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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Majority Leader Cumbo,
Chairperson

- COUNCIL MEMBERS:
- Adrienne Adams
 - Diana Ayala
 - Inez D. Barron
 - Joseph Borelli
 - Justin Brannan
 - Margaret S. Chin
 - Andy Cohen
 - Costa G. Constantinides
 - Chaim Deutsch
 - Ruben Diaz
 - Daniel Dromm
 - Rafael Epsinal
 - Mathieu Eugene
 - Deborah L. Gibson
 - Mark S. Gjonaj
 - Barry S. Grodenchik
 - Robert F. Holden
 - Ben Kallos
 - Andy L. King

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STATED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL 2

- Peter A. Koo
- Karen Koslowitz
- Rory I. Lancman
- Brad S. Lander
- Stephen T. Levin
- Mark Levine
- Alan N. Maisel
- Carlos Menchaca
- I. Daneek Miller
- Francisco Moya
- Keith Powers
- Antonio Reynoso
- Donovan J. Richards
- Carlina Rivera
- Deborah L. Rose
- Mark Treyger
- Paul A. Vallone
- James G. Van Bramer
- Laurie A. Cumbo
- Speaker Johnson

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: 2019. I am
3 Majority Leader Cumbo. Will all please rise for the
4 Pledge of Allegiance.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: All rise.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I pledge
7 allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
8 America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one
9 Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and
10 justice for all. Roll Call.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

14 Ayala?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

23 Chin?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

6 Deutsch?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

9 Dromm?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I am here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: King?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

24 Powers?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICARDS: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

9 Rose?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

12 Torres? Treyger?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger? Matteo? Cumbo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am here.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, we have

23 a quorum. We will now have today's invocation which

24 will be delivered by the venerable Yuwang Zhang of

25

2 the Fo Guang Shen at the International Buddhist
3 Progress Society located in Flushing Queens.

4 Please all rise.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: All rise.

6 YUWANG ZHANG: Good afternoon Council
7 Members and guests. Thank you for inviting me to
8 provide an invocation for today's meeting.

9 May I tell you about the Buddha, our
10 teacher. He was a very wise man and much offered
11 what he shared with us in common in the spirits of
12 all face. That is to be kind to one another. To do
13 no harm to one another in the world and to help
14 relieve suffering.

15 Let us now pray in his name and the name
16 of your spiritual leaders. Today, we ask the
17 Buddha's wisdom to help guide our community leaders
18 to use wisdom to govern and mend the conflicting
19 interest and issues of our times.

20 To know the true sense of the welfare in
21 needs of the people in our community. To
22 understanding the importance of justice for all, rich
23 and poor, powerful and struggling. To protect our
24 natural resources, understanding that all citizens

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2 and in fact, all sanction beings are dependent upon
3 open spaces, pure water, and clear air.

4 To have the ability to work together in
5 harmony even when there is honest disagreement. Let
6 us therefore pray that this body deliberates in a
7 manner that is without reckon or ill will, that
8 brings comfort to the citizens in progress to the
9 community.

10 That all decisions are made with a
11 foresight and deep understanding of the needs of all
12 citizens. And that is the body leads the community
13 in a manner that celebrates our diversities.
14 Understanding that we are all interconnected. That
15 our welfare and happiness are dependent upon respect
16 and acceptance of all people. No matter their race,
17 religion, sexual orientation, or no matter their
18 original home.

19 Leadership requests courage, courage to
20 make difficult in times on popular decisions. May
21 our Council Members have the courage to lead our
22 community today and always. May our leaders find
23 personal piece and join in their public
24 responsibilities by helping others and assuring a
25 bright future for all.

2 As this Council works for the citizens of
3 New York City, we offer diverse pendent by Venerable
4 Master Hsing Yun, our founder of the Fo Guang Shan
5 monastic order.

6 May kindness, compassion, joy and
7 equanimity prevail all worlds. May we cherish and
8 build affinity to benefit all beings. May **[inaudible**
9 **8:25]** inspire equality and patience. May our
10 humanity and gratitude give rise to great evolves.

11 Thank you for listening.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, thank
13 you, thank you. Thank you so very much Venerable
14 Yuwang Zhang. A very timely prayer, certainly one
15 that echoes many of the values we hold here as far as
16 piece, kindness, interconnections and we appreciate
17 that particularly during Women's Herstory month.
18 Thank you so very much and I will now ask for Council
19 Member Chin to spread the invocation below.

20 Okay, we will now ask Council Member Koo
21 to spread the invocation on the record.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you. Thank
23 you, Venerable Yuwang Zhang. Venerable Yuwang,
24 precise and Buddhist order known as the International
25 Buddhist Progress Society. She was fully ordained in

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2 2008 at the North American Headquarters, Hsi Lai
3 Temple in California. Venerable Yuwang was around
4 here Xiang Yun Temple in Austin, Texas where she
5 joined the Buddha's Light International Association
6 and was elected as president prior to becoming
7 monastic. Not only she was in the Buddhist
8 teachings, but she also specializes in teaching
9 children, Chinese as a second language and spend many
10 years as a teacher in both Taiwan and the United
11 States. She has served as the executive director of
12 Buddha's Light His Lai School for four years and as
13 the Director of Journal Affairs of the Xiang Yun
14 Temple. She has served with us here in Flushing at
15 the Fo Guang Shan Temple since 2014 as the Executive
16 Director and trusted spiritual leader of our
17 community.

18 I am deeply honored and ever grateful for
19 her contributions to our community. And I would like
20 to make a motion to an invocation in full upon the
21 record. [Inaudible 12:01].

22 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you so much
23 Council Member Koo and I know that Venerable Yuwang
24 Zang has invited us all to a meditation retreat for
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2 the City Council and I think we could all use a
3 little meditation in our lives.

4 Thank you. I would now like to bring us
5 to the adoption of the minutes by Council Member
6 Jimmy Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Motion that
8 the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 13,
9 2019 be Adopted as printed.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you Council
11 Member Van Bramer. Messages and papers from the
12 Mayor?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: None.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Communication from
15 city, county and borough offices?

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Pre-considered
17 M1-47 through pre-considered M1-50, various budget
18 documents.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Finance. Majority
20 Leader.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Petitions on
22 communications?

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: None.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Land Use call ups.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me M1-51.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, at this time
3 I'm going to ask for a roll call vote on all of
4 today's Land Use call ups. Just a reminder, this is
5 just on Land Use call ups that we are voting on right
6 now.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote I.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel? Ayala?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote I.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to
15 vote on all Land Use and general order items.

16 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Well, thank you.

18 I vote I on all Land Use and I and all except pre-
19 considered M1-49, pre-considered Reso. 805 Intro
20 1064-B and the accompanying Reso. 815.

21 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannon?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: I and all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy? Deutsch?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: I.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote I.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote I.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I and all.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: King?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to vote
4 on all Land Use call ups and resolutions on today's
5 general calendar?

