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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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March 10, 2026

Start: 1:37 p.m.

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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Julie Menin, Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
Shirley Aldebol  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Chris Banks  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Elsie Encarnación  
Harvey D. Epstein  
Amanda Farías  
Simcha Felder  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Ty Hankerson

## COUNCIL MEMBERS: (CONTINUED)

Kamillah M. Hanks  
Crystal Hudson  
Rita C. Joseph  
Shekar Krishnan  
Linda Lee  
Farah N. Louis  
Virginia Maloney  
Christopher Marte  
Darlene Mealy  
Frank Morano  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Sandy Nurse  
Chi A. Ossé  
Vickie Paladino  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Yusef Salaam  
Justin E. Sanchez  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Kayla Santosuosso  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens  
Shanel Thomas-Henry  
Sandra Ung  
Inna Vernikov  
Nantasha M. Williams  
Julie Won  
Phil Wong  
Susan Zhuang

A P P E A R A N C E S

Pastor Jay Gooding, Senior Pastor, Miracle  
Revival Fellowship Tabernacle Church, 155 McCombs  
Road, Bronx, NY 10453

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Test one,  
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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
check for the Stated Meeting recorded on March 10,  
2026, located in the Chambers, by Nazly Paytuvi.

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. Majority Leader.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: [GAVEL] Good  
afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting of  
March 10, 2026. I am Majority Leader Shaun Abreu,  
and I'd like to thank you for joining us.

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As a reminder, decorum must be respected  
at all times.

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If you'd like to follow along, the agenda  
for today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise!

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CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: (NO AUDIO)

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Roll call.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Aldebol.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO AUDIBLE  
RESPONSE)

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COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

COUNCIL CLERK: Banks.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers. Cabán.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Encarnación.

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Presente.

COUNCIL CLERK: Epstein.

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Farías.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO AUDIBLE

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hankerson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Maloney.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO AUDIBLE

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COUNCIL CLERK: Morano.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: (NO AUDIBLE

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COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé.

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COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino. Restler.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Salaam.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Justin Sanchez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: In  
attendance.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Pierina Sanchez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ: Aqui  
estoy.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Santosuosso.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Yep, here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thomas-Henry.

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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO AUDIBLE

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Wong.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

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COUNCIL CLERK: Zhuang.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

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COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO AUDIBLE

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Menin.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Present.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you.

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We will now have today's invocation which will be delivered by Pastor Jay Gooding, the Senior Pastor of Miracle Revival Fellowship Tabernacle Church which is located at 1555 McCombs Road in the Bronx.

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise!

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PASTOR JAY GOODING: Let us pray. O Lord our God, how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

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First, we thank thee for a brand new mercy and a

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brand new day for this is the day the Lord has made

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and we shall rejoice and be glad in it. Even now as

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we come before you in celebration of Women's History

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Month, we thank you for Speaker Menin and the 31

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women of our City Council who have broken barriers

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and lifted up their voices. Her story can be told by

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their courage and perseverance to help shape our city and communities. So, as we invoke your divine

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presence upon these Chambers and this City Council,

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2 we pray your wisdom and guidance in their governing  
3 upon our great city of New York. We ask your  
4 blessings upon this Council and grant them the wisdom  
5 to make policy and laws that will make fair and just  
6 decisions for us all. I pray that you bind us  
7 together in the spirit of oneness, recognizing the  
8 significance that we are better together. Help us to  
9 always walk in the spirit of common unity that  
10 enables us to build thriving communities. Communities  
11 that where there is darkness help us be your shining  
12 beams of light. Communities that where there is  
13 despair will transcend your spirit of hope.  
14 Communities that are engulfed by hate can embrace  
15 your spirit of love. Communities that are ravaged by  
16 senseless violence may be transformed and transformed  
17 by your spirit of peace. Communities that are full of  
18 grudges can mirror your spirit of generosity.  
19 Communities that even when we don't agree never  
20 becomes a community that becomes disagreeable. And so  
21 I pray from these Chambers every person, religion,  
creed, and color in every borough be treated with  
justice, dignity, and liberty for us all. Lastly, I  
pray that as prayer and planning be made in these  
Chambers that your peace and purpose be manifested in

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2 this city. These things we ask in your matchless name  
3 and for your sake. Amen.

4 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you.

5 I will now ask Council Member Shirley  
6 Aldebol to spread the invocation on the record.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: Thank you,  
8 Majority Leader Abreu, Speaker Menin. Happy Women's  
9 History Month to everyone.

10 I am very proud to introduce an  
11 incredibly special community and faith leader to  
12 represent the East Bronx here at City Hall, Pastor  
13 Jay Allen Gooding, Sr. Pastor Gooding is a respected  
14 and influential minister, leader, and advocate, and  
15 musician. I like that the best. He grew up in the  
16 Bronx surrounded by faith, community, and music. His  
17 work with the church began at age of just 11 years  
18 old when he became the organist of the Miracle  
19 Revival Temple in the Bronx under the pastorate of  
20 his father. Gooding attended Bronx public schools  
21 before earning his bachelor's degree in theology.  
Pastor Gooding went on to establish the Fellowship  
Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in the East Bronx.  
The parish was a fixture of the community for decades  
as a gathering space, service provider, and spiritual

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2 center. Now as superintendent, Gooding oversees two  
3 churches in the Bronx County and serves as the  
4 chairman of Eastern New York's Urban and Civic  
5 Affairs Department for the First Ecclesiastical  
6 Jurisdiction of Eastern New York. In addition to his  
7 work as pastor and faith leader, Gooding has  
8 consistently been an active participant and leader in  
9 civic organizations across the Bronx and New York  
10 State. Previously he served as Bronx Community Board  
11 11 and Bronx Borough President's Clergy Task Force  
12 Coalition and the Bronx Business Alliance Executive  
13 Board. Currently Pastor Gooding is deeply embedded in  
14 our District 13 communities. He serves as the  
15 President of the 49th Precinct Clergy Council  
16 covering the East Bronx neighborhoods of Allerton,  
17 Morris Park, Van Ness, Pelham Parkway, and Pelham  
18 Gardens. Gooding also serves as outreach director for  
19 Jacobi Hospital's Stand Up to Violence program. This  
20 program brings violence interrupters to work in areas  
21 hard hit by violence to mediate conflicts and provide  
support to at-risk people and communities. Gooding's  
leadership and guidance have played a key role in the  
program's continued success and growth. Gooding has  
received numerous awards and citations in recognition

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2 of the breadth and depth of his work. Pastor Gooding  
3 is committed to God, his family, and the communities  
4 that he has been called to serve. He represents the  
5 best of the Bronx and the best of our District 13  
6 community. Thank you Pastor Gooding for joining us  
7 here today and for all you contribute to the Bronx  
8 through your leadership, community, service, and  
9 faith.

