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STATED MEETING

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Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Start: 2:35 P.M.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

Joann Ariola

Alexa Avilés

Diana I. Ayala

Chris Banks

Erik D. Bottcher

Justin L. Brannan

Gale A. Brewer

Selvena N. Brooks-Powers

Tiffany Cabán

David M. Carr

Carmen N. De La Rosa

Eric Dinowitz

Amanda Farías

Simcha Felder

Oswald Feliz

James F. Gennaro

Jennifer Gutiérrez

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Deacon Pedro O'Brien, Lady of Lourdes Church
located at 463 West 142nd Street,
New York, NY 10031

2 SERGEANT POLITE: Testing, one, two, one
3 two. Today's date is November 25, 2025. Today's
4 Stated Meeting is being recorded in the Chambers by
5 Keith Polite.

6 (PAUSE)

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
8 quiet on the floor, please. Quiet on the floor,
9 please. Council Members, please take your seats. Yes,
10 that would be you.

11 (PAUSE)

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
13 can I have your attention, please? At this time,
14 please place all electronic devices, all electronic
15 devices to vibrate. Council Members, could you please
16 take a seat please? You're about to begin.

17 Quiet on the floor, please! Quiet on the
18 floor, please.

19 Madam Majority Leader?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: [GAVEL]

21 Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated
22 Meeting of November 25, 2025. I am Majority Leader
23 Amanda Fariás, and I would like to thank you for
24 joining us. If you would like to follow along, the
25 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting each other is not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to the Chair, and members shall not speak unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Roll call?

CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor,
3 please!

4 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

6 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

8 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

10 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

12 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

13 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO

14 RESPONSE)

15 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

17 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

19 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

21 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present

23 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here

25 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

CLERK: Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here
CLERK: Council Member Mealy?
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present
CLERK: Council Member Menin?
COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here
CLERK: Council Member Morano?
COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Moya?
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here
CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?
COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present
CLERK: Council Member Nurse?
COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present
CLERK: Council Member Ossé?
COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Paladino?
MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Powers?
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here
CLERK: Council Member Restler?
COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here
CLERK: Council Member Riley?
COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present
CLERK: Council Member Salaam

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present
CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present
CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?
COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present
CLERK: Council Member Schulman?
COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here
CLERK: Council Member Stevens?
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here
CLERK: Council Member Ung?
COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present
CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?
COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Williams?
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present
CLERK: Council Member Won?
COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)
CLERK: Council Member Won?
CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER: Present
CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?
COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here
CLERK: Council Member Ariola?
MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present
CLERK: Council Member Farías?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Present

3 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Gennaro, here.

6 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We
10 will now have today's Invocation, which will be
11 delivered by Deacon Pedro O'Brien, Lady of Lourdes
12 Church, which is located at 472 West 142nd Street in
13 Manhattan.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

15 DEACON O'BRIEN: (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

16 Now in English—Beloved Father, Almighty
17 God, be present in this place. May this month be one
18 of peace and unity. Bless each representative and
19 those who assist them. Bless their efforts to improve
20 the lives of those they represent; may they work for
21 the well-being of their community and the City of New
22 York. May this city, in which we all represent and
23 which we love so much, continue to be a place of hope
24 and opportunity. May God bless their sincere efforts
25 to make this city a place of opportunity and

1 fellowship. Beloved God bless the city, New York, and
2 its representatives. Amen.

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4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Just a reminder
5 to folks to silence your cell phones while in the
6 Chamber. Thank you.

7 We will now ask Council Member Carmen De
8 La Rosa to spread the Invocation on the record.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you,
10 Madam Majority Leader.

11 Deacon Pedro O'Brien serves faithfully
12 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, shared by the
13 communities of Council Member Shaun Abreu and me.
14 Starting as a member of the parish for 15 years and
15 later as a Deacon for the last 26 years, a graduate
16 of Brandeis High School, he continued his academic
17 journey at the New School before deepening his
18 spiritual and pastoral education through the
19 (SPEAKING IN SPANISH). He remains committed to
20 lifelong learning and is currently pursuing his
21 studies at the Instituto de Bíblico de Israel.

22 An active participant in the culture and
23 spiritual life of New York, Deacon Pedro is a proud
24 member of the Association of Musicos and
25 Predicadores, the Brotherhood of the Archdiocese of

2 New York, and the El Movimiento de Cursillos de
3 Cristianidad (SPEAKING IN SPANISH). Through these
4 affiliations, he continues to uplift communities with
5 his faith, leadership, and dedication to service.

6 We thank you, Deacon Pedro O'Brien, for
7 being here today, and thank you, Majority Leader.

8 I would like to thank the Deacon for
9 being here. And I make a motion for unanimous consent
10 to spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I now
12 make a motion that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting
13 of November 12, 2025, be adopted as printed.

14 Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

15 CLERK: M 197 through M 2024, mayoral
16 appointments?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,
18 Printed, and Filed.

