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STATED MEETING

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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:

JOEL RIVERA
President Pro Tempore

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Tony Avella
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Bill de Blasio
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
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Helen D. Foster
Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Alan J. Gerson
Eric N. Gioia
Sara M. Gonzalez
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Melinda R. Katz
G. Oliver Koppell
Jessica S. Lappin
John C. Liu
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Kenneth C. Mitchell
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Christine C. Quinn
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Joel Rivera
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears
Kendall B. Stewart
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All right,
I now call this meeting to order, the Recessed
Meeting of December 9th, 2009, now being held on
December 14th, 2009. Roll Call.

CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

CLERK: Avella.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Here.

CLERK: Baez.

[No Response]

CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.

CLERK: Crowley.

[No Response]

CLERK: de Blasio.

COUNCIL MEMBER de BLASIO: Here.

CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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CLERK: Eugene.
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.
CLERK: Felder.
COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.
CLERK: Ferreras.
COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
CLERK: Fidler.
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
CLERK: Foster.
COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.
CLERK: Garodnick.
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
CLERK: Gennaro.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
CLERK: Gentile.
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
CLERK: Gerson.
COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Here.
CLERK: Gioia.
COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Here.
CLERK: Gonzalez.
COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
CLERK: Ignizio.
COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

CLERK: James.

[No Response]

CLERK: Katz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Here.

CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

CLERK: Lappin.

[No Response]

CLERK: Liu.

[No Response]

CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Here.

CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL: Here.

CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
CLERK: Reyna.
[No Response]
CLERK: Rodriguez.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
CLERK: Sanders.
COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.
CLERK: Seabrook.
COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.
CLERK: Sears.
COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Here.
CLERK: Stewart.
[No Response]
CLERK: Ulrich.
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.
CLERK: Vacca.
COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
CLERK: Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
CLERK: Vann.
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.
CLERK: Weprin.

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[No Response]

CLERK: White.

COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: Here.

CLERK: Yassky.

COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Here.

[Pause]

CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

[Pause]

CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Quorum is present. Before we move on I just wanted to introduce two members who are here with us today. We have my father, former Council Member, current Assembly Member, Jose Rivera. Also happens to be his birthday today.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: He's given 73 years of community service to the neighborhood

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2 of the Bronx and to the City of New York, so Dad,
3 happy birthday. And we have our Borough President
4 Ruben Diaz here today as well.

5 [Applause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
7 gentlemen for joining us.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could just for
9 a moment before we start the vote, ask my
10 colleagues to rise. We just got notification a
11 few minutes before the Stated meeting began that
12 Dennis De Leon, who I believe many of you know
13 and have served with in different parts of
14 government passed away. Dennis has been battling
15 and fighting HIV and AIDS for a very, very, very
16 long time; continued, even when he was not feeling
17 well, continued to serve as the Manhattan
18 delegation's appointee to the Civilian Complaint
19 Review Board as the Executive Director of the
20 Latino Commission on AIDS. I think we all also
21 remember he was Mayor David Dinkins' Human Rights
22 Commissioner. He had been Borough President
23 Dinkins' Deputy Borough President, and a long list
24 of other positions serving the City of New York,
25 the Latino community and the LGBT HIV/AIDS

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2 community. I have a lot of memories of Dennis,
3 but one of the ones that I can remember most
4 clearly is being in the Humans Rights Commission
5 Office in the early '90s when I was working for
6 the then Council Member Tom Duane, and Dennis was
7 trying, you know, just so hard to negotiate an
8 agreement between the Irish Lesbian and Gay
9 Organization and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.
10 And although that obviously never happened, Dennis
11 was just with his heart and soul and every, you
12 know, belief he had in the goodness of people
13 struggling to find a resolution. And it was that
14 heart and soul and you know, tremendous optimism
15 that he brought to all of the work that he did in
16 behalf of New Yorkers. And he and his partner and
17 their family will be in our thoughts and prayers
18 over this holiday season. We'll notify you as
19 soon as we get information about the memorial.
20 But let me in a second call on the chair of the
21 Manhattan Delegation. But let me just say after a
22 long and valiant and hard fought struggle, may
23 Dennis De Leon rest in peace. Gale?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
25 very much. On behalf of the Manhattan Delegation

