.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: --15 years, she's
24 really annoyed right now, but she's, you know, a
25 nun so she can't whack me in public anymore

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2 [laughing]. She was never my teacher, but
3 outside, right? But we wanted to thank her for
4 her 15 years of service to POTS which is, funny
5 enough, an organization I first came across in the
6 last 1980's when I was a Housing and Tenant
7 Organizer at AMHD. They were part of our housing
8 justice campaign.

9 But I know I speak for Joel and
10 Annabel and Oliver and Larry and everybody in the
11 Delegation, POTS is one of the most amazing social
12 service agencies in our City. They run food
13 programs, clothing programs, social service
14 programs, so much else, and they do it with the
15 highest level of success but more importantly with
16 the highest level of dignity and respect for all
17 of the people that you are working with. So thank
18 you so much. It couldn't have happened without
19 your leadership. Maureen, I know you and everyone
20 else will continue the work. But thank you. And
21 you're going to have to stand here and be
22 embarrassed for a few more minutes while Joel
23 speaks and while the Clerk reads the proclamation.
24 Joel?

25 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much Madam Speaker. On behalf of the entire
3 Bronx Delegation, Annabel Palma, Oliver Koppell,
4 Larry Seabrook, Fernando Cabrera, Maria del Carmen
5 Arroyo, Helen Foster, Jimmy Vacca and myself, we
6 just want to say thank you.

7 POTS is a great organization that
8 historically has been there to help those in need.
9 And it's has great leadership with Sister Mary
10 Alice who's been at the forefront of making sure
11 that, you know, us, the elected officials,
12 government and just people wanting to volunteer
13 were aware of how we can volunteer and what was
14 needed. Whether it was the food pantry, the
15 clothing drive or even the request for capital
16 funds for a great building that the City Council
17 was proud to be a partner with, Sister Mary Alice,
18 POTS has thrived because of your leadership and
19 POTS is a great success because you've been at the
20 helm. So thank you for all you've done for the
21 City of New York.

22 [Applause]

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And if the
24 Clerk can please read the Proc.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of

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New York Proclamation:

The Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Sister Mary Alice Hannon for more than 25 years of extraordinary service to low income and homeless New Yorkers.

And whereas--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Can we get a little quiet? Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Whereas a member of the Dominican Sisters since 1958, Sister Mary Alice earned Master's degrees in both education and social work and worked as a grammar school teacher for 20 years and also served as the principal of Holy Family School in New Rochelle. They she met Desda, a homeless woman on the street who changed the course of her life's work and gave her a deep understanding into the lives of the homeless.

And whereas in 1996 after running numerous organizations that served the homeless, Sister Mary Alice because Executive Director of Part of the Solution, a leader in New York City's anti-hunger community and one of our City's largest emergency food programs.

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2 And whereas before stepping down as
3 Executive Director in August 2011, Sister Mary
4 Alice led a campaign to purchase and renovate a
5 new facility, tripling the agency's space and
6 enabling Part of the Solution to serve more people
7 with dignity and to offer a broader array of
8 services to low income individuals.

9 And whereas in 2000 Sister Mary
10 Alice also founded Desda's Grate, a transitional
11 residence for low income women with young children
12 in New Rochelle where she resides.

13 And whereas in addition to the
14 tremendous impact that Sister Mary Alice has had
15 in the lives of so many low income and homeless
16 New Yorkers, she is a powerful example of
17 leadership to everyone.

18 Now therefore be it known that the
19 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
20 Sister Mary Alice Hannan for her outstanding
21 service and contributions to the community.

22 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
23 entire Council.

24 Joel Rivera, Council Member, 15th
25 District, Bronx.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: [Cheering,
3 applause]

4 [Cheering, applause]

5 SPEAKER QUINN: I do.

6 SISTER MARY ALICE HANNAN: All
7 right. I'm not a woman of few words--

8 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing]
9 [laughing].

10 SISTER MARY ALICE: --but I'd
11 rather do this than have it done for me. But I do
12 have a couple of notes so that I don't keep you
13 here until Tuesday, next week. But, you know, I
14 have had a very privileged and honored life. I
15 have been able to follow my dreams and my
16 passions. A lot of it is my lifestyle but a lot
17 of it is because of the wonderful people in this
18 City.

19 Desda was a real woman who lived on
20 a real grate on 39th Street and 9th Avenue who
21 changed my life. And for that I will always be
22 eternally grateful to the City of New York and
23 also to the Bronx, also. But when I went to
24 Bronx, when I went to the Bronx and went to POTS,
25 I was looking for a place that I could be me and I

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2 would flourish.

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And I found it. POTS is absolutely wonderful and it could not have been done where we are today, it's time for me to step aside because I can't do the job anymore, it's hard now. It's three times the space and it's a whole different time. But thanks to all you wonderful City people. Please, please don't forget our people. We couldn't do it without you. It's because of you. And I believe you believe the same things I believe. That in this world some day, we know we're equal, but someday we will live side by side in harmony. And that's the thing that we will all continue to do forever.

As a wise woman here on this podium, Maureen Fergus Sheehan, has said more than once to me, Sister, buildings don't change people's lives, people change people's lives. We, together, have all proven that. Thank you every single person in this room and little Miss Robin Hood over there, Pam. Please, thank you, thank you for being part of the solution. We're in it together and I'm around forever [laughing].

[Applause]

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you so much
3 Sister. Thank you.

4 [Off mic comments while taking
5 pictures]

6 SPEAKER QUINN: All right. We have
7 one, where'd it go, okay. The next Ceremonial is
8 Council Member--oh look, he's already rolling
9 here, Council Member Robert Jackson and the 2011
10 *New York Times* ESOL Teacher of the Year. And also
11 Jimmy Van Bramer is a part of this. So let me
12 give--there's two teachers we're honoring. Let me
13 give the mic to Chair Jackson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you
15 Madam Speaker. My colleagues, I'm standing, I'm
16 not rising, I'm standing today in order to honor
17 two individuals that I didn't know. I don't even
18 know where they live. But I do know that they are
19 educators that are loved by the students which
20 they teach.

21 And in fact the *New York Times*
22 selected this woman here to my right, by the name
23 of Paula Da Silva-Michelin as an instructor; she's
24 an instructor at the Center for Immigration
25 Education and Training at CUNY LaGuardia Community

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2 College. She was named the 2011 *New York Times*
3 ESOL, that stands for English for Speakers of
4 Other Languages, as the Teacher of the Year.

5 And in fact I didn't know that
6 until I read the article. And I read the article
7 because this teacher here by the name of Ms. Robin
8 Winters who started as a volunteer at the Y and
9 now she's a teacher, after teaching in the Bronx,
10 she's a Harlem resident who works as an adult ESL
11 instructor and computer literacy instructor at the
12 Harlem YMCA, the New Americans Welcome Center.
13 That's how I found out about Paula.

14 These two individuals are giving
15 their lives in order to help these students that
16 are standing behind them, on this side and that
17 side. Helping them to fulfill the American Dream.
18 That is, one, to learn English as their second
19 language. And to help them to fulfill the dream
20 and promise that we all look for. So I thank you
21 for who you are and what you've done for hundreds
22 if not thousands of students.

23 And I thank you for letting me know
24 about the program and about what you've done and
25 as a result of that I got to meet both honorees by

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2 the *New York Times*. One, the Teacher of the Year,
3 and two, someone that was honored by the *New York*
4 *Times*. Congratulations to the both of you on
5 behalf of my colleagues Inez Dickens who
6 represents the Y in Harlem, on behalf of all of my
7 colleagues, and of course, Danny Dromm who is the
8 Chair of the Immigration Committee and Jimmy Van
9 Bramer who represents LaGuardia Community College
10 in Queens.

11 And where is our Speaker? And our
12 Speaker Christine Quinn, Adult Literacy Chair.
13 I'll speak of Christine Quinn. Let me just say we
14 are proud of the both of you on what you have done
15 for all these students that are standing here.
16 Congratulations to all of you. And I'm going to
17 ask the Clerk to read the Proclamation. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. McSWEENEY: Council, City of
20 New York Proclamation.