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11                   Madam Speaker and Majority Leader Abreu,  
12 I would like to move that the invocation delivered by  
13 Pastor Jay Allen Gooding, Sr. be entered into the  
14 record. Thank you.

15                   PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
16 Council Member Aldebol.

17                   We will now ask Council Member Harvey  
18 Epstein for the adoption of minutes.

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: I make a motion  
20 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of February  
21 24, 2026, be adopted as printed.

                  PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Messages and  
papers from the Mayor?

                  COUNCIL CLERK: None.

                  PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU:  
Communication from City, County, and Borough offices?

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COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered items 48  
and 49, Council Budget Finance.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Finance.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: M50,  
Comptroller's Report?

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SPEAKER MENIN: Received, ordered,  
printed, and filed.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: M51,  
Conflicts of Interest Board Appointment?

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SPEAKER MENIN: Referred to Rules.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Petitions  
and Communications?

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COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Land Use  
Call-Ups?

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COUNCIL CLERK: M52.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Thank you. I now ask that  
the Clerk take a roll call vote on today's Land Use  
Call-Ups.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to vote  
on all items on today's agenda?

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission  
granted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote aye on all.

Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Aldebol.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Banks.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Encarnación.

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Epstein.

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Farías.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Si.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Gutiérrez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member

Brooks-Powers. Land Use Call-Ups.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Hankerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Maloney.

COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: (NO AUDIBLE

RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Paladino.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO AUDIBLE  
RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Restler.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Salaam.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Justin Sanchez.

COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pierina Sanchez.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Santosuosso.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Schulman.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (NO AUDIBLE  
RESPONSE)

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thomas-Henry.

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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ung.

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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Majority Leader, I

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ask permission to vote on all items on today's

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agenda.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission

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COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I vote aye on all

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO AUDIBLE

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Wong.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: (NO AUDIBLE

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COUNCIL CLERK: Zhuang.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz. Land Use

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Call-Ups.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO AUDIBLE  
RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO AUDIBLE  
RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Menin.

SPEAKER MENIN: Aye.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Today's Land

Use Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative and zero in the negative. Thank you.

We will now have Communication from Speaker Julie Menin.

SPEAKER MENIN: Good afternoon, everyone.

As we are meeting now, a suspicious device was found in Carl Schurz Park in my District. I just got off the phone with the Police Commissioner. The NYPD is investigating this incident. This is obviously an evolving and developing situation.

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2 This morning, Finance Chair Linda Lee and  
3 I released a new Council economic forecast and budget  
4 analysis ahead of our preliminary budget oversight  
5 hearings, which begin tomorrow. I want to encourage  
6 every Member to show up for these incredibly  
7 important budget hearings. The economic forecast  
8 shows a difference of nearly 400 million dollars in  
9 tax revenue projections compared to the Mayor's  
10 Office of Budget and Management for Fiscal Years 2026  
11 and 2027 combined. Our separate fiscal analysis  
12 identified nearly 1.7 billion dollars in potential  
13 savings and additional revenue just in Fiscal Year  
14 2026 alone, which of course ends on June 30th. That  
15 analysis shows we can protect critical government  
16 services without drawing down on our Rainy Day Fund,  
17 which had been proposed by the Administration in its  
18 preliminary budget and I want to make clear the Rainy  
19 Day Fund has never been drawn down whether it be  
20 during COVID or during the asylum seeker crisis so we  
21 think that this should only be reserved for true  
fiscal emergencies. We're committed to maintaining  
fiscal discipline and will continue to collaborate  
with the Administration to ensure the finances of the  
five boroughs remain strong.

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2 Over the weekend, we witnessed an  
3 attempted act of ISIS-influenced terrorism outside  
4 Gracie Mansion during a protest that occurred in my  
5 District. This could clearly have easily become a  
6 lethal situation. I'm relieved that no one was  
7 injured, that the Mayor and his family are safe, that  
8 the residents of my District are safe. Now, of course  
9 as I mentioned, there is another suspicious device  
10 that is under investigation, which is a really  
11 intolerable situation. Two alleged suspects were  
12 charged yesterday, and they must be held fully  
13 accountable. I'm deeply grateful to the NYPD for  
14 their swift and heroic response, particularly NYPD  
15 Chief Aaron Edwards and Sergeant Luis Navarro who  
16 without hesitation risked their own safety for the  
17 safety of others. The right to peacefully protect is,  
18 of course, sacrosanct regardless of the content, but  
19 violence and terrorism have absolutely no place in  
20 our city.

17 On a more celebratory note, I want to say  
18 of course that Sunday was International Women's Day,  
19 and so we are, of course, a women-led New York City  
20 Council and I know that the pride that we all feel  
21 cannot be measured. We're so proud of women in the

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2 city and all that they are accomplishing, women in  
3 public service and across every different industry  
4 and sector and so it was a very celebratory day.

5           And lastly, I want to say on the  
6 personnel side, I'm very excited to announce four new  
7 appointments to our Senior Staff. Joe Daniels was the  
8 former CEO and President of the 9/11 Memorial Museum.  
9 He handled the construction of that very complicated  
10 project and when there were 60 active projects going  
11 on around ground zero, he is going to be our new  
12 Senior Advisor for Economic Development together with  
13 Leah Goldman who has done a lot in terms of economic  
14 development and different public-private  
15 partnerships. Together, Joe and Leah will co-direct  
16 our new Office for Advancing Partnerships and  
17 Economic Expansion or APEX for short. We're also  
18 welcoming Greg Krakauer who served as counselor and  
19 senior advisor to the New York State Attorney  
20 General. He will be the new Counsel to the Speaker  
21 working on oversight and investigations matters. And  
lastly, but certainly not least, I'm so thrilled to  
say that Maka Ejebe is being elevated to General  
Counsel. She is the first Black person to ever occupy  
the office of General Counsel in the City Council.

