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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Margaret S. Chin
- Rosie Mendez
- Corey D. Johnson
- Daniel R. Garodnick
- Ben Kallos
- Helen K. Rosenthal
- Mark Levine
- Inez E. Dickens
- Ydanis A. Rodriguez
- Andy L. King
- James Vacca
- Fernando Cabrera
- Ritchie J. Torres
- Vanessa L. Gibson
- Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
- Annabel Palma
- Paul A. Vallone
- Peter A. Koo
- Julissa Ferreras

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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Stephen T. Levin  
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Deborah L. Rose  
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Vincent M. Ignizio

Letitia James  
Public Advocate

Angela Fernandez  
CIDNY

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

Misty Copeland  
American Ballet Theater

Antionettea Etienne  
Reverend at Love Alive International Sanctuary  
of Praise

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We're going to get started. Alright, we're going to ask--Van Bramer wants me to drop the mic. I think we already did that. Alright, so Cohen and Mendez are going to-- Council Members Cohen and Mendez are going to present a proclamation to CIDNY I think that's the way it's pronounced, right, CIDNY? Which is--let me read the name. Hold on. Gary, let me see that name. The Center for the Independence of the Disabled New York to honor the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act, which is July 26.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you. I don't know--alright. And do we have CIDNY? Okay. Excellent.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I really just want to say how proud I am on behalf of the Council to present this proclamation to CIDNY. They really are at the forefront of advocacy and leadership and making sure that everyone's rights under the ADA had been achieved at full rights. So, I really just want to say congratulations and thank you for all the work that you've done to this point. Congratulations.

COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York

Proclamation: Whereas in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor the Center for the Independence of the Disabled, CIDNY, for its outstanding contributions to bringing people with disabilities closer to full and equal access to healthcare, housing, public services, education, employment, voting, emergency planning, and transportation, and whereas, CIDNY is a nonprofit organization founded in 1978 and is a national network of grassroots and community based organizations that enhance opportunities for all people with disabilities to direct their own lives, and whereas throughout their history, CIDNY has advised governmental officials on ways to make public services like transportation, health insurance, education and entitlements work better. They monitor public and private initiatives that affect people with disabilities and offer constructive solutions to the problems they see, and whereas CIDNY conducts an array of training and technical assistance activities to public officials, healthcare workers and other

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2 service providers on disability awareness and  
3 disability related issues. CIDNY also provides  
4 information and workshops for its consumers on  
5 everyday skills such as searching for housing,  
6 budgeting, transportation, housing keeping, self-  
7 advocacy, and goals planning, and whereas, CIDNY  
8 commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landmarks  
9 civil rights law and notes that since its enactment  
10 we've seen people with disabilities strive and  
11 succeed in education and in the workplace live  
12 independently in the community and access and benefit  
13 from services provided by schools, hospitals and  
14 public transportation, and whereas at this great  
15 milestone CIDNY continues to champion people with  
16 disabilities and we join them in calling upon  
17 community activists and organizations to work  
18 together. For it is through collective action that  
19 we change the attitudes that people with disabilities  
20 continue to endure both in court rooms and in  
21 society. Now, therefore be it known that in  
22 celebration of the ADA's [sic] 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the  
23 Council of the City of New York honors the Center for  
24 the Independence of the Disabled New York for its  
25 outstanding services to people with disabilities in

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New York City, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire Council, Andrew Cohen, Chair Committee on Mental Health, Rosie Mendez, Council Member Second District Manhattan, Ben Kallos, Council Member Fifth District Manhattan.

[applause]

UNIDENTIFIED: I want to thank you for joining us in commemorating this momentous occasion, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the most important civil rights laws passed in our nation. All of us look forward to living in a just society, no less those of us who have disabilities, and we are proud to join together with this group to celebrate our anniversary and to look forward to making new strides in the next 25 years. We want to thank the Council of the City of New York for this honor. Thank you so much.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Congratulations.

[applause]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, the next proclamation will be given by myself and Ydanis. Where's Ydanis? Council Member Rodriguez? In honoring the Board of the Dominican Day Parade, which is the largest Dominican parade in the country. Very

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much going through similar pains that we did at the National Puerto Rican Day Parade of changing leadership and having a new role and a new engaged parade that is truly tied into the community. So, this is exciting and we're here. We want to ask any of the representatives of the board to come up, and we have Council Members here that are joining us in support. Our Dominican-American Council Members, Ydanis, Antonio, Rafael Espinal, anybody else up here? I think Julissa's out. Okay, so we have some board members here. So, I'll pass it on to Ydanis.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I want to first of all thank the Speaker and my colleagues Council Member Reynoso and Espinal. It is a great day. You know, we are in the process, or the Dominican community went through a process of organizing the leadership of the Dominican Day Parade with Angela Fernandez with Executive Director, Executive Director of the President of the Dominican Day Parade, and I mean, she, the Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Immigration Coalition she served now with the Chairman of the Board Maria Lizardo who is also Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation and Benny



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[sic] who also is a guy who come from Wall Street also. Thank you to you three and the rest who serve our community. I know that new leadership is going to be a new day for the Dominican community, celebrating not only Merenga Machata [sp?], but also the culture of being hardworking people in the City. Thank you. Okay, now the clerk, please, the proclamation.

COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York

Proclamation: Whereas the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor the board of the Dominican Day Parade Incorporated for their outstanding teamwork which has led to a new and improved parade worthy of our great Dominican community, and whereas the Dominican Day Parade was founded in 1982 by the influential community activist Miguel Amato [sp?] who envisioned the vibrant celebration of Dominican heritage, culture, folklore, and traditions and spearheaded the efforts that led to his success. Nearly 35 years later, the Dominican Day Parade has grown to become the largest Dominican parade in the United States welcoming thousands of spectators and participants to experience the best of Dominican heritage and culture and reaffirm its enduring impact in American and throughout the world, and whereas the

1  
2 2015 Dominican Day Parade to be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>  
3 will be an unforgettable event and the culmination of  
4 months of work. On this occasion we are proud to pay  
5 tribute to members of its newly formed board of  
6 directors who have worked tirelessly to ensure its  
7 success, Angela Fernandez, Esquire/Chair, Louis  
8 Tejada First Vice Chair, Maria Lizardo, Second Vice  
9 Chair, Rudolpho [sp?] Fuertes, Treasure, Benny  
10 Lorenzo, Secretary, Maria Khury, Chair of Development  
11 Community, and Leonardo Ivan Dominguez, Chair of the  
12 Culture, Arts and Education Community. These  
13 individuals have worked together united by their  
14 shared passion and commitment to public service.  
15 This Board's new leadership originates within our  
16 local community and brings a fresh new open process  
17 to one of New York City's great Dominican traditions,  
18 and whereas the Board of Director's excellence is  
19 exemplified through multiple milestones in their  
20 public service careers. With our local community,  
21 the Dominican Day Parade Board of Directors  
22 established a longstanding history of public service  
23 and dedicated passion for their Dominican heritage.  
24 This year's parade will undoubtedly engage New York  
25 City with Dominican History, politics and social life

1 through the beautiful aesthetics that will fill the  
2 day. Now, therefore, be it known that the Council of  
3 the City of New York is proud to honor the Board of  
4 the Dominican Day Parade for providing outstanding  
5 and accountable leadership for the Dominican Day  
6 Parade and ensuring its success in the future,  
7 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire  
8 Council, Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member 10<sup>th</sup>  
9 District Manhattan, Fernando Cabrera, Council Member  
10 14<sup>th</sup> District Bronx, and many other Council Members.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, and  
13 we're going to hear from Angela, who we've had great  
14 relationship with on immigration front and all the  
15 work that we've done. She's a great leader and I'm  
16 glad that she's leading this institution to its new  
17 heights, and with that, Angela?