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote yes on
8 everything except for Resolution 75-A. No on
9 Resolution 296, no on Resolution 734-A, no on
10 Resolution 737-A, no on Resolution 738, no on
11 Resolution 741-A, no on Resolution 742-A, no on
12 Resolution 743, no on Resolution 744, and no on
13 Resolution 745. I do not support legalizing
14 marijuana. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: With permission,

5 I'd like to vote on all Land Use call ups and a

6 couple of items on the general calendar and all

7 resolutions, I vote yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Permission granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Thank you, thank

10 you.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote I.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya? Perkins? Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote I.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote I.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: With permission

11 I'd like to vote on all Land Use call ups, a couple

12 items on general order calendar and resolutions Madam

13 Majority Leader.

14 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote I on all.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I and all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I VOTE I.

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote I.

4 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Today's Land Use Call
5 ups are adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative
6 and zero in negatives. We will now have
7 communication from Speaker Cory Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you everyone.
9 Good afternoon. Thank you all for being here with us
10 on this Thursday. We have a very busy agenda ahead
11 of us. Before we begin, I want to remember some of
12 those who have passed in the weeks since our last
13 stated meeting. We have lost sadly yet another 9-11
14 First Responder. Gregory Vincent Sorecy[SP?] to
15 illnesses he developed serving down at ground zero.
16 On behalf of the entire City Council, I want to thank
17 Gregory for his bravery, and I send my deep
18 condolences to Gregory's wife and his three children.

19 Bob Slade, the iconic radio host, died on
20 Monday after battling kidney disease on his show open
21 line Bob give a voice to many issues facing New York
22 City's African American Community. On behalf of the
23 City Council, I would like to extend my sympathy to
24 Bob's family, friends, and colleagues. We also got
25 some sad news just this morning that former City

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2 Parks Commissioner and former New York City Council

3 Member Henry Stern passed away yesterday. Henry

4 lived a life of public service and he loved every

5 minute of it. The joy he brought to the work of

6 serving the people of New York was legendary and lets

7 let Henry's life of unbridled enthusiasm be an

8 inspiration to all of us. We get to serve the people

9 in the greatest city in the world.

10 On March 19th, Dr. Janet Lieberman, an

11 educational pioneer who fought to make education more

12 accessible to New Yorkers passed away. She helped

13 shape and built LaGuardia Community College, where

14 just a few weeks ago I held my first state of the

15 city address. LaGuardia holds a special place in the

16 heart of the city and all New Yorkers are grateful

17 for the life lead by Dr. Janet Lieberman.

18 We also lost Lu-Duan Zhou, a Lyft driver

19 who took his own life this past weekend. He was 49

20 years old. Our thoughts are with his family and

21 friends. There has been an upsetting and disturbing

22 pattern, epidemic of for hire vehicle and taxi

23 drivers taking their own lives in our city. This

24 Council is committed to helping drivers of taxis and

25 for hire vehicles deal with the emotional, mental and

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2 financial pain caused by an industry in turmoil and
3 upheaval. Although, these next three individuals are
4 not New Yorkers, it is still important we recognize
5 their loss. In the past week, Jeremy Richman, Sidney
6 Ialo[SP?] and Calvin Dazier[SP?] all took their own
7 lives. Sidney and Calvin were survivors of the
8 Parkland School shooting in Florida and Jeremy lost
9 his daughter in the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012.

10 All three of these deaths are tragedies
11 that speak to the ongoing trauma caused by gun
12 violence in our country, which lingers for years and
13 decades and lifetimes after the shootings take place.
14 My heart breaks for the suffering they endured, and I
15 remind every single American that thoughts and
16 prayers alone are not enough and that we must do
17 concrete things to stop gun violence in this country.
18 We must console and we must pray. We also must fight
19 with all of our hearts to make change. And now, if
20 we could all rise and take a moment of silence in
21 memory of Gregory Sorecy, Robert Spenser, Bob Slade,
22 Janet Lieberman, Lu-Duan Zhou, Jeremy Richman, Sidney
23 Ialo and Calvin Dazier.

24 Thank you all. This stated meeting also
25 falls in the same week as the 108th anniversary of

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2 the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. The deadliest
3 industrial tragedy in our city's history. This fire
4 took 146 lives and it forever changed our country.
5 Those who lost their lives, did not die in vain. The
6 tragedy sparked the birth of the American Labor
7 Movement which has changed lives for the better for
8 countless Americans, almost all of these lives that
9 were lost were young women. We owe it to all of
10 those who lost their lives in the Triangle Shirtwaist
11 Factory fire to continue to fight for workers rights.

12 Today, there is also a cause for a
13 celebration. As it is our last Stated Meeting in
14 Women's Herstory Month. None of us would be the
15 people we are today without the women in our lives.
16 The New York City Council would not be as strong as
17 it is today without the women in it and we must do
18 more to elect more women in all offices especially in
19 this body where we need more women. Thank you to the
20 amazing, inspiring, hard working women of the New
21 York City Council and all of the fantastic women on
22 our staffs here at the Council. You each play a
23 vital role here at the New York City Council and we
24 would not be able to do the work without all of you.
25 So, a big round of applause to all the amazing women.

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2 [APPLAUSE]

3 I also want to remind everyone that this
4 Saturday, March 30th, we kicked off participatory
5 budgeting vote week. A total of 32 Council Members
6 including myself are participating this year in this
7 community driven program. This is our eight-
8 consecutive year of PB in New York City. A process
9 that's all about democracy, local democracy and
10 transparency. This evening I am kicking off an event
11 and so, I am so excited to kick off this process and
12 then lastly, I want us to welcome a Council Member
13 who is joining us from the great City of Seattle,
14 Council Member Theresa Moschetto is here, welcome.
15 [APPLAUSE] Great to have a fellow Council Member
16 from another great city join us today. So, we're
17 glad you are here in New York. Thank you for
18 everything that you do, and I know that you have been
19 working with individual Council Members led by
20 Council Member Lander on working together to see what
21 municipalities can do and learning from each other on
22 progressive policies that can make a difference for
23 the lives of the people that we serve.

24 Now lets dive into the agenda for today.

25 The Council will vote on the following Land Use

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2 items, 63 Stockholm Street and 332 Eldered Street in
3 Council Member Reynoso and Espinal's district. These
4 are Urban Development Action area projects which will
5 facilitate the construction of new affordable
6 housing. The Council will vote on the following tax
7 exemptions, Cooper Square MAHA Phase 1 in Council
8 Member Rivera's district, which is the renovation of
9 an affordable building and 167 West 133rd Street in
10 Council Member Perkin's district for the preservation
11 of units. The Council will vote on the following
12 finance items, the Council will vote on the operating
13 budget as prepared by the Council's administrative
14 services division and the Council will vote on the
15 following two article 11 property tax exemptions 369
16 East 8th Street in Council Member Carlina Rivera's
17 district is going to facilitate the preservation of
18 affordable housing and Glendale apartments. And
19 Council Member Holden's district will provide a
20 partial 40-year exemption to preserve additional
21 affordable units.