19 CLERK: M 205, Department of Finance
20 Assessments?

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

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

2 CLERK: Ms 206 and 207, budget
3 modifications?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and
6 Communications?

7 CLERK: None

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-
9 ups?

10 CLERK: M 208

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

14 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

15 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

17 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (ABSENT)

18 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

19 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

24 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

4 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

5 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (NO

6 RESPONSE)

7 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

19 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

23 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

25 CLERK: Thank you.

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Council Member Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

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CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (NO RESPONSE)

CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye

CLERK: Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

CLERK: Council Member Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

2 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Carr?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Gennaro.

13 Council Member Ariola?

14 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use

20 Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 46 in the

21 affirmative and 0 in the negative.

22 We will now have Communication from

23 Speaker Adrienne Adams.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam

25 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

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2 I want to begin by acknowledging the
3 deaths of two New Yorkers who died on the job in
4 recent weeks, Juan Carlos Montoya Hernández and Burim
5 Havolli. All workers deserve to be and feel safe in
6 their workplace, and my thoughts are with their
7 colleagues, families, and loved ones during this
8 difficult time.

9 I also want to acknowledge the lives of
10 several New Yorkers who died this month in fatal
11 fires:

12 On November 9th, we lost an 88-year-old
13 man in his home in the Bronx.

14 On the 12th, a 74-year-old woman died in
15 her longtime home in Yorkville.

16 On the 13th, an 89-year-old, Robert
17 Germain, died in his home in Auburndale.

18 On the 15th, another fire took the life
19 of a New Yorker and injured two firefighters on
20 Roosevelt Island—that same evening, an 86-year-old
21 woman died in her home at NYCHA's Queensbridge South
22 Houses.

23 On November 18th, 90-year-old Allison
24 Johnson died in her home in Morrisania.

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2 And on November 23rd, 95-year-old Joyce
3 Buncom died in her home in St. Albans, while her 68-
4 year-old daughter, Paula, and her six-year-old great-
5 granddaughter, Aylan, remain in critical condition. I
6 am truly heartbroken by the death of these seniors
7 and New Yorkers. All of us should be safe in our
8 homes, and our prayers are with their families, loved
9 ones, and communities now navigating their immense
10 losses.

11 I want to remind all New Yorkers to:

- 12 • Review their fire safety plans.
13 • Know where the exits are in your
14 building, and please keep them clear.
15 • Especially as we enter the colder
16 winter months, remember to keep space heaters at
17 least three feet away from combustible material.
18 • Never use extension cords for large
19 appliances like heaters because they can overheat.

20 Property owners are legally required to
21 provide heat and hot water to tenants. If they're
22 unresponsive, please register a complaint by calling
23 311.

24 As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I
25 hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday spent with

1 their loved ones. I'm thankful for all of you and the
2 hard work that you and your teams do every day to
3 serve your constituents and the people of the city.
4 I'm also thankful that my granddaughter, Zoe
5 (phonetic), is our youngest legislator in chambers
6 with us today. Welcome, Zozo. (APPLAUSE)
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8 And, Zoe, don't forget to shop small with
9 Nona on Small Business Saturday, and donate to your
10 favorite charities on Giving Tuesday.

11 Finally, please join me in wishing a
12 happy belated birthday to Council Member Eric
13 Dinowitz, whose birthday was on the 21st. (APPLAUSE)

14 Now, let's move on to our Stated Agenda:

15 First, we will vote on the following Land
16 Use Call items:

17 • 5502 Flatlands Avenue Rezoning will
18 facilitate the development of a new five-story mixed-
19 use building in Council Member Narcisse's District.
20 The Council is modifying this application from an R6A
21 District to an R6B District and requiring MIH option
22 3 for deep affordability.

23 • 699-703 Lexington Avenue Rezoning will
24 facilitate the development of a new six-story
25 building, in Council Member Ossé's District, that

2 will provide approximately 85 transitional shelter
3 units and community facility office space for
4 Providence House. The Council is modifying the
5 application to strike MIH Option 2 and add MIH Option
6 3.

7 • 1551 Broadway MiD Signage Text
8 Amendment and Special Permit will modify signage
9 regulations for small lots in the Theater District in
10 Council Member Bottcher's District in order to
11 facilitate the replacement of three existing signs at
12 the corner of West 46th Street and Broadway.

13 • New York City Health +
14 Hospitals/Lincoln, an application to approve a ground
15 lease for an existing three-story building to
16 facilitate development of a community center run by
17 New York City Health + Hospitals in Deputy Speaker
18 Ayala's District.

19 • Praise Tabernacle will facilitate the
20 conveyance of a small HPD-owned lot to Praise
21 Tabernacle Church, a long-overdue project, in my own
22 district.

23 • Landmark designations of five
24 properties in Manhattan's Garment District, located
25 within the Districts of Council Members Bottcher and

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2 Powers, Barbey Building, 29th Street Towers, Fashion
3 Tower, Furcraft Building, and Leftcourt Clothing
4 Center.