18 ANGELA FERNANDEZ: Thank you very much.  
19 Thank you very much and thank you--thank you very  
20 much to the City Council for this proclamation. We  
21 are at a watershed moment in the history of the  
22 parade for the first time in years. The parade is  
23 actually being led by 12 very diverse leaders  
24 representing all the different voices from our  
25 community. We want to ensure that this parade is the

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most inclusive parade possible that actually becomes the model for the parade in the future. My mother migrated from Bithua [sp?] in 1969, and I don't think that she envisioned nor did I envision that I would be working with such an incredible team to lead the parade. This is a cultural institution, an extremely important institution for our community, and I look forward to seeing all of you on August 9<sup>th</sup> at noon on 38<sup>th</sup> and Sixth Avenue to put on the greatest party in New York City. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you all very much. Congratulations. I didn't realize our Assembly Member Barron was here. Okay, we have one more proclamation, and it is a very special, special proclamation. It's great to see our former colleague, Council Member now Assembly Member Barron to be joined by our community Council Member Barron. And I want to--if we can keep it down a little bit. I want to really thank Inez for being dogged [sic]. She's been working hard on making this ceremonial happen, and originally this was scheduled for the spring and due to scheduling conflict, Misty Copeland could not be here in the spring, and lucky for us it's happening now, because on June 30<sup>th</sup> of this

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year, Misty was named the Principal Dancer of the American Ballet Theater, becoming the first--

[applause]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Becoming the first African-American woman to receive such an honor, achieve such an honor in 75 year history of the ABT, and earlier, one month earlier, Ms. Copeland had been named Time Magazine as one of the most--100 most influential people in the world. And if any of you have seen the 60 Minutes interview of Ms. Copeland, I saw her earlier this week and Melissa Harris-Perry. Obviously incredibly inspirational, but you're not, from what I can see, that just kind of blindly or passively accepts the accomplishments as someone that really proactively engages and inspires and motivates young women in particular to know that there are no limits. And thank you for what you've done. Thank you for what you're doing. I've been really inspired by all that I've seen of you and look forward to all the work that you have ahead of you. Inez, it's all yours.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

[applause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I have to thank all of my colleagues who gave so much support. They all wanted to have their names on the Proc [sic]. So, it's there, but it's in invisible ink. Everyone is so proud of your accomplishments. I'm presently reading your autobiography, and it is inspiring to understand what the hardships were that you overcame to come to the position that you arrived at. And we know that in this country there are stereotypes about how tall you should be, what size the proportion of your feet to your body, what kind of hair you should have, and certainly we know the ever-present what color you should be. So, we applaud you for the persistence, dedication, the hard work and what you're doing to hone your craft to be a perfectionist. So we applaud you. We thank you for all of that, and I have to give a special thanks to my staff person Indigo Washington because she stayed on it.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: She stayed on it. Okay. And it took us this long because her publicist said she rehearses eight hours a day, seven days a week. So, that's why she's as great as she is. You

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know, we see her on the stage. I saw her in December. It was beautiful. I'm going to go see her on Broadway. I'm going to go see her in the fall, and I encourage all of us to do that, and to have especially, as she says, "our little brown girls" know that there's nothing that they can't do if they do the hard work for that. Thank you.

[applause]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So we'll--and a couple--I saw Swan Lake. So, I was very--it was wonderful. If I could ask the clerk to read the proclamation.

COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York Proclamation: Whereas the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Misty Copeland for her extraordinary achievements in ballet and for inspiring people around the world with her grace and dedication to pursue their dreams even when such dreams appear against the odds, and whereas born in Missouri and raised in Southern California, Ms. Copeland was a 13-year-old girl living in a motel with her single mother and five siblings. When someone persuaded her to take a free ballet class at a boy's and girl's club led by an instructor with the

1 San Pedro City Ballet, Misty Copeland prevailed over  
2 the obstacles the dance world put before her, wrong  
3 body frame, lacking the usual body proportions, too  
4 old at the age of 13, and of course, the ever present  
5 underlying racist stereotypes. Within two months she  
6 had worked relentlessly to achieve On Point [sic], a  
7 feat other ballerinas work years to achieve. Within  
8 two years she won first place in the Music Center  
9 Spotlight Awards. She was offered lead roles before  
10 finishing high school. She continued her studies at  
11 the Loridsen [sp?] Ballet Center and later studied at  
12 the San Francisco Ballet School. Her fierce work  
13 ethic and passion led to a full scholarship to the  
14 summer intensive at the prestigious American Ballet  
15 Theater, and in 2000 she was named ABT's National  
16 Coca-Cola Scholar, and whereas in September 2000 Ms.  
17 Copeland joined ABT's studio company and six months  
18 later she became a member of its core Di Ballet  
19 [sic]. In 2007 she was appointed as a soloist making  
20 her ABT's first African-American soloist in 20 years.  
21 Although her performances looked effortless to many  
22 people, it has taken thousands of hours of discipline  
23 training to achieve such grace, and whereas, in 2008  
24 Ms. Copeland received the Lenore-Annenberg [sp?]



1 fellowship in the arts, a renowned award bestowed  
2 upon a few artists who have demonstrated great talent  
3 and are on the cusp of a professional break-through.  
4 Knowing the value of the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of  
5 America, she became its national Youth of the Year  
6 Ambassador in 2013, and whereas, despite many  
7 incredible challenges as Ms. Copeland shared in her  
8 2014 best-selling memoir, *Life in Motion, an Unlikely*  
9 *Ballerina*, she has remained relentlessly committed to  
10 her craft and helping others, especially "little  
11 brown girls" along the way. In 2014, President Obama  
12 appointed her to the President's Council on Fitness,  
13 Sports and Nutrition. The University of Hartford  
14 presented her with an honorary doctor of Fine Arts in  
15 recognition of her many accomplishments and the  
16 inspiring example she has set for girls, minorities  
17 and the underprivileged, and whereas, this year,  
18 Misty Copeland was named by Time Magazine as one of  
19 the 100 most influential people in the world.

21 [applause]

22 COUNCIL CLERK: A month later, on June  
23 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the American Ballet Theater promoted her  
24 to Principal Dancer, making her the first African-  
25 American woman in the company's 75-year history to

1 reach its top rank, a major milestone in a world of  
2 predominantly white swans, and whereas, even at the  
3 top of her form Ms. Copeland continues to challenge  
4 herself. From August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>, she will  
5 expand her repertoire and perform on Broadway in the  
6 classic musical On the Town. As a performer and role  
7 model, she is worthy of the esteem of all New  
8 Yorkers. Now, therefore be it known that the Council  
9 of the City of New York proudly honors Misty Copeland  
10 for her extraordinary achievements in the performing  
11 arts, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire  
12 Council, Inez D. Barron, Council Member 42<sup>nd</sup> District  
13 Brooklyn, Laurie A. Cumbo, Council Member 35<sup>th</sup>  
14 District Brooklyn, Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair Cultural  
15 Arts Committee.  
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17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So, I know that  
19 was long, but I think it was really important for  
20 everybody to really understand the accomplishments.  
21 We have a lot of young people up here in the wings.  
22 Raise your hands, young people.

23 [applause]

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And the City  
25 Council is a true reflection of the City of New York

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as diverse as we are as a city. It is majority people of color, and so this is very personal for all of us, what you accomplished and the inspiration you provide to the people we represent. It means a lot to me personally as well. So, thank you, and you can say a few words, Misty.

MISTY COPELAND: It's a complete honor to be here, and I got emotional because I saw so much of our youth up there, and I feel that's what my voice is there to represent is for all of you guys to see an example, no matter what color you are, of success no matter what you look like, no matter what shape you are. I'm proud to be a New Yorker. I've been here for over 15 years, and if it can happen anywhere, change in a diverse place, it's New York City. So, thank you so much.

[applause]

UNIDENTIFIED: Ladies and gentleman, can I have your attention, please? Can I please have your attention? Quiet on the floor, please. Quiet on the floor. At this time, please place all electronic devices, all electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-Council employees--non-Council

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Chambers, please? Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Everyone, please  
take their seat. Everyone please take their seat.  
Quiet in the chambers. Quiet in the chambers.  
Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[reciting pledge]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: I pledge  
allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
America and to the Republic for which is stands, one  
nation under God, indivisible with liberty and  
justice for all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo? Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy? Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present

COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?

Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile? Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield? Johnson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca? Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Palma? Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger? Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams? Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer? Speaker

Mark-Viverito?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the  
Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers.

Please rise for the invocation delivered by  
Reverend Antionettea Etienne from the Love  
Alive International Sanctuary of Praise, 1157  
Lexington Avenue in the borough of Manhattan.  
Quiet in the Chambers.

REVEREND ETIENNE: First and  
foremost, I would like to say thank you to  
Speaker Melissa and Advocate Letitia James for  
allowing me to be here. I also want to thank

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Mr. Perry Littman [sic] Linwood Smith [sic] for calling out my name, because this is an honor and a pleasure. I am so honored to be here today. As a non-denominational reverend, I call upon mother, father, everything God to instill the continued perseverance and determination of the Council Members to allow that their God instill in them the truth and the righteousness to protect New York and to achieve and overcome all the obstacles that are placed in our path, for we have many, Father God. Father God, touch in each and every person here from the top of their heads to the sole of their feet as they continue on in the work that you said that they must do in order to service the people that are so in need. So, Father God and I would just like to say thank you. Amen, AL shay [sic] and so it is.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Motion to spread the invocation, Council Member Kallos. Quiet in the Chambers, please.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I make motion to spread the invocation in full upon the record. Minister Antionettea Etienne,



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Minister of Health and Wellness for Love Alive International Sanctuary of Praise Church is a leader in the faith and in pioneering efforts to educate and prevent against HIV and AIDS. She is a grassroots organizer who is always available for those who need her day or night. As a member of the New York City Planning Council, New York State Prevention Planning Group, former member of the New York City Planning Group, former Chairperson of Rikers Island Advisory Board and Consortium [sic], she puts her community first, and we are so lucky to have her today. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Adoption of minutes, Council Member Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you,

Madam Public Advocate. I make a motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted and printed.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Messages and papers from the Mayor?

UNIDENTIFIED: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication from City, County and Borough Offices?

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UNIDENTIFIED: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and Communications.

UNIDENTIFIED: M317, Resignation of Vincent M. Ignizio as Minority Leader.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received, ordered, printed and filed.

