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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, June 20, 2024

Start: 2:17 p.m.

Recess: 3:32 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker  
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Diana I. Ayala  
Chris Banks  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farías  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by: Rev. Shaun Lee, Mount Lebanon Baptist Church located at 228 Decatur Street, Brooklyn NY 11233

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman, at this  
3 time please place all electronic devices, all  
4 electronic devices, to vibrate or silent mode.

5 Madam, Majority Leader?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (GAVELING IN)

7 Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting  
8 of Thursday, June 20, 2024. I am Majority Leader  
9 Amanda Fariás, and I would like to thank you for  
10 joining us. If you would like to follow along, the  
11 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

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

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

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

3 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO MIC) Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: (NO RESPONSE)

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (PARENTAL)

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: (NO MIC) Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (ABSENT)

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO MIC) Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now  
16 have today's Invocation delivered by Reverend Shaun  
17 Lee of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, which is located  
18 at 228 Decatur Street in Brooklyn.

19 REVEREND LEE: To Speaker Adams, Majority Leader  
20 Farías, and to my to my local council person, Chi  
21 Ossé, good afternoon.

22 Let us go to the Lord in prayer. Supreme Creator  
23 of the cosmos; to the omnipotent sustainer of life  
24 and love; to the divine author of every line to the  
25 story of our lives, we call upon you in this sacred

1 Chamber where decisions are made and power is held.

2 We pray for your presence and your guidance in these

3 halls so that your people can be served with justice

4 and honor. In the spirit of the living legacy of Opal

5 Lee, in the ancestors she pointed to who exemplified

6 that legislation doesn't become real until it's

7 actualized and adopted in the lives of all those is

8 supposed to impact. In the spirit of this Juneteenth

9 season give us courage and creativity to cut out

10 bureaucratic obstacles and partisan politics that

11 keep everyday New Yorkers stuck in the oppression of

12 poverty and the fetters of unaffordable living. Give

13 this Council courage, O Lord, to create a city that

14 is fair where all can thrive and live out their full

15 potential. Give this Council strength to strive for

16 equity in every policy and compassion in every vote.

17 Guide us, O God, for we need you in these troubling

18 times. I can hear the voice of our grandmothers

19 singing out, I need thee, O Lord, I need thee, every

20 hour, we need thee, O Lord. When divisions run deep,

21 and we can no longer listen to one another, we need

22 thee. When Wars are breaking out on a global stage,

23 and even in our own backyards, we need thee. When the

24 cries of equity and justice are met with impotent

2 speeches and empty promises, we need thee. So we  
3 thank you, that even now you are stirring up the  
4 spirit of this Council. These individuals that are  
5 created in your magnificent image, stir them up now,  
6 O God, for such a time as this; stir them up to look  
7 beyond themselves and serve with creativity,  
8 compassion, and common sense. Bless their efforts; in  
9 your name we pray. Amen

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now  
11 like to ask Council Member Chi Ossé to spread the  
12 Invocation on the Record.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Reverend Sean J. Lee is a  
14 Brooklyn born Morehouse educated, passionate pastor  
15 and an unapologetic New York Knicks and Giants fan.  
16 His mission is to help people form a genuine  
17 connection with Christ, meaningful membership in  
18 church, and a tangible link to their community. He  
19 has been the lead pastor at Mount Lebanon Baptist  
20 Church in Bed-Stuy for 15 years. Reverend Lee has  
21 also earned master degrees from Brooklyn College and  
22 Princeton Theological Seminary; a proud member of  
23 Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Reverend Lee's innovative  
24 approaches to community engagement include a monthly  
25 soup kitchen, a back to school barbecue benefiting

2 500 kids, a volunteer-led social media presence-  
3 amazing Instagram reels, and a ministry helping  
4 domestic abuse victims. When he's not leading his  
5 congregation or cheering on his teams, he's  
6 cherishing moments with his two daughters. Thank you  
7 for being here today.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now  
9 have the Adoption of the Minutes by Council Member  
10 Nantasha Williams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I make a  
12 motion that the Minutes of the Stated Meetings of May  
13 23, 2024 and June 6, 2024 be adopted as printed.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from  
15 the Mayor?