21 Whereas the Council of the City of
22 New York is proud to honor Paula Da Silva-Michelin
23 and Robin Winters upon being recognized by the *New*
24 *York Times* for their excellent work as teachers of
25 ESOL or English of Students of Other Languages

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2 And whereas nearly 70% of New
3 York's immigrant population speaks a language
4 other than English, within this group nearly 20%
5 do not speak English well and about 10% do not
6 speak English at all. As ESOL teachers, Robin
7 Winters and Paula Da Silva-Michelin have played
8 major roles in the lives of countless students.

9 And whereas Ms. Da Silva-Michelin
10 was born and raised in Campinas, a college city
11 within Sao Paulo, Brazil where she graduated from
12 Pontificia Catholic University. Upon graduation
13 Ms. Da Silva-Michelin moved to New York to pursue
14 her dreams of becoming an ESOL teacher. In 2003
15 Ms. Da Silva-Michelin began teaching ESOL to
16 adults at the Center for Immigration Education and
17 Training at LaGuardia Community College. During
18 her tenure there she has participated in many
19 professional development activities including
20 Designed for Learning, a year-long intensive
21 program available to a select group of faculty.

22 And whereas Robin Winters became a
23 volunteer ESOL instructor at the Harlem YMCA's New
24 American Welcome Center in September 2009. Within
25 a month she was employed as a part-time literacy

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2 and ESOL instructor for adults. At the Harlem Y
3 New American Welcome Center, Ms. Winters plays key
4 role in helping immigrants achieve literacy,
5 cultural competence, and self-sufficiency.

6 And whereas both of these teachers
7 have truly excelled in their efforts to help
8 students discover the joys of English and develop
9 the skills that they need to create successful new
10 lives in the United States.

11 Now therefore be it known that the
12 Council of the City of New York honors Robin
13 Winters, upon being recognized by the *New York*
14 *Times* for ESOL teaching excellence. And we are
15 also very proud to honor Paula Da Silva-Michelin,
16 upon being named *New York Times* 2011 ESOL Teacher
17 of the Year.

18 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
19 entire Council

20 Robert Jackson, Chair, Education
21 Committee, Council Member, 7th District Manhattan

22 Jimmy Van Bramer, Council Member,
23 26th District, Queens

24 [Applause, cheering]

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: We're

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going to ask Ms. Da Silva to say a few words and then we're going to as Robin to say a few words.

MS. PAULA DA SILVA-MICHELIN: I just want to say thank you to the City Councilman Robert Jackson and for the support to adult literacy education and especially to the people of LaGuardia and that's it. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

MS. ROBIN WINTERS: Yes, I would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Robert Jackson. I really felt honored when he had come over to the table. But the biggest honor I want to give to my supervisor, Talia [phonetic], come up Talia, for being nominated. Mm-hmm.

[Applause]

MS. WINTERS: Thank you. It's been a pleasure.

SPEAKER QUINN: All right. Well thank you all for your great work and great service. Thank you. Now as this ceremonial moves out we actually, I'll ask the Council Members to stay up here. We have a surprise ceremonial. So folks, shh, may or may not be aware but today is Chuck Meara's birthday.

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[Cheering, applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: We have two

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birthday cakes here for Chuck Meara. So if I

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could ask everybody to come up including Chuck,

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and if we could get a round of Happy Birthday.

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Come on--

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ALL SINGING: Happy Birthday Song.

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[Cheering, applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: And just, just,

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shh, just to keep the embarrassment going, here's

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a card for Chuck. But you know Chuck has a bit of

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an Irish tough guy image. But here's a picture of

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Chuck and I the other night. And - - actually

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hugging. So I wrote, Chuck, Happy Birthday with

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this photo no one will believe you're Irish. So

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Happy Birthday Chuck. And it's further evidence

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that he's just a softy underneath that tough guy

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image. Chuck, would you like to say something?

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MR. CHUCK MEARA: I think actually

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you were hugging me, not, not the other way

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around. I look like I was trying to get away.

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[Laughter]

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MR. MEARA: Thank you everybody.

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Thank you Speaker Quinn especially.

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SPEAKER QUINN: And Barbara.

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MR. MEARA: And Barbara who--

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[Cheering, off mic comments]

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MR. MEARA: --who made the cakes, I

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understand last night. And to the staff in the

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back, thank you all for everything you do.

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[Cheering, applause]

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MR. MEARA: And I think we should

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get on with the Stated Meeting.

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SPEAKER QUINN: But our Megan

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denies involvement but that's a lie. So Barbara

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you're going to cut these up and we'll deliver

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them to people's desks. Thank you very much.

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Happy Birthday. And that concludes all official

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and unofficial ceremonials for the day.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I've just learned

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we should have had, shh, two names on the cake, it

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was Council Member Ferreras' birthday yesterday,

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is she in the room? All right when she gets here

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we'll embarrass her too. Okay bye.

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[Pause]

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MR. McSWEENEY: Ladies and

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2 gentlemen, can I have your attention, please, at
3 this time, please place all cell phones and pagers
4 to vibrate. Thank you.

5 [Pause]

6 [Gavel banging]

7 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: My
8 colleagues please rise for the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

11 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the
12 flag of the United States of America, and to the
13 Republic for which it stands, one nation,
14 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Roll call.

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17 MR. McSWEENEY: Arroyo.

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19 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [No audible
20 response]

21 MR. McSWEENEY: Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

23 MR. McSWEENEY: Brewer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: [No audible
25 response]

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MR. McSWEENEY: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No

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MR. McSWEENEY: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Be quiet, shh.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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Sit down.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: [No

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MR. McSWEENEY: Fidler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.
5 MR. McSWEENEY: Garodnick.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
7 MR. McSWEENEY: Gennaro.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
9 MR. McSWEENEY: Gentile.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
11 MR. McSWEENEY: Gonzalez.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
13 MR. McSWEENEY: Greenfield.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
15 MR. McSWEENEY: Halloran.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.
17 MR. McSWEENEY: Ignizio.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.
19 MR. McSWEENEY: Jackson.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
21 MR. McSWEENEY: Thank you.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
23 MR. McSWEENEY: Thank you. James.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
25 MR. McSWEENEY: Koo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
3 MR. McSWEENEY: Koppell.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
5 MR. McSWEENEY: Koslowitz.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
7 MR. McSWEENEY: Lander.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
9 MR. McSWEENEY: Lappin.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.
11 MR. McSWEENEY: Levin.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
13 MR. McSWEENEY: Mark-Viverito.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [No
15 audible response]
16 MR. McSWEENEY: Mealy.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible
18 response]
19 MR. McSWEENEY: Mendez.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
21 MR. McSWEENEY: Nelson.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
23 MR. McSWEENEY: Palma.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
25 MR. McSWEENEY: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [No
audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [No
audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No audible
response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

MR. McSWEENEY: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [No audible

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MR. McSWEENEY: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: [No audible

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MR. McSWEENEY: We have a quorum.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum

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is present. Ladies and gentlemen, please rise

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for the invocation being delivered today by Rabbi

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Gerald Sussman from Temple Emanuel.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down

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please, all rise. All rise.

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RABBI GERALD SUSSMAN: Temple Emmanuel Staten Island that is. There's not too many of us but we're very happy to be here.

Oh Lord we ask your blessing upon the leaders of this City and especially for the members of this City Council who are assembled here this day.

We pray that in a world where the path is often unclear and confusing and full of shades of gray rather than blacks and whites, that you grant them always clarity of vision and steadfastness of purpose. Help them in deciding which path to follow on all of the complex issues that they face.

May they never lose the vision of public service and doing good for the community that brought them to these positions in which they now serve. Extend your blessings also to all the people of this City in all of their diversity and help them to appreciate the democracy and freedom under which they live.

May they never lose faith in our political system and bodies such as these even if at times it disappoints them. May they look at

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2 those who serve them with understanding and love,
3 realizing that they too have all the struggles
4 that are--and frailties and strengths which are
5 part of the human condition.

6 May all of us work together so that
7 this City may be called The Faithful City whose
8 streets abound in peace and justice and hope.
9 Amen.

10 ALL: Amen.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
12 very much. Council Member Rose?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Motion to
14 spread the invocation in full upon the record and
15 to publicly thank Rabbi Sussman for all that he
16 does for social justice and civil rights issues.