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2 Maka, I particularly want to congratulate you.

3 CHAMBERS: (APPLAUSE)

4 SPEAKER MENIN: So, March 14th is Holi,  
5 the Hindu festival of colors, of love, and, of  
6 course, of spring which it feels like today. On March  
7 17th, we're going to be celebrating St. Patrick's  
8 Day, and I look forward to once again marching down  
9 5th Avenue at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and  
10 I hope many of you can join. March 23rd is Pakistan  
11 Day which commemorates the adoption of the Lahore  
12 Resolution that led to the formation of the nation of  
13 Pakistan. I join all Pakistani New Yorkers who  
14 celebrate this day of freedom and independence. March  
15 25th is Greek Independence Day, and we join our  
16 city's vibrant Greek communities in observance of  
17 this important celebration.

18 Next, on the birthday front, I want to  
19 wish a happy birthday to Council Member Chi Ossé who  
20 is celebrating on the 18th --

21 CHAMBERS: (APPLAUSE)

22 SPEAKER MENIN: -- and Council Member  
23 Lincoln Restler whose birthday is on the 19th. Happy  
24 birthday.

25 CHAMBERS: (APPLAUSE)

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SPEAKER MENIN: Wishing you both wonderful celebrations.

I want to take a moment on a more somber note to acknowledge the passing of former Council Member Ronnie Eldridge who represented Upper West Side for 12 years. She was a trailblazer whose dedication to public service has left a lasting mark on not only her community but on our city and certainly her commitment to justice continues to shape the work that we do every single day.

Now, I want to move on to our Stated agenda. First, we're going to vote on the following land use items:

395 Flatbush Avenue, a proposal by HPD in conjunction with DOHMH, DCAS, and developers, Rabina and Park Tower Group, to facilitate the redevelopment of an existing City-owned seven-story office building into a 72-story mixed-use building with approximately 1,263 new housing units including 325 affordable units under MIH Option 1 in Council Member Crystal Hudson's District. The Council is modifying the application to strike MIH Option 2.

14-10 Beach Channel Drive which is an application to facilitate the development of a new

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2 six-story mixed-use commercial community facility and  
3 residential building with approximately 92 housing  
4 units, approximately 28 of which will be affordable  
5 under MIH in Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers'  
6 District. The Council is modifying the application to  
7 reduce the rezoning area without affecting the  
8 proposed development.

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10 33-01 11th Street rezoning, an  
11 application to facilitate the development of a new  
12 10-story mixed-use building with approximately 258  
13 housing units, 65 of which will be affordable under  
14 MIH as well as light industrial commercial and  
15 community facility space in Council Member Tiffany  
16 Cabán's District. The Council is modifying the  
17 application to strike MIH Option 2 and add MIH Option  
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20 Next, we're going to vote on the  
21 following finance items:

A transparency resolution approving new  
designations and changes of certain organizations  
receiving funding in the expense budget.

A Pre-Considered Resolution sponsored by  
Council Member Linda Lee amending a prior resolution  
approving an Article XI tax exemption for a

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2 nine-story building in Council Member Ossé's  
3 District.

4           The Council will vote on its Fiscal Year  
5 2027 proposed operating budget including 95.06  
6 million for personal services and 32 million for  
7 other-than-personal services.

8           Next, we will vote on the following  
9 legislation:

10           Introduction 409-A sponsored by Council  
11 Member Kevin Riley would require the Department of  
12 Transportation to post signs on each block of any  
13 street subject to bus lane restrictions. The signs  
14 would indicate the hours and days when bus lane  
15 restrictions are in effect and would also require DOT  
16 to publish on its website the hours and days when bus  
17 lane restrictions are in effect for each affected  
18 street in the city. Thank you to Mark Chen, to  
19 Theodore Miller, to Kevin Kotowski and to John Basile  
20 for their work on this.

21           Introduction 87-A sponsored by Council  
Member Gale Brewer would consolidate the Archival  
Review Board and the Archives Reference and Research  
Advisory Board into the Library and Archival Review  
Advisory Board. Thank you to Jahari Frazier and to

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2 Erica Cohen.

3 Introduction 42-A sponsored by Council  
4 Member Pierina Sanchez is a technical correction to  
5 the Housing Maintenance Code. It would allow  
6 ancillary dwelling units in cellars of one- and  
7 two-family dwellings created as part of new  
8 construction to be utilized as a rental unit. Thank  
9 you to Austin Malone, William Eck, Dirk Spencer, and  
10 Jose Conde.

11 Introduction 502-B sponsored by Deputy  
12 Speaker Dr. Nantasha Williams would require the Mayor  
13 to convene a quadrennial commission in 2026 to review  
14 the compensation levels of the Mayor, Public  
15 Advocates, City Comptroller, Borough Presidents,  
16 Council Members, and District Attorneys in New York  
17 City. The bill would also require a commission to be  
18 convened between January 1st and 15th of 2030 and for  
19 every four years afterward. Thank you to Jahari  
20 Frazier and to Erica Cohen.

21 Introduction 416-A sponsored by Council  
Member Justin Sanchez would require the Department of  
Sanitation, Department of Transportation, and Office  
of Technology Information to establish a two-year  
pilot program to encourage cleanliness and the

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2 removal of snow and ice at any bus shelter, bike  
3 share station, or public communication structure by  
4 notifying the structure's operator to remedy the  
5 condition. Thank you to Morgane Barrett, Samia Shah,  
6 Ricky Chawla and Dirk Spencer.

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8 Now, I want to turn it back over to our  
9 Majority Leader.

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11 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
12 Speaker Menin.

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14 Just wanted to remind folks that the  
15 mandatory COIB training. If you can please stay in  
16 the Chambers after Stated, that would be greatly  
17 appreciated and for folks who are part of BLAC, BLAC  
18 will take a photo after COIB training if you can stay  
19 for that.

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21 As a reminder to disclose your conflicts  
before voting.

We will now move into Discussion of  
General Orders. Remember you have two minutes to  
speak.