16 CLERK: None.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: City, County & Borough  
18 Offices? Communications from City, County & Borough  
19 Offices?

20 CLERK: Preconsidered M 52 Manhattan Borough  
21 President appointment?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
24 Communications?

25 CLERK: None

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

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4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, I now ask that the

5 Clerk take a rollcall vote on today's Land Use Call-

6 up.

7 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

17 CLERK: Thank you

18 Council Member Hanks?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

20 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

6 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Thank you

19 Council Member Narcisse?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (PARENTAL)

11 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like to vote  
15 aye on Call-ups, and with permission, I would like to  
16 vote on all coupled items on the General Order  
17 Calendar and all Resolutions?

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

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

21 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Won?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

13 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (ABSENT)

17 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-ups

24 are adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0 in

25 the negative, and no abstentions.

1           NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING           18  
2           We will now have communication from Speaker  
3 Adams.

4           SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader,  
5 and good afternoon, everyone.

6           I want to start by acknowledging the loss of my  
7 constituent, 57-year-old Roger Osman (phonetic), and  
8 his dog Dylan, to a deadly fire in his South Ozone  
9 Park home over the weekend. His loved ones, friends,  
10 and neighbors are in our thoughts, and we are praying  
11 for a speedy recovery for the three firefighters who  
12 were injured while responding to the fire.

13           We are in the third day of a serious heat wave  
14 that is impacting the entire northeast region. As a  
15 reminder, extreme heat is dangerous, especially for  
16 older adults, young children, and those who are  
17 pregnant. We encourage all New Yorkers to limit your  
18 time outdoors, stay hydrated, wear your sunscreen,  
19 and find the nearest cooling center in your community  
20 if needed.

21           As we continue to negotiate the City's Fiscal  
22 Year 2025 Budget, we remain committed to restoring  
23 the cuts to the critical investments in essential  
24 services that our families communities and all New  
25 Yorkers rely on to succeed. For Working Families to

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2       successfully stay in our city, the final budget must  
3       support housing, early childhood education. support  
4       for our schools and students, CUNY, mental health and  
5       community safety programs, cultural institutions,  
6       libraries, parks, and senior services.

7           These are not just Council priorities, they are  
8       the priorities of New Yorkers. These are not extras  
9       or luxuries, but are the programs that people  
10      throughout this city rely on, and they're what makes  
11      our city work. Working and middle class families  
12      across this city, our municipal workers, and union  
13      households in all five boroughs cannot afford these  
14      resources being lost permanently, because it impacts  
15      the stability of our neighborhoods and city.

16          The next few days will be critical for our city  
17      and the communities we represent, and we really do  
18      have a choice. The Council is clear that we must  
19      choose the responsible, smart approach that invest in  
20      our city's success and lays the foundation for our  
21      future for the health, safety, and well-being of our  
22      city the choice is clear.

23          Today is World Refugee Day, a time when we  
24      celebrate refugees living here in New York City and  
25      all around the world, and honor those who we have

2 lost in pursuit of safety and opportunity. We are  
3 proudly a city of immigrants and welcome those who  
4 seek refuge in our city.

5 On July 4th we will celebrate Independence Day,  
6 and I wish everyone and all of your families a happy  
7 and safe 4th of July.

8 Before I continue, I want to wish a happy early  
9 birthday to Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Linda  
10 Lee and Amanda Fariás! (APPLAUSE) Have a great  
11 birthday and celebration.

12 Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

13 First, we'll vote on the following Finance items:

14 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
15 Member Justin Brannan, amending a 30-year Article XI  
16 tax exemption covering rent stabilized buildings in  
17 Council Member Hudson's, Council Member Avilas', and  
18 Council Member Hanif's districts. The amendment will  
19 extend the period of exemption from 30 years to 40  
20 years.