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2 I want to say that yes, he was an incredible
3 representative to the CCRB, and I think I speak
4 for my colleagues to state that when he came and
5 gave us a presentation, it was the most thought
6 out, the most concise, had the most heart and he
7 had what very few of us had, a real list of what
8 needed to get done, and it came after years and
9 years and years of experience. And I think it's
10 something that Council Member Garodnick followed
11 up on in terms of legislation. So I want to say,
12 he was an attorney. I knew him from the Dinkins
13 administration when we worked together; at that
14 point the Human Rights Commission was not an easy
15 place to be; it was a lot of challenges, you
16 mentioned one, there were many, many others.
17 Those of us who were part of that administration
18 may not want to remember them all. But the fact
19 of the matter is he was always upbeat, even when
20 he was seriously challenged in terms of his
21 illness, and he treated people with such respect.
22 I think that's what I take away from Dennis, no
23 matter whom he talked to or when he talked to
24 them, it was with the same intellectual ability
25 and the same regarding for everyone to have great

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2 respect. So the Manhattan Delegation will
3 definitely miss him. We'll try to replace him on
4 CCRB, but I don't know if he is replaceable. I
5 think the entire City, all New Yorkers, owe him a
6 great, great deal of respect and debt, and we will
7 miss him tremendously.

8 [Pause]

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr.
10 Majority Leader.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you,
12 Madam Speaker. Messages and papers from the
13 Mayor?

14 CLERK: None.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
16 Supplemental communications from City, County and
17 Borough Offices.

18 CLERK: None.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
20 Supplemental petitions and communications.

21 CLERK: None.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
23 Supplemental land use call-ups.

24 CLERK: None.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

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2 Communication from the Speaker.

3 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
4 much. I think as most folks know, after extensive
5 negotiations with the Bloomberg Administration and
6 with the Related Corporation, we are disappointed
7 that we have been unable to reach an agreement on
8 a number of concerns with the proposed
9 redevelopment plan for the Kingsbridge Armory.
10 Because of that, many issues remain unresolved
11 with this project, and as a result of that I'm
12 urging all of my colleagues to vote to disapprove
13 the plan today. The Bronx community surrounding
14 the Armory is an area with significant traffic and
15 health problems, and the impact this project will
16 have cannot be underestimated. Even after
17 numerous and lengthy discussions, there continues
18 to be a significantly negative traffic and public
19 health impact. I note these as two of the land
20 use related issues that were unresolved, but there
21 is too long a list to list all of them, but
22 suffice it to say, these are just two examples of
23 the issues we did not come to resolution on. We
24 cannot approve a project that will among other
25 things bring more people to an already overcrowded

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2 area and cause further strain on a community
3 without a true plan to deal with that additional
4 traffic congestion. Now of course there were a
5 number of other issues that arose throughout this
6 rigorous debate on this plan, including some that
7 are separate and apart from the Charter's land use
8 process. We were unable, unfortunately, to reach
9 a resolution on these matters as well. They are
10 important and significant, even though they are
11 not part of the Land Use matters we are voting on
12 today. I think I speak for all of my colleagues
13 in the Bronx delegation when I say we are
14 committed to making the best decisions for this
15 community and its residents. We want to see a
16 development in this area that is both responsible
17 and vibrant. However, and unfortunately, the
18 current plan for the Kingsbridge Armory is simply
19 not the right proposal for local residents of this
20 community at this time. Let me just close by
21 thanking all the members of the Bronx delegation
22 for their hard, hard work on trying to come to a
23 resolution and an agreement. I in particular
24 want to thank the chair of the delegation, Annabel
25 Palma, who did a terrific job in these

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2 negotiations in leading the delegation. I also
3 want to thank the land use staff, Gail Benjamin,
4 the fact that we couldn't come to resolution does
5 not in any way speak to the fact that our staff
6 worked incredibly hard with Annabel and her staff
7 and the staff of the delegation to try to come to
8 a resolution. I also want to thank my First
9 Deputy Chief of Staff, Ramon Martinez, who has
10 worked night and day for the past few weeks to try
11 to come to a resolution. I also want to thank the
12 other elected officials from the Bronx and the
13 area, Assembly Member Rivera and also the Bronx
14 Borough President, Ruben Diaz, who has been
15 working on this project probably since before he
16 became Borough President, but certainly since the
17 day he became Borough President. And I think I
18 speak for the Borough President and the Assembly
19 Member also when I say all of us in the Council
20 and in government stand at the ready to continue
21 to have discussions around the Kingsbridge Armory
22 in the hope that there will be a proposal that all
23 of us can support, which would mean compromise
24 from all of the parties involved. Thank you very
25 much, Mr. Public Advocate, and I urge all of my

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colleagues to disapprove this project. And just remember that is a yes vote, even though it is a disapproval.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Discussion of general orders. Seeing none, we'll move on. Reports of special committees.

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of standing committees.

CLERK: Land Use LUs 1256 and Reso 2295 through LU 1259 and Reso 2298.

SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to disapprove.

CLERK: LU 1260 through LU 1268.

SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with modification and referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.7 OD of the Rules of the Council and Section 197 D of the New York City Charter. And at this point I ask for a roll call on all the items that have been coupled on the General Order, please, Mr. Majority Leader.

CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Avella.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be
excused to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I want to
say this is a historic day in that I can't
remember in my brief history here in the City
Council where such a huge project is rejected by
the City Council even though the Mayor wanted it
to happen. And it's good to see the Speaker and
the Mayor disagree, which rarely happens, and that
the Council supports the Bronx delegation. We are
here to be a check and balance to the Mayor, not a
stamp of approval on every project that the Mayor
wants. So I hope this is going to be a precedent
setting meeting and vote so that in the future,
when vulnerable communities are at the mercy of
rich developers and the Mayor, that the Council
will stand up and protect these communities. So I
am very, very pleased about what happened today.
And to my colleague in government, this may be his
next to last meeting, Tony Avella, often Tony it's

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a 49 to 2 vote, so it's good to be in the majority for the first time in a long time, and it's a good way to send you off. And I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors. With that I vote Aye.

CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote Aye and always wondered, what is the Assembly Member going to do with all those pictures. Thank you.

CLERK: Comrie.

[No Response]

CLERK: de Blasio.

COUNCIL MEMBER de BLASIO: Aye on all.

CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

CLERK: Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on

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all.

CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Although Councilman Barron makes me question the wisdom of it, I vote Aye on all.

CLERK: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: May I be excused to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I want to thank the Bronx delegation. As Charles said, this is history and its history in Bronx County, because as a delegation we stood together for the people of Bronx County. And of course I want to thank the Borough Presented who has elevated this job and the standard by which a Borough President operates to a higher level, and has set the tone for how we are going to work as elected officials in Bronx County, of course our County Leader and to our Chair, Annabel Palma and her staff. We didn't always agree, and we yelled and we banged on tables, but at the end of the day, we knew we needed to do what was right. So thank you delegation, thank you Annabel's staff, thank you

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2 to Ramon and a special thank you to Council Member
3 Koppell who probably took the brunt of our
4 disagreement, but at the end of the day he is
5 standing with the delegation and we are very proud
6 of you, Oliver. I vote Yes.

7 CLERK: Garodnick.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

9 CLERK: Gennaro.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

11 CLERK: Gentile.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

13 CLERK: Gerson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Aye.

15 CLERK: Gioia.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: I vote yes.

17 CLERK: Gonzalez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

19 CLERK: Ignizio.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

21 CLERK: Jackson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

23 CLERK: James.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: May I be
25 excused to explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I want to congratulate Annabel Palma and the Bronx Delegation, because today we honor the belief, the promise, the dream, that everyone who works hard will be able to provide for themselves, their families. Today we take a stand on making work pay. For me this is not about Kingsbridge, but about whether the invisible people, the working poor, people who care for our seniors, our children, our office buildings, will have the resources, the salary, to provide for their own families. We should be committed to eliminating poverty in the City of New York. And so today to the Bronx, this is really restoring the dream today in a little corner of the Bronx, but it's also today that we accept or refuse to accept the reality that poverty should be a way of life in the Bronx. I vote Aye. Congratulations, the Bronx, for sticking together.

[Applause]

CLERK: Katz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: I abstain.

CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

CLERK: Liu.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Permission to explain my vote, Mr. Chairman.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: I want to congratulate the Bronx Delegation. What they've done today is set, and rightly so, set a standard for accountability with regard to large development in New York City. I vote yes on all coupled general order items today and I'd like to request unanimous consent to vote on items on the general order calendar from the recessed meeting of December 9th.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: I vote yes on those items as well, thank you.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
Congratulations to Annabel Palma and the Bronx Delegation. I vote Aye on all.

CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

CLERK: Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBER MITCHELL: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote
Aye on all coupled general orders and with
permission I'd like to vote Aye on all items on
the general order calendar from the recessed
meeting on December 9th.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote Aye
on all coupled general orders and with permission
I'd like to vote Aye on all items on the general

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2 order calendar from the recessed meeting of
3 December 9th.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote
6 Aye.