I will begin with Council Member Sanchez  
followed by Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Thank you  
everyone. Today is an exciting day for me. It is the

1  
2 first time I have the privilege of passing a bill in  
3 the New York City Council, and I'm proud that it's  
4 one focused on something New Yorkers experience every  
5 single day, the conditions of our public spaces. If  
6 you ride the bus anywhere in New York City, you've  
7 seen the problem we're trying to address. Bus stops  
8 are not well kept, covered in litter, graffiti and,  
9 until this beautiful weather came in, snow. The bus  
10 is a crucial component of our public transportation  
11 network. Over one million New Yorkers ride the bus  
12 every day and, when they're sitting at a stop waiting  
13 for it to come, they shouldn't be sitting next to a  
14 pile of trash. When garbage piles up in our public  
15 spaces, it sends a message. Over time, that message  
16 affects mental health, physical health, and how  
17 people view their neighborhood, their city, and our  
18 bus system, and many people assume that's because the  
19 City doesn't care or because Sanitation isn't doing  
20 its job, but that could not be further from the  
21 truth. The reality is that many of our city's bus  
shelters and transit structures are privately owned  
and maintained by concessionaires. These companies  
profit from the advertising on these structures and,  
with that profit, comes the responsibility to

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2 maintain them. While our property owners, homeowners,  
3 and tenants received nearly 5,000 fines, these  
4 companies received a total of none. Yet right above  
5 me, George Washington famously said our commercial  
6 policy should hold an equal and impartial hand, and  
7 that is why I have introduced Intro. 416, Litters  
8 Last Stop. This bill makes that responsibility clear  
9 and enforceable. It requires concessionaires to  
10 regularly clean and maintain the area around their  
11 bus shelters and transit structures including a small  
12 footprint around them so trash doesn't pile up where  
13 New Yorkers are waiting for their ride. This is about  
14 fairness and quality of life. Our Sanitation workers  
15 already have the enormous job of keeping the streets  
16 of a city of 8 million people clean. They shouldn't  
17 have to pick up the slack for private companies that  
18 are obligated to maintain their own footprint. As we  
19 pass this bill today, I want to give praise to the  
20 DSNY workers who have shouldered this burden for far  
21 too long.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Council

Member your time is up. Thank you so much.

We'll now move to Council Member Brewer  
followed by Kevin Riley.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
3 much. Intro. 87 is called the Library and Archival  
4 Review Advisory Board. Basically, you should know  
5 that the New York City Municipal Archives hold more  
6 than 200 million records, photographs, maps,  
7 government documents that document our city's history  
8 and the work of our government. This bill will  
9 improve the coordination and efficiency in archival  
10 oversight and access. It will strengthen the  
11 independent review of how City records are preserved  
12 and managed and help oversee the digitization of all  
13 of them, makes everything more transparent and  
14 accountable to New Yorkers. It merges the Archival  
15 Review Board and the Archives Reference and Research  
16 Advisory Board into one, Library and Archival Review  
17 Advisory Board. It expands the membership to nine  
18 members. Appointments will come from the Mayor and  
19 the Speaker with the Commissioner, Pauline Toole or  
20 whomever it is, serving as Chair, and I want to thank  
21 Ms. Toole. Requires members to have relevant  
professional expertise in archives, libraries, or  
records management. They will serve for four years.  
They will meet at least every three months, and they  
will have the ability to review the archival process

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2 and request relevant data from the department and  
3 this will make sure that we have annual reporting  
4 requirements of our archives. If you're not crazy  
5 about archives like I am, you should be. Thank you  
6 very much.

7 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
8 Council Member Brewer.

9 Council Member Kevin Riley followed by  
10 Council Member Hudson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority  
12 Leader.

13 Today, the Council has the opportunity to  
14 advance legislation that will improve clarity and  
15 transparency around bus lane restrictions across New  
16 York City through the passage of Intro. 409-A. The  
17 bus lanes are a vital part of our transportation  
18 system, helping keeping buses moving efficiently for  
19 the millions of New Yorkers who rely on them every  
20 day. Intro. 409-A ensures that the rules governing  
21 bus lane restrictions are communicated clearly and  
consistently to New Yorkers. The legislation requires  
DOT to install clearly visible signage indicating the  
days and hours when the bus lane restrictions are in  
effect and to maintain a searchable online resource

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2 where New Yorkers can easily find that information.  
3 Clear rules help build public trust in our  
4 transportation system and make it easier for New  
5 Yorkers to follow the law while keeping our streets  
6 moving. I would like to thank my Colleagues who  
7 joined me in sponsoring this legislation and for  
8 their partnership in advancing this measure today. I  
9 want to urge my Colleagues to vote in favor for  
10 Intro. 409-A. Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
12 Council Member Riley.

13 Council Member Hudson followed by Council  
14 Member Brooks-Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Today, we are  
16 voting on the application for 395 Flatbush Avenue  
17 extension which the Land Use Committee has already  
18 voted to approve. This is a significant step toward  
19 delivering more deeply affordable housing and greater  
20 community investment in downtown Brooklyn. From the  
21 outset, I was clear that this project had to go  
further to benefit the longevity of our community.  
Through sustained negotiations, we secured a new AMI  
tier at 30 percent for 102 units, increased the  
number of units for households earning 40 percent

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2 AMI, and eliminated the 100 percent AMI tier to  
3 better target low- and moderate-income New Yorkers.  
4 We also increased the number of family-sized units to  
5 approximately 347 two- and three-bedroom homes  
6 because families deserve the opportunity to stay and  
7 grow in the communities they helped build. This  
8 agreement also recognizes that residential growth  
9 must come with real community investment. The  
10 development will contribute 1 million dollars over 10  
11 years to support Fort Greene Park, helping ensure  
12 that one of Brooklyn's most treasured public spaces  
13 is maintained as density increases around it. As  
14 additional projects move forward in this area, I will  
15 continue to push for deeper sustained investments in  
16 our public spaces so that neighborhood infrastructure  
17 keeps pace with development. This project is the  
18 result of sustained advocacy and productive  
19 partnership with both the developer and the  
20 Administration to deepen affordability, expand family  
21 housing, and secure tangible benefits for our  
neighborhood. As downtown Brooklyn continues to  
evolve, I remain focused on making sure development  
delivers real lasting value for our community. Thank  
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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Council Member Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

The 1410 Beach Channel Drive proposal before us today is the product of sustained engagement with the Rockaway community. From the outset, I was clear that any development on the peninsula must reflect our realities, working families, limited transit access, environmental vulnerabilities, and a long history of underinvestment. The plan has materially changed thanks to our negotiations. Studio units have been eliminated and replaced with a meaningful number of two- and three-bedroom apartments that better serve working families. The project now includes a one-to-one parking ratio, recognizing that in a transit desert like the Rockaways, car ownership is often a necessity, not a luxury. The applicant has also committed to continue pursuing both affordable and market-rate homeownership opportunities. That matters. If we are serious about generational wealth and stability, homeownership must be a part of the housing conversation in my District and across the city. Beyond the building itself, there are important