22 We are going to vote on an expense budget
23 modification and revenue budget modification for the
24 Fiscal 2019 Budget. We reached an agreement for \$1.6
25 million in emergency allocation to fund the New York

2 Immigrant Family Unity Project. This is an urgent
3 need to increase legal funding to help immigrants
4 facing deportation. I am proud we were able to reach
5 an agreement with Mayor de Blasio to provide
6 additional funding to NYIFUP. This emergency funding
7 will help us provide more attorney's to New Yorkers
8 in need. This is a crucial fight as the ICE
9 deportation machine has ramped up efforts to
10 interfere with the necessary work NYIFUP is doing by
11 pushing people through the system with zero guard for
12 due process. I will continue to fight for these un-
13 American and horrific immigration. I will fight
14 against these un-American and horrific immigration
15 policies. I want to commend the amazing and crucial
16 work provided by the attorney's at NYIFUP. Council
17 Member Menchaca, the Chair of our Immigration
18 Committee and myself visited Immigration Court on
19 Varick's Street in my district last week and it was
20 disturbing to see what was happening there. ICE had
21 gone from having three court rooms to increase to
22 five courtrooms for the purposes of avoiding NYIFUP
23 attorney's being able to be in the court room to be
24 able to give access to an attorney to these folks who
25 are facing deportation proceedings and this funding

2 will allow NYIFUP and the three legal service
3 organizations to cover all five court rooms
4 immediately after we saw what was happening last
5 week, when we visited. That day we went to the
6 administration and asked them to come up with an
7 agreement for emergency funding to provide immediate
8 services to these folks because of the number of
9 deportations that are happening every single day on
10 Varick's Street and I am really proud that with this
11 infusion of emergency funds the three legal service
12 organizations will be able to cover all five court
13 rooms to help immigrants here in New York City.

14 Moving on, the Council will vote on the
15 following legislation. The Council will vote on 11
16 resolutions relating to the legalization of
17 marijuana, including calling on the state to legalize
18 cannabis for adult use and calling on congress to
19 pass the marijuana justice act which would remove
20 marijuana from the list of federally controlled
21 substances. It is far past time to legalize
22 marijuana and I'm excited that New York City is
23 finally considering this long overdue policy shift.

24 But as we debate what legalization looks
25 like, it is of paramount importance that we always

2 remember the harm caused by the war on drugs and the
3 mass incarceration state that we've built particular
4 in communities of color. That is why we are calling
5 for marijuana convictions to be expunged and for
6 those convictions to not be used to terminate
7 someone's public housing. We are also calling for
8 business opportunities that are generated by a legal
9 marijuana industry to be dedicated to those
10 communities that were most harmed, including people
11 with past convictions.

12 In order for those business opportunities
13 to be meaningful, we're calling on the state to ban
14 vertical integration so that small businesses aren't
15 drowned out by a large corporate industry. In
16 addition, New York City needs to have more control
17 over how marijuana regulations are put in place.
18 Because legal marijuana is going to impact the city
19 much differently than other areas throughout the
20 state. We are calling for the authority to decide
21 how to regulate public consumption and because we
22 have been stuck with state-imposed penalties for too
23 long, we need to be able to do something about the
24 racially disparate enforcement of any penalty. We
25 are calling for the authority to decide what rules

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2 for growing marijuana and home delivery should be in
3 New York City given that those issues are so unique
4 in the context of the most densely populated city in
5 the country.

6 And finally, we're calling for some
7 authority to decide how licenses are issued, so we
8 can make sure that legalization will actually benefit
9 Black and Latino communities that have been
10 disproportionately impacted by marijuana
11 criminalization. Introduction 1010, sponsored by
12 Council Member I. Daneek Miller, would create and
13 alternate means of enforcement adjudicated through
14 oath for certain types of commercial vehicles
15 illegally parked overnight on a residential street.
16 These newly created fines would be higher than those
17 in existing law. \$400 for a first offense and \$800
18 for a second offense within a six-month period. I
19 want to thank the staff who worked on this. James
20 Giovanni, Elliot Lynn and Brad Reed.

21 Introduction 1166-A sponsored by Council
22 Member Rafael Salamanca would require the Department
23 of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a yearlong
24 assessment of potential determinants of legionnaires
25 disease in New York City.

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2 Introduction 1164-A sponsored by Council
3 Member Ydanis Rodriguez would require the Department
4 of Health and Mental Hygiene report annually to the
5 City Council on the results of building cooling tower
6 inspections and make such results available online.

7 Introduction 1158, sponsored by Council
8 Member and Health Chair Mark Levine, would require
9 that the Commissioner of the Department of Health and
10 Mental Hygiene in consultation with the Department of
11 Buildings hold information sessions at least twice
12 annually for building owners regarding maintenance,
13 cleaning and inspections of cooling towers and to
14 post that information online.

15 Introduction 1149 sponsored by Council
16 Member Ben Kallos, would require the Department of
17 Health and Mental Hygiene send owners and operators
18 of cooling towers an electronic reminder prior to the
19 filing deadline for annual certifications with a link
20 to where these certifications can be submitted. This
21 bill would also require cooling tower inspectors to
22 report to DOHMH in real time when inspections occur
23 and finally, this bill would require building owners
24 to make cooling tower inspection results available
25 for public examination.

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2 I want to thank the staff who worked on
3 this package of bills, Sarah Liss, Genone Zilca[SP?],
4 Christopher Sartori and Zia Manuel Halu[SP?].

5 Next, Introduction 1308-A sponsored again
6 by Council Member Mark Levine, who is our Health
7 Committee Chair, would require an individual that
8 request the Department of Mental Hygiene to be able
9 redact the name of a physician from a birth record,
10 when that physician's license has been surrendered or
11 revoked by the New York State office of Professional
12 Medical Conduct. Chair Levine will speak
13 specifically about some amazing folks that are with
14 us today that were really the catalysts behind this
15 bill and making it possible and their advocacy and
16 hard work. I am really proud of the Chair for his
17 work on this bill and I am really glad we are passing
18 this today. And the staff that worked on that is
19 Geisery Genoparthy[SP?], Sarah Liss and Zia Manuel
20 Halu .

21 Introduction 1064-B sponsored by Council
22 Member Ben Kallos, will require that restaurants in
23 New York City only offer water, sparkling water,
24 flavored water, nonfat or one percent milk, non-dairy
25 milk, 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice or fruit

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2 or vegetable juice combined with water or carbonated
3 water as the default option including on childrens
4 meals. I want to congratulate Council Member Kallos
5 who has worked on this for years and I want to thank
6 the same staff, Geisery Genoparthy[SP?], Sarah Liss
7 and Zia Manuel Halu. Giving parents a healthier
8 default drink option in their child's fast food is a
9 welcoming and much needed change. This change will
10 hopefully set a precedent for current parents in
11 future generations to make better choices overall in
12 the kinds of beverages they consume when they visit a
13 fast food establishment.

14 I want to thank Council Member Kallos for
15 again, for his work on this bill and I also want to
16 thank the New York Academy of Medicine, the American
17 Cancer Network, the American Heart Association, NYU
18 School of Medicine and the American Beverage
19 Association for working collaboratively together to
20 come up with a final bill to pass and this is a
21 ground breaking piece of legislation in the entire
22 country. This is about everyone getting together for
23 the good of our children and I am very proud of that
24 end result.