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
18 ordered. Adoption of the minutes, Council Member
19 Levin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I move that
21 the minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 5th
22 and October 17th, 2011 be adopted as printed.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
24 ordered.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could as my

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2 colleagues please to rise for a moment of silence-
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4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

5 [Interposing] Can we get some silence from
6 everybody please? Sorry Madam Speaker.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: No, no, no. Not at
8 all. One, if I could ask my colleagues to rise.
9 On November 1st, excuse me, 2011, Alice Cardona, at
10 81, a leader in the city, state and international
11 struggle for Latinos and Women's rights passed
12 away. Alice Cardona was born, raised and educated
13 in Spanish Harlem, El Barrio, and soon after
14 graduating high school in 1950 Alice began
15 volunteering to help African Caribbean Americans
16 and Latino New Yorkers in need.

17 After a short stay in the Sisters
18 of St. John in Texas, Alice returned to New York
19 and began a lifelong devotion to the cause of
20 Latinas and those in need. She became involved in
21 the first New York Head Start program, worked for
22 ASPIRA, returned to school to earn her Bachelor's
23 degree at the age of 43, became active in the
24 National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, and was
25 co-founder of the Hispanic Women's Center which

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2 aimed to help Latinas achieve their professional
3 goals via education.

4 From 1983 through 1994 she served
5 in the Cuomo Administration as Assistant Director
6 of the New York State Division for Women where she
7 advocated for bilingual education and the fight
8 against HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and domestic
9 violence.

10 After her retirement she became
11 busier than ever and volunteered and was active in
12 countless other organizations and in 1983 she
13 became the first Latina woman to be awarded the
14 Susan B. Anthony Prize by the National
15 Organization for Women.

16 Alice Cardona is survived by her
17 sister Diana Cruz, a niece and a nephew, and
18 thousands of people around our City and State who
19 have benefited from her lifelong dedication and
20 devotion to the needs of others.

21 I think most recently she was also
22 working for Assembly Member Kathy Nolan. And I
23 know I speak for myself and Council Members Van
24 Bramer and Dromm who all remember at the end,
25 towards the end, or kind of the last leg of the

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2 Inclusive St. Patrick's Day Parade, kind of after
3 you make the left before you make the final right,
4 you would look up and Alice would always be in her
5 window watching and cheering the parade as it made
6 its way into its final lap.

7 Let me call on Council Member
8 Melissa Mark-Viverito for a few words and then
9 Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

11 Thank you Madam Speaker. Alice Cardona was a
12 proud Boricua and a proud Hija del Barrio. She
13 never forgot her roots and was very proud of the
14 community that I'm now honored to represent. She
15 personally inspired me and so many others to
16 dedicate our lives to serving our community.

17 Her contributions from her work on
18 community and policy issues are of critical
19 importance to New York's Puerto Ricans and many
20 others, to her unwavering dedication to developing
21 our community's next generation of leaders,
22 particularly women, will be remembered long and
23 into the future.

24 I was honored to have known her and
25 the privilege to have her as a mentor. Alice has

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2 forever left her mark on our community. I send my
3 condolences to her family. All of us in El Barrio
4 and across New York City should strive to keep her
5 legacy alive. Thank you Madam Speaker.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank
7 you Speaker for honoring Alice in this way. As
8 you mentioned, she was a constituent of mine and a
9 long-time Woodside resident but she never left
10 Puerto Rico in her heart. I was privileged to
11 attend her 80th birthday party last year where she
12 spoke very movingly of her family, her brother in
13 particular, and her connections to Puerto Rico.
14 And as I think both of you mentioned, long after
15 she retired in that apartment in Woodside, Queens
16 that you saw her waving to us outside of her
17 window, she never stopped working to try to elect
18 more women and more Latinas in particular to
19 office. She never stopped advocating on behalf of
20 those people.

21 And this summer in August when I
22 got the call from a good friend of hers, Sandy
23 Moya, that Alice was very, very ill and that I
24 should call, I just happened to be in Puerto Rico
25 and I called her. And I said Alice, you'll be

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very, very happy to know that I am in Puerto Rico. And she was in good spirits and she talked about the chance that she had, a once in a lifetime chance, where she brought her mother back home to Puerto Rico and how emotional a trip that was for her.

And we all loved Alice. We'll miss her very, very much. So particularly Assemblywoman Nolan for whom Alice worked for many years. And I just want to say thank you to Alice for all that you did for Woodside, for Queens, for the City, and really for this country on behalf of all of the women that she helped and inspired. Thank you.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much.

[Moment of silence]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you Mr. Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you Madam Speaker. We now move on to Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

MR. McSWEENEY: Preconsidered M 0689 submitted Kenning J. Knuckles for

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SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
and Elections.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
Communications from City, County and Borough
Offices.

MR. McSWEENEY: M 0690 Public
Advocate Report.

SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
printed and filed.

MR. McSWEENEY: Preconsidered M
0691, Transferring funds between agencies.

SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

MR. McSWEENEY: M 0692 through M
0695, Third Party Transfer program.

SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
printed and filed.

MR. McSWEENEY: M 0696 through M
0703, base station licenses.

SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions
and Communications.

MR. McSWEENEY: None.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land Use

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MR. McSWEENEY: M 0704 through 707.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple these and please have a roll call on the coupled Land Use Call-ups?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

SPEAKER QUINN: And if we could get some napkins for the Minority Leader.

[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: What is wrong with him?

MR. McSWEENEY: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [No audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Brewer.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

MR. McSWEENEY: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye. And

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye. And

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: General

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: General

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: You can

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vote on all the stuff.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader

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I vote yes on the Land Use items and request

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permission to vote the entire calendar.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes on the General Order calendar and resolutions, yes on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [No audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on all. I'd like unanimous consent to vote on all General Order items on the calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on all except for SLR 14, 1101, 1102, and 1103. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: How did you vote on those?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Vote in the negative on SLR 14, 1101, 1102, and 1103.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Perfect.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

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MR. McSWEENEY: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yes.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yes. I'd like

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to request permission to vote on the other orders.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote yes on

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MR. McSWEENEY: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye

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and I would like unanimous consent to vote on all

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matters on the General Orders calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye

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on all matters and aye on all resolutions.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote
aye and request permission to vote on all General
Orders.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote
aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [No
audible response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I have
permission to vote on all Land Use and call-ups?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye
on all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: This is
the Land Use Call-ups; did you also want to vote

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Oh okay.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And I vote
aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Perfect.

Thank you.

MR. McSWEENEY: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [No audible
response]

MR. McSWEENEY: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Thank you. Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote
aye then with permission I'd like to vote aye on
all General Orders.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Rose. Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote aye

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote

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MR. McSWEENEY: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [No

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MR. McSWEENEY: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I'd like to

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [No audible

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

MR. McSWEENEY: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: [No audible response]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I think that's it. Today's Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative with 0 in the negative. Communications from the Speaker?

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much Mr. Majority Leader, if we could get a little quiet. I first want to speak on Intro 656-A. I want to thank Council Member Danny Dromm, the Chair of the Immigration Committee, the Committee through which this bill was shepherded.

Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, the sponsor of this bill and the 39 other Council Members, the 40 or so in total who have supported this legislation. I want to thank Rob Newman, Alix Pustilnik, Julene Beckford, Lauren Alexrod, and Damien Butvick all who worked on this piece of legislation.

And I believe this 656-A is a historic piece of legislation. It will be the City Council and when signed by the Mayor the

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2 entire government of the City of New York sending
3 a clear message that New York is a City that
4 supports and is open and friendly to all
5 immigrants. For--

6 Applause]

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you Robert.
8 For two decades plus now, the City of New York of
9 its own accord has invited ICE, the Federal agency
10 onto Rikers. Now the Federal government does have
11 a criminal alien program and deports individuals
12 who have come to this country illegally and are a
13 threat to public safety.

14 For two decades we have not
15 conducted the criminal alien program on Rikers.
16 We have conducted a dragnet against all immigrants
17 who end up on Rikers. And remember when you end
18 up on Rikers, you are charged with a crime, not
19 convicted of a crime and you are innocent until
20 proven guilty in this country.