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2 commitments. Ambient air quality monitoring during  
3 nearby industrial operations with mechanical  
4 ventilations installed if needed. A 30 percent MBE  
5 and local hiring goal, including outreach and  
6 apprenticeship opportunities within Community Board  
7 14. Support for improvement at the Cornerstone  
8 Community Center operated by the Child Center of New  
9 York at Redfern Houses. An assigned MOU granting  
10 Glory Light Tabernacle a right of first refusal to  
11 lease community facility space at below market rent  
12 set at 60 percent of the market rate value. These  
13 negotiated outcomes are tied directly to community  
14 priorities. With those commitments secured and, on  
15 the record, I am in favor of this proposal. I want to  
16 thank the Speaker's team for their support throughout  
17 this process and our community partners for their  
18 strong advocacy. With that, I ask my Colleagues to  
19 vote aye.

16 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
17 Council Member.

18 Seeing no one else signed up for General  
19 Orders, Report of Special Committees.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

21 Reports of Standing Committees.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance. Pre-considered M48 and Resolution 374 and Pre-Considered M49 and Resolution 375, Council Budget.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered Resolution 353, Transparency Resolution.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered LU44 and Resolution 376, Tax Exemption.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation, Intro. 87-A, Archival Review Advisory Board.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 502-B, Quadrennial Commission.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro. 421-A, Cellar Dwelling Units.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
2 Rules, Privileges, Elections, Standards, and Ethics,  
3 M38 and Resolution 377, Approving the Appointment of  
4 Stephen Loffredo, Conflict of Interest Board.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on General Orders.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
7 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro. 416-A,  
8 Cleaning and Snow Removal at Street Fixtures.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
10 Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro. 409-A, Bus  
11 Lane Restrictions.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

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COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar,  
13 LU 12 and Resolution 378 through LU 16 and Resolution  
14 382, 395 Flatbush Avenue.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on general orders.

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COUNCIL CLERK: LU 28 and Resolution 383  
17 and LU 29 and Resolution 384, 14-10 Beach Channel  
18 Drive.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

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COUNCIL CLERK: LU 33 and Resolution 385  
19 and LU 34 and Resolution 386, 33-01 11th Street.

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SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution Appointing  
Various Persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on General Orders.

And I now ask that the Clerk take a roll  
call vote on all the items coupled on today's General  
Orders Calendar.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hankerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: I vote aye on  
all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I am an aye on all  
with the exception of 421-A and 502-B, for which I am  
a no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Oh, I'd also like  
to disclose, and I should have at the start of my  
vote, that my son works for the Department of  
Sanitation and they are currently on the Transparency  
Resolution.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

Avilés.

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COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I vote aye on all  
and disclose that my daughter is a student in New  
York City Public Schools.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Remember to  
do the disclosures first. Thank you.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Banks.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I work at CUNY,  
and I want to also forgot to thank for the Intro. 87,  
Jahari Fraser and Erica Cohen and from my office,  
Cynthia Hornig, and I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye  
on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Encarnación.

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACIÓN: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Epstein.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Aye on all. I  
want to thank Steve Loffredo for his decades of

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2 public service and I'm so excited to be voting for  
3 him today.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Farías.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Felder.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote aye on all  
12 with the exception of Intro. 421-A on which I vote  
13 no.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.  
15 Gutiérrez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO AUDIBLE

19 RESPONSE)

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I'd like to

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2 disclose on this record that my child is a student in  
3 New York City public schools that's being funded in  
4 this transparency reso and aye on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I'd like to  
7 disclose that my children are New York City DOE  
8 students, and I vote aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: I'd like to also  
11 disclose that my kids are students at DOE public  
12 schools, and I vote aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

15 Maloney.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: I vote, aye and I  
17 want to congratulate my Colleague, Council Member  
18 Justin Sanchez, on passing his first bill on  
19 sanitation, which I wholeheartedly support more  
20 accountability for the City to hold private operators  
21 accountable and keep our bus shelters clean and  
clear.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Reminder for  
folks who are speaking on their vote to request for  
permission. Thank you.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Marte.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I have

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permission?

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all

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and no on 421-A.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I'd like to

request unanimous consent to vote on Land Use

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Call-Ups.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission

granted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I'll vote aye on

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the Land Use Call-Ups and as for the items coupled on

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General Orders --

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Sorry. It

requires unanimous consent.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Okay.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Any

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objections? Seeing none.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I thank the Body for your consent, and I'd like to vote aye on all with the exception of a 421-A and 502-B on which I vote no. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye with concern of enforcement for 416-A, but I just spoke to my Colleagues and I'm hoping enforcement is more in the collaboration, and I vote aye and hoping for the best.

COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse.

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé.

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye with the exception of 502-B and 421-A of which I vote no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Restler.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I just want to state for the record that my children are a part of

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2 the New York City Public School system, and I vote  
3 aye on everything. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

5 Salaam.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Justin Sanchez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: Permission  
9 to explain my vote.

10 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission  
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: First and  
13 foremost, I want to thank all of my Colleagues. I  
14 proudly vote aye on all these, but I want to take a  
15 moment to really just thank the Sanitation Committee  
16 Staff, all the Legislative Staff who worked closely  
17 with me to shape this legislation and move it  
18 forward. Your work behind the scenes is what allows  
19 ideas like this to actually become policy. I want to  
20 thank to all my Colleagues for coming to vote this  
21 out of Committee and Council Members Abreu and Hanif  
who partnered with me on a joint hearing on snow  
removal. That hearing really helped highlight a lot  
of gaps and responsibility around bus shelters and  
transit infrastructure, and I would be remiss if I do

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2 not give a special, special thank you to the  
3 leadership of our Speaker Julie Menin. She first  
4 introduced this legislation last session and  
5 entrusted me with the opportunity to bring it over  
6 the finish line this term. I am truly and  
7 enthusiastically grateful for this. Public space  
8 comes with real public responsibility and, starting  
9 today, we're making it clear that if you profit from  
10 our public space you must help take care of it  
11 because just like our bus, the litter stops here.