25

2 That concludes our agenda for today's
3 stated meeting, and I look forward to proceeding with
4 today's votes. Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. We
6 will now move into discussion of general orders and
7 we will begin with Council Member Daneek Miller.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Madam
9 Majority Leader. You know what, I'm going to waive
10 my time. I'm going to discuss my bill later on but
11 there is another portion I want to talk. I am
12 waiting on information now. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you and so I
14 will turn your time over to Council Member Ben
15 Kallos.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: With your vote
17 for introduction 1064-B, kids meals at 24,000
18 restaurants in New York City are about to get
19 healthier when water, 100 percent fruit juice and
20 low-fat milk become the new normal. Obesity is an
21 epidemic in New York City with more than half of
22 adults overweight or obese according to Department of
23 Health. The American Heart Association recommends
24 that children limit consumption of one or fewer
25 eight-ounce sugary drink per week, but children are

2 drinking 30 gallons of sugary drinks every year and
3 that's enough to fill a bathtub.

4 While families can still chose a sugary
5 beverage, McDonalds menus are already in compliance
6 and I quote more than half of happy meals served in
7 the United States include water, milk, or juice as
8 the beverage of choice. I want to thank the American
9 Heart Association for their support in a survey that
10 found 94 percent support from New Yorkers. Thank you
11 to Speaker Cory Johnson who secured the endorsement
12 of the American Beverage Association clearing the way
13 for passage today at the New York City Council.

14 Please also consider voting for Introduction 1149-B.

15 A woman in my district died and six got sick from
16 Legionnaires Disease in 2017. Thanks to Local Law 77
17 of 2015, champion by our former housing health chair,
18 Cory Johnson, we knew where more than 100 cooling
19 towers were so we could test them and clean them
20 before anyone else got sick or died.

21 In 2018, WNYC reported more than 1,000
22 towers were not getting inspected every 90 days as
23 required. My own analysis found that number has more
24 than doubled since then to over 2,000. New Yorkers
25 can breath easier as warm weather and cooling season

2 approaches as cooling towers that are breading
3 grounds for Legionnaires will finally have to report
4 compliance with 90 inspections meant to stop the
5 deadly disease. Thank you to Speaker Cory Johnson,
6 Lora Pope, Jeff Baker, Genone Zocha[SP?] and the
7 Department of Health and their partnership in saving
8 lives.

9 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
10 Member Kallos and we will now bring it to Council
11 Member Carlos Menchaca.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you so
13 much and what I want to do is also talk in favor of
14 the incredible allocation that is going through
15 providers that are part of NYIFUP. The only things
16 that I want to add to that are our incredible
17 commitment as a Council for the last few years, since
18 2014, we have been committed to ensuring that
19 everyone that is in a deportation proceeding gets a
20 lawyer. That's called due process, that's something
21 that is fundamental to this country and we're
22 committing yet again to ensuring that these two new
23 court judges that were appointed as part of the
24 deportation machine, as part of a machine that
25 values. That are based on White supremacy and

2 Whitening America to remove our immigrants from our
3 communities. That New York City Council is stepping
4 up. This is a partnership with the Mayor and so, I
5 want to thank not just the Speaker but the Mayor who
6 responded quickly. This is not over and so, as I
7 have ear, this work that we're going to be doing out
8 of this Immigration Committee is to ensure that we
9 understand that the full scope of work is going to
10 have to continue to next fiscal year. Which means
11 that there is a larger number of dollars that are
12 going to have to be allocated for full
13 representation. Not everyone will have
14 representation if we do not fully fund it. The
15 advocates are going to come back to us, but I just
16 want to say thank you so much. Today you will be
17 voting on something that brings us back to universal
18 representation. Thank you so much.

19 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you so much
20 Council Member Carlos Menchaca and now we will begin
21 the report of Special Committees?

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: None.

23 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Reports of standing
24 committees?

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of the
3 Committee on Finance pre-considered M1-47 and Reso.
4 813 through pre-considered Reso. 805. Various budget
5 documents?

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
7 orders.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Pre-considered LU
9 377 and Reso. 817 and pre-considered LU 378 and Reso.
10 818 tax exemptions?

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
12 orders.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of the
14 Committee on Health, Intro. 1064-B childrens meals

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
16 general orders.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Intro. 1167-A and
18 1166-A Legionnaires disease and cooling tower
19 inspections?

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
21 general orders.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Intro. 1308-A
23 physicians names on birth certificates?

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
25 general orders.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of the
3 Committee on Housing and Building Into. 1149-B and
4 1158 cooling towers?

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
6 orders.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of the
8 Committee on Land Use LU 347 and Reso. 819 Cooper
9 Square?

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
11 orders.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: LU 357 and Reso.
13 820 and LU 358 and Reso. 821 UDAP Brooklyn?

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
15 orders.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: LU 359 and Reso.
17 822 Sidewalk Café?

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
19 orders.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: LU 366 and Reso.
21 823 Tax Exemption?

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
23 orders.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: LU 376 and Reso.
25 824 Blondell Commons?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed
3 pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: M1-40 and Reso.
5 825 approving the appointment of David Burney
6 Planning Commission?

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
8 orders.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of the
10 Committee on Transportation Intro. 1010-A Commercial
11 Vehicle Parking?

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
13 general orders.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: On the general
15 order calendar Intro. 1720 Site Safety Training?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Commissioner of
18 Deeds?

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
20 orders and at this time, I am asking for a roll call
21 vote on all of the items on today's general order
22 calendar and before we go to that vote, I want to
23 remind all of the Council Members here today that
24 we're voting on 11 Resolutions and we need a corium
25 for those 11 Resolutions. So, you have to stay in the

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2 Chambers until we get to the end of the agenda for
3 general discussion. So, at this time I ask for a
4 roll call vote on all of the items on today's general
5 order calendar?

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I congratulate all
8 of my colleagues for their legislation passing in
9 these chambers today. I do vote I on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel? Ayala?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote I.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: I.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on pre-
18 considered and 149 accompanying resolution 815. No
19 on pre-considered Reso. 805 and no on 106-B, I on the
20 rest.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I on all.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: No on 1064 and I
7 on the rest.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to
10 explain my vote?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Thank you Madam
14 Chair lady. I am explaining my no votes on 10
15 resolutions. They are 75-A, 296, 734-A, 737-A, 738,
16 741-A, 742-A, 743, 744, and 745. They are dealing
17 with the legalization of marijuana, so I'm expressing
18 my opposition to that by voting no on those ten
19 resolutions and the rest I am voting yes. Thank you,
20 Madam.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you and I
4 just want to remind all members that we will be
5 holding discussion on the Resolutions until after.
6 So, we are discussing right now the bills that are
7 before us currently.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote I on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenschik?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I on all, I
14 just want to add my words to that of the Speaker
15 about Commissioner Henry Stern, former Councilman.
16 His passion for Parks was unbridled an it's a big
17 loss to our city. I want to thank my colleague
18 Daneek Miller for passing legislation to deal with
19 out of control large trucks on the streets of eastern
20 Queens and again, I vote I on all.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Permission to