UNIDENTIFIED: M318, Designation of Steven Matteo as Minority Leader.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received, ordered, printed and filed.

UNIDENTIFIED: M319, Resignation of Steven Matteo as Minority Whip.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received, ordered, printed, and filed.

UNIDENTIFIED: M320, Resignation of Vincent M. Ignizio as Council Member for the 51<sup>st</sup> District.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received, ordered, printed, and filed.

UNIDENTIFIED: Pre-considered M321 Designation and Appointment of Ramon Peguero to the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules,  
Privileges and Elections.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use  
Call-Ups. Quiet in the Chambers, please.

UNIDENTIFIED: M322 through M328.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
call of vote. Roll call.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and  
before I ask permission to vote on all General  
Order, I would like to recognize 10 of my  
interns who are here. Thank you for spending  
the whole summer in my uptown and downtown  
office. You're doing a great job. And now I  
would like to ask permission to vote aye on all  
General Order.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I'd like  
to vote aye on all Call-Ups and with permission  
vote aye on all coupled General Orders and  
Resolutions.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank  
you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You're  
welcome.

COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Yes, I would  
like to vote aye on all the Call-Ups, and with  
permission vote aye on all coupled General  
Orders and Resolutions.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo? Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Yes.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yes.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?  
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?  
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick?  
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?  
COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield? Johnson?  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: King?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowtiz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Mark-

Viverito?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: At this time

I'd like to recognize in the balcony the  
Presbyterian Church of Saint Albans, the Summer  
Vacation Bible School Camp in the district of  
Council Member Daneek Miller. Welcome.

[applause]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Today's Land Use Call-Ups were adopted by a  
vote of 39 in the affirmative and 0 in the  
negative. Quiet in the chambers, please, as we  
hear from the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

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2                   SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,  
3 Madam Public Advocate. I also want to take a  
4 moment to--I had mentioned him before, but I  
5 know we had Assembly member Barron here. If  
6 he's still with us, definitely [sic] to welcome  
7 to the chambers. So good afternoon to all.  
8 Today we're voting on legislation to help  
9 ensure our City's parks are in compliance with  
10 the American with Disabilities Act. The bill  
11 will require the Parks Department to issue  
12 annual reports to the Mayor and to the Council  
13 detailing all parks assessed for compliance  
14 with the law and what actions were taken to  
15 address any issues found. The Disability  
16 Rights Movement has a long history in New York  
17 City and as we recently celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup>  
18 anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities  
19 Act we need to ensure that we continue to make  
20 this a city that is welcoming and accessible to  
21 all of our residents. Staff, I want to thank  
22 Chris Artori [sp?], Chema Obitchair [sp?] and  
23 Patrick Movhil [sp?], and ask Council Member  
24 Mark Levine, Chair of Parks Committee to say a  
25 few words.



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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, and I too am proud that in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the most important civil rights legislation in this country's history, this Council has done so much to support our fellow New Yorkers who live with disabilities, including expanding the number of automated pedestrian signals, expanding disability rent, exemption increases and much more, and we want to extend that to our park system, where today far, far too many New Yorkers with disabilities are simply excluded. Of our 650 comfort stations and bathrooms, only 20 percent are fully accessible to people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices. Of our nearly 1,000 playgrounds, only 10 percent are fully accessible, and only six, just six out of the thousand meet the highest cutting edge standard of accessibility for all. We can do better, and we want to make sure the Parks Department does do better, and for that, this bill will give us information to track our progress. For the first time, it'll make information available to the public and this

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Council about assessments of accessibility in our parks system, about efforts to bring our facilities up to modern standards of accessibility and of our plan of getting to the ultimate goal of 100 percent openness and accessibility for all New Yorkers. And I urge all my colleagues to join us in voting yes on this today. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council Member. Additionally, we're also passing legislation to co-name 52 streets and public places in New York City. Obviously we're honoring a lot of great New Yorkers with these co-namings, but I'd like to highlight--I mentioned a few especially noteworthy individuals: Sergeant Charles H. Cochran Way for the first openly gay police officer; Robert Lowery [sp?] Way, the first African-American Fire Commissioner; EMT Luis Depena [sp?] Junior Square and FDNY Captain John R. Graziano [sp?] Way, first responders who died of 9/11 related illnesses, and Detective First Grade Brian Moore Way. Detective Moore was senselessly killed earlier this year, and as we vote to

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2 give him this small recognition, we as a city  
3 remain resolute that violence against the brave  
4 men and women of the New York City Police  
5 Department is never acceptable and will never  
6 be tolerated. Next, we are voting on two bills  
7 regarding Adult Protective Services, which is a  
8 division of the New York City Human Resources  
9 Administration. The Division provides social  
10 services to adults who are mentally or  
11 physically impaired, are unable to take care of  
12 themselves and have no one else to provide them  
13 with assistance. This is obviously a very  
14 important division and one that this council  
15 values tremendously, and these two bills are  
16 designed to reform and improve the services it  
17 offers. The first bill will require HRA to  
18 provide the Council with an annual report  
19 including the total number of referrals  
20 received, the number of referred individuals  
21 who were determined ineligible for services and  
22 a general description of the source of the  
23 referrals. This information will allow the  
24 city to examine options to ensure that all who  
25 qualify for services are being identified and

1 getting the help they need. The second bill  
2 will require HRA to conduct bi-annual trainings  
3 for appropriate employees of several agencies  
4 on best practices and identifying potential APS  
5 and how to refer such individuals to APS.  
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7 Again, we want to ensure that everyone who  
8 qualifies is getting the help they need and  
9 that no one in need is slipping through the  
10 cracks. Through these trainings, we'll make  
11 sure that other city agencies can identify  
12 candidates for Adult Protective Services and  
13 appropriately refer them. So, I want to thank  
14 on the staff side, Andrea Vasquez, Eric  
15 Bernstein [sp?], Tanya Cyrus [sp?], James  
16 Sabudi [sp?], Tersa Nazir [sp?], Laura Popa,  
17 and Lyle Frank. And with that, I ask Council  
18 Members Levin and Vallone, in that order, to  
19 say a few words.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you,  
21 Madam Speaker. I commend you for your advocacy  
22 and leadership in bringing these two bills to a  
23 vote today. I want to acknowledge the  
24 leadership of Council Member Paul Vallone who  
25 has taken on this issue with great urgency and

1 dedication. I want to acknowledge the Borough  
2 President of Manhattan, Gale Brewer, for  
3 requesting that we introduce Intro 89A of which  
4 I am the lead sponsor and commend her for her  
5 advocacy and leadership in addressing the issue  
6 of APS and reforms that are necessary. This  
7 Administration under the leadership of  
8 Commissioner Steve Banks at HRA has taken on  
9 the issue of reforming APS, but that is long  
10 overdue for many, many New Yorkers who have  
11 suffered for years under inadequate oversight  
12 and delayed justice. APS is the agency that  
13 services our most vulnerable New Yorkers, those  
14 that are elderly, infirm, and protect them  
15 against abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other  
16 hazardous situations. We need to do more, and  
17 these two bills will bring us closer to that  
18 goal, but we need to continue to do our job and  
19 provide proper oversight. Intro number 89  
20 provides us with increased information that  
21 will help us create better policy for many,  
22 many New Yorkers that need that help. And so,  
23 Madam Speaker, I thank you very much for the  
24 support and the time and thank you again,  
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Council Member Vallone, and to the staff, Tanya Cyrus, Andrea Vasquez and Doheni Sampora [sp?] for all their hard work. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, Council Member Levin, and especially thank you to our Speaker for having the vision to say yes to our Senior Taskforce back in January. I can't tell you what this means. For over 20 years I sat in the Guardianship Courts in the Courts of New York where so many of our citizens, especially our seniors are left alone with no one to provide or step up and care for them, and the first step of the process is working with APS to give them the tools to deal with this crisis, and these bills are the first step in that process of dealing with seniors and people with no one left to go. They wind up dealing at the doorstep of APS who are overburdened with this process, so these will allow for retraining of staff, calculations of where the referrals are coming in, how we can take the necessary steps to go forward. I can't thank our Council Members enough for this, and also Margaret Chin, Andy Cohen for their

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leadership in helping me with their leadership and helping me with their committees, Laura Popa, Andrea Vasquez, Eric Bernstein, Tanya Cyrus, James Saboodi [sp?], Johnathon Shaw [sp?] and Amanda Zarr [sp?] for their tireless work this year. Thank you so much for all your work. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.