5 Next, we will vote on the following
6 Finance Item:

7 • A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored
8 by Council Member Justin Brannan, approving the new
9 designation and changes in the designation of certain
10 organizations to receive funding in the Expense
11 Budget.

12 Next, the Council will vote to disapprove
13 the following mayoral appointments:

14 • Dr. Mitchell Katz, to the New York City
15 Board of Health.

16 • Dr. David Chokshi, to the New York City
17 Board of Health.

18 Next, we will vote on the following
19 Resolutions:

20 • Resolution 889, sponsored by Council
21 Member Julie Menin, would require New York City's
22 commitment to affirm and defend continued access to
23 reproductive rights. We thank our staff member Katie
24 Salina.

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2 • Resolution 1049, sponsored by Council
3 Member Pierina Sanchez, calling on the United States
4 Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to
5 sign, legislation to incorporate mental wellness
6 training within OSHA-10 and OSHA-30 training. We
7 thank our staff member, Justin Campos.

8 • Resolution, sponsored by Council Member
9 Tiffany Cabán, calling upon the New York State
10 Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor
11 to sign, legislation to increase funding for
12 Assertive Community Treatment teams. Thank you, staff
13 members Joshua Newman and Chloë Rivera.

14 • Resolution 106-A, sponsored by Council
15 Member Crystal Hudson, calling on the New York State
16 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
17 S.3563/A.2367, to expand eligibility for the DRIE
18 Program (Disability Rent Increase Exemption program)
19 to additional qualifying household members. Thank
20 you, staff member, Chloë Rivera.

21 • Resolution 985, sponsored by me,
22 calling on the New York State Assembly to pass and
23 the Governor to sign S.2534/A.7851, which
24 retroactively freezes the rent at which a SCRIE or
25 DRIE enrollee pays at the level it was when they

1 first became eligible. Thank you, once again, to our
2 staff members Joshua Newman and Chloë Rivera.

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4 • Resolution 850, sponsored by Council
5 Member Crystal Hudson, calling on the United States
6 Congress to pass, and the President to sign,
7 legislation that would expand Medicare to include
8 long-term services and supports for seniors and
9 individuals with disabilities. Thank you again,
10 Mahnoor Butt and Chloë Rivera.

11 Today, we will vote on the following
12 legislation:

13 • Introduction 1049-A, sponsored by
14 Majority Whip, Selvena Brooks-Powers, would require
15 sellers of petroleum products for use in motor
16 vehicles or motor boats to disclose preauthorization
17 holds. Thank you to our staff member, Sarah Swaine.

18 • Introduction 163-A, sponsored by
19 Council Member Eric Dinowitz, would require the mayor
20 to establish accessibility guidelines for printed
21 documents created by an agency.

22 • Introduction 1004, sponsored by Council
23 Member Mercedes Narcisse, would require the Mayor's
24 Office for People with Disabilities to publish on its

1 website a list of wheelchair repair providers. Thank
2 you to our staff member Sara Sucher.

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4 • Introduction 1235-A, sponsored by
5 Council Member Gale Brewer, would require the
6 Department of Records and Information Services to
7 create and maintain a centralized portal for
8 processing freedom of information law requests. Thank
9 you, staff member, Irene Byhovsky.

10 • Introduction 1075-A, sponsored by
11 Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, would require borough
12 presidents, in consultation with the Civic Engagement
13 Commission and DCAS (Department of Citywide
14 Administrative Services), to create training
15 materials on the legislative process and rules of
16 parliamentary procedure.

17 • Introduction 441-A, sponsored by
18 Council Member Althea Stevens, would require the New
19 York City Department of Education to provide voter
20 registration forms and related materials on voter
21 methods and accessibility options to improve young
22 adults' access to voter registration materials. Thank
23 you to our staff members Johari Frasier and Erica
24 Cohen.

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2 • Introduction 691-A, sponsored by
3 Council Member Farah Louis, would require the DOE to
4 solicit feedback from high school students about
5 their experiences with STEM education and report on
6 the offerings and enrollment of STEM classes.

7 • Introduction 1216-A, sponsored by
8 Council Member Linda Lee and Council Member Shahana
9 Hanif, would require the Office to End Gender-Based
10 Violence to provide hair, nail, and skincare salons
11 with posters containing information about gender-
12 based violence solutions available in the city. Thank
13 you to our staff member, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham.

14 • Introduction 828-A, also sponsored by
15 Council Member Louis, would require DCAS to provide
16 promotional materials to CUNY students and recent
17 graduates relating to careers in civil service and an
18 introduction on how to apply.

19 • Introduction 829-A, also sponsored by
20 Council Member Louis, would require DCAS to create an
21 advertising campaign to promote civil service
22 examinations. Thank you to our staff member Rie
23 Ogasawara.