21 And 49.5% of the people who have
22 detainers dropped on them from Rikers last year
23 had no prior criminal record at all. Now we are
24 sensitive to the issue of public safety of course,
25 as is this bill. This bill is a balance between

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2 public safety and immigrants rights. That's why
3 this bill has been championed by former Manhattan
4 District Attorney Robert Morgenthau and is
5 supported by his successor Cy Vance.

6 This bill has a list of about nine
7 different criminal criteria. If you do not fall
8 into any of those criteria, we will not turn you
9 over to ICE and we will not drop a detainer on
10 you. If you are not a threat to public safety,
11 the criminal alien program should not capture or
12 focus on you. And that is what we will codify
13 into law today by clearly instructing what the New
14 York City Department of Correction is allowed and
15 is not allowed to do as it relates to ICE.

16 There are 1,000 to 1,500 people who
17 last year would not have been deported if this law
18 was in effect. That's 1,000 to 1,500 families who
19 wouldn't have been ripped apart. Women who have
20 been deported whose children are serving in Iraq
21 or Afghanistan. Women who have called the police
22 to help get them out of domestic violence
23 situations. Their batterer cross-complain. They
24 get taken in and they get deported even though
25 they were the victim.

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2 This law will bring justice to at
3 least that many people in all of the years moving
4 forward and as was said to clearly by Chair Dromm
5 at the Prestated Press Conference, this will send
6 a message that New York, a city built by
7 immigrants will remain an immigrant friendly and
8 open city. Let me first call on the sponsor of
9 this bill who has worked so hard to get it passed,
10 so hard to get the Mayor's support and now working
11 to make this a national model, Council Member
12 Melissa Mark-Viverito.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

14 Thank you very much Speaker Quinn. Days like
15 today remind us why we all chose to become elected
16 officials. It was so that we could act on behalf
17 of the public good and to right injustices in our
18 society and that's exactly what we're doing today.

19 This is a pivotal moment for New
20 York's immigrant communities and our City as a
21 whole. We will make history by becoming the first
22 municipality that will limit the collaboration
23 between the Department of Correction and
24 Immigration Enforcement agents. The need for
25 these limitations cannot be more pressing.

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2 Consider the story of Luis, a
3 constituent in my district, a 21-year old student
4 from Mexico, Luis was arrested and charged in 2007
5 with a violent felony he did not commit. Despite
6 being cleared of all the charges and though he has
7 never committed a crime, Luis was held by the
8 Department of Correction on a civil immigration
9 detainer and then transferred to a detention
10 center in Texas.

11 Luis lost over 2 years of his life
12 in detention and the outcome of his deportation
13 proceedings is still uncertain. Stories like
14 Luis' are sadly too common in immigrant
15 communities across New York City. And that's why
16 the City Council is passing this landmark
17 legislation. As we restrict local enforcement
18 policies that focus on the detention and removal
19 of dangerous criminals and not on innocent and
20 hard-working immigrants, we send a strong message
21 that we will no longer be complicit in this
22 country's broken immigration enforcement system.

23 Immigrants add value to our economy
24 and our communities. We recognize those
25 contributions with this bill and signal to the

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2 nation that we can do better by our immigrant
3 communities.

4 Intro 656-A is a well-crafted piece
5 of legislation that required the hard work and
6 energy of countless elected officials, advocates,
7 and community groups. I want to begin by
8 recognizing Speaker Quinn who has shown
9 extraordinary leadership on this issue, Chair
10 Dromm for ushering this bill through his
11 Committee. I want to thank all of the colleagues
12 that have signed on as sponsors. And obviously
13 the Legislative staff, Alix Pustilnik, Rob Newman,
14 Julene Beckford, Jennifer Montalvo, as well as my
15 staff for the incredible amount of work that went
16 into the bill.

17 To all of the advocates especially
18 Make the Road New York, the Cardozo Law School,
19 their steadfast commitment, strong support and
20 hard work on this crucial legislation has been
21 unparalleled. I believe I can speak for all New
22 York when I say that your passion and sense of
23 justice are invaluable resources to our City.

24 And finally I want to thank the
25 Bloomberg Administration who truly came around in

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2 offering their support and being willing to work
3 with us to help ensure that this bill will fulfill
4 its intent. This is truly a proud moment for this
5 Council and I want to thank everyone for their
6 support and thank you Madam Speaker.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you again
8 Melissa. Council Member, Chair Dromm, excuse me.
9 Oh, Danny went to go to the Queens EFT meeting.
10 Okay thank you very much. Let me next speak on,
11 thank you Rosie, Intro 412-A, a piece of
12 legislation which comes out of our Transportation
13 Committee. I want to thank Chair Vacca and also
14 the bill's sponsor Lew Fidler. I want to thank
15 Lyle Frank and Nivardo Lopez and Gafra Zoloff
16 [phonetic] all who worked on this bill.

17 Intro 412-A is very simple. It
18 will require the Department of Transportation to
19 consult with Community Boards before they site and
20 construct or remove a bike lane from a New York
21 City neighborhood.

22 This should have been a matter of
23 course but certainly that is not the case. Most
24 other things that the City constructs or puts on
25 our neighborhoods, they have to go to the

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2 Community Board to discuss, to get approval. By
3 doing that, you make sure you're not putting in a
4 bike lane in a neighborhood where no one wants it
5 and no one's going to use it. Or you make sure
6 you put it in a neighborhood in a way where it
7 isn't disruptive to small businesses or in the
8 part of a neighborhood as Lew Fidler mentioned
9 before that will most get used by bicyclists.

10 Community Boards are a critical
11 part of our governmental structure. They're the
12 way we make sure neighborhoods have a voice. And
13 today we are making sure that that voice is loud
14 and clear in the areas of bike lanes. Let me
15 first call on the Chair of the Transportation
16 Committee Jimmy Vacca and then the sponsor of the
17 bill Lew Fidler.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you
19 Madam Speaker. And thank you all. I think this
20 legislation basically assures neighborhoods that
21 there will be an opportunities before bike lanes
22 are installed for the Community Board to have a
23 formal role, a public hearing, a vote, an
24 opportunity to work with the business community,
25 civic associations and others to make sure that

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2 the input which is often required before bike
3 lanes are installed, that input is there, the
4 Community Board vote will reflect it, changes can
5 be made to plans that are submitted.

6 And we will never have the
7 situation again where it's been a he said/she said
8 situation. We've been assured in the past that
9 there's been consultation and communities have
10 said that that's not always been the case. Well
11 this legislation formalizes that input and it
12 gives us a chance to make sure that in the future,
13 going forth, when bike lanes are installed, there
14 is a specific vehicle that governs Community Board
15 input and the time period allowed for that input
16 to be given to the City of New York Department of
17 Transportation.

18 So I urge my members here at the
19 Council to vote yes on behalf of the Committee.
20 Thank you.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could get
22 quiet in the chambers--

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
24 [Interposing] Quiet in the back.

25 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Quiet in the
3 chambers. Remove the individuals who are
4 disrupting the meeting.

5 [Off mic comments from an
6 individual in the audience]

7 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Please
8 escort the woman out of the building.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you Officer.

10 [Long pause as individual is asked
11 to leave, but she continues speaking, she finally
12 is escorted out]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member
14 Fidler?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Ain't New
16 York grand? So I'd like to thank you Speaker
17 Quinn and your staff and thank Chairman Vacca and
18 his staff and particularly Laura Popa and Lyle
19 Frank for their work on the bike lane bill.

20 The bike lane bill is not pro or
21 anti bike lanes. It's pro community input. You
22 know, quite frankly, we have to acknowledge that
23 every now and then neighbors know most about their
24 neighborhood. And that bureaucrats have to shimmy
25 down from the ivory tower every now and then and

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2 go out to communities and ask communities what's
3 right.

4 If we had been doing this, we would
5 have avoided some mistakes that we've made on bike
6 lanes, both on behalf of those who didn't want to
7 see a bike lane someplace and those who wanted to
8 see it someplace else. So this process will be
9 inclusive of not only, you know, neighborhood
10 residents but those neighborhood residents who are
11 in fact bicyclists.

12 In Williamsburg they wouldn't have
13 laid down a bike lane that was religiously
14 insensitive. They could have moved it one block
15 if they had asked the community. In my District,
16 based on a 15-year old Master Plan, they wanted to
17 put a bike lane down a street that includes our
18 worst intersection and ran right in front of our
19 ladder company and fire house. When it was one
20 block away from where the bike riders really
21 wanted the bike lane. Why? Because no one had
22 asked.