Next, we have a bill that would require the New York City Climate Change Adaptation Taskforce to consider telecommunications infrastructure and make recommendations to improve its resiliency to climate change. As we learned from hurricane Sandy, telecommunications is both vital to the coordination of recovery efforts and vulnerable to storms and sea level rise. This bill will ensure that the city with the help of telecommunication providers is prepared for the future. The staff, I would like to thank Bradley Reed [sp?], Bill Murray [sp?], Jeffery Baker, Ed Atkin [sp?], Matt Gewalb [sp?], and Lara Popa, and ask Council Member Mark Treyger to say a few words.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,  
3 Speaker. After hurricane Sandy, this Council,  
4 the Council acted with regards to how we  
5 distribute and make sure that fuel and food is  
6 accessible to all of our neighborhoods impacted  
7 by emergencies, but the one area that we still  
8 had to act on was communication. During Sandy  
9 residents were urged to call 911. The problem  
10 is they could not reach 911 with phone lines  
11 down and cell phone towers out. This  
12 legislation with the support of my colleagues  
13 in the Council, Speaker and staff will now set  
14 in motion a groundwork for a communications  
15 resiliency plan where telecommunication  
16 companies that use public land and public  
17 infrastructure and that have franchise  
18 agreements with the City of New York will  
19 report steps they're taking to make their  
20 communications more resilient in the light and  
21 the face of climate change and storms and other  
22 forms of emergency. So, I want to thank the  
23 Speaker. I want to thank Laura Popa, Matt  
24 Gewalb, Brad Reed, Bill Murray, Jeff Baker,  
25 Johnathan Seltzer, Ethan Alostogoabre [sp?]



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from my staff for all of their efforts and my colleagues in my committee that have done tremendous work. Thank you, Speaker, for your time.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.

We also have a Land Use item dealing with properties impacted by hurricane Sandy. Immediately after hurricane Sandy the city made a commitment to help New Yorkers affected by the hurricane to repair, elevate and rebuild their homes. To lead this effort, in June 2013 the City created the Build it Back Program, its Sandy recovery program for residents, but in order to utilize some of the provision of Build it Back homeowners need documentation of the history of the property. In many of the City's waterfront neighborhoods, this historical research and documentation can be extremely difficult or even impossible. These documentation challenges apply to the thousands of properties expected to be rebuilt or elevated in the coming years are hindering the recovery process in these impacted neighborhoods. So, today we're approving zoning

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change to make it easier for home owners to provide the necessary documentation, which we hope will expedite urgently needed funding to build their homes back. And finally, today, we're announcing an agreement my office has reached on studying growth in the number of for-hire vehicles. After years of remaining relatively flat, the number of licensed for-hire vehicles has exploded. We've added more than 25,000 new cars to our streets in the past four years. The demand for new licenses continues to rise as we're seeing over 1,200 new cars on the road every month. In order to conduct a thorough review of the environmental impact of for-hire vehicles, the Council will vote on Introduction 847A, sponsored by Ydanis Rodriguez who is the Chair of our Transportation Committee and I really want to thank him for his leadership, requiring a study on how growth in the taxi and for-hire vehicle industries has impacted traffic, air quality, noise, and public health. The Council reached an agreement with Uber to provide trip information for a study that will be completed

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2 by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The information that is being  
3 provided will shed more light on the industry  
4 and impacts on our city and data we currently  
5 collect and will supplement other information  
6 gathered for a study on vehicle growth. Uber  
7 has also agreed to keep its current rate of  
8 growth steady during the study period. All  
9 along the goal has been to thoughtfully address  
10 the impacts of the explosive growth in the for-  
11 hire vehicle industry and it has become clear  
12 that we can achieve this through cooperation  
13 between the city and the industry. This  
14 Council is committed to supporting innovation  
15 and protecting the city's environmental  
16 interests, and today we're proving that those  
17 concepts are not mutually exclusive. This has  
18 been a thoughtful and deliberative process. We  
19 look forward to a real partnership with the  
20 for-hire vehicle industry along with genuine  
21 data sharing that will give us a better picture  
22 of their impact on our streets. And I really  
23 want to commend the staff that has been really  
24 incredible on this, Kelly Taylor, Lyle Frank,  
25 Johnathan Massarano [sp?], Gafar Zalof [sp?],

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2 and Russell Murphy. And Council Member Levin,  
3 if you would like to say a few words. I don't  
4 know if you do? Okay. Alright, and I know  
5 Council Member Ydanis left already. So, you  
6 did want to? Okay. Thank you. And today,  
7 before I finish I wanted to--today, you know,  
8 we're saying goodbye to our Land Use Division's  
9 General Counsel Ann McCoy who is leaving us to  
10 return to the private sector, and Ann has been  
11 an invaluable part of every Land Use project  
12 and the Council has acted under her tenure here  
13 and her dedicated service to this body. We  
14 really appreciate it so much, obviously  
15 including Midtown East, Willets Point, Hudson  
16 Yards, Astoria Cove, and the Staten Island  
17 Wheel. Ann, you've been invaluable. Thank you  
18 so much for your commitment and your service,  
19 and definitely continued success in all your  
20 future endeavors.

21 [applause]

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: What a send-  
23 off. Thank you again, Ann. And with that,  
24 I'll end communication from the Speaker.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
3 Congratulations. Discussion of General Orders,  
4 Council Member Inez Dickens.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you.  
6 Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I first want  
7 to congratulate our Speaker and our colleagues  
8 for recognizing the need for a study for the  
9 Uber car situation prior to us voting on a cap  
10 without doing due diligence for a study.  
11 Second, I want to thank my colleagues. I want  
12 to thank the Speaker for the naming of Leonard  
13 Harper Way. Leonard Harper, along with Oscar  
14 Misho [sp?] mounted their co-directed first  
15 all-black talking motion picture, The Exile,  
16 and was performed out of Harlem's Lafayette  
17 Theater on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, now Adam Clayton Power  
18 [sic] Boulevard and 132<sup>nd</sup> Street. I also want  
19 to recognize that we're naming Robert O. Lowery  
20 Way who was the first black New York City Fire  
21 Commissioner appointed by Mayor John Lindsay,  
22 and he and Wesley Williams who was the third  
23 black male to join the New York City Fire  
24 Department, and they also worked together to  
25 form and empower the Vulcan Society, where just

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this year the Vulcan Society elected in this 75-year history the first black female as its President. Thank you to all of my colleagues and thank you to the Speaker. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you. There are several items on today's agenda I'd like to--

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing] Is your mic on?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Yes, I'll lean over. Thank you. I have several items on today's agenda I'd like to ask my colleagues to please vote yes on. The first is the appointment of Ellen Hoffman. She served with the Office of Administrative Tax Appeals, OATA, and has been selected by the Mayor and approved by the Rules Committee to be our next Tax Commissioner. It is a small agency that protects our city, provides relief from taxes and saves us billions of dollars a year only for four million dollars. So, I please urge that colleagues please approve that. I'd also

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2 like to ask that folks please vote in favor of  
3 a ULURP in my district for Hospital for Special  
4 Surgery. This will result in community  
5 benefits to my community with an investment in  
6 our East River Esplanade which is literally  
7 falling into the river. They will be redoing  
8 it from 70<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup> where they are fronted.  
9 They will also be providing permanent  
10 maintenance, creating a master plan from 62<sup>nd</sup>  
11 to 78<sup>th</sup>, and creating, helping joining a  
12 conservancy that will care for that area. So,  
13 I want to just thank everyone in advance for  
14 your votes, and I also want to recognize Ann  
15 McCoy, who is also a constituent and hopefully  
16 will remain a constituent, for all of her  
17 amazing work over these last 18 months. I've  
18 had a chance to get to know her on numerous  
19 ULURPs and just want to thank her for her  
20 service. The Council will not be the same  
21 without you. You've been a joy and a pleasure  
22 to work with, and we're lucky to have you as a  
23 citizen of this great city. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the chambers, please. For General Order discussion again, Council Member Debbie Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I rise to congratulate my colleague and delegation member Steve Matteo on his first Stated Meeting officiating as Minority Leader.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I also just want to recognize with today's street renamings that we honor many Staten Islanders who are of note. I want to especially recognize the ones in my district, Elizabeth Egbert [sic], Dominick (Dom) Lambert, Art Hall, and Wayne (Chops) Derrick for their dynamic impact in our community, sports and our arts, and youth. They will truly be remembered by all who knew them. Elizabeth Egbert was an artist, sculptor, educator, and community activist, and as President and CEO of the Staten Island Museum, she transformed the museum into one of New York's most engaging cultural entities. Dominick (Dom) Lambert was a veteran and a venerable community activist during World War



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2 II. He served as a corporal in the United  
3 States Army, and he served on Community Board  
4 as Co-Chair in my community. Art Hall was an  
5 organizer of the first New York City Marathon,  
6 and he was a fixture in New York City's long  
7 distance running community. And Wayne Derrick  
8 Way, who I'm personally indebted to for  
9 mentoring me, is known as Mr. West Brighton,  
10 was a stationary fireman at PS18 and West  
11 Brighton, an athlete, a coach, and a mentor to  
12 so many of north shore's youth for more than 30  
13 years. Thank you. I want to thank all of the  
14 families of the street renamings for  
15 contributing these names to our community.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the  
17 chambers as we now hear from the newly elected  
18 Minority Leader, Steven Matteo.