14 briefly explain my vote?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission

16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you so

18 much. I want to congratulate Council Member Kallos

19 on a very important bill to help improve the diet of

20 young people in the city when they are going to

21 restaurants and acknowledge the work of great

22 advocates who help push for this, including Robin

23 Vitelli[SP?] at the American Heart Association and

24 Michael Davolli[SP?] at the American Cancer Society

25 and I want to thank my colleagues who have helped

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2 push forward a very important package of bills to
3 tackle the mounting crisis of Legionnaires disease in
4 this city including lead sponsors, Council Member
5 Salamanca, Rodriguez. Also, Council Member Kallos
6 and I'm pleased to sponsor one of those bills, Intro.
7 1858, but I want to use the rest of my time to speak
8 about a very important bill that we are voting on
9 today. Intro. 1308. The Me-too movement has exposed
10 abuse in sector after sector of the society including
11 in the medical profession, including most appallingly
12 among obstetricians. Some of whom have abused women
13 at their most vulnerable moments and for those women
14 to endure that and then have to look at the name of
15 the abuser of their abuser on the birth certificate
16 of their children is absolutely abhorrent. We are
17 inflicting ongoing pain on women who have survived
18 this abuse and I am so grateful we are passing a law
19 today to help provide a small measure of relief to
20 those women and it is thanks to the leadership of an
21 incredible, incredible person, who happens to be
22 sitting behind me. Marissa Hockstader. If you
23 could stand up briefly. She is here with her
24 wonderful husband and children.

25 [APPLAUSE]

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2 She has campaigned bravely, tirelessly
3 brilliantly with incredible determination to ensure
4 this bill that we are voting on today will allow her
5 and other survivors of this abuse to remove the name
6 of their abuser off the birth certificate of their
7 children. There are dozens of women at least in the
8 city who will benefit from this action and I want to
9 thank this body for voting in favor of this important
10 bill. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you for
12 bringing this to our attention and thank you for your
13 courage and your bravery particularly recognizing
14 this while you are making Women's Herstory every
15 single day. Thank you so much.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I on all.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

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

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Actually, I'm
24 going to advise to talk about Intro. 1010 and thank
25 you Mr. Speaker for your support on this. This bill

2 would establish a costly civil penalty for parking
3 18-wheel trucks and other overnight vehicles in
4 residential communities. The drivers of these
5 commercial tractor trailers routinely abuse city
6 parking regulations and degrade the quality of life
7 of communities throughout the city. There are parks,
8 homes, schools, churches, that are undermined by the
9 parking of these trucks. They also are leaving
10 pollution and debris in their way.

11 We have worked with NYPD to ramp up
12 enforcement efforts, but these offenses have still
13 continued. The current fines imposed on big rigs
14 have not been effective in curbing the abusive
15 practice. Either they have deemed them just the
16 course of doing business. In actuality the greatest
17 expense of the cost of doing business has been to our
18 communities. It has been to the health and the
19 quality of life of our communities. Now, we will
20 send a clear message to the bad actors of operating
21 these trucking industries that the price of such
22 abuse will no longer be tolerated. It will be steep.
23 The increase in fines will go from \$400 to \$800. I'd
24 like to thank Speaker Johnson Transportation
25 Committee Chair Ydanis Rodriguez and the 34 co-

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2 sponsors for advancing this measure. I'd like to
3 thank Committee Council Geovanni, James D. Geovanni,
4 Elliot Lynn and of course Branden Clark, Gregory
5 Rose, my former LD and Joseph Gobloom[SP?] for
6 helping out on this legislation. The time has come
7 to bring the force of the law down on these routinely
8 frequent acts of commercial trucking and abuse and
9 this measure is only the beginning of our endeavors.

10 I also would like to take this point of
11 privilege and say happy belated to the man who keeps
12 us all safe, Mr. **[inaudible 1:02:00]**. [Applause]

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I on all.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to
19 explain my vote? Today we are going to be voting on
20 a set of affordable housing units that are going to
21 be created in Bushwick of which 15 percent of those
22 units are set aside for supportive housing. Council
23 Member Rafael Salamanca is taking the lead in
24 ensuring that we're building affordable housing units
25 for those that need it the most and I want to make

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2 sure that I follow that lead and encourage everybody
3 to vote I on all and today is opening day in major
4 league baseball, so lets go Mets. And I vote I on
5 all.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: I ask for order in this
7 Chambers.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I vote I but
10 wanted to congratulate Council Member Miller on his
11 persistence in getting this bill over the finish
12 line. It is long overdue for communities in the
13 South Bronx and in Southeast Queens who are
14 overburdened with these heavy-duty trucks and it is
15 my hope we will follow up through this budget season
16 with the NYPD to ensure that they purchase more
17 heavy-duty tow trucks for our neighborhoods. So,
18 with that being said, I vote I once again and I want
19 to congratulate Council Member Miller for getting
20 this over the finish line. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
25 explain my vote.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would like
5 to first of all thank all my colleagues who support
6 all this bill related to legionnaire disease. As you
7 know the whole city of New York but especially
8 Manhattan as a borough has been a negative impact by
9 all those people dying in the last couple of months
10 or year because Legionnaire disease and one of the
11 issues that we've been dealing with is the lack of
12 reporting and the lack of transparency in New York
13 City when it comes for New Yorkers to know how many
14 inspections have been done in those towers. What has
15 been the results of those inspections. So, I am
16 happy to see all the [inaudible 1:05:30], especially
17 the one that I was able to include together with my
18 colleague that will mandate the reporting of cooling
19 tower inspections and to repair certain provision of
20 Local 77. Will make the whole city of New York more
21 transparent when it comes for this party to have all
22 the information, of those inspections related to
23 cooling towers. With that I vote I.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

25 COUNCIL MEMER ROSE: I.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

11 COUNCIL ULRICH: I vote I on all with the
12 exception of pre-considered M1-49 and accompanying
13 Reso. 815.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I and all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam, may I be
18 excused to explain my vote.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you. I
22 agree very much with the goals of Intro. 1064, but I
23 will not be voting for it today because I do not
24 believe that something that drastically changes the
25 rules and regulations of how restaurants operate in

2 the city should have as the first violation a
3 penalty. And I've suggested in the past that when we
4 do bills like this, the first violation should be a
5 warning followed by the second violation being a
6 penalty and notwithstanding the fact that the
7 penalty is slight, its not if its \$200 that's
8 somebody else's money. So, for that reason and for
9 that reason only, I will vote no on Intro. 1064. I
10 would also like to congratulate a great hero Ms.
11 Hockstader for bringing this matter to the Council.
12 Your leadership has been incredible. I have been
13 following your story and I'm proud to join Councilman
14 Levine in voting I on Intro. 1308. I vote no on M1-
15 47 Resolution 813 and 148 Resolution 814 for reasons
16 I've previously stated, and I vote I on the
17 remainder. Thank you very much Madam President.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote I.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote I.