23 That won't happen again. And I
24 would have to say that we came to a pretty good
25 moment when the City's leading bicycle activist,

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2 our Transportation Commissioner Jeanette Sadik-
3 Khan could support this bill and when our friends
4 at Transportation Alternatives have indicated that
5 the amendments that we've made to this bill have
6 far improved it and made it much more fair.

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I think that this is a great step
8 to move forward. That, you know, we will not have
9 bike lanes be as quite a source of contention when
10 they appear without consultation and people can
11 have the opportunity to buy-in. We can build a
12 consensus when we put a bike lane in before or
13 where if necessary, when we have to take one out.

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I urge my colleagues to support
15 this bill. I think it's a great step forward for
16 a great Kumbaya moment in the City of New York.

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SPEAKER QUINN: And you're nothing
18 if all about--but not all about Kumbaya moments
19 Lew Fidler. That's how--we call you Council
20 Member Kumbaya.

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Next we are passing a piece of
22 legislation out of the State and Federal
23 Legislation Committee. I want to thank the Chair
24 of that Committee, Helen Foster. This is an SLR
25 that basically gives the City Council, if the

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2 State passes the legislation, the right to create,
3 if we so choose, residential parking permits. It
4 will not require us to do so. It will not say
5 that if we do it, it has to be done in every
6 neighborhood.

7 It says that with community
8 consultation we can decided at a fee we think is
9 fair in areas where we think it makes sense to
10 have residential parking if the City Council so
11 chooses. There have been a number of
12 neighborhoods, particularly those around Yankee
13 Stadium, those around the proposed and developed
14 Nets Arena, that believe this would be very
15 helpful in dealing with game and event day
16 parking.

17 There are other communities that
18 think this would be helpful just in general. This
19 legislation being passed in Albany would allow us
20 in the Council not to have just a theoretical
21 conversation about this but an actual
22 conversation. And I want to thank Council Member
23 Foster for her work on this. I wanted to see if
24 Chair Vacca, the Chair of the Transportation
25 Committee would like to say a few words because

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2 it's obviously very relevant to his work although
3 it had to go through the State and Fed Committee.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you.

5 Thank you Madam Speaker. Some time ago many
6 members of the Council including Council Members
7 Lander and Levin and Tish James and Council Member
8 Helen Foster, Maria Arroyo had reached out to me
9 to discuss residential parking and whether or not
10 that presented an option for our City to explore,
11 especially as we look at the opening of Barclay's
12 in Atlantic Yards and as we look at the situation
13 at Yankee Stadium which affects communities
14 surrounding the stadium.

15 What we're doing today is asking
16 Albany to grant us the authority to explore this
17 further. By doing so, we're not talking about
18 implementing a citywide resident parking
19 requirement or program. We are only looking to
20 see if, as we look at communities throughout our
21 City individually, could this be an option the
22 City may want to explore at a certain point.

23 Yankee Stadium to me is the perfect
24 case in point. We have people who live around
25 Yankee Stadium who cannot park anywhere near their

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2 homes even though the parking lots surrounding
3 Yankee Stadium have thousands of empty spots, even
4 though there is train, bus and Metro North access.

5 Well to those people living in that
6 surrounding community, you know what, that's not
7 fair. It's not right. And that's one instance.
8 And the challenges we face at Barclay's also
9 require that this option be on the table to
10 consider. And we ask Albany to allow us to do so
11 by virtue of the Home Rule Message before you
12 today. I thank the Speaker and the members of the
13 Committee and the State and Federal Leg Committee.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
15 much. I also just want to remind my colleagues
16 that one of the resolutions we're voting on today,
17 999-A, which is not a statement for or against a
18 Republican candidate for President, deals with
19 authorizing DCAS to donate surplus City-owned
20 computers, computer software and computer
21 equipment to public and private institutions for
22 secular education use and to not-for-profit
23 institutions for use by individuals with
24 disabilities, senior citizens or low income New
25 Yorkers. That is a resolution but the way the

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2 program has to work, we have to vote on it, in the
3 overall legislation in a roll call vote. So I
4 just want to remind folks of that.

5 I want to thank my colleagues who
6 have worked on this and I'm not sure if you're
7 still here but call on the Chair of the Technology
8 Committee, Chair Cabrera, he's already left, but I
9 want thank him for his work on this. And that
10 concludes Communications from the Speaker.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Discussion
12 of General Orders. Council Member Weprin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you
14 very much. I'd like permission to vote on all
15 General Order items at this time.

16 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
17 ordered.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you.
19 I vote aye on all.

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
21 very much. Council Member Levin.

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23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay. So
24 Council Member Jackson.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay--oh,
3 Council Member Levin.

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5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Oh. Thank
6 you. I wanted to... speak on the SLR that we're
7 voting on today. I want to encourage all my
8 colleagues to support this. It's a very long time
9 in coming and I want to thank Speaker Quinn as
10 well as Chairs Vacca and Foster for their hearing
11 yesterday. I also want to thank Council Member
12 Letitia James for her support of this resolution.
13 And I look forward to this being voted on in the
14 State Legislature and working with the Department
15 of Transportation to implement an effective and
16 appropriate residential parking permit program in
17 the City of New York that will provide tremendous
18 relief to residents who live in congested
19 neighborhoods, whether that be due to arenas or
20 stadiums or park and ride situations. I, again,
21 thank the Speaker as well as Chair Foster and
22 Vacca for supporting this bill. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
24 very much. Council Member Jackson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you

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2 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I rise in support
3 of the bill concerning helping individuals that
4 are immigrants that are arrested but not
5 convicted. As you know we live in the United
6 States of America. And in the United States of
7 America, you are innocent until proven guilty.

8 And obviously as our Speaker has
9 said, that looking at the statistics, only about
10 50% that were deported would still be here in this
11 country with their families as a result of the
12 City of New York taking a position that we're
13 doing now. So I thank our colleagues Melissa
14 Mark-Viverito for sponsoring the bill and Danny
15 Dromm, but all the advocates for continuing to
16 push in order to have some justice and equity in
17 our City. And obviously as you know, we are the
18 melting pot of the world. There are all types of
19 religions, nationalities in our great City. And
20 with that this would help us move forward in the
21 type of unity, in my opinion, that this City
22 rightfully--

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: [Interposing]

24 Quiet please.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: --that

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2 this City rightfully shows. And all you have to
3 do is walk out here on Broadway and see all of the
4 people, the tourists, or go to Time Square in
5 Midtown, and you see how many people come here
6 from all over the world. And neighborhoods in
7 Brooklyn, on Staten Island, I know on Staten
8 Island you have the largest Liberian community
9 outside of Liberia. I know that in Chinatown, not
10 only in Flushing but out in Brooklyn, and in the
11 Bronx, the South Bronx, you have a lot of West
12 Africans that live there. In all parts of the
13 City you have all types of people that have come
14 here for the American Dream. So I support and I
15 ask my colleagues to support Intro number 656-A.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
18 very much. Next we have Council Member Fidler,
19 followed by Council Member Gonzalez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I guess
21 it's time for Lew Fidler to sign off on the
22 Kumbaya channel because I'm speaking to urge my
23 colleagues to vote no on SLR 14. You know, you've
24 heard a number of communities indicate that
25 they're concerned about their park and ride

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problem. And the fact of the matter is if we were to institute residential parking permits in those communities, all we'll be doing is shifting the problem to the community that lives next up the road on the subway line. And God willing, that community will be wealthy enough to be able to afford to pay the fees, and I'll talk about fees in a second, all right, or they will be the ones stuck.

Until we get to a neighborhood where people who can barely afford to keep their 1988 Dodge Dart on the street and insured, will no longer be able to park in front of their homes.

Government loves revenue streams. And I don't think there's any one within the earshot of my voice who doesn't believe that these fees won't go up. And the irony is that the DOT says that the fees will not cover the cost of running the program and under the bill that's being authorized in Albany, the fees will not go to the Treasury of the City of New York, but the expenses will.