12 Thank you very much.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Please tell  
14 us your vote.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: I vote  
16 aye. I said that at the beginning.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.  
18 Pierina Sanchez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ:  
20 Permission to explain my vote.

21 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ: Thank  
you. I just want to highlight that for Intro. 421-A  
is a technical cleanup that is associated with the

1 zoning text amendment this Council passed in December  
2 of 2024 called the City of Yes for Housing  
3 Opportunity. There was a misalignment between the  
4 Housing Maintenance Code which is HPD's code and the  
5 zoning text and so we are clarifying that in both the  
6 zoning text and in the Housing Maintenance Code it is  
7 legal to have ancillary dwelling units in certain  
8 parts of the city and just highlighting again for us  
9 and for the public that through this City of Yes for  
10 Housing Opportunity and the accompanying plan, City  
11 for All, we gained for our constituents five billion  
12 dollars in housing investments. Many of you will be  
13 doing very proud ribbon cuttings on infrastructure  
14 projects. You will be receiving thanks from your  
15 constituents who are going to get down payment  
16 assistance and other housing assistance so that was a  
17 big win for this Body, and I just continue to be  
18 proud of that.

19                   And with that, I want to disclose upon  
20 the record that my brother is affiliated with CUNY  
21 and that is being voted on today and, with that, I  
vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: I vote aye on  
2 all. Special congratulations to Council Member Justin  
3 Sanchez.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thomas-Henry.

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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all with  
13 the exception of Intro. 421-A and 502-B on which I  
14 vote no.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.  
16 Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on

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COUNCIL CLERK: Won.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Wong.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: Aye on all except on  
24 502-B and 421-A in which I vote no.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all. I want to spread on the record my kids go to public schools.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Hanif.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE)

COUNCIL CLERK: Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to move for unanimous consent to vote on the Land Use Call-Ups as well as General Order Calendar Items.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Are there any objections?

Seeing none.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'd like to vote aye on all except for Introductions 421-A and 502-B on which I vote no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Menin.

SPEAKER MENIN: I vote aye on all, but I'm going to abstain on 502-B, and I want to congratulate all my Colleagues on the passage of their bills

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2 today.

3 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: All items on  
4 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote  
5 of 49 in the affirmative and zero in the negative and  
6 zero abstentions with the exception of Intro. 421-A  
7 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,  
8 eight in the negative, and zero abstentions and  
9 Intro. 502-B which was adopted by a vote of 42 in the  
10 affirmative, six in the negative, and one abstention.

11 The revised Land Use Call-Ups vote is 43  
12 in the affirmative and zero in the negative.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Introduction  
14 and reading of bills.

15 SPEAKER MENIN: All bills have been  
16 referred to Committee as indicated on today's agenda.

17 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: There are no  
18 items on our Resolution Calendar so we will now move  
19 into General Discussion beginning with Minority  
20 Leader Carr followed by Brewer.

21 MINORITY LEADER CARR: Thank you, Majority  
Leader. On Saturday, the peace of our city was  
disrupted by two terrorists with bombs. Thankfully,  
no one was harmed by their heinous and violent acts.  
Let us be clear, violence is never the answer to the

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2 exercise of free speech by others no matter what we  
3 may think of what is being said. The answer to speech  
4 we oppose is always more speech. I look forward to  
5 swift justice that I pray will come of the process  
6 ahead, but I just hope that we never see anything  
7 like this again. However, I believe the enduring  
8 image and legacy of this event will actually be the  
9 amazing response of our New York City police  
10 officers. The instinct to flee from danger in human  
11 beings is primal. It's built into our DNA as a  
12 survival mechanism. Every part of our bodies drive us  
13 to put our own safety first. So, when I see this  
14 photo of Chief Aaron Edwards circulating on social  
15 media hurtling over a barrier like Olympian Edward  
16 Moses toward a handmade bomb that was just thrown by  
17 a deranged radicals outside of Gracie Mansion on  
18 Saturday, I'm at a loss. I cannot fathom how he is  
19 defying hundreds of thousands of years of human  
20 evolution, how he is resisting his own body's  
21 chemistry and running toward danger, not away. Maybe  
it's years of training or maybe the brave men and  
women of the NYPD are just made of different stuff  
because that seems to be the only explanation that he  
and the other officers assigned to that protest to

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2 run towards that bomb. This iconic image should be  
3 part of the lore of our city. When there is talk  
4 about cutting NYPD hiring or disbanding the strategic  
5 response group, which was specifically created to  
6 ensure people are safe during protests, we are  
7 talking about people like Chief Edwards. We are  
8 talking about the people who literally man the  
9 barricades between free speech and assembly and  
10 violence and terrorism, the heroes who run towards  
11 danger to keep us all safe. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
13 Minority Leader.

14 Council Member Brewer followed by Salaam.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
16 much. I appreciate the Speaker talking about Ronnie  
17 Eldridge. I just want to say a few more things. She  
18 preceded me, and I know that when she was in the  
19 Council she worked on many women's issues but  
20 particularly women in prison, trying to find a way  
21 for them to get out. She worked with Bella Abzug. She  
worked with Mario Cuomo as head of his Division for  
Women and she was very much known for this efforts,  
also with the LGBTQ community. She was part of the  
Dump Johnson in the 1960s and then in '68 really

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2 became Robert Kennedy's go-to person in the City of  
3 New York. She talked about him and he talked about  
4 her so positively. She went all the way back Democrat  
5 for Lindsay and was part of his Administration. She  
6 was a TV producer at Channel 13, but many of us were  
7 on her CUNY TV show which she hosted for many, many  
8 years and included so many elected officials and  
9 others in the City of New York. She's a graduate of  
10 Music and Art High School which preceded LaGuardia  
11 and she was a Barnard graduate. She was also one hell  
12 of a wonderful human being, and I think you know that  
13 March 11th at the Ethical Cultural Society, 2 West  
14 64th Street, there will be a service. If anybody  
15 wants more information, please let me know. Thank  
16 you.