19 [applause]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you.  
21 Just want to talk about the text amendment that  
22 we're going to pass today, and I urge all my  
23 colleagues to vote yes. Unfortunately, almost  
24 three years after Sandy devastated our city,  
25 thousands of New Yorkers are still languishing

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in limbo waiting for government programs to help them rebuild and for all the obstacles they have faced in recovery, it would be unconscionable for those of us in government to throw another one in their path to hinder their efforts with another regulation that did not anticipate this unprecedented disaster. This text amendment is not perfect, but frankly, it's the only solution, and with its passage today, there can be no more excuses for our city-stalled recovery operations. We need to pick up the pace of recovery substantially. We need shovels in the ground. We need to get people home. We need to act now, and I urge all my colleagues to vote yes.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES:

Congratulations. Council Member Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you,

Madam Advocate. Just a quick note, and I again thank the Speaker on the street renamings. One of them is 43 years overdue, and I thought it was important to mention that Officer Phillip Cardillo, like many of our NYPD, did his job, and unfortunately Mr. Cardillo was slain back

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in 1972 for doing his job. And just last week, many of us noticed Commissioner Bratton renamed the new harbor launch on behalf of him and his family, but also what didn't get noticed is our Council is renaming in our district at the very doorstep of the Police Academy every new cadet will now see as they come in and out of the Police Academy, Officer Cardillo Way, and know the sacrifice that he made for our city 43 years ago, and it's an honor that it's in our district. Thank you, Madam Advocate.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Council Member Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I do want to acknowledge that included in the street co-namings today is a co-naming for young Tinaya [sp?] R. Copeland. She was the young lady that was killed a few days before P.J. Avida was killed. Her assailant has not been captured as of yet. We don't have anyone who has been charged, who has acknowledged of having committed that crime. But I do also want to acknowledge that I'm joined today by my Council

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Member for the day and that is Ms. Jasmine Watson. She wasn't able to be here when the rest of the young ladies were here, but I certainly wanted to have her have an opportunity to be here, and she is currently 18 years old, and she will be attending SUNY Albany in September, and she wants to major in biochemistry, and she is an arc--

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, Science, STEM area, yes.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And she is a member of the R Connect Club, which is a junior club of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority of which I am a proud member, so I just wanted to acknowledge here being here today. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES:

Congratulations, Council Member for a day, and smart girl's rock. Council Member Steve Levin?

CHAIRPERSON LEVIN: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I just wanted to acknowledge very quickly in our street co-namings today, we are naming a street in my district in Brooklyn

1 after Briana Ojeda. Briana died in 2010 at the  
2 age of 11. She suffered an asthma attack, and  
3 as her mother was trying to deliver her to the  
4 emergency room at Long Island College Hospital,  
5 she was stopped for going down a one-way street  
6 the wrong direction as she was rushing to save  
7 her daughter. Her daughter died as a result of  
8 not being able to reach the emergency room.  
9 The police officer that stopped her did not  
10 know CPR and therefore was not able to  
11 administer CPR. Briana's tragic death at the  
12 age of 11 has left her family in intense  
13 mourning for many years. Her family is here  
14 today and we want to acknowledge their  
15 tremendous work over the years, her mother and  
16 father, because Briana's legacy continues to  
17 this day. There is a bill that has been  
18 introduced for a number of years in Albany  
19 called Briana's Law, which would mandate CPR  
20 training for all NYPD officials, and we have  
21 sponsored legislation here in the Council to  
22 join that. Her legacy continues in this  
23 legislation, and I want to acknowledge her  
24 family, her parents for being here today.  
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We're very proud to be able to do this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always, and I hope this co-naming will provide you and your family some comfort. May God continue to bless you, and thank you for being with us. Council Member Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'd also like to say that included in the street co-namings I have a traditional street co-naming and a very unique street co-naming. The traditional, Detective Clarence M. Surgeon Way is a perfect example of a traditional co-naming for a local hero. Detective Surgeon was beloved by his family and neighbors and he advocated--who advocated for this recognition. We're joined today by his lovely wife and her friend who I'd like to acknowledge who are right behind me somewhere. He served in the NYPD for 39 years and retired with the rank of Detective First Grade in '94. He's remembered for his braveness and courage as a transit patrolman. He was commended for repeatedly

1 entering the subway entrance to bring  
2 passengers to safety during a subway fire and  
3 for once saving a woman who had fallen onto the  
4 train tracks. He was active in local community  
5 and stood with Martin Luther King, Junior  
6 during his "I have a dream" speech. And then I  
7 have a unique co-naming. The first City  
8 Council has voted to co-name a street for a  
9 work of art since at least 2008. We began  
10 working on this last June which was the 25<sup>th</sup>  
11 anniversary of filming of "Do the Right Thing  
12 on This Block." Neighbors in Community Board  
13 Three signed petitions and voted in favor of  
14 this co-naming. Spike Lee held an enormous  
15 block party on this location at 06/28/14.  
16 Residents still remember the filming and it  
17 remains important today for its complicated  
18 portrayal of Bedford-Stuyvesant. Do the Right  
19 Thing Way is being featured in an upcoming  
20 feature film focusing on the President and the  
21 First Lady's first date, which was actually  
22 seeing Do the Right Thing. So, I want to thank  
23 my colleagues for signing on, hopefully to have  
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both of these street namings recognized. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank you for sharing Detective Surgeon with us. May he continue to live on through the legacy of having this street co-naming. Again, our thoughts and our prayers are with you always. Thank you. Council Member King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: In lieu of all us signing on street namings, I would be remiss if not to say a few words for Carmen Rosa Way. When I first got elected here to the Council, the first person I gave a proclamation was to Carmen Rosa who was the district manager for Community Board 12 for 20 years. Her service was unmatched as she delivered throughout the 12<sup>th</sup> District, and Council Member Cohen and I, at that time, Kopell [sic], share that same Community Board and she did a great job. So, I just want to say to her family that she is sorely missed. She passed away just a couple of years ago due to cancer, but we still love her. She's in our prayers, and her impact on the 12<sup>th</sup> district is always with us. So,



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congratulations and thank you, and much love to her family. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Council Member Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you.  
Thank you. I just want to say in regards to two co-namings in my district, Community Board One Chair Vincent Abadie [sp?] who was born in Williamsburg and served in World War II and served as the Chair of CB1 for 34 years, 1975 to 2009 and he's getting a street co-naming in Williamsburg. Very proud of it. The second co-naming in my district was called Mitchell-Lama Way, and it would honor the importance of the middle income program at Lindsay Park, which is one of the buildings which was named, I'm sorry, the most diverse in the nation by New Republic Magazine last year. It's also the last bastion of middle class housing in my district. So very happy to have both of these co-namings on today. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Seeing no others, report of Special Committees.

COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of  
Standing Committees?

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on Finance, Pre-considered Reso 793  
Organization funding.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on General Welfare, Intro 89A  
Referrals to Adult Protective Services.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 830A, Adult  
Protective Services Training.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
coupled on General Order.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on Land Use, OU247 and Reso 803 and  
LU 248 and Reso 804, Sidewalk Cafes.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled to be  
filed pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 429 and Reso 805  
Sidewalk Café.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 250 and Reso 806  
and LU 251 and Reso 807, Special Permits.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 252 and Reso 808,  
Zoning Amendment.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 253 and Reso 809,  
Disposition of City-owned property.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 254 and Reso 810  
and LU 255 and Reso 811, Various Housing

Applications.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 256 and Reso 812,  
Landmark Designation.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
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COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on Parks and Recreation, Intro 235,  
renaming two thoroughfares in public places in  
Queens.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 558A, Parks  
Department report on ADA compliance.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered Intro  
849, naming of 51 thoroughfares in public  
places.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report on the  
Committee on Recovery and Resiliency, Intro  
425A Communications Resiliency Plan.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled--I'm  
sorry, amended and coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections,  
M304 and Reso 813, approving the appointment of  
Mary Valverde, Art Commission.

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: M305 and Reso 814  
approving the appointment of Ellen E. Hoffman,  
Tax Commission.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered M329  
and Reso 815, approving the recommendation of  
Priscilla Consolo, Youth Board.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered Reso  
795, Changes to Council Committees.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on  
General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
Committee on Transportation, Intro 847A  
requiring a study on Taxi-Cab and for-hire  
vehicle industries.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
coupled on General Orders.