21 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
22 Member Justin Brannan, authorizing a 40-year Article  
23 XI tax exemption for the preservation of four rent  
24 stabilized buildings in Council Member Ung's  
25 district.

1           A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
2 Member Justin Brannan, authorizing a 40-year Article  
3 XI tax exemption for the preservation of four rent  
4 stabilized buildings in Council Member Stevens'  
5 district.

6           A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
7 Council Member Justin Brannan, amending a 40-year  
8 Article XI tax exemption covering 20 rent stabilized  
9 buildings and three vacant lots in Council Member  
10 Feliz and Steven's districts. The amendment will  
11 address the phasing out of existing J-51 benefits and  
12 include an additional vacant lot into the existing  
13 project area.

14           Next, we will vote on the following Land Use  
15 items:

16           The Landmarks Preservation Commission's  
17 Designation of New York Public Library's Tremont  
18 Branch in Council Member Feliz's district. This  
19 building was designed in the classical Revival style  
20 by the prominent architectural firm of Carrère and  
21 Hastings and opened in 1905. In 1967 the Tremont  
22 Branch was one of eight New York Public Library  
23 branches to participate in the South Bronx project,  
24 which brought in bilingual staff, Spanish language  
25

1 books, and programs for the people living in the  
2 South Bronx and continues to be a staple in the  
3 community.  
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5 Next, 104-108 West 139th Street ANCP Cluster;  
6 NHPD application for a UDAAP, disposition of City  
7 owned property, and an Article XI tax exemption to  
8 facilitate the renovation and preservation of five  
9 City owned buildings with approximately 73 affordable  
10 cooperative homeownership units in Council Member  
11 Salaam's district.

12 Red Hook Coastal Resiliency an application for  
13 City map changes and property easement acquisitions  
14 by several City agencies, including DLT and DDC, to  
15 facilitate the construction of a flood protection  
16 system comprised of flood walls, deployable flood  
17 barriers, raised streets, and other supporting  
18 infrastructure. This project will reduce the risk of  
19 coastal storm flooding along the waterfront in Red  
20 Hook in Council Member Avilés' and Hanif's districts.

21 Next we will vote on the following appointments:

22 Resolution 454, sponsored by Council Member  
23 Keith Powers, would approve the appointment of Helen  
24 Skipper as a member of the New York City Board of  
25 Corrections.

2 Resolution 455, sponsored by Council Member  
3 Keith Powers, would designate Tricia Taitt, a  
4 resident Queens, for appointment by the Mayor as a  
5 director of the New York City Health and Hospitals  
6 Corporation.

7 Resolution 456, sponsored by Council Member Keith  
8 Powers, would designate Dr. Vincent Calamia, a  
9 resident of Staten Island, for appointment by the  
10 Mayor as a director of the New York City Health and  
11 Hospitals Corporation.

12 Resolution 457, sponsored by Council Member Keith  
13 Powers, would approve the re-appointment of Michael  
14 McSweeney by the Council of as City Clerk and clerk  
15 Of The Council to serve the remainder of six-year  
16 term that expires on May 12, 2030.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 A Preconsidered Resolution to approve the  
19 appointment of the appointment by the Manhattan  
20 Borough President of Raju Mann as a member of the New  
21 York City Planning Commission.

22 Today, we will also vote on the following pieces  
23 of legislation:

24 Resolution 447, sponsored by myself, Majority  
25 Whip Selvina Brooks-Powers, and Council Member

1 Nantasha Williams would designate the first Sunday in  
2 June annually as Flake Legacy Day in the City of New  
3 York to recognize the spiritual, educational, civic,  
4 and economic contributions of the Reverend Drs. Floyd  
5 and Elaine Flake in service to The Greater Allen  
6 A.M.E. Cathedral of New York and to their community  
7 in Queens. Their impact on our city will be  
8 remembered forever, and we are proud to celebrate  
9 Flake Legacy Day every year. We thank Regina Paul for  
10 her hard work.  
11

12 Introduction 951-A, sponsored by Council Member  
13 Lincoln Restler, would amend the charter to modify  
14 the comptroller's auditing duty. This bill allow the  
15 comptroller to treat all community boards as a single  
16 combined agency and all public administrators offices  
17 a single combined agency for each auditing cycle,  
18 reducing administrative burden. The comptroller would  
19 have to send a copy to the draft audit or audit  
20 report to each office or board that is covered by the  
21 audit, and would have to provide in writing a  
22 reasonable deadline for its review and response.  
23 Thank you to our staff member Jayasri Ganapathy.