24 • Introduction 1241-A, sponsored by
25 Council Member Sandy Nurse, would require the

1 Department of Correction to produce a biannual report
2 on the 6-A work release program disaggregated by
3 relevant demographic characteristics. Thank you to
4 our staff members Natalie Meltzer and Jeremy
5 Whiteman.
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7 • Introduction 199-A, sponsored by
8 Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez, would establish an
9 Office of Algorithmic Accountability.

10 • Introduction 926-A, sponsored by
11 Council Member Julie Menin, would require the Office
12 of Algorithmic Accountability to establish basic
13 compliance standards when developing, procuring,
14 deploying, and using public-impacting artificial
15 intelligence.

16 • Introduction 1024-A, also sponsored by
17 Council Member Gutiérrez, would require this office
18 to publish a list of all AI systems for which it has
19 conducted a pre-deployment assessment. Thank you to
20 our staff member Irene Byhovsky.

21 • Introduction 1297-A, sponsored by
22 Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, would create a
23 civil cause of action for crimes of violence
24 motivated by gender that occurred prior to January
25 9th, 2022. It would also allow such claims against any

1 party who committed, directed, enabled, participated,
2 or conspired in the commission of a crime of violence
3 motivated by gender to bring a civil claim against
4 that party. Claims under this law must commence
5 within 18 months of the effective date of the Local
6 Law. Any person who brought a claim between March 1,
7 2023, and March 1, 2025, that meets the requirements
8 of a cause of action under this law may amend or
9 refile their claim to add a cause of action under
10 this section. Thank you to our staff members Johari
11 Frasier, Juanita John, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, Sara
12 Liss, Sahar Moazami, and Smita Deshmukh.

14 Thank you for your attention. Now, I turn
15 it back over to our Majority Leader.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you,
17 Speaker Adams. We will now move into Discussion of
18 General Orders, and I would like to first recognize
19 Council Member Brewer, followed by Council Member
20 Stevens, then Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
22 much. I'm discussing Intro 1235-A, which is known as
23 the FOIL Bill. I might even call it the Jeff Colton
24 Bill. And this legislation overhauls the City's
25 Freedom of Information Law, which is called FOIL,

1 request system. People who file FOILs can wait
2 months, maybe years, for City agencies to provide the
3 records. This bill creates a single citywide portal
4 to submit and track formal requests.
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6 And I certainly want to thank Pauline
7 Toole, who's the commissioner of DORIS. They have
8 one, and I just hope that this bill will enhance it,
9 because it does need to have more agencies being
10 responsive. It lets users see every step of the
11 request as it happens, acknowledgements, deadlines,
12 extensions, decisions, appeals, and record releases.
13 It makes all release records searchable and
14 available. It requires the City to create performance
15 standards and publish statistics on formal requests.
16 And there are other provisions that make FOIL
17 simpler, more transparent, and more accessible.

18 I want to say that obviously this portal
19 does exist as probably the best in the country, but
20 agencies do not respond in a timely manner and use
21 it. I want to thank Rachel Foust and Maria Van Altman
22 (phonetic)—she's been phenomenal, Irene Byhovsky,
23 Audrey Son, Brad Reid from the City Council
24 Legislative Division, Sam Goldsmith from my office,
25 and thank you to 33 cosponsors and to Council Member

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2 Gutierrez, who got it out of the committee, thank you
3 very much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Recognizing
5 Council Member Stevens.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon.
7 Today, I rise to speak on an important issue, the
8 Introduction of 441-A, the Young Adult Voter
9 Registration Act, legislation that ensures young
10 people are not only seen but empowered as full
11 participants in our democracy. This bill requires the
12 Department of Education to provide every high school
13 senior with a code, voter registration form, voting
14 material, and accessibility information throughout
15 the school year, not just at graduation, but
16 throughout the school year. It sounds simple, but it
17 is very transformative, because what we're really
18 doing is moving the barriers that have kept too many
19 young people, especially Black and brown young people
20 in low-income communities, on the sidelines of civic
21 life.

22 And colleagues, I want us to be honest in
23 this moment we're living in. Across the country,
24 we've witnessed a coordinated effort to chip away at
25 voting rights, to silence certain communities, and to

2 make it harder, not easier, for people to participate
3 in the democracy process. We're seeing books banned,
4 curriculum rolled back, and policies that push our
5 young people further away from civic engagement
6 rather than inviting them in. Intro 441, in my
7 perspective, is saying something very loud and clear:
8 *Not in New York, not our young people, not the*
9 *communities that we fought so hard to be heard.*

10 This legislation may not trend online or
11 demand headlines, but it will do something far more
12 important: it will create informed voters, engage
13 residents, and generations that understand their
14 power. To all those future voters, politicians, on
15 any level, it's not a waste of time. Your voice
16 matters, your vote matters. Your strength is in our
17 numbers. And thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
19 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Council
20 Member Dinowitz, Council Member Narcisse, and Council
21 Member Menin.