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COUNCIL CLERK: On the General Order calendar, Resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General Orders, and at this time I ask for a roll call on all items on the Coupled General Order Calendar.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam Public Advocate, may I be excused to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I want to congratulate all of my colleagues today on the bills that they're passing. I want to thank Ann for her years of service. We definitely appreciate all the time that you helped me with Astoria Cove. Thank you so

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2 much, Ann. And I want to make sure that I  
3 reference that as part of today's street  
4 renamings, we are creating a Dennis Tillis  
5 [sp?] Way. Dennis Tillis was a true activist  
6 in Astoria. He dedicated his life to making  
7 our community a better place. He helped found  
8 the Greek-American Homeowner's Association and  
9 then helped create through the Athens Square  
10 Park Coalition, an oasis on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue in  
11 Astoria for Athens Square Park. So, his memory  
12 and his efforts in Astoria will be well  
13 remembered and now we'll have a street to  
14 commemorate that. So, thank you very much.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the  
16 chambers. How do you vote on--

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES:  
18 [interposing] Oh.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you  
20 vote?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS:

Congratulations first to Steve Matteo. I think on your--on becoming a minority leader and I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission

to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you,

Madam Public Advocate. I quickly join all of my



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2 colleagues in congratulating our new Minority  
3 Leader, Council Member Matteo. I want to thank  
4 our colleagues for putting forth really  
5 incredible bills. Thank you Council Member  
6 Vallone and Levin on fighting for adult  
7 protective services, protecting our older New  
8 Yorkers, and Council Member Levine for making  
9 sure that our parks are always accessible for  
10 those that live with disabilities and in  
11 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities  
12 Act, and congratulations and thank you to our  
13 Speaker for her incredible leadership and the  
14 work that she did to put forth Intro 847A, the  
15 bill which requires a study on the impact of  
16 the growth in the taxi cab industry. Truly  
17 thankful that we were able to come to common  
18 ground on this bill, and with that I will be  
19 voting aye on all.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the  
21 Chambers, please. Continue with the roll call.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank  
24 you. May I explain my vote?

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you  
3 very much. First, I'd also like to congratulate  
4 the Speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito, for  
5 bringing the warring parties together to  
6 negotiate a better agreement on behalf of New  
7 Yorkers in relation to for-hire vehicles in New  
8 York City. Very grateful for her leadership.  
9 Would also like to take the opportunity to  
10 congratulate minority leader Steven Matteo.  
11 It's quite a group of folks you got there, so  
12 good luck with those Republican conferences.  
13 Beware that Ulrich, especially. And I would  
14 also very much like to thank the great General  
15 Counsel of the Land Use Division, Ann McCoy,  
16 who I've had the privilege of working with the  
17 last 18 months. She's been here for over three  
18 years. Every major deal that we've done in New  
19 York City in Land Use she has had a significant  
20 hand at. She's incredibly smart, incredibly  
21 reasonable, and really a straight shooter, has  
22 really had an incredible impact on so many  
23 different projects. We're grateful and  
24 incidentally, if you're interested, were going  
25 to have a small celebration at Barley Corner

1 [sic] at 5:00 p.m. Feel free to join us. And  
2 finally, I want to thank my Policy Director,  
3 Danny Roman, after working for me for two years  
4 and really doing incredible work having a hand  
5 in every piece of legislation that I've been  
6 involved in and other great projects. He is  
7 going back to his hometown in Florida. And I  
8 tried convincing him that Florida is too hot in  
9 the summer, but never the less he is still  
10 going back next week, and I really want to  
11 thank Mr. Roman for his great service. With  
12 that, I'm very pleased to congratulate all of  
13 my colleagues on their terrific legislation. I  
14 vote aye on all including the Land Use and  
15 Call-Ups.  
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17 COUNCIL CLERK: Johnson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I want to  
19 congratulate my friend Steve Matteo on his  
20 ascension to Minority Leader, and I want to  
21 thank Ann McCoy for all of her incredible help  
22 over the past 18 months, and with that, I vote  
23 aye on all. Thanks.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Just want to explain my vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Just want to congratulate Matteo and Madam Speaker, thank you for bringing calmness to a chaotic time with the taxi situation. So, thank you for your leadership and I vote aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowtiz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Congratulations Steve Matteo, and I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Request permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Alright. Congratulations to the new Minority Leader. I was thinking that your title should be Chief Short Stop and Clean-up Hitter, but Minoirty

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Leader has a good ring to it as well.  
Congratulations and thank you for all the work  
that you've done with us, last term as well  
when I chaired the subcommittee. And I  
definitely want to add my voice in  
congratulations to the Speaker for helping the  
city move forward in smart transportation  
policy in a thoughtful and considerate way. I  
vote aye on all Land Use Call-Ups and aye on  
all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With  
congratulations to Steve Matteo on his  
ascension and with heartfelt thanks to Ann  
McCoy for bringing a level of calm and  
expertise to many tense Land Use negotiations,  
thank you Ann so much for all of your help. We  
appreciate it, and I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Permission  
to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I also want to congratulate Council Members Levin and Vallone for sponsoring important bill. I want to congratulate Steve Matteo on ascension to the heights of power here in the Council, and I really want to sincerely say how proud I am of the leadership of our Speaker today. I think you've made us all proud. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye. I just want to say thanks to my intern, Michelle Azi [sp?] is here, and I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Just want to congratulate Matteo who's my favorite Republican on my Committee of Sanitation.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Your only Republican.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: You are the only one, but you're still my favorite. And I just want to thank the Speaker for giving us the opportunity to really have dialogue within the Council regarding important issues, especially the for-hire vehicle issue and for taking the charge at the end here and coming to a very reasonable point. So, thank you, Madam Speaker, and congratulations, Matteo.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the Chambers, please. Quiet in the Chambers. Continue.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: And I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Continue with roll call.

COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to explain my vote?

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: First off, I just wanted to congratulate Ann McCoy on moving on, and I was proud to work with you in Committee for one day. I hope I didn't--it wasn't my breath that pushed you out. But God bless you and look forward to obviously seeing you in the near future. Just wanted to also just highlight quick and thank the Speaker and also Amy Peterson from New York City Build it Back with the text amendment today which is going to finally help to raise around 2,000 homes in Sandy-impacted areas. It's a significant piece of legislation as moving through Land Use today. And I just wanted to acknowledge my interns Danny Hupper [sp?], Oliver Opena [sp?], and Carol as well who has recently joined me. And also just wanted to say congratulations to the slugger, Council Member Matteo. Thank you. I vote aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to explain my vote?



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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. Quiet in the chambers, please.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I would really like to thank Ann McCoy who without her help and guidance, the New York Wheel and the Empire Outlets would not become--would not be reality. I want to thank the Speaker today for changing the process that allows us to honor community heroes by naming city streets for them. They are more than worthy of such an honor, and I'm really thankful that she changed that process. I want to thank my colleagues for the smart legislation that they passed in this session, and I want to give kudos to the Speaker for being able to mediate the piece and the Uber dispute. And with that, I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: First of all, congratulations to Matteo. I can't wait to see the photo of you and de Blasio hard at work I your office as he discusses matters of

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importance to the city. I'm looking forward to those photos. And Madam Speaker, I'm just in total awe of your fierce power in negotiating the deal with Uber. You deserve all the credit for this, and it's going to bring us to a better place. The study is going to be very important, but without your leadership none of this would have happened. So thank you very much.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And your vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I do vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I just want to commend and thank all of my colleagues for passing their great bills. I just want to also just emphasize the--as well as the Build it Back amendment as well. I want to congratulate the Chair of the Subcommittee of Zoning, Donovan Richards. It's a very important bill

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that have been passed through his committee and to Land Use. Finally red tape is being cut to get these homes rebuild close to three years after Sandy. So, kudos to them. And with that, Ann who has been--I think Council Member Levin mentioned the calm, very calm, calming presence in informing us and helping us through very detailed sometimes complicated matters, but she's been a very helpful presence. We wish her all the best. I thank all my colleagues for their support on my bill as well, and with that, I vote aye on all, and congratulate as well the new Minority Leader, Steve Matteo, dear friend. Thanks, bye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: We have an extra seat in the Republican caucus that's open now. I don't know if anyone is interested. I could have used you about a month ago, but it's still available.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I want to congratulate Steve Matteo. I want everyone here to know that he is a good friend of mine. I support him. I know him. He's a man of enormous integrity, and he's going to do a phenomenal job as the Minority Leader. He follows in the footsteps of some really great people, mentors of mine and his, Tom Ognivini [sp?] and Jimmy Otto, and Tom, by the way, is not doing well for those of you who know. Tom Ognivini was recently diagnosed with cancer, and he's at NYU Langone and I've had a chance to go see him, and he's one of the just the great personalities to serve in this body, and I know that Steve is going to make his constituents proud, but more importantly he's following in the footsteps of some really, really great people. As much I'm going to miss Vinnie, I know that Steve is going to exceed all expectations and I want to congratulate him because I know he's the right man for the job. So, congratulations my friend. Thank you. And I vote aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I also want to join in congratulating Steve Matteo upon his elevation, and I did want to note that one of the street re-namings is for someone in my district Bill Toome [sp?]. Bill Toome really was the unofficial Bronx historian. He and the late John McNamara [sp?] traveled the borough teaching about the history of our borough, the history of its streets, its parks, and it was a pleasure working with him. He cared so much about what the Bronx meant to so many people over the course of many, many years, and I'm pleased the Council has included him in the street renaming we're voting on today. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Advocate, a quick moment, please?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: So, I want to join all the rest of us in congratulating Steve Matteo. Steve, well done. I know you're

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going to do--make the job proud. They should have used your photo in the softball game. Joyce [sic] however, I am happy about the volleyball choice photo. Clearly great picture was Joe Zinair [sp?] in the volleyball matter. I wanted to thank everyone on the senior taskforce that made the legislation today possible. And quickly, to my super intern that's been with me since day one, Adrian Tagoni [sp?] has the nerve to leave me for law school, but I wish you well, Adrian, going to Fordham Law School. You have done every task I've asked you to do. You will make Fordham proud. And really quick to Vanessa Gibson's mom who's watching us as we speak, yes, Andy King really is wearing yellow shoes. Just wanted to let that out.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: And I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: May I have a moment to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: So I wanted to congratulate Ann for leaving. Your leaving is a tremendous loss to the Council, but your tenure here and the work that you've done was noteworthy. We're going to miss you, and I don't know how we're going to replace you. We can't even replace you. I don't even know how we're going to fill your spot. And to the new Minoirty Leader Matteo, I want to give you congratulations, congratulate you. I want to abstain from Reso 793 and vote aye on all on everything else. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: With many thanks to my colleagues for this support, I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shout out to Council Member Gibson's mom, and let us all keep former Minoirty Leader Tom Ognibini [sp?] in our thoughts and in our prayers, and again, congratulations to the new Minority Leader, Mr.