17 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Council  
18 Member Salaam followed by Riley.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you. Today,  
20 I raise a matter of public safety and accountability  
21 that affects all New Yorkers. Every day while NYPD  
vehicles move throughout our streets serving an  
important public safety function, they must do so  
responsibly and in compliance with the law. We  
currently have no systematic way to track whether

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2 police vehicles are exceeding speed limits nor to  
3 analyze patterns and police vehicle collisions. In my  
4 former role as the Chair to the Committee on Public  
5 Safety, I had repeatedly and not received the PD's  
6 Patrolman's Guide that outlines the procedure for  
7 vehicular pursuits so that we can come to the table  
8 and discuss how to keep pedestrians safe during  
9 high-speed chases. I'm introducing a bill, Intro.  
10 780-2026, that requires NYPD to collect speed data  
11 for every police vehicle in motion, compare those  
12 speeds to applicable speed limits, and to publish  
13 this information on a publicly accessible map. It  
14 also mandates detailed reporting on every collision  
15 involving police vehicles including the speed at  
16 which the vehicle was traveling, the type of  
17 collision, and whether any pedestrians were injured  
18 or killed. Transparency creates accountability. When  
19 that is public, we can identify problem areas, see  
20 patterns, and work together to improve safety. This  
21 is not about attacking the police. This is about  
ensuring that public is not harmed inadvertently.  
Communities deserve to know this information. They  
deserve to understand the risks on their streets and  
to hold their government accountable. This bill, if

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2 passed, takes effect immediately, and I urge my  
3 Colleagues to support this measure for transparency,  
4 accountability, and safer streets for all New  
5 Yorkers. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
7 Council Member.

8 Council Member Riley followed by Council  
9 Member Louis.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority  
11 Leader.

12 Today, I'm proud to introduce three  
13 resolutions addressing major challenges facing  
14 families across our city. The need for affordable  
15 housing and the access to affordable reliable child  
16 care. Across New York State, there's a shortage of  
17 more than 630,000 affordable homes for extremely  
18 low-income households, leaving too many families  
19 struggling to find stable housing they can afford.

20 The first resolution, Reso. 363 calls on  
21 the State Legislature to pass the New York Fair  
Housing Act sponsored by State Senator Robert  
Jackson. This legislation will require municipalities  
to plan for and meet their fair share of affordable  
housing needs, ensuring that communities across New

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2 York contribute to addressing our housing shortage.

3           The second resolution, Reso. 364, calls  
4 on the State to pass Assembly Bill 7828-A and Senate  
5 Bill 7939 sponsored by Assemblymember Torres and  
6 State Senator Jamaal T. Bailey creating the  
7 Affordable Housing Insurance Relief Fund Program to  
8 help developments manage rising insurance costs and  
9 keep affordable housing projects financially viable.

10           And, finally, I'm proud to join my  
11 Colleagues, Council Member Cabán, Stevens, and  
12 Gutiérrez in introducing Reso. 365 supporting Senate  
13 Bill 4924 and Assembly Bill 1303 which is legislation  
14 that will remove wage and hour requirements that  
15 currently prevents some working families from  
16 qualifying for childcare assistance. Today, 63  
17 percent of young children live in households where  
18 all parents work yet many families still struggle to  
19 access affordable childcare.

20           I urge my Colleagues to support these  
21 resolutions as we continue to work to make New York  
more affordable for families across our city and  
state. Thank you.

          PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
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Council Member Louis followed by Maloney.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

Today, I'm proud to reintroduce a package of legislation focused on advancing pay equity, strengthening recognition of women in the workforce, and ensuring public safety and transparency for New Yorkers across our city. Together, these measures address critical gaps in accountability and opportunity while reinforcing our commitment to fairness and economic mobility.

I want to call attention to three bills in particular. Intro. 744 expands the City's ability to identify and address disparities in pay and employment practices among City contractors by requiring the reporting and analysis of workforce data disaggregated by pay band, race, ethnicity, and gender. This bill strengthens transparency and allows us to identify inequities that too often remain hidden within contracting relationships.

Resolution 357 calls on the Legislature to pass A5906 requiring employers to disclose information about benefits and additional compensation such as bonuses, commissions, and stock

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2 options. Pay transparency must extend beyond salary  
3 alone if we are serious about closing wage gaps and  
4 ensuring workers have the information needed to  
5 advocate for fair compensation.

6 Finally, Resolution 359 recognizes the  
7 critical contributions of women of color in one of  
8 the fastest growing sectors in our economy. By  
9 declaring March 24th as Women of Color in Tech Day in  
10 New York City we acknowledge both the achievements of  
11 women, innovators, and the barriers that will prevent  
12 many from fully accessing opportunities in the  
13 workforce. Thank you so much.

14 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
15 Council Member.

16 Council Member Maloney followed by  
17 Morano.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Thank you.

19 This month is Women's History Month, and  
20 I'm proud to introduce a resolution that calls on  
21 Congress to add the Equal Rights Amendment to the  
22 Constitution as the 28th Amendment. Thank you to  
23 Speaker Menin, Deputy Speaker Williams, and Chair of  
24 the Committee on Women and Gender Equity, Council  
25 Member Fariás, and all the co-sponsors for supporting

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2 this resolution. The ERA has already been ratified by  
3 38 states, and it's high time that Congress remove  
4 the ratification deadline and permanently enshrine  
5 women's rights in the Constitution. New York has long  
6 led in the fight for women's equality, going back to  
7 the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls,  
8 and today we lead again by adding New York's voice to  
9 the growing national movement demanding that Congress  
10 finally recognize the will of the people. This is a  
11 110-year fight that has spanned generations. The ERA  
12 was authored by my relative, Alice Paul, in 1923. It  
13 was later sponsored in the U.S. House of  
14 Representatives by a great New Yorker, Bella Abzug,  
15 and more recently championed by another great New  
16 Yorker, former Congresswoman Carol Maloney, my  
17 mother. This Women's History Month, a non-profit ERA  
18 Now is driving across 25 states in the original 1914  
19 Saxon motor car that two suffragists used to mobilize  
20 support for the 19th Amendment in 1916. Just as that  
21 journey helped build momentum for women's right to  
vote, this resolution is meant to inspire cities and  
communities across the country to finally call on  
Congress to recognize the ERA. So let us be clear as  
a majority-led female Council that equality delayed

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2 is equality denied. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you.

4 Council Member Morano followed by Council  
5 Member Fariás.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you very  
7 much.