22 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you,
23 and good afternoon.

24 Today, the Council takes decisive action
25 to protect New Yorkers in two critical ways. First,

1 with the passage of Intro 1297, we restore the full
2 strength of the Gender-Motivated Violence Act. After
3 a court ruling put hundreds of survivor cases in
4 jeopardy, we had a responsibility to act. This
5 legislation reopens the look-back window and makes
6 clear that institutions that enable abuse must be
7 held accountable. Survivors should never lose their
8 chance of justice because of a loophole.

10 We are also passing Intro 1049, which
11 addresses a quiet but harmful practice at gas
12 stations across the city. Large pre-authorization
13 holds, sometimes over \$100, can drain a family's
14 account for days. For those using benefit cards,
15 these holds can mean losing assistance they cannot
16 replace.

17 This bill requires clear disclosure, so
18 New Yorkers are not caught off guard. These bills
19 address very different challenges, but they share a
20 common purpose: protecting the people we serve and
21 ensuring fairness for every New Yorker. I urge my
22 colleagues' support, and I'm proud to see both
23 measures move forward today. Thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
25 Council Member Dinowitz.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you, Madam
3 Majority Leader.

4 Every day, New Yorkers rely on
5 information produced by our city. A tenant's rights
6 flyer, a school registration form, a public health
7 notice, or a benefits application printed from a
8 website. These documents are often the front door to
9 City services. We say these documents are designed
10 for New Yorkers, but, you know, not really all New
11 Yorkers. For too many people, people with
12 disabilities, individuals with low vision, and
13 seniors, the way our materials are formatted can make
14 vital information difficult or even impossible to
15 use.

16 Intro 163 addresses a problem that is
17 both widespread and solvable. The bill requires the
18 mayor or the mayor's designee to establish official
19 guidelines for the accessibility of any printed
20 document created by an agency or related to an
21 agency, program, or activity. The guidelines must
22 include standards for formatting, visual design, and
23 readability, and, where practicable, any printed
24 documents an agency creates for public dissemination
25 must comply with these guidelines.

1 These guidelines are not complicated, but
2 they're powerful. They ensure consistent readability,
3 appropriate font sizes, limits on overly stylized
4 Serif fonts, clear contrast standards, logical
5 formatting, and layouts that don't get lost when
6 printed on different devices or at different scales.
7 In plain terms, they guarantee that documents
8 produced by the City of New York are easy to read,
9 easy to follow, and accessible to people who need
10 them. When a parent can't read a school notice, when
11 a senior can't decipher a housing application, when a
12 constituent can't understand a health alert, those
13 are not small inconveniences. They are barriers to
14 participation in our city and barriers to safety.
15 Intro 163 is about removing those barriers. It's
16 about respecting the reality of how New Yorkers
17 engage with government and meeting them where they
18 are.

19 I want to thank disability rights
20 leaders, seniors, and community groups who
21 continually push for access and equal opportunity. I
22 want to thank Sara Sucher and Sara Liss (TIMER) and
23 Council Member Linda Lee, my co-prime sponsor, and,
24 of course, Speaker Adrian Adams. I am deeply grateful
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2 for her leadership and unwavering commitment to
3 building a government that meets residents where they
4 are...

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member,
6 your time has expired.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I encourage
8 everyone to vote for 163. Thank you, Madam Majority
9 Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. Now
11 recognizing Council Member Narcisse.

12 (PAUSE)

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Sorry, thank you
14 Majority Leader, and thank you, Madam Speaker.

15 Today, this council is voting on 100-- I
16 mean 1004-A, a bill that addresses a barrier faced by
17 New Yorkers who rely on wheelchairs. When a
18 wheelchair breaks, it is a small inconvenience, but
19 for those who use it, it's life-changing, and they
20 cannot go without it. It can mean missing work,
21 missing medical appointments, missing a graduation,
22 or being unable to leave the home. Too many people
23 are left searching for repair providers with no clear
24 information and no reliable place to turn. This
25 legislation changes that.

1 Intro 1004-A requires the Mayor's Office
2 for People with Disabilities to maintain a clear,
3 accessible citywide list of wheelchair repair
4 providers, including contact information, hours,
5 insurance accepted, and ways to connect with the
6 services that help people locate the repair. It is a
7 simple tool, but one that can prevent days of delay
8 and unnecessary hardship. I take this issue
9 personally. Before I became a council member, I owned
10 and operated a DME (Durable Medical Equipment)
11 business and sold wheelchairs. I saw firsthand how a
12 broken part can disrupt a person's entire life and
13 how families often struggle to find help quickly.
14 This bill is about giving people straightforward
15 information so they can stay mobile, safe, and
16 independent.

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18 I want to thank the Speaker, of course,
19 my colleagues, and all the legislative team body that
20 came and helped with this entire thing, and all the
21 advocates, and of course, my staff. And I want to
22 say, thank you for giving me the opportunity to
23 present (TIMER) this, and with that, I will say vote
24 aye, everyone. Thank you.