24 Introduction 642, sponsored by Council Member  
25 Kevin Riley, would officially rename Williamsbridge



2 Square in the Bronx to Marcus Garvey Square. We thank  
3 our staff members Christopher Sartori and Patrick  
4 Mulvihill.

5 Proposed Introduction, sponsored by Council  
6 Member Shaker Krishnan, would co-name 100  
7 thoroughfares and public spaces based on requests of  
8 council members whose districts include the location.  
9 We thank our staff members Christopher Sartori and  
10 Patrick Mulvihill.

11 Introduction 904-A, sponsored by Council Member  
12 Pierina A. Sanchez, will would require the department  
13 of buildings to create a proactive inspection program  
14 to identify hazardous buildings using predictive  
15 analytics weighing factors including but not limited  
16 to building data violation history compliance filings  
17 and disciplinary history of registered design  
18 professionals owners of certain buildings would be  
19 required to submit corrective action plans to get  
20 their buildings into good repair. We thank our staff  
21 member Austin Malone.

22 Thank you very much for your attention, I turn it  
23 back over to you Madam Majority Leader.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.  
25 We will now move into Discussion of General Orders,

1  
2 and I'd like to first recognize Council Member  
3 Sanchez, followed by Council Member Riley.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
5 Leader.

6 On December 20th 2023, which started as a quiet  
7 day, as you've heard me say in the Chambers before,  
8 upended lives of 170 people as the corner of 1915  
9 1915 Billingsley Terrace collapsed in broad daylight.  
10 Children were walking home from school, neighbors  
11 were stopping into the bodega to get chips or soda or  
12 water. The collapse followed years of neglect and  
13 hundreds of violations of this property. There were  
14 glaring warning signs here, and the tenants of the  
15 building, as well as New Yorkers, were left asking  
16 what did New York City do with the information that  
17 we had? It turns out DOB largely operates today on a  
18 reactive basis -- answering 311 complaints and  
19 emergency situations like the collapse; but with New  
20 York City home to over 1 million buildings, nearly 75  
21 percent of which were built prior to 1960, we cannot  
22 operate in this way.

23 Intro 904 is a novel approach; it will require  
24 the City to identify and act on issues before they  
25 become major problems using predictive analytics. The

1           Billingsley Terrace Structural Integrity Act, as  
2  
3 I'm calling it, will require the Department of  
4 Buildings to weigh factors including age of the  
5 structure, maintenance structural issues, and  
6 importantly given the history of 1915, the  
7 disciplinary history of registered design  
8 professionals -- including contractors and licensees  
9 doing work at the property, because you might recall  
10 that it was a design professional who misclassified a  
11 loadbearing column here.

12           Thank you so much, Madam Speaker, for your  
13 leadership and getting something so complex through  
14 to the finish line, and also to Commissioner Otto at  
15 the Department of Buildings and the team, for your  
16 collaboration in getting this bill right. I also want  
17 to thank the tenants who have been thinking much  
18 beyond themselves in wanting to make New York City  
19 safer for all, of course to our committee counsel,  
20 Austin Maloney, thank you , and everyone involved.  
21 Thank you, Majority Leader.