8 Following discussion of important issues  
9 like pay equity, public safety, education, what I'm  
10 about to mention may seem silly, but I assure you  
11 that it's not. Now a lot of you look very tired  
12 today. Now, perhaps some of you because you got up  
13 early as Council Member Sanchez and Council Member  
14 Zhuang did to join me for a press conference saying  
15 people shouldn't be fined for not having garbage  
16 pails they didn't get yet and that's an important  
17 issue. Or perhaps you were co-moderating a roundtable  
18 on Black veterans as Council Member Riley and Council  
19 Member Salaam were, an incredibly important issue  
20 serving an underserved portion of our city. However,  
21 I think for everybody else it probably has to do with  
the fact that we set the clocks ahead an hour this  
past weekend. In 2026, in an era of AI, self-driving  
cars, and where I can FaceTime one in Baghdad as  
easily as someone in Brooklyn, we are still changing

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2 our clocks like farmers twice a year. This is  
3 madness. Absolute madness. The week after daylight  
4 saving time, we see heart attacks up. We see  
5 accidents up. I was at an assembly and the kids were  
6 falling asleep as I was talking to them in the first  
7 period and it's not for the usual reason that I'm  
8 boring. This is crazy. But yes, my friends, there is  
9 a better way. There are two states that do not  
10 observe daylight saving time. So, we as a State can  
11 opt out of this, and that's why I ask you to consider  
12 signing on to Reso. 361 which calls on the State of  
13 New York to opt out of this daylight saving time  
14 insanity. We have a standard time that used to end in  
15 mid-April. For some reason for the last 22 years, it  
16 now ends the first week in March. It makes no sense.  
17 Anyone trying to put a toddler to bed in broad  
18 daylight understands it. Anyone trying to commute to  
19 work in pitch black understands it. I ask you please  
20 co-sponsor Reso 361. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
18 Council Member. I think we're all awake now.

19 Council Member Epstein followed by  
20 Council Member Justin Sanchez. Sorry, sorry, my  
21 apologies. Council Member Farías followed by Epstein.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Council Member Morano, Puerto Rico does not do daylight savings either so we'll be on board there.

Good afternoon, Colleagues. Today, I'm proud to introduce two pieces of legislation that respond to very real issues facing New Yorkers in both our digital lives and in our communities.

First, I'm introducing Resolution 352 in support of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her federal legislation, the Defiance Act of 2025. As technology evolves, so do the ways people can be targeted and harmed online. The rise of AI-generated deep fakes has made it frighteningly easy to create non-consensual sexually explicit images using someone's likeness without their knowledge or consent. These digital forgeries are overwhelmingly used against women and girls and can have devastating consequences for victims' safety, careers, and mental health. Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's legislation would finally provide victims with a clear federal civil cause of action against those who create, distribute, or profit from these abuses. Resolution 352 allows New York City to stand firmly in support of that effort and to send a strong message that our

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2 laws must keep pace with technology and protect  
3 people's dignity and privacy.

4           Second, I'm introducing Intro. 729. In  
5 partnership with the Retail, Wholesale, and  
6 Department Store Union, RWDSU, which addresses a  
7 growing issue in retail stores across our city. As  
8 self-service checkout becomes more common in  
9 pharmacies and large food retail stores, we've seen  
10 the consequences of removing workers from these  
11 spaces. Increased retail theft, less oversight, fewer  
12 protections for both workers and customers, and  
13 generally decreased safety. Intro. 729 would require  
14 stores operating self-checkout to ensure proper  
15 staffing in those areas and establish a 15-item limit  
16 to maintain safety, accountability, and fairness in  
17 the checkout process. This bill is about protecting  
18 good jobs, supporting workers on the front lines, and  
19 creating a more secure shopping environment for New  
20 Yorkers. I encourage my Colleagues to sign on. Thank  
21 you.

          PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Thank you,  
Council Member.

          Council Member Epstein followed by Justin  
Sanchez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: I feel like it's  
3 our road today. So, I want to thank the Speaker for  
4 her work this week. I know we've had a tough couple  
5 of weeks. We announced earlier last week about our  
6 Animal Rights Caucus. So, today's the day. If anyone  
7 hasn't joined, they can join. You know, it's an issue  
8 across our city, whether dealing with affordability  
9 for pets, dealing with animal issues, whether, you  
10 know, we've heard from all our Colleagues, whether  
11 it's around elephants or horses or other animals or  
12 birds. So those are issues we're going to have to  
13 deal with here in the Council. The other issue is  
14 people may know that the Merchant's House Museum, a  
15 couple of weeks ago, me and a couple of our  
16 Colleagues went there. We learned that is an  
17 underground railroad spot. There's a potential  
18 building being built next door that will impact  
19 potential Merchant's House and its stability to  
20 remain. This is a historic fixture in our city and  
21 something we need to preserve. We were sent around a  
letter to circulate to talk about how we can preserve  
the Merchant's House going before the Landmarks  
Preservation Committee on the 17th. I hope my  
Colleagues will help us to support the Merchant's

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2 House to keep it. You know, the history of New York  
3 and the history of the underground railroad lives  
4 today on 4th Street in New York. And it's all of our  
5 responsibility together to protect that history and  
stand up for what it stands for. And thank you all.

6 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: Council  
7 Member Justin Sanchez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JUSTIN SANCHEZ: I rise  
9 once more. Bad Bunny rose around the world to talk  
10 about the greatness of New York. And today, I join  
11 him and flip the call around and talk about the  
12 greatness of Puerto Rico. Today, we are introducing  
13 Resolution 372. This resolution calls on the  
14 Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico to pass and the  
15 Governor of Puerto Rico to sign legislation to repeal  
16 Act 22 and to implement a progressive tax policy to  
17 minimize the revenue losses to federal, state, city,  
18 and territorial governments. My grandfather came here  
19 from Manatee, Puerto Rico. He was a presser, a cab  
20 driver, and every retail worker job under the sun,  
21 and his grandson got to grow up and become a City  
Council Member. And people all across Puerto Rico and  
people all across our city deserve to be able to come  
here and not be priced out and taken advantage of by

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2 those that are considered high wealthy tax  
3 individuals. So, I rise to ask that my Colleagues  
4 join me in supporting this resolution and for Un  
5 Puerto Rico Libre. Gracias.

6 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE ABREU: As a  
7 reminder for folks, COIB training is immediately  
8 following Stated.

9 I'll now call on Speaker Julie Menin to  
10 close today's Stated Meeting.

11 SPEAKER MENIN: Thank you so much. So,  
12 this closes today's Stated Meeting of March 10th,  
13 2026. We are hereby adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

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