I think people have gotten used to government taxing everything that moves and

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2 breaths. And I'm just concerned that we're now
3 going to start taxing open space and your right to
4 park in front of your home. I think this is a bad
5 precedent to set. We first heard about this in
6 conjunction with congestion pricing. It was a bad
7 idea with congestion pricing. It's a bad idea
8 without it. And I urge my colleagues to vote no.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
10 Council Member Gonzalez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank
12 you. I would like to thank Chair Comrie, Chair
13 Lander, Gail Benjamin, of course, from the Land
14 Use and the Land Use staff for all their work on
15 LU 466. Historic Greenwood Cemetery has been a
16 pillar of the Sunset Park and surrounding Brooklyn
17 communities for over a century. Their dedication
18 to the areas and residents I represent is second
19 to none. This project will continue that
20 commitment. Greenwood's plans for the Weir
21 Greenhouse Property is both sensitive to the
22 history of the site while calling for major
23 investment and rehabilitation that will ensure
24 visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy the
25 space.

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2 I am fully in support of
3 Greenwood's application and I urge my colleagues
4 to vote yes on this item. I would like to also
5 say to Mr. Moylan who is here today from
6 Greenwood, thank you and thank you to Ken Fisher
7 and I look forward to working with all of you in
8 the future.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
10 very much. Seeing no others, we'll move on.
11 Reports of Special Committees?

12 MR. McSWEENEY: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of
14 Standing Committees.

15 MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the
16 Committee on Finance, Preconsidered Reso 1101,
17 organization funding.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
19 Orders.

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21 1102, adjusted base proportion.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
23 Orders.

24 MR. McSWEENEY: Preconsidered Reso
25 1103, certifying base percentage.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Reconsidered LU 507

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MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the

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Committee on Immigration, Intro 656-A in relation

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to persons not to be detained.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled

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on General Orders.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the

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Committee on Land Use, LU 466 and Reso 1108,

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Greenwood Cemetery.

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MR. McSWEENEY: LU 492 and Reso

1109, landmark designation.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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MR. McSWEENEY: LU 495 and Reso

1110 and LU 496 and Reso 1111, sidewalk cafes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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MR. McSWEENEY: LU 500 and Reso

1112 UDAAP Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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MR. McSWEENEY: LU 501 and Reso

1113 through 503 and Reso 1115, sidewalk cafes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

Orders.

MR. McSWEENEY: LU 504 and Reso

1116, sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled, to be

filed pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

MR. McSWEENEY: LU 505 and Reso

1117, sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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MR. McSWEENEY: LU 506 and Reso
1118, City map amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections,
Preconsidered M 0689 and Reso 1119 approving the
appointment of Kenneth J. Knuckles, Planning
Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the
Committee on State and Federal Legislation,
Preconsidered SLR 0014, Residential Parking
Permits.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the
Committee on Technology, Reso 999-A, surplus City
equipment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on General Orders.

MR. McSWEENEY: Report of the

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Committee on Transportation, Intro 412-A,
Community Board hearings for bicycle lanes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
on General Orders.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General
Order Calendar?

MR. McSWEENEY: Resolution
appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders. And at this time I'd like to ask for roll
call on all items that have been coupled on the
General Order Calendar, please.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

MR. McSWEENEY: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no
on Preconsidered Reso SLR 14 and aye on all the
rest.

MR. McSWEENEY: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'd like to
just say a couple of words about Alice Cardona who
was my friend since the 1970's. We went to China

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2 together for the Beijing Women's Conference and
3 probably went to thousands of meetings regarding
4 the National Women's Political Caucus. So I just
5 want to echo those who loved her and respected her
6 and learned from her. And she was a voice that
7 can never be silenced. And so we certainly send
8 our best wishes to her wonderful family whom she
9 adored and we will miss her.

10 I vote aye on all. I want to
11 comment on SLR 14. It's my understanding, and I
12 agree with a lot of what Lew Fidler stated, this
13 is a bill that I think will not pass in Albany.
14 So hopefully it will have changed. I do
15 understand the concerns of those who have
16 Districts around stadiums. And I think that would
17 be a legitimate issue. Every other aspect of this
18 bill, it's my understanding that we're doing a
19 Home Rule and any changes to parking in New York
20 would be discussed here in the City. And then
21 just like bike lanes, would have any discussion at
22 a local level. So I vote aye with that
23 understanding. Thank you.

24 MR. McSWEENEY: Chin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I just wanted
to take this opportunity to thank Council Member
Ignizio and all the Council Members that came down
for lunch to support the Mill Street Café. Their
business was hurt by what's been going down here
in Wall Street with all the police barricades.
And it really was a strong show of support in my
District and the owner really appreciated it. And
I vote aye on all. Thanks.

MR. McSWEENEY: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Pass.

MR. McSWEENEY: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all
except Intro 656-A, no. And I abstain on SLR 14.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

MR. McSWEENEY: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, just
very briefly, I wanted to, let me cast my votes
first, no on SLR 14, 1102, 1103, 1104 and 656-A.
I just wanted to briefly talk about my opposition
to SLR 14.

We were talking a little while ago
about, you know, it's thousands of parking spaces
open in and around X stadium or Y stadium. So God
forbid somebody's able to take their son or
daughter to a Yankee game and be able to get out
of there without spending \$50 on parking. And my
take to that is people already paid for that
parking in taxes, every year. Those aren't your
spots. Those aren't my spots. The spot in front
of my house is not mine. It's a City spot. And
as well as anybody can come to Tottenville or to
Tompkinsville, they can go to anywhere in the
Bronx, Manhattan or anywhere else, and not have a

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You know, the argument that it's not a lot of money; well it's not a lot of money when it's not your money. When it's my money, it's a lot of money. And the fact of the matter is, as my colleague Lew Fidler eloquently said in his non-so-Kumbaya moment, is that when you started \$5 for the permit and it goes to \$10 for the permit, people shouldn't have learned, particularly from this Administration that they turn around and they renegotiate the deal in the middle and say, wow, we really have to fund the program at least. And it ends up being \$20, \$30, \$40 and \$50. And a person that can afford it on one community is fine but in other communities they can't. So I just think this is overall a bad idea. There is an issue in these communities and how we address that is one thing but to start with a residential permit program which continues to bang out the taxpayer is the wrong way to go.

Thank you.

MR. McSWEENEY: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you.

With regards to SLR 14 which is a bill that

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2 obviously I support and have been pushing and
3 urging, after years of listening to residents of
4 the communities surrounding Downtown Brooklyn, and
5 after researching residential parking permit
6 parking plans in other cities in the United
7 States, we are putting forth this residential
8 permit parking plan. It is based in the unique
9 situation in Downtown Brooklyn.

10 Yesterday DOT indicated that they
11 would support two pilot programs. One in and
12 around Atlantic Yards where we are anticipating a
13 20,000-seat arena opening in a matter of months.
14 And in the Bronx around Yankee Stadium. As most
15 of you know, the Atlantic Yard project which a
16 significant number of members support, there is
17 only surface parking for only 1,200 cars.

18 Let me say that again. There is
19 only surface parking for 1,200 cars. And if in
20 fact this is a transit-oriented project, then
21 individuals who come to the Barclay's arena should
22 use mass transit. This residential parking permit
23 program is nothing more than a disincentive for
24 individuals to drive to Barclay's Arena and a plan
25 to manage transportation in what is primarily a

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residential downscale, brownstone community.

It is the community's collective goal not to make sure that they have a guaranteed parking space but the goal basically is to give residents a priority in the competition for available parking so that they can go about leading their lives and not have to wait until after events are over.

In addition to that a survey was conducted in the District that I represent and in Downtown Brooklyn and over 95% of the residents have agreed to this fee.

In regards to the bill that has been sponsored by Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, I congratulate her for her leadership. It is a truly historic today. And this country has a long tradition of welcoming immigrants. And the criminal alien program undermines that heritage and that relationship with immigrants.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: And so it's for that reason I support and urge all of my colleagues to vote enthusiastically on both bills

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and I support and I again urge my colleagues to vote in support. And I thank you for this opportunity to speak. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much.

MR. McSWEENEY: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on all.

MR. McSWEENEY: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote no on Reso 1101, 1102, 1103, and no on Intro 656-A and aye on all others. Thank you.