1 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing
2 Council Member Menin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you, Majority
4 Leader.

5 Artificial intelligence is increasingly
6 relied upon for City operations, with certain
7 agencies such as the Department of Buildings and the
8 Department of Education, among others. We have a
9 responsibility as the City to ensure that the
10 government is utilizing this technology in a fair,
11 transparent, and accountable way to truly serve New
12 Yorkers' best interests.

13 My legislation, Intro 926, creates
14 clear, responsible standards for AI use across City
15 agencies to ensure fairness, safeguard privacy, and
16 increase transparency in government technology. The
17 bill is part of a package of legislation championed
18 by Council Member Gutiérrez as the GUARD Act that
19 will create an Office of Algorithmic Accountability
20 to review such standards every two years. And I
21 really want to thank and congratulate Council Member
22 Gutiérrez for her bills today.

23 Technology often outpaces policies, so
24 being proactive is truly essential to act on behalf
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2 of New Yorkers who may be unaware of the impact of AI
3 in city government actions. I'm proud to see this
4 Council, under the leadership of Speaker Adams, is
5 advancing proper oversight over AI in government
6 agencies. I also want to thank the bill drafter,
7 Irene Byhovsky, and from my team, Jonathan Szott,
8 Brandon Jordan, Jack Lobel, and Mercedes Anderson.
9 Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing
11 no one else signed up to speak, Report of Special
12 Committees?

13 CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of
15 Standing Committees?

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil
17 Service and Labor, Introductions 828-A and 829-A,
18 CUNY civil service and civil service exams.

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

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Consumer and Worker Protection, Introduction 1049-A,
23 petroleum products?

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Criminal Justice, Introduction 1241-A, work release
4 program?

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Finance, Preconsidered Resolution 1153, Transparency
9 Resolution?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
12 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation,
13 Introductions 441-A and 1075-A, voter registration
14 forms, and legislative process training?

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

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
18 Use, LU 364 and Resolution 1158, Lincoln Hospital?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: LU 415 and Resolution 1159 and LU
21 419 and Resolution 1163, landmark designations?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LUs 422 and 423, 1720 Atlantic
24 Avenue.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with
3 Modifications and Referred to the City Planning
4 Commission pursuant to Section 197-(d) of the New
5 York City Charter.

6 CLERK: LU 429 and Resolution 1164 and LU
7 430 and Resolution 1165, 1551 Broadway?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

9 CLERK: LU 433 and Resolution 1166, Praise
10 Tabernacle?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Mental
13 Health, Disabilities, and Addiction, Introductions
14 163 and 1004-A, accessibility guidelines, and
15 wheelchair repair providers?

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

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
19 Privileges and Elections, M 182 and Resolution 1167,
20 disapproving the appointment of Mitchell Katz, Board
21 of Health?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: M 184 and Resolution 1168,
24 disapproving the appointment of Dave Chokshi, Board
25 of Health?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
4 Technology, Introductions 199-A, 926-A, and 1024-A,
5 Artificial Intelligence and Algorithmic
6 Accountability?

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

9 CLERK: Introduction 1235-A, freedom of
10 information law requests?

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women
14 and Gender Equity, Introduction 691-A, STEM education
15 reporting?

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

18 CLERK: Introduction 1216-A, cosmetology
19 establishments?

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

22 CLERK: Introduction 1297-A, Gender-
23 motivated violence protection law?

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

2 CLERK: General Order Calendar, LU 409 and
3 Resolution 1169 through LU 425 and Resolution 1172,
4 various rezonings?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: Resolution appointing various
7 persons Commissioner of Deeds?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

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13 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to vote
15 on all Land Use Call-ups and all items on today's
16 Agenda?

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all.
20 Thank you.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Abreu?

23 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

25 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: (ABSENT)

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CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (UN-MIC'D)

(INAUDIBLE)

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Brooks-Powers?

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission
granted.

MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: So I vote
aye on all, but I just wanted to be on the record
with just sharing what a phenomenal professional I
believe Dr. Mitch Katz is. He serves as my co-chair
for the Far Rockaway Trauma Healthcare Access Task
Force. I think it is egregious that he is being
utilized in the way that he is for political gain,

2 and it's unfair to him as a medical professional that
3 he is, who I have the utmost respect for. So while I
4 vote aye on this, this is in no way, shape, or form
5 against the work of Dr. Katz and what he means to the
6 City of New York. Thank you.

7 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote aye on all,
9 and just a quick shoutout to the teamsters who are in
10 the house today.

11 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I will be voting no
13 on Preconsidered Resolution 1153, as well as M 182
14 with accompanying Resolution 1167, and aye on the
15 rest.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: And just a
17 friendly reminder to Members, if you have a
18 disclosure, please disclose it prior to your vote.

19 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Felder?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye, aye.