21 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you. All items
22 on today's general order calendar are adopted by a
23 vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero negative and zero
24 abstentions. With the exception of M1-49, and
25 Resolution 815, which was adopted by a vote of 44 in

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2 the affirmative, 3 negative, and zero abstentions.
3 Resolution 805 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in
4 the affirmative, 2 negative and zero abstentions and
5 Intro. 1064-B which was adopted by a vote of 43 in
6 the affirmative, 4 negative and zero abstention and
7 M1-47a and 148 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in
8 the affirmative and 1 negative. The revised land use
9 call ups vote is 47 in the affirmative and zero
10 negative.

11 We will now go into the Introduction and
12 reading of bills.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
14 referred to the committees as indicted on today's
15 agenda.

16 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: We will now move into
17 the discussion of Resolution. Are there any members
18 who wish to speak on today's Resolutions. We are now
19 going to be focused on Resolutions at this time. I
20 will begin with Council Member Koo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you Majority
22 Leader. I must say I am against all the resolutions
23 regarding to the marijuana except Resolution 742-A.
24 I think the whole package is not good for the city
25 overall because we want to encourage people not

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2 smoking. We spend a lot of money and time. Now, we
3 want to pass a legislation for marijuana smoking.
4 You encourage more young kids to smoke marijuana even
5 though they haven't tried it. They say oh, now, it's
6 legalized. They will go to their parents, hey, dad,
7 no it's legalized. I can smoke marijuana on the
8 streets and besides we don't know in detail the
9 health risks of smoking pot.

10 No, we don't know how much damage it will
11 do to the brain, especially when they smoke because
12 they are young, between 14, 15, or 16. Their brain
13 is still developing right. So, if you overuse the
14 drugs, you may harm them permanently. So, there are
15 a lot of things we don't know about it, so I am
16 voting against these Resolutions.

17 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
18 Member Koo. We will now bring it to Council Member
19 Adams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you Madam
21 Majority Leader. Today, I am introducing Reso. 797
22 which I encourage my colleagues to sign onto. As you
23 know, Title 9 is a federal law that protects people
24 from discrimination based on gender education
25 programs or activities which receive federal finance

2 assistance. Unfortunately, poor enforcement has
3 limited its effectiveness and as a result, many
4 educational environments continue to be unfair,
5 unwelcoming and unsafe for many students. Currently,
6 the New York City DOE has only one Title 9
7 coordinator position for the largest school district
8 in the entire country. With this resolution, I am
9 calling on the NYC DOE to maintain a minimum of 7
10 title 9 coordinator positions with at least one
11 coordinator in each borough field support center.
12 Hiring additional DOE Title 9 coordinators will bring
13 us one step closer to ensuring that Title 9
14 regulations are being appropriately met. In a city
15 as large and diverse as ours, we must ensure that any
16 educational establishment receiving funds from the
17 national government provides equal opportunities to
18 students regardless of gender or sexual orientation.
19 Reso. 797 is a necessary step to accomplish this.
20 Thank you so much.

21 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you so much
22 Council Member Adams and just to remind all of my
23 colleagues, we are speaking on the Resolutions that
24 we are about to vote on. So, if there any other
25 members that would like to speak on the current

2 resolutions, I will now call on Council Members
3 Richards followed by Council Member Levin and
4 followed by Council Member Miller.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And to just reiterate,
6 we're just speaking about the marijuana resolutions
7 that we're voting on right now anything else will
8 come after that during general discussion.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Alrighty, I
10 don't know whether to be concerned that Council
11 Member Koo is supporting my resolution or not but
12 lets call it what it is. If you are a White person
13 in New York City, it is legal to smoke marijuana. As
14 a wise philosopher by the name of JZ once said, men
15 lie, women lie, but numbers don't lie.

16 When you look at the startling fact that
17 just 25 White people were arrested out of 520 total
18 arrests for marijuana in New York City over the
19 course of the last quarter in 2018, it's hard to deny
20 the fact that enforcement continues to be centered in
21 communities of color. This is why we can't afford to
22 delay legalization of cannabis in New York State for
23 one more day. Albany must act yesterday to bring
24 justice to communities that bare the scares of

2 injustice even as medical marijuana is available to
3 more affluent New Yorkers across the state.

4 That's why as we move towards
5 legalization, both economic and social justice must
6 elope at the alter of the floor before it's signed
7 into law. As I've said in the past, our communities
8 are not simply looking for contact but to be the
9 owners in this billion-dollar butting industry giving
10 out contracts. This package of resolutions moving
11 forward -

12 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
13 Member.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I'm going to
15 shut up but please sign on to Resolution 742, which
16 allows us here in New York City to decide our own
17 destiny when it comes to public consumption and civil
18 penalty.

19 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
22 Member Richards. And now I'll bring it to Council
23 Member Levin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madam
25 Majority Leader. The passage of today's resolutions

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2 is a clear indication that New York City leaders are
3 united in achieving comprehensive marijuana reform.
4 It is long past time to pass marijuana legalization
5 and bring some semblance of justice to communities.
6 New York has long been the arrest capital of the
7 world for marijuana and disproportionately harming
8 communities of color. We need to enact legislation
9 to fully decriminalize cannabis for every
10 neighborhood and commit to real restitution for the
11 communities and families who have been impacted and
12 wronged by decades of bad policy.

13 We've learned from legalization efforts
14 across the country and we have the tools to do this
15 the right way. The series of resolution being voted
16 on today present a clear road map to bring social and
17 economic justice to New Yorkers and sponsoring the
18 resolution support of the marijuana regulation and
19 taxation act and I'm proud of my colleagues in Albany
20 who are doing such great work to get that passed.

21 The other resolution I'm sponsoring 741
22 calls for inclusive state licensing that prioritizes
23 those who have been wronged by the war on drugs in
24 entrepreneurship and production, sale and
25 distribution of marijuana. To many people have been

2 cut out of jobs, cut out of business investments and
3 been denied homeownership because of marijuana
4 prohibition. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
6 Member Levin. We will now go to Council Member
7 Miller followed by Council Member Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you
9 Majority Leader. The facts are clear. I am speaking
10 of resolution 743, 744, the facts are clear. Where
11 the arrests are summons in marijuana enforcement
12 perpetuates racial discrimination towards New Yorkers
13 of color. The private and future generations of
14 higher education employments, business and homeowner
15 opportunities, we have a moral obligation to end this
16 legacy of misery and make them whole once again.
17 Criminal records for Pedit marijuana offenses must not
18 be sale but must be automatically and completely
19 expunged and a significant share of the new market
20 reserve for minority businesses so that our aggrieved
21 communities of color can have a cannabis equity. Any
22 effort at legalization that falls short of embracing
23 these principles will not represent a true reform and
24 failure to resolve the issues before us, before they
25 adopt the state budget will only perpetuate

2 discrimination policies for Black and Brown New
3 Yorkers. Now I employ my colleagues in the state
4 legislation to hear our call and pass these
5 resolutions.