MR. McSWEENEY: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: So I request permission to explain my vote.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye on all. I want to say congratulations to Council Member Mark-Viverito and thanks to the Speaker and the advocates on 656-A. I'm proud to be a member of a body that is taking real leadership to show that this is an immigrant-friendly City. And that innocent folks don't have something to fear from

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On SLR 14, I'm voting yes, proudly, I do share some of the misgivings expressed by Council Members Brewer and Fidler about neighborhood-based RPP. And before we would put that into place I would want to have long conversations because I appreciate those concerns and I share many of them. But for the area around Atlantic Yards, around Barclay's Center and it sounds to me like this is deeply true around Yankee Stadium as well, we desperately need to do something to disincentivize driving.

And if thousands of people believe that they can drive into that neighborhood and park in front of people's homes and get free parking, then we're not only going to have a parking nightmare, we're going to have a traffic nightmare. The vast majority of residents in those neighborhoods have reached out, have asked us to do something about it, and we need to put something in place before Barclay's Center opens a year from now.

So I'm glad we're passing this SLR. And I hope the Administration and DOT, as they

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2 said yesterday, will work with us to get a program
3 in place before Barclay's Center opens.

4 I vote aye on all. Thank you very
5 much.

6 MR. McSWEENEY: Ulrich.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Mr.
8 Majority Leader, I believe there was a mistake
9 early on the Reso numbers. I've voting no on
10 1102, 1103 and 1104. And 1101, strike that from
11 the record.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

13 MR. McSWEENEY: Vacca.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye
15 on all.

16 MR. McSWEENEY: Lappin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

18 MR. McSWEENEY: Levin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission
20 to explain my vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye
23 on all. Preconsidered SLR, I just wanted, I was
24 remiss earlier in not thanking and acknowledging
25 all the advocates from the District I represent in

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2 Boerum Hill and Brooklyn Heights who have put in a
3 lot of time and effort into making sure that a
4 residential parking permit program is implemented
5 in the City of New York. And I want to thank them
6 for their efforts. And I vote aye on all.

7 MR. McSWEENEY: Mark-Viverito.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [No
9 audible response]

10 MR. McSWEENEY: Mendez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

12 MR. McSWEENEY: Nelson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

14 MR. McSWEENEY: Palma.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

16 MR. McSWEENEY: Recchia.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on
18 all.

19 MR. McSWEENEY: Reyna.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

21 MR. McSWEENEY: Rose.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

23 MR. McSWEENEY: Seabrook.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
25 all.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Permission

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Yes,

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regarding 656-A, first of all, some of you appear

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to be under the notion that people here illegally

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prosecutor, let me tell you, this will make us

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arrest for violent crimes and less serious crimes.

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cooperation from the immigrant community, everyone

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in this room knows that the NYPD is not allowed to

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2 And everyone knows that President
3 Obama has just said that he is only going to
4 deport the worst of the worst. So it's very clear
5 that no innocent victim or witness has to be
6 concerned. And there's no need for this drastic
7 action. Two recent examples, just a few blocks
8 from my office, on why we need to share
9 information. Number one, Milan Rissa [phonetic] a
10 monster who threw his dog out the window, would be
11 back on the streets on bail if not for immigration
12 hold.

13 And number two, a groper, one of
14 many gropers in our area was caught in the act
15 basically and the victim got on the train because
16 she didn't realize it and the cops could not find
17 the victim. So after a day of searching, they had
18 to--after a day of searching, if this wasn't an
19 illegal immigrant, and it was, they would go right
20 back on the street after this law is passed.

21 Without this law there would be an
22 immigration hold. So with this law, that groper
23 will be right back on the street groping our
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compromise. We could have decided not to share information regarding certain misdemeanor arrests while reporting gropers, muggers, rapists. But not under this bill. They all go right back on the street.

There is no public safety exception and there should have been so I vote no on 656-A. I'm going to vote no on SLR 14 because I have not had any chance to go into my community and get their input. And I'll vote no on 1102, 1103, 1104. And congratulate Jimmy Vacca and aye on the rest.

MR. McSWEENEY: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I'm explaining my vote. Under the perspective of a resident of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights, two communities west of Atlantic Yards, I vote no on SLR 14 and I vote aye on all the rest.

MR. McSWEENEY: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS:
Permission to explain my vote.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Es.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I want to congratulate Ms. Mark-Viverito on Intro 656, very

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2 important bill and historic. We should not be
3 benefiting from people that we call sometimes
4 undocumented or whether they're documented, we
5 shouldn't act like if we remove them all, even if
6 from the City, the City will continue to flourish
7 because we know that it wouldn't so we should
8 treat them as human beings.

9 And also the bill clearly said that
10 it would not cover people who have been convicted
11 of misdemeanors or felonies. And there is
12 something called the fruit of the poisonous tree
13 which you cannot arrest someone and then find out
14 that what you arrested them for was false and then
15 hold them on something else. I think this falls
16 in line with that.

17 I do want to congratulate, I forgot
18 who it was, for Intro 412. And, sorry, SLR 14.
19 But I congratulate them nonetheless.

20 [Laughter]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: But the
22 parking spaces, I did want to say I do understand
23 the opposition to is. I think the problem here is
24 the stadium itself was ill-conceived to begin
25 with. And now we have things that we have to deal

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2 with that are fallout from that. And we have to
3 deal with it whether we want to or not. This
4 doesn't immediately say that there's going to be
5 fees but I do think we should have the right to
6 debate it to solve the problems that, frankly, we
7 shouldn't be dealing with to begin with.

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So I vote aye on all.

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Congratulations Fidler.

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MR. McSWEENEY: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I passed

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because I'm having real problems with Intro 656-A.

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cause until now. And I'm going to abstain on 656-

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know that I did practice before what was then

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called the Immigration and Naturalization Service

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we will in fact be, in an effort to be

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2 compassionate and fair to many people who are in a
3 circumstance not of their own making, and will be
4 put into a horrific situation, we will be
5 endangering the public safety with others.

6 I guess all I can really do is
7 indicate my protest of the Federal immigration
8 laws by abstaining. What we really need to do is
9 have a meaningful and fair 212-C process, a
10 distinction between people who were brought here
11 at a young, tender age and don't know any other
12 country because their family brought them here and
13 they remain without status, without fault. We
14 need to find a way to do those things and still
15 have a meaningful control of our immigration
16 system and population in our borders.

17 So I'm going to abstain on 656-A
18 for the reasons I stated before. I'm going to
19 vote no on SLR 14 and I vote aye on all the
20 others.

21 MR. McSWEENEY: Oddo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: May I be
23 temporarily excused to explain my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I vote yes on

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2 all with the exception of Resos 1102, 1103, 1104,
3 Intro 656-A and SLR 14. And I know this is the
4 time we discuss General Order Calendars and we
5 cannot discuss the Introduction and Reading of
6 Bills. And I won't, other than to point out the
7 fact that Intro 704 is introduced by Council
8 Member Fidler by the request of the Mayor. And I
9 ask has anyone checked the weather conditions in
10 Hell?

11 [Laughter]

12 [Pause]

13 MR. McSWEENEY: Rivera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
15 on all.

16 MR. McSWEENEY: Speaker Quinn.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

18 [Pause]

19 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items
20 on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by
21 a vote of 49 in the affirmative, with 0 in the
22 negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of
23 SLR 14 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the
24 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 1 abstention;
25 and Preconsidered Resolution 1101 which was

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2 adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 2 in
3 the negative and 0 abstentions; and Preconsidered
4 Resolution 1102 which was adopted by a vote of 43
5 in the affirmative with 6 in the negative and 0
6 abstentions; and Preconsidered Resolution 1103
7 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the
8 affirmative, 4 in the negative and 0 abstentions;
9 and Preconsidered 1104 which was adopted by a vote
10 of 45 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 0
11 abstentions; and Intro 656-A which was adopted by
12 a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative
13 and 1 abstention.

14 Introduction and Reading of the
15 Bills.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
17 referred to Committees as indicated on the agenda.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
19 Discussion of Resolutions. We have one Resolution
20 on for today. And two Council Members want to
21 speak on that. Council Member Jackson.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: I'm sorry Mr.
23 Majority Leader--

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
25 [Interposing] Yes.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: --could we just get
3 quiet before we start speaking on the Resolutions?