25 CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Gennaro?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

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5 CLERK: Apologies, Council Member Gennaro,
6 can you repeat yourself, please?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 (PAUSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye on
12 all.

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member Hanif?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, except
20 Resolution 1153, of which I vote no.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Hudson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

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CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Council Member Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I would like to disclose for the record that MTA is being funded, and my brother is associated with this entity.

And I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Thank you.

Council Member Marmorato?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all, with the exception of 1153. And I'd like to disclose on the record that my fabulous spouse works for the Board of Elections. Thank you.

CLERK: Council Member Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all. And I abstain on Resolution 1167 and Resolution 1168.

CLERK: Thank you.

(PAUSE)

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

CLERK: Council Member Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Morano?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on all, with
4 the exception of Preconsidered Resolution 1153, on
5 which I vote no, and M 182 and accompanying
6 Resolution 1167, for which I abstain.

7 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye-- I vote
9 aye.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Narcisse?

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

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madam
17 (INAUDIBLE) (UN-MIC'D)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,
19 your microphone?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I want to make
21 it clear that my respect for Dr. Mitchel Katz is
22 unwavering. As the Chair for the Hospital Committee,
23 I have seen firsthand the commitment, you know, the
24 strengthening of New York City Health + Hospitals. He
25 has the compassion and the passion, yet I know it's

2 not against him. But the fact that this vote will
3 reflect concern of-- I mean, I know this vote is
4 reflecting the concern that we have, which I
5 understand fully. So for that, I will abstain from M
6 182 and accompanying Resolution 1167, because if it's
7 not the best, it's one of the best. So on that note,
8 I will abstain from that.

9 Aye on all the rest.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 Council Member Nurse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 (PAUSE)

17 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I have
19 to disclose that I teach at CUNY. And I also want to
20 change one vote on M 182 and accompanying Resolution
21 1167, and M 184, and accompanying Resolution 1168. I
22 abstain. Thank you.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Paladino?

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2 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye on
3 all, except Preconsidered Resolution 1153 and
4 Resolution 889-- oh, sorry.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote... I vote
10 aye with the exceptions of M 182 and M 184 and the
11 accompanying Resolutions 1167 and 1168, for which I
12 abstain.

13 And I just want to congratulate Majority
14 Leader Fariás and Council Member Stevens for passing
15 two great bills out of the Governmental Operations
16 Committee. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

19 (PAUSE)

20 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Sanchez?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I vote aye on
3 all, with the exception of M 182 and M 184, on which
4 I abstain, as well as their accompanying Resolutions.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Schulman?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I vote aye on
8 all, with the exception of M 182 and M 184 and their
9 accompanying Resolutions, on which I abstain.

10 (PAUSE)

11 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye on
13 all. And a special thanks and a shoutout to Chair
14 Restler, who heard my bill and passed it out of
15 Committee. Thank you so much.

16 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye on
20 all, with the exception of Preconsidered Resolution
21 1153, on which I vote no. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye. Oh,
24 and I am disclosing for the record that I am
25 associated with CUNY. Thanks.

2 CLERK: Council Member Won?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all. I want

6 to abstain on M 182 and M 184 with accompanying

7 Resolutions.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Ariola?

10 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye on

11 all, with the exception of Resolution 1153, for which

12 I am a no.

13 And I would like to disclose that my son

14 Matthew works for the Department of Sanitation, which

15 is being funded in this Transparency Resolution.

16 Thank you.

17 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on

19 all.

20 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

22 (PAUSE)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on

24 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote

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1 of 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0
2 abstentions, with the exception of:

3 • Resolution 1153, which was adopted by a
4 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and
5 0 abstentions.
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7 • M 182 and Resolution 1167, which were
8 adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 1 in the
9 negative, and 8 abstentions.

10 • M 184 and Resolution 1168, which were
11 adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 0 in the
12 negative, and 6 abstentions.

13 • For the record, the revised Land Use
14 Call-up vote is 47 in the affirmative and 0 in the
15 negative.

16 Introduction & Reading of Bills?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
18 referred to committee as indicated on today's agenda.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

20 We will now move into the Discussion of
21 Resolutions. I would like to recognize Council Member
22 Cabán.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I'm
24 proud to sponsor Resolution 736, urging the state to
25 fully fund Assertive Community Treatment Teams,

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2 otherwise known as ACT Teams, which provide mobile
3 behavioral healthcare treatment to people with
4 documented serious mental illness. ACT teams meet
5 patients where they are. They provide around-the-
6 clock care for individuals within their communities,
7 allowing them to heal in comfort instead of being
8 ripped from their homes and saving taxpayers the cost
9 of expensive inpatient stays. ACT teams have been
10 proven to work. They save lives, improve our public
11 health and public safety, and support our
12 overburdened mental health care systems.