6 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you. Thank you,
7 Council Member Miller. Now, Council Member Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Madam
9 president. I am not going to be long. I will be
10 voting no on all the resolutions for the reasons
11 stated by Councilman Koo with the exception of
12 resolution 296 but I wish to state on the record that
13 while I disagree with the various whereas clauses in
14 that resolution, I do agree with the conclusion that
15 families in NYCHA housing shouldn't be unnecessarily
16 penalized because of a conviction by a member of the
17 household and for that reason, I will vote yes on
18 that resolution only, but no on all the remainders.
19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you. Are there
21 any other members who wish to speak on today's
22 resolutions?

23 I will now read today's resolutions into
24 the record. Members who wish to vote against or
25 abstain on any of these resolutions should register

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2 your vote with the clerks at the Day us. Resolution
3 75-A, an amended resolution calling on the New York
4 State Legislature to pass the marijuana regulation
5 and taxation act and the governor to sign such
6 legislation into law which would legalize, regulate,
7 and tax the sale of marijuana in New York States.

8 All in favor say I [MANY SAY I]. All opposed?
9 [silence], Abstentions? [Silence]. The I's have it.

10 Resolution 296 a resolution calling on
11 the New York City Housing Authority to add unlawful
12 possession of marijuana and criminal possession of
13 marijuana in the fourth and fifth degrees to its
14 lists of "overlooked offenses" and stop considering
15 these offenses for grounds for termination of
16 tenancy. All in favor say I. [MANY SAY I]. All
17 opposed. [SILENCE], abstentions [SILENCE]. The I's
18 have it.

19 Resolution 641, resolution calling on the
20 coordination of the New York State Division of
21 Criminal Justice Services. The New York State Office
22 of Court Administration and the New York City
23 District Attorneys to expunge the records of all city
24 misdemeanor marijuana convictions, all in favor say

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2 I. [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE], abstentions
3 [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

4 Resolution 734-A an amended resolution
5 calling on the New York State legislature to ensure
6 that any law passed to legalize the market for the
7 adult use of cannabis allows the city to enact its
8 own regulatory measures on issues unique to its
9 location including the home delivery and cultivation
10 of cannabis in New York City. All in favor say I.

11 [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE], abstentions
12 [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

13 Resolution 737-A, an amended resolution
14 calling on the New York State Legislature to pass
15 legislation. The Grants New York City agencies, the
16 authority to regulate local licensing and the adult
17 use cannabis market in the city. All in favor say I.

18 [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE], abstentions
19 [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

20 Resolution 738, resolution calling upon
21 New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor
22 to sign legislation prohibiting vertical integration
23 and promoting small business growth in the
24 recreational marijuana industry. All in favor say I

2 [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE], abstentions
3 [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

4 Resolution 741-A, an amended resolution
5 calling on the New York State legislature to
6 introduce and pass and for the Governor to sign
7 legislation that prioritizes individuals with prior
8 marijuana convictions and issuing licenses to sell
9 recreational marijuana and requires other applicants
10 for marijuana licenses to support the hiring of such
11 individuals. All in favor say I [MANY SAY I], all
12 opposed [SILENCE], abstentions [SILENCE]. The I's
13 have it.

14 Resolution 742-A, an amended resolution
15 calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass
16 and the governor to sign. Legislation that grants
17 localities, the authority to regulate public
18 consumption of marijuana within their jurisdictions,
19 including the authority to determine whether to enact
20 any penalties and how to enforce such penalties. All
21 in favor say I [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE],
22 abstentions [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

23 Resolution 743, a resolution calling on
24 congress to pass and the president to sign S1-689,
25 known as the marijuana justice act of 2017, which

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2 would amend the controlled substances act to provide
3 for a new rule regarding the application of the act
4 to marijuana and for other purposes. All in favor
5 say I [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE],
6 abstentions [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

7 Resolution 744, resolution calling on the
8 legislature to pass and the governor to sign a bill
9 that remedies the burdens placed on people of color
10 and the enforcement of marijuana prohibition by
11 reinvesting tax revenue generated from legal
12 marijuana in their communities and encouraging their
13 participation in the legal marijuana industry. All
14 in favor say I [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE],
15 abstentions [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

16 Resolution 745, resolution calling upon
17 the New York State legislature to pass and the
18 Governor to sign legislation related to the
19 reclassifying of THC and all other marijuana-based
20 products from a controlled substance to the
21 equivalent of flour marijuana. All in favor say I
22 [MANY SAY I], all opposed [SILENCE], abstentions
23 [SILENCE]. The I's have it.

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2 Thank you. This is certainly an
3 unprecedented day in New York City Councils history,
4 and I will now like to move into general discussions.

5 And at this time, we do not have any
6 general discussions.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We definitely have
8 general discussion.

9 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Oh, everyone is
10 waving their hands now. This is exciting. Okay, let
11 me take a look. All that want to speak, please raise
12 your hands. Council Member Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you Chair. I
14 am excited to seek support for two bills, Intro.
15 1488, a local law to amend the administrative code of
16 the City of New York in relation to requiring the
17 police department to obtain information on a
18 disposition of sex offense cases and requiring the
19 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to report on
20 outcomes of sex offense cases. Currently, the NYPD
21 knows how many sex related complaints are received
22 and how many subsequent arrests are made but they
23 lack information related to the number of convictions
24 that are made in relation to sex crimes.

2 In the spirit of transparency, we would
3 like this information shared with both the NYPD and
4 the City Council.

5 Intro. 1489 Local Law to amend the code
6 requiring high volume for higher services, dispatch
7 service providers and bases to report complaints
8 about drivers concerning passenger safety to the taxi
9 and limousine commission. There is no publicly
10 available data on the number of internal passenger
11 safety complaints received by customers of for hire
12 drivers or for drivers of other ride share companies.
13 This bill will ensure that all complaints given to
14 these companies are reported to the TLC and will be
15 made public. These bills will increase transparency
16 in regards to public safety concerns and will give
17 the Council as a body the opportunity to evaluate
18 trends and possibly address these issues
19 legislatively. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
21 Member Rose, we will now have Council Member Barron,
22 Council Member Lander.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. I
24 just want to make comments on the passing of Bob
25 Slade, a good friend. He was an award-winning

2 journalist and he paved the way for so many others
3 that came behind him. He was a pioneer; he was a
4 news director and 98.7 Kiss FM, and he was a part of
5 a trio that hosted the Open Line which is a community
6 talk show and his partners were Bob Pickett and James
7 Entumane[SP?] and they were unafraid of examining the
8 psychological impact of racism on so many of the
9 social conditions that we face. He was a great
10 friend and I just wanted to mark his passing and say
11 that he will be solely missed.

12 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you and we will
13 now bring it to Council Member Levin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
15 much Madam Majority Leader. I want to call my
16 colleagues attention to intros 1483 and 1484. They
17 will make New York City's shelter system more
18 accessible to people who have pets.

19 These bills join others in a package
20 champion by the Speaker, Cory Johnson to improve
21 animal welfare citywide. Currently people who are
22 homeless and living with pets have limited options.