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2 Steven Matteo. And now for the results. Thank  
3 you. All items on today's General Order  
4 calendar were adopted by a vote of 41 in the  
5 affirmative, 0 negative and 0 abstentions with  
6 the exception of Resolution 793, which was  
7 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 0  
8 negative and 1 abstention. And the revised  
9 Land Use Call-Ups were adopted by a vote of 41  
10 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.  
11 Introduction and reading of bills.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are  
13 referred to committee as indicated on the  
14 agenda.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
16 Discussion of Resolution 748A? Seeing none. A  
17 resolution calling upon the New York State  
18 Legislature to introduce and pass and the  
19 Governor to sign legislation requiring banking  
20 organizations to provide at a minimum the  
21 immediately preceding six months of financial  
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25 of older adults. We're still in session.



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Quiet in the chambers. All those in favor of that resolution say aye.

MEMBERS AS A WHOLE: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it. General discussion beginning with the Speaker of the City Council, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I would like to take this opportunity to officially congratulate Minority leader Steve Matteo and ask him to come to the podium and say a few words. I really look forward to working with you and congratulations on your election.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and we certainly look forward to working together. I just want to make note that the first person who took Council Member Ulrich's invitation is Corey Johnson. So, we will have a talk about him becoming a Republican. Eric and I will try and get the next three seats filled as well.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: By the way. I'm sorry to interrupt, but New York is the only place where gays are in the open in Republicans are in the closet just for the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: And Eric and I are here all week. Honestly, I just want to say I'm humbled and honored to have been elected to lead the minority delegation, and as Eric pointed out, following just some great footsteps, Tom Ognibini, my former boss, Borough President of Staten Island, Jimmy Otto, our most recent Minority Leader Vin Ignizio. Those of you who have served with Vinny and you have for a long time you know he's a genuine, honest great public servant who made the south shore of Staten Island a better place to live. He's resolute in his beliefs. He had a gift for finding common ground. We will solely miss his leadership, his experience, his talent, and his humor and decency. I know I'm going to take this mantle and work hard to make myself worthy of that lofty tradition. I want to thank my fellow republican colleague Eric Ulrich.

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They put an empty seat between us. We thought that was a little bit of a hint, but Eric and I have a great relationship. We're going to work together and make this two member republican delegation act like a 49 member majority.

Thank you, Eric, for your support. Thank you for your friendship. You have been a voice of common sense in this body. You've done tremendous work on behalf of veterans and I look forward to working with you. We're a small delegation, but we have a significant role in this council, and I intend to lend a strong voice to this office, a strong but respectful voice of dissent. The minority delegation has a responsibility to our constituents, really responsibility to all of the people of the city, to provide alternate view point, to demonstrate a different path forward that the majority presents, robust debate, and yes, disagreement. We will disagree, sometimes passionately and that's okay. Our challenge as Ronald Reagan once said in 1983 is to rise above passions, to concentrate on the long range bi-partisan

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responsibilities of government, not the short range or short term temptations of partisan politics. And for all those who listen, I did just quote Ronald Reagan. Eric likes it. So I promise this--right, Eric, you liked it? I liked it. I think my staff liked it. I promise this, I will not make our disagreements personal. I will listen with an open heart and an open mind and always keep the interest of those we represent in mind. And I will always remember that despite our seemingly vast differences and ideology, our different perspectives and our different backgrounds. I believe that we all share common desire to leave the city a better place than what it was when we arrived here in the Council. So, once again, thank you all. It's been a great day for me. I thank you for the love and support, and I look forward to working with you all.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Minority Leader Matteo. And something that I was remiss, but I do just want to remind my colleagues, this, on this day in 2003 was when James Davis was assassinated in this Chamber.

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Something to never, obviously, forget. So, obviously we named our member's lounge in his honor. We fight each and every day against gun violence in this city and he will always be remembered here in this City Council. So with that, thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May he rest in peace. Council Member Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I want to call my colleague's attention to a piece of legislation I'm pleased to be introducing today with my colleague Council Member Cornegy, Intro Number 851, which tackles an issue that we've grappled with for residents of our city, harassment by landlords, but instead focuses on commercial tenants who often face harassment of deprivation of basic services and other intentional efforts by landlords to force commercial tenants out of their storefronts as a way to bring in higher paying tenants, and this is changing the nature and character of our neighborhoods in ways I think many of us regret and it's resulting in unfair treatment

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to many mom and pop businesses, and this bill will introduce for the first time much stiffer penalties for landlords that engage in that kind of harassment. I also want to call my colleague's attention to Intro 856, which I'm pleased to be introducing with Council Member Ulrich, which would offer discounted fees in the park's recreation centers for veterans and New Yorkers with disabilities, continuing our string of supporting New Yorkers with disabilities in this 25th anniversary year of the ADA. And finally, I want to thank people I forgot to thank out my excitement for the bill we passed today to advance accessibility in our park system, the great legislative team which did so much work including Laura Popa [sp?], Matt Gewalb [sp?], Patrick Mulvahill [sp?], Chris Artori [sp?], and my own legislative director, Amy Slattery [sp?]. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you. I first want to thank Ann McCoy, my attorney

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2 for being the very best attorney I could  
3 possibly have. I extend my heartfelt  
4 congratulations and well wishes to Alvin Bragg,  
5 Jr. [sp?] who was appointed as Chief Special  
6 Investigator and Prosecutions Unit by Attorney  
7 General Schneiderman. Mr. Bragg, a veteran  
8 prosecutor will lead the new special  
9 investigations and prosecution unit. This  
10 appointment is most special because as many of  
11 you might know and our Public Advocate would  
12 know, Mr. Bragg started right here in the New  
13 York City Council as the Chief of Litigation  
14 and Investigation and lives in the village of  
15 Harlem with his vast experience and knowledge,  
16 I know that Chief Bragg will do a great job and  
17 we all wish him well. And I want to thank  
18 Assembly Member Keith Wright who had a bill for  
19 more than a year in Albany to support just this  
20 and our Council Member Jumaane Williams had an  
21 accompanied Reso. I'm also asking for prayers  
22 and well wishes for our colleagues, Annabel  
23 Palma and Maria Arroyo. Annabel Palma was  
24 severely burned with third degree burns  
25 requiring an operation that occurred in the 4<sup>th</sup>

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of July while preparing barbeque ribs. I want to thank the Kos [sic], Rosie Mendez and Maria Arroyo for the vigilance and the help that was given to Annabel and her husband Felix as each of us took turns to stay with Annabel to provide some down time for her husband Felix. And now, our colleague Maria Arroyo had to be hospitalized last week as well. And so I'm asking for well wishes to go out to both of them. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We'll keep them both in our prayers and hopefully they will return to us soon. Council Member Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: My thoughts and prayers are with our colleagues, and hopefully they will feel better. Not to be out down by our Republican counterparts, I too will quote Ronald Reagan who in 1996 said, "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, I'm from the Government and I'm here to help." Today, I've introduced legislation that seeks to take that on and change that. It should actually be the most comforting words in the English language. Introduction 855 and



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Resolution 794 will make life easier for millions of New Yorkers who rely on government benefits. No one should go hungry, lose their home or go without healthcare in one of the wealthiest cities in the world, especially when government benefits have been created to help those in need. My legislation seeks to automate the process to eliminate the bureaucracy, paperwork and waste that prevents our poorest from accessing and keeping the benefits they need to be lifted from poverty. I've heard time and time again the most vulnerable in my district that it is time that this is a huge issue and it is on their behalf that I introduce this legislation today. Eventually, I hope that New Yorkers can receive benefits they're eligible for simply by getting a W2 or 1099. Thank you to all who helped draft this legislation, Andrea Vasquez, Paul Westrick [sp?], my Legislative Director, those who have been helping to support the bill, Beth Novak at NYU's GOV [sic] lab and so many others all over this country. I'll hope you'll consider co-sponsoring this legislation, which I hope could