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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Silence in the chambers. Council Member Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Can I...?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay. So

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we'll move on for Tish James. No, Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm just

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talking on the General.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Oh,

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.

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My colleagues, our colleague Fernando Cabrera has

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introduced a Resolution. And that Resolution

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Oh,

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Council Member, we already vote don that item.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: We did?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: That was
3 an Intro or a Reso?

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: That was--
5 [Off mic crosstalk]

6 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yeah.
7 Okay. So now--

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON:
9 [Interposing] I'm sorry.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.
11 Sit down.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay. So
13 now we're just going to take a vote on the Reso.
14 It's Resolution 870-A. An amended Resolution
15 calling on the United States Congress to pass and
16 the President to sign into law the Public Safety
17 Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act, S. 911 which
18 amends the Communications Act of 1934 to provide
19 public safety providers an additional ten
20 megahertz of spectrum to support a national,
21 interoperable wireless broadband network and
22 authorizes the Federal Communications Commission
23 to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to
24 support such a network. Amended and adopted by
25 the Committee on Technology, all in favor say aye.

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MANY VOICES: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All
opposed say any.

[No voices in opposition]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any
abstentions?

[No voices in abstention]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: The ayes
have it. At this point in time we'll move on to
General Discussion. First we have Council Member
Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.
My colleagues I rise--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing]
Quiet, can we have just a little quiet Charles.

[Gavel banging]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Start the
clock over again. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I rise
today to encourage you to support Intro 697, a
Slavery Disclosure Act. This is calling on any
businesses, contractors that do business with the

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2 City to disclose whether they had any
3 participation in the institution of slavery, the
4 slave trade, or the slavery institution itself.
5 When this was passed in Los Angeles and Chicago,
6 J.P. Morgan Chase had to disclose, and they
7 realized that they profited off the blood, sweat
8 and tears of 13,000 enslaved Africans and they
9 wrote a letter of apology and had some
10 compensation.

11 We think that any business that
12 does business in this New York City, the place
13 that we're in right now, under here, is the bones
14 of our ancestors. Downtown where the Occupy Wall
15 Street protesters are, are the bones of our
16 ancestors. At the African Slavery Ground, 427
17 were saved so that we were able to keep that in
18 respect. But there were 20,000. So this being
19 the most progressive Council, out as we say,
20 majority Black and Latino, we couldn't get it
21 passed before when Bill Perkins was here and we
22 introduced it, we had hearings, but we couldn't
23 get it out because the Mayor didn't want it to
24 happen.

25 This is simply to disclose your

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2 corporate history like you have to do if you're
3 involved in a gang or corporate corruption or
4 whatever. We want them to put slavery, if there's
5 any involvement in slavery, to do that in this
6 City Council. This would be a great, great
7 opportunity for this City Council to pass a simple
8 act of disclosure in honor of those who built this
9 City, built this country. And that was African
10 people and they should never be forgotten.

11 I want to thank Attorney Roger
12 Wareham who's here from the December 12th Movement.
13 Stand up Roger and please give him a big handclap.
14 He worked hard with us.

15 [Applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And the
17 Freedom Party. And I want to ask all of my
18 colleagues to support this legislation. Thank you
19 very much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
21 very much Council Member. Next we move on to
22 Council Member James.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: In response
24 to some comments that were just previously made
25 about a bill that we just passed, let me just say

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2 that the proposed law provides that the Department
3 of Correction shall not turn over to immigration
4 authorities a defendant who has not been convicted
5 of a crime. Not charged in a criminal case. No
6 outstanding warrants. Has never been the subject
7 to a final order of removal. And is not on the
8 terrorist watch list.

9 To argue that this is going to make
10 residents and citizens of New York City unsafe is
11 just--it just confounds me and is an insult to my
12 intelligence.

13 Today I want my colleagues to sign
14 on to a piece of legislation which would require
15 City agencies to report cost overruns on all large
16 private contracts.

17 And lastly let me salute my
18 Assembly Members, Assembly Member Jeffries,
19 Senator Eric Adams, my colleague Council Member
20 Williams and myself. Today we came together to
21 urge Mayor Bloomberg to appoint an independent
22 commission to investigate corruption within the
23 Police Department. Unfortunately there's been a
24 litany of incidents involving NYPD within the past
25 few weeks: ticket-fixing in the Bronx; evidence

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2 tampering; gun running; drug planting; unlawful
3 surveillance activity; racism; sexual assaults.
4 All of these incidents have shocked the conscience
5 and demand action. Today we came together to urge
6 Mayor Bloomberg, the Governor, and the Attorney
7 General to form an independent commission,
8 something similar to the Mullen Commission or the
9 Nap Commission.

10 Both were implemented in prior
11 years as a result of misconduct and we are urging
12 that these independent commissions be charged with
13 investigating corruption at NYPD.

14 In addition to that we would urge
15 once again that Mayor Bloomberg reform Stop and
16 Frisk. Stop and Frisk, unfortunately, the
17 practices in the City of New York are illegal and
18 unconstitutional and have sent a message to NYPD,
19 to some members of NYPD, that they can operate
20 above the law. We would urge all of you to join
21 with us in asking for an independent commission to
22 investigate the few which unfortunately have
23 affected the vast majority of the members of NYPD
24 who honor and uphold the law. Thank you.

25 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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Council Member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much. Two issues. One, yesterday I had the pleasure of speaking at the opening of the John Jay College of CUNY, new building. It's a huge testament to the perseverance of President Travis and Chancellor Goldstein and their incredible staff, as this building was built and is now in use. And I just want to congratulate the entire CUNY system for making this a reality.

Number two, Dana Segal is an intern from Barnard in our office and Kate Hensley who is an intern from New York University, and I want to thank them both for their service. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much Council Member. Next we have Council Member Debbie Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you Mr. Leader. I would like to take a moment to urge my colleagues to sign onto the Resolution 1094 which calls on Congress to pass the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2011. What this grant would permit permanent residency to qualifying Liberian nationals who have been living in the

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2 United States for a defined period of time or
3 their immediate family member of a Liberian
4 national.

5 I want to thank my colleague, the
6 Chair of the Immigration Committee, Council Member
7 Dromm, for extending to me the invitation to sign
8 onto this important piece of legislation as a co-
9 prime sponsor. I represent the largest
10 concentration of Liberians outside of Liberia in
11 the United States. And it has been my honor to be
12 their voice here in the Council.

13 After the devastating civil war in
14 Liberia in the 1990's which killed more than
15 150,000 people, thousands of Liberian refugees
16 immigrated to the United States and settled in my
17 District in the Park hills Section on the north
18 shore of Staten Island. The Liberian Refugee
19 Immigration Fairness Act would prevent the
20 deportation of thousands of Liberians, many of
21 whom have been living in the United States for
22 more than two decades as productive citizens who
23 have contributed greatly to New York City and the
24 country as a whole.

25 Since the beginning of the 20th

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2 Century, New York City has been a haven for
3 millions of immigrants seeking a better life for
4 themselves and their families. Together we can
5 send a message to Congress that America is still
6 the land of opportunity where all are welcome.
7 And I thank you and urge you to sign onto this
8 Resolution. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
10 very much. Seeing no others, this meeting is
11 adjourned. Oh, I apologize. Wait, we have
12 Corrections on the votes. All items on today's
13 General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote of
14 49 in the affirmative, with 0 in the negative and
15 0 abstentions with the exception of SLR 14 which
16 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8
17 in the negative, and 1 abstention; and
18 Preconsidered Resolution 1101 which was adopted by
19 a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative
20 and 0 abstentions; and Preconsidered Resolution
21 1102 which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the
22 affirmative, 6 in the negative and 0 abstentions.;
23 and Preconsidered Resolution 1103 which was
24 adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 6 in
25 the negative and 0 abstentions, and Preconsidered

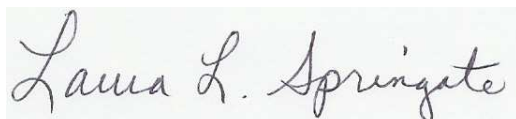
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1104 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and Intro 656-A which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative and 1 abstention. That is all. This meeting is adjourned.

[Gavel banging]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature Laura L. Springate

Date November 20, 2011