23 Shelters are not pet accessible and
24 owners are forced to either give up a cherished

2 member of their family or decide to not enter the
3 shelter system.

4 I have talked with people living on the
5 street who have told me the reason they weren't in
6 shelters is because they couldn't bring their pet
7 with them. For someone who has lost so much else in
8 their life, losing their pet can be unthinkable. The
9 issue is especially pronounced for survivors of
10 domestic violence. Being forced to give up a pet can
11 be a major factor in a person decided to stay in an
12 abusive situation. Few DV Shelters accept pets, yet
13 they provide critical emotional support and can be
14 an important healing tool for people experiencing
15 trauma. We need to strengthen resources to keep
16 people with their animals, animal loved ones and help
17 support their wellbeing stress reduction stability in
18 their lives.

19 Intro. 1483 and 1484, will help us better
20 understand the scope of the problem and how to
21 increase shelter capacity for people with pets. We
22 know that a one size fits all response is not the
23 answer, creating a citywide plan paired with greater
24 data will allow us to examine where the needs are
25 greatest and what the practical solutions can be

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2 implemented locally. This is about finding solutions
3 that work and that fit into our citywide goals of
4 better serving New York's population who find
5 themselves homeless. Thank you to the Urban
6 Resources Institute, My Dog is My Home, HSU and
7 Human. NYC for their partnership on this and service
8 to New Yorkers facing housing instability and for
9 many people, their pet is their family and where they
10 call home. No one should be forced to leave a member
11 of their family behind. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Council Member
13 Miller.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you
15 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I wish to highlight
16 the fact that today, March 28, 2019, marks the two-
17 year anniversary of our brother and sisters at IBEW
18 Local 3 ongoing struggle against Charter
19 Communications. 738 days ago, 1800 Spectrum members,
20 roughly 10 percent of whom live in Southeast Queens
21 walk the picket line after Charter. The second
22 largest cable provider in the country attempted to
23 push a contract on Local 3 members that eliminated
24 his pension and members health care benefits which
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2 would have forced him to pay unaffordable monthly
3 premiums and high course overheads.

4 Last year, Charter raked in roughly \$44
5 billion in revenue last year while members exhausted
6 their State Unemployment Insurance benefits with
7 supplemented weekly benefits paid to them by the
8 unions emergency fund. A number of local 3 members
9 have become homeless or separated from their
10 families.

11 Meanwhile, Charter has reportedly built
12 our city out of \$6 million in add revenue agreed to a
13 \$174 million settlement with the states attorney
14 general for fraud last December, had his license to
15 operate revoked by the state public service
16 commission and defaulted on his franchise agreement
17 in the city on two separate occasions.

18 Charter has established a pattern of
19 deceit against its own workers and consumers. In the
20 name of boosting its profits margin and must be held
21 accountable for its deception. Well-paying middle-
22 class jobs, healthcare, generational security that
23 has been achieved through Union membership are the
24 core principles of this city for which this company
25 has demonstrated contempt and certainly no

2 appreciation. We will not tolerate Charter
3 Communication behavior. It must come to the table
4 and negotiate with Local 3 in good faith on this
5 impasse. I urge the brother and sisters on this
6 movement to stand strong and that they are not
7 forgotten.

8 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you Council
9 Member Miller. We will now have Council Member
10 Constantinides followed by Council Member Moya.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank you
12 Madam Majority Leader, I ask my colleagues support on
13 Intro. 1480 introduced with Council Member Eric
14 Ulrich that would create the office of Marine debris
15 disposal. Our waterways are littered literally with
16 boats with other debris that have made it unsafe.
17 The propose environmental hazards and we need to be
18 able to get those boats out of the water that have
19 been abandoned and left there to rot that pose a
20 risk. I also want to ask my colleagues to support
21 Resolution 803. I know we have Elisa and some of the
22 young people from the Sunrise Movement who were here
23 marching at City Hall for climate action just a
24 little bit over two weeks ago and this resolution
25 would support the creation of green new deal on a

2 federal level. The time tact on climate is now. We
3 need to hear the voices of these young people who are
4 courageously stepping up and saying that it is time
5 for us to act. So, thank you Elisa for being here
6 and for shedding a path for us to follow. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you, Council
8 Member Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you Madam
10 Majority Leader. I am speaking in support of Intro.
11 1487 with every neighborhood wide rezoning, thousand
12 and thousand of New Yorkers have their future thrown
13 into uncertainty. Right now, we're seeing long term
14 residence in east Harlem and Inwood or along Jerome
15 Avenue. The very creators of their communities
16 character being forced out of their homes. These
17 neighborhoods are becoming prime for new development.
18 More communities are next in line for these massive
19 rezoning's and unfortunately for their residents,
20 when they show up to the zoning committee and they
21 beg me to tell them how a rezoning is going to affect
22 them, I can't. The very best I can do is offer and
23 educated guess. We have absolutely no quantitative
24 data on how a neighborhood rezoning will affect
25 gentrification or secondary displacement. And when

2 we're talking about massive rezoning's that will
3 directly affect thousands of New Yorkers, that's just
4 not good enough. This bill will require that we
5 study the effects of neighborhood wide rezoning's on
6 secondary displacements so that we no longer leap
7 before we look. Good data inspires good policy and
8 if we are going to dig our way out of the city's
9 housing crisis, we are going to need both. This bill
10 has the potential to have a concrete and positive
11 affect on the working-class New Yorkers most acutely
12 affected by neighborhood rezoning's.

13 I want to specifically thank the Legal
14 Aid Society and Make the Road New York for their
15 advocacy work and their invaluable perspective on
16 this bill and fighting for housing justice. Thank
17 you, Madam Majority Leader.

18 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Thank you and I want
19 to thank all of you for all of your work,
20 particularly for Women's Herstory Month. A great
21 deal was accomplished, but I just want to end with
22 words matter. We are all here, we all exist, it is a
23 struggle many people face every day. The ability to
24 exist in this world. It is our role here in this
25 body to devote our every day to bringing people

2 together. To empowering people, to providing
3 solutions for people who do not have a voices and
4 cannot find their way. New York is unique in that
5 way. Every day we have to show people all over the
6 world to show people that it can be done. That
7 people of all races and religions and economic back
8 grounds and whatever gender we identify with that we
9 can live together and that it can be done. And this
10 is the important responsibility of living in New York
11 City.

12 The movement of labeling people has
13 become a dangerous one. Words matter, words matter.
14 Mass shootings don't just start or just begin, they
15 begin with words, they begin with ideas, and they
16 begin with them coming into a chorus. Let us be
17 careful with our words. Let us be mindful of our
18 colleagues. Let's continue to bring our communities
19 together and to show the world that it absolutely can
20 be done. This is the great responsibility of New
21 York City. There is no other city in the world that
22 has the level of diversity that's in this body and it
23 is our responsibility to carry that responsibility
24 with dignity, with honor, and to have every single

2 person that walks into City Hall feel welcome to
3 being here.

4 Thank you and I would now like to turn it
5 over to the Speaker to close out today's meeting.

6 Thank you.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: The Stated Meeting of
8 March 28, 2019 is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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