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have a dramatic impact here in the city as well as throughout this country. I think this is a bipartisan issue. We can all agree that we want to get rid of waste. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate, and I want to say all E Mubarick [sp?] and to the Speaker and all the co-sponsors for Monday's event and those who came out thank you very much. It was a great time. I'd also like to take a moment to recognize and talk about my street naming in the district. Unfortunately is street renaming for co-naming for Officer, now Detective First Grade Brian Moore who was shot while conducting a stop in Queen's Village, which is a part of my district. Detective Moore was a member of the elite anti-crime unit and receive medals of excellence and police duty murders [sic], police duty awards. His untimely death shook our city and our nation. Today we are set to memorialize his dedication of service and life by co-naming Detective First Grade Brian Moore

1 Way in Southeast Queens. I also rise to  
2 introduce the Commuter Van Safety Act,  
3 introductions of 860 and 861, which would make  
4 a difference in travel safety service and  
5 accessibility in our communities throughout the  
6 city in a period where we are rightfully  
7 concerned about oversaturation of vehicles and  
8 its impact on safety, the wild west commuter  
9 van industry has gone unregulated for too long.  
10 Over the past years there have been shootings,  
11 car chase, and others involved in these  
12 commuter vans that have gone to great concern.  
13 The Commuter Van Reform Act is necessary  
14 package of two bills that creates minimum  
15 information requirements within the industry  
16 and combats hundreds of illegal operating  
17 unlicensed vans. The act will require annual  
18 studies of commuter van safety and place a  
19 moratorium on vans and unlicensed vans until  
20 the study is released. It has also increased  
21 the fines for violations related to commuter  
22 vans and those who are unlicensed and operate  
23 illegally. I ask for your support on this.  
24 Finally, DOE, two resolutions along with  
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Council Member Eugene we'll be introducing 797-  
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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]  
Council Member, please conclude your remarks.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: calling on  
DOE to include EPP resolutions in all of their  
outgoing contracts. 788 along with Council  
Member Barron--I'm sorry. 788 along with  
Council Member Barron calls on the DOE to  
implement labor curriculum dedicated to  
resources to this contemporary textbook to  
start labor history as violent movement and  
focuses on strikes on unrest. They ignore the  
victories--

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]  
Council Member?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: of organized  
labor to the work and we ask that this  
legislation include--will include in the  
curriculum and in textbooks the correct history  
of the labor movement and its contributions.  
I'd like to thank Jan Atwell and Mr. Ollie  
Vesauvinetjab [sp?] on his work on this  
important legislation.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you,  
Madam Public Advocate.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Council Member Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you  
very much, Madam Public Advocate, I just  
wanted--since we're in the midst of our summer  
season, many of us have interns in our offices,  
and I just wanted to recognize my district  
staff whose here today, my director of  
outreach, Joshua Cortez and my fabulous two  
interns who are here, Alfredo Rosario and Aiana  
[sp?] Davis. I'm looking forward to working  
with them this summer. They're really going to  
earn every cent of their stipend because we  
have lots of work to do, and I want to thank  
all of my colleagues for their incredible  
bills, and I also want to thank Council Member  
Inez Barron for really working so hard to  
arrange a living legend to be here, Ms. Misty  
Copeland, serving as an inspiration for so many  
young girls and boys across our city. Thank  
you, Madam Public Advocate.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Council Member Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you,  
Public Advocate. I just wanted to start off by  
saying I want to thank Council Member Barron.  
This was such a treasure to have Misty Copeland  
here today, the first black female principal  
ballerina in the 75 year history of the  
American Ballet Theater. This was an honor,  
and I know it'll be so inspirational for so  
many young people. And also, right on the  
heels on this, as Chair of the Women's Issues  
Committee, it was exciting to celebrate the US  
Women's Soccer team who won the world cup  
earlier this month alongside thousands of New  
Yorkers gathered in the Canyon of Heroes. This  
is an exciting and incredible time to be a girl  
here in New York City and all over the world.  
People are seeing that women and girls can  
accomplish anything they set their minds too. I  
also wanted to bring recognition to my street  
naming, Gus Blejabas [sp?] of Tom's Diner. He  
was an incredible man who founded and started  
Tom's Diner. That restaurant has become a

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2 Brooklyn staple that people from all over the  
3 world come to. It was made famous by the song  
4 Tom's Diner by Suzanne Bega [sp?]. Many of you  
5 may have heard the song, [singing]. And moving  
6 on, on a more serious matter, I'm so excited  
7 that we had the Fight for 15, which was so  
8 successful. I am so proud that many of my  
9 colleagues, many of us, we have woken up at  
10 four o'clock in the morning to move and work  
11 alongside our fast food workers, and it was  
12 announced Wednesday that they're recommending a  
13 new 15 dollar an hour minimum for fast food  
14 workers employed by chains with 30 or more  
15 stores nationwide. This is huge here in New  
16 York State and should be a model for the rest  
17 of the country. On a sad note I am sorry to  
18 inform you of the memory of Reverend Clarence  
19 Norman Senior. Reverend Doctor Clarence Norman  
20 Senior was a man of faith, community, charity,  
21 advocacy, and service. He demonstrated  
22 humility and compassion for others throughout  
23 his 63 years of ministry. We are certainly  
24 going to miss him. One of the things that I  
25 take away from him is over--

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]  
Council Member, please conclude your remarks.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Yes, ma'am,  
is over 50 years of marriage, and he said so  
many what they call "Normanisms." One of them  
that I think we could all take kindly in the  
City Council is he said, "If you have the  
choice of being right or being kind, always  
choose being kind. Reverend Clarence Norman,  
Senior, you will be missed, and Public Advocate  
Letitia James and I both walk in this council a  
little differently through the steps of our  
great James Davis. And so I thank you and I  
thank you all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
Council Member King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I just want to  
thank--I forgot who I wanted to thank. Jesus,  
I guess. No, but--

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]  
Thank the person who made that jacket.

[laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: True that.  
True that. I have a new intern, Jamie Guzman



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[sp?], I wanted to welcome to City Hall. This is going into his senior year in college, but I just wanted to welcome him. He's from Bedford Park in the Bronx and he's a student at Elmhurst College. And also we're having a short BLAC meeting here in the conference committee room after the Stated here. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, Council Member. Council Member Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. I just wanted to bring your attention that myself and Mark Levine are sponsoring and just talk about it briefly. In 2008 the Council passed a bill to protect residential tenants from harassment by their landlords. That bill has been so important that we voted to strengthen it last year, increasing the maximum penalty for residential harassment to 10,000. At the same time, neighborhoods where tenants are being harassed, mom and pop businesses is also in trouble. When property owners want to force them out they sometimes use extremely harsh and unfair

1 tactics, even when the business has a lease.  
2 We've heard stories of landlords interrupting  
3 elevator service so customers can't reach a  
4 second floor business, filing repeating  
5 frivolous eviction proceedings in the hope that  
6 the business won't show up or fight back. One  
7 landlord intentionally damaged the roof causing  
8 thousands worth of damage to small business'  
9 equipment and merchandise. When it comes to  
10 mom and pops' and LLC that are trying to force  
11 them out, the imbalance of power is real and  
12 it's a problem. It's time we had these  
13 businesses back. Intro 851 will create a new  
14 course of action empowering business tenants to  
15 sue for damages when landlords harass them and  
16 harms their businesses. This bill includes  
17 attorney's fees and court costs to create an  
18 incentive for attorneys to take their cases on.  
19 Council Member Levine has been assisting  
20 businesses in his district where problems like  
21 these, and understands that new tools are  
22 needed. Thank you Mark for joining me as a  
23 prime co-sponsor of this bill. I urge all of  
24 you to stand up for small businesses by signing  
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on today. My interns Ron [sic] and Sydney [sp?] raise your hands--are here and will be working the room to get your sign-ons, those of you who are left who haven't signed on already. Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Council Member Debbie Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. First, I want to give a shout out to my staff, my district staff and my legislative staff for all the ward work that they did this year. I really appreciate you. I love you. I want to thank Council Member Barron for bringing a living legend to City Hall and letting me meet someone I admire up front and personal, up close and personal. I want to acknowledge and thank the members who showed up here today, the family members of Wayne Hall [sp?], Wayne Derrik [sp?] and the staff of Elizabeth Egbert. They are individuals our streets will be named after in my district. And I ask for the support for resolution 798. Seventy-four American veterans died when the USS Frank E. Evans [sp?] collided

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with an Australian aircraft carrier in the South China Sea in 1969. These veterans acknowledged as casualties were unfortunately left off the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Because although they fought in a Vietnam War, the sinking of the destroyer was outside the official combat zone. At least two New York City residents were among those killed, and the ship's steel was laid down at Bethlehem Steel Company Shipyard, which is located in the north shore of Staten Island. I ask that you join me in this ongoing fight to put the names of these fallen heroes on the wall and honor the lives of 79 brave souls that were lost during the tragic event that occurred in June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1969. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, I just wanted to acknowledge the presence today of my Summer Youth Worker who works in my district, but is here for this gathering, and Elecia Anunciacion [sp?]. I don't know that she's still

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here, but I did want to acknowledge her. Thank you.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now to close, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for closing remarks.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you to all my colleagues and I guess we are adjourned.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We stand adjourned.

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