7 CLERK: Seabrook.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote
9 Aye on all coupled and general orders, and with
10 permission I'd like to vote Aye on all items on
11 the general order calendar on the recessed meeting
12 of December 9th. I vote Aye.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

14 CLERK: Sears.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Permission
16 to explain my vote please?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: And before I
19 cast my vote an explain that, I really wish to say
20 that this is probably the first time in the
21 Council that I have not agreed totally with my
22 colleagues, and particularly my Speaker, with whom
23 I have supported I think most of the time in my
24 eight years that I am here. And in no way should
25 my vote misconstrue in anyone's minds that the

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2 respect for my colleagues and the respect for the
3 Bronx delegation and all the elected officials
4 that have worked on this that I am not supportive
5 of your efforts and that I have no respect for
6 what you have done because I do. I hope that this
7 is a moment where we agree to disagree. And I say
8 at a time like this where we are in an
9 extraordinarily slow economic recovery and the
10 Governor is going to cut his funds to New York
11 City, the creation of jobs is imperative. We
12 have, in the Council, this opportunity to meet
13 this responsibility of jobs creation, but what we
14 are doing is tying it to a living wage that is a
15 complicated labor issue that requires the
16 resolution of a number of legal issues. Thousands
17 and thousands of New Yorkers are unemployed.
18 Hundreds of thousands throughout this country.
19 And I can include my community of LeFrak and
20 Corona, Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, even parts of
21 Woodside. They are unemployed and they are
22 looking for jobs. There isn't a day when I don't
23 walk my streets, people that have worked for 16
24 years in a company and are now unemployed. And
25 what are we saying to them? We are saying that we

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2 are stopping the engine of job creation. That is
3 abominable. We shouldn't mix apples and oranges.
4 And while some corporations, they're rebounding
5 very slowly, jobs are not returning. They are not
6 returning. The president of this country has
7 called upon the private sector; it's called upon
8 industries to create new jobs and to bring back
9 the old in partnership with government. And what
10 are we doing? We are saying to all New Yorkers,
11 that do not look to us to take part in that
12 effort. I think it is sad. I think--

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

14 [Interposing] Council Member.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: --it is sad
16 what losing those jobs--I'm rounding up. And I
17 have to tell you, Councilman Rivera, that what I
18 am saying is that it's much easier for me to have--
19 -to go along with--

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

21 [Interposing] How do you vote?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: --everybody.
23 What is essential is that I have--

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

25 [Interposing] Council Member, we have to expedite

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the process. What's your vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: I will. We need to create jobs. And that means that the doors are open--

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
[Interposing] Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: To be able to meet what we have to do to do that.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council Member how do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: And I thank you very much and I thank my colleagues because I have worked with you a long time and I thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very--

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: I vote No.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.

[Pause]

CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: May I be

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excused to explain?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you.

I just want it placed on the record that I am not going to be voting completely on the merits today because I am unaware of what all the merits of this vote are. I know that I disagree with some of what I've heard from my colleagues as a reason to vote for this. I do not agree that every job was meant to support a family. There are many jobs for after school kids, for retired people, for second jobs. And I don't believe that every job at a mall was supposed to support a family. I don't think people working at a Cinnabon could do that. I don't think we could force a Cinnabon to do that. And I'm not happy to be in a position to vote against 800 jobs as Helen Sears just said. But I am going to defer to the Bronx Delegation and the Speaker because I was not in the round the clock negotiations and I am not aware of every issue involved here. And as this is a Land Use issue, unless there's a public safety element to it, I normally do defer to the delegation and to the local Council Members. And that's what I'm

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going to do here and vote Aye.

CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: With great respect to the Bronx Delegation and the effort that they have put in on this item, I vote Aye.

CLERK: Vann.

[No Response]

CLERK: White.

COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: I vote Aye.

CLERK: Yassky.

COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.

CLERK: Oddo.

[No Response]

CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I just want to quickly thank all the parties involved. I want to thank the Speaker and her staff for all their hard work on this issue. I want to thank my colleagues in the Bronx Delegation, the community, my colleagues in the entire Council and of course my Borough President Ruben Diaz for his leadership on this as well, and for my father for over ten years ago for putting in the money to fix the roof for the Kingsbridge Armory and dealing with that

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2 issue for a very long time and all the parties. I
3 vote Aye on all. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

5 [Pause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items
7 on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by
8 a vote of 45 in the affirmative with 1 in the
9 negative and 1 abstention. The revise Land Use
10 call-ups were adopted by a vote of--if you can
11 keep it quiet please, thank you. Revised Land Use
12 call-ups were adopted by a vote of 50 in the
13 affirmative, with 0 in the negative. Introduction
14 and reading of the bills.

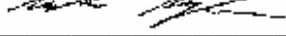
15 SPEAKER QUINN: There are none.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Discussion
17 of resolutions. None? Okay. Discussion of
18 general orders. And general discussion. No?
19 Okay. It's over right? Okay. Meeting is
20 adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

Signature  _____

Date December 21, 2009 _____