22           MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I'd like to  
23 recognize Council Member Riley, followed by Majority  
24 Whip Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

Today I want to highlight Intro 642 my bill to formally rename Williamsbridge Square in my district to Marcus Garvey Square. This effort strengthens the passionate advocacy and partnership of community leaders and organizations working tirelessly to empower our communities with of education, health, resources, and social action. In the Northeast Bronx, much like all of our diverse communities citywide, cultural traditions come together creating neighborhoods rich in pride and resiliency. I am proud to represent District 12 community, born and raised with my Jamaican heritage. Marcus Garvey, a Monumental political activist in history, once said "A people without knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." This renaming honors Marcus Garvey's legacy, but most importantly, connects our community's history with its present and future. Marcus Garvey's legacy lives on through organizations like the Jamaican Progressive League -- and Ms. Sadie Campbell from our community who has been trying to do this renaming since 2005 -- has been inspired by and dedicated to enriching the lives of our community members and

1 young people. The street renaming co-naming bill is  
2 being passed today will revitalize our city's public  
3 spaces by ensuring that they reflect and celebrate  
4 the diverse cultural contributions of all New  
5 Yorkers. I would like to thank my colleagues who  
6 supported this piece of legislation. Thank you.  
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8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I now recognize Majority  
9 Whip Brooks-Powers, followed by Minority Leader  
10 Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I'd like  
12 to speak in support of several worthy people who are  
13 up for appointments today, Raju Mann as a  
14 commissioner of the City Planning Commission, as well  
15 as Michael McSweeney, Queens' own our as our City  
16 Clerk and Clerk of the Council, who's been a  
17 tremendous asset to us here in this body. Also, I'd  
18 like to recognize Tricia Tate as a Director of the  
19 New York City Health + Hospitals Corporation. Tricia  
20 brings a wealth of experience in management and  
21 leadership having successfully led her own company  
22 and assisted dozens more in her capacity as CEO.  
23 Tricia is not only the CEO of FinCore, a consultancy  
24 for growth-oriented small to midsize businesses, but  
25 also a resident of council District 31. I believe she

2 will excel as Director for the New York City Health +  
3 Hospitals and bring our community's voice to the  
4 table as the New York City Health and Hospital Works  
5 to expand with the Gotham's Health Services in our  
6 district, coming soon, as well as we push to secure a  
7 trauma hospital on the peninsula in partnership with  
8 Health + Hospitals. I whole heartedly support Tricia  
9 Tate's appointment, and I look forward to her  
10 continued leadership serving the city of New York.  
11 With that, I ask my colleagues to vote in favor of  
12 her appointment as well as those presented before,  
13 thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I now recognize Minority  
15 Leader Borelli, followed by Council Member Paladino,  
16 then Council Member Joseph.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you.

18 I'd like to highlight one particular Street  
19 naming in today's package, specifically that of Nick  
20 D'Amora, a young man who lived not too far from my  
21 house. He was born in 1998, and at the age of two he  
22 was diagnosed with autism and verbal apraxia, which  
23 prevented him from speaking throughout his entire  
24 life. His mother realized there were no options for  
25 kids like him at the time, and she ended up founding

1 an organization called The Grace Foundation, which  
2 this body funds yearly, and helps thousands of  
3 children with autism on Staten Island and does just a  
4 fantastic job. Nick adapted a method called the Rapid  
5 Prompting Method into a way where he was able to  
6 spell out and communicate. And as he got older, we  
7 realized that he was as competent as so many other  
8 kids at his age. When he was older, he founded an  
9 organization called Crimson Rise, which supports  
10 autistic individuals and teaches them this spelling  
11 method to communicate. Nick unfortunately died in  
12 2023 following severe epilepsy, and in his passing  
13 his organs went on to save the life of eight other  
14 individuals. But, through his advocacy, as someone  
15 with disability, and someone who is just frankly  
16 famous in my neck of the woods, he has helped  
17 thousands and thousands of families going through  
18 the crisis of developmental disability in this city.  
19 So, I ask all of you to support it, and I thank you  
20 for including him.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council member Paladino,  
23 followed by Council Member Joseph, then Council  
24 Member Bottcher.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you very much.