13 But ACT teams are currently unable to
14 successfully meet the needs of New Yorkers. There are
15 simply too few of them and too many patients who need
16 their care. The wait lists are too long, and the need
17 is too dire. While the Progressive Caucus worked hard
18 to slash those wait lists through our Crisis to Care
19 budget initiative, this is not a problem the City can
20 solve alone. I urge my colleagues to join me in
21 voting for Resolution 736 so that we can send a clear
22 message to the Governor and State Legislature that we
23 need full funding for data-driven, compassionate
24 mental healthcare resources.

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2 And again, thanks to the Teamsters for
3 being here. They've been out in the cold for several
4 (TIMER) Stateds in a row now organizing for the
5 Delivery Protection Act. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one
7 else signed up to speak, we will now have a voice
8 vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote
9 against or abstain from today's Resolution, please
10 notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by
11 approaching the dais.

12 I will now read today's Resolutions into
13 the record:

14 • Resolution 106-A calling on the New
15 York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to
16 sign, S.3563/A.2367, to expand eligibility for the
17 Disability Rent Increase Exemption program to
18 additional qualifying household members.

19 Will all those in favor say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
22 nay?

23 ALL: (SILENT)

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

25 ALL: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

3 • Resolution 452, calling on the United
4 States Congress to pass, and the President to sign,
5 legislation to lower the age of eligibility for Older
6 Americans Act-supported social services and programs
7 from 60 to 45 years for individuals living with HIV.

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
11 nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

16 • Resolution 736 calling upon the New
17 York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and the
18 Governor to sign, legislation to increase funding for
19 Assertive Community Treatment teams.

20 Will all those in favor say aye?

21 ALL: Aye

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say
23 nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

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ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 850, calling on the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that would expand Medicare to include long-term services and supports for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 889 declaring New York City's commitment to affirm and defend continued access for reproductive rights.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 985 calling on the New York State Assembly to pass, A.7851, and the Governor to sign, S.2534/A.7851, which retroactively freezes the rent at which a SCRIE or DRIE enrollee pays at the level it was when they first became eligible, or at the level it was two years before they entered the program, given that entrance into the program occurred more than two years after they first became eligible.

Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

• Resolution 1049 calling on the United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation to incorporate mental wellness training within OSHA-10 and OSHA-30 training.

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Will all those in favor say aye?

ALL: Aye

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say
nay?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

ALL: (SILENT)

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.
We will now move into General Discussion,
and I would like to acknowledge Council Member
Brewer, followed by Council Member Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER:

Thank you very much. I just want to say
that James Lui (phonetic) is here. He is a Van
Scholar of the most incredible expertise and
intelligence. He's here in the audience today, and I
just want to thank him and thank the Speaker for the
Van Fellows, thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing
Council Member Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam
Majority Leader.

Today, I have the privilege of
introducing four pieces of legislation—very apropos

1 because my son turns four today—each meaningful,
2 each important, and each one the result of the kind
3 of late night phone calls, emails, and hallway
4 conversations that I suspect my staff and the
5 Legislative Division are still recovering from. But I
6 want to highlight one in particular because it
7 addresses a crisis that has been hiding in plain
8 sight for far too long—The bill establishes the New
9 York City Guardianship Reform Commission, the opening
10 phase of what many of us have come to call Wendy's
11 Law. And yes, I fully understand that we don't
12 officially name bills in this chamber, legislative
13 counsel has reminded me of that fact with the sort of
14 patience normally reserved for kindergarten teachers.
15 But the name speaks to the heart of why we're doing
16 this. Many Americans first learned about abuse of
17 guardianships because of Britney Spears; people who'd
18 never heard the term "conservatorship" suddenly
19 became legal scholars overnight. And then, of course,
20 Wendy Williams' very public ordeal brought even more
21 attention to just how easily a person can lose
22 control over their own life. I've spoken with Wendy
23 personally, and she supports this effort 100%. She's
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1 looking forward to testifying on the bill and
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3 hopefully being in this chamber when we pass it.

4 But this isn't a bill for celebrities.
5 This is a bill for the thousands of New Yorkers whose
6 names you'll never see on Page 6, seniors with no
7 family, adults with disabilities, individuals who get
8 swept into guardianships that can strip away their
9 rights, their finances, and at times even their
10 dignity, all with far too little transparency or
11 oversight.

12 This Commission is the first step towards
13 fixing that. Before we change the system, we need to
14 understand exactly how it works and, more
15 importantly, how it doesn't. Here in New York City,
16 this Commission will study current practices,
17 identify gaps and abuses, gather real data, and work
18 with families, advocates, and experts to recommend
19 concrete reforms. Justice Brandeis famously said,
20 "Sunlight is the best disinfectant". In this case,
21 sunlight may also (TIMER) be the best guardian. Thank
22 you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one
24 else signed up to speak, I will now call on Speaker
25 Adrienne Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER ADAMS: Happy Thanksgiving,
everybody, and thank you. The Stated Meeting of
November 25th, 2025, is hereby adjourned!

All: (CHEERS AND APPLAUSE)

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



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