It's my honor and my privilege today to introduce Paul A. Vallone Way, which will be at the intersection of 156 Street and 32nd Avenue right here in District 19 Queens. Paul's life was cut short on January the 28th this past year, 2024, you all knew him very well. As you know, he was a former council member here for eight years. During his tenure as city councilman, he did much to improve the district working together with other elected officials in schools, sports, groups, nonprofits and every civic and cultural association. Let it be known that he reestablished the City Council CUNY Merit... give me a minute... board-based scholarship, formerly known as the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship, securing over \$10 million in funding in the City Budget for full service animal shelters in both the Queens and the Bronx. Paul will always be remembered for his sparkling personality and his wonderful smile. And his wife is here, his brother is here, so on behalf of myself and Community District 19, we congratulate you, and we look forward to the co-naming. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)



2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Council Member  
3 Joseph, followed by Council Member Bottcher, then  
4 Council Member Salaam.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank, you Majority  
6 Leader.

7 Today I'm honored to present six names of  
8 residents, leaders, and Community advocates for co-  
9 naming:

10 We'll start with Fernande Valme Way, Tiarah Poyau  
11 Way, Tyler Kobe Nichols Way, Gibbs "Big Gibbs"  
12 Seraphin Way, Mary Kay Gallagher Way, and Aracely  
13 Courtenay Way. These individuals are more than just  
14 our family members and neighbors, they were strong  
15 fierce community leaders; they helped shape Council  
16 District 40 in New York City as a whole. Today it is  
17 our turn to honor them by co-naming these streets in  
18 their memory. By doing so, we hope this small gesture  
19 will remind their families, friends, and colleagues,  
20 and all of us that their efforts and investments in  
21 our communities have not been in vain. Thank you for  
22 giving me the opportunity to present these names, and  
23 I look forward to our colleagues voting soon. A  
24 special thank you to the team, Central staff, thank  
25 you all.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Bottcher,  
3 followed by Council Member Salaam, and then Council  
4 Member Abreu.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Today we are voting on a  
6 street co-naming in the name of Richard Henderson, a  
7 great New Yorker and someone who was the school  
8 crossing guard at Avenue School in Chelsea for over a  
9 decade. His life was tragically cut short when he  
10 intervened to break up a fight on a on a subway car.  
11 He died doing what he did in life, which is helping  
12 people. Over his decade at Avenue School, he helped  
13 thousands of residents of all ages safely cross the  
14 street and became a beloved neighborhood fixture. His  
15 presence and care at this location was such that  
16 Richie became known as Mr. 25th Street or Mr. 25th  
17 and 10th. I made this recommendation because of  
18 Richie's extraordinary impact on Chelsea, his  
19 contributions to the community, and the substantial  
20 community support for this name. So, we will be  
21 naming this Richie's Corner. We also are naming a  
22 intersection in Chelsea after Irwin B. Cohen, who  
23 transformed a derelict factory, where the first Oreo  
24 cookie was produced in 1912, into something we now  
25 know as Chelsea Market, an exuberant 21st century

2 food bazaar that helped revitalize the Chelsea  
3 neighborhood.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Salaam,  
5 followed Council Member Abreu, then Council Member  
6 Louis.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Today I'm proud to vote on  
8 Intro 968, which includes the co-naming of streets in  
9 in honor of Ruby Kitchen Bradley, Carl C. Green,  
10 Edwin "Eddie" Green (sic) (**\*Transcription note:** Edwin  
11 "Eddie" Ellis) and Helene Nomsa Brath, who  
12 interestingly tutored me while I was kicked out of  
13 school for the Central Park Jogger case. They all  
14 left a lasting impact, not only on Harlem, but also  
15 in New York City in reshaping the lives of Black  
16 Americans. It is because of their sacrifices our  
17 communities continue to thrive, and I'm honored to  
18 have these re-namings occurring during my tenure as  
19 a City Council member.

20 Additionally, I'm happy to vote on the Land Use  
21 Item 81, which my office met with HPD and vetted the  
22 plan multiple times to ensure that the tenants were  
23 treated fairly and that they truly have access to  
24 affordable home ownership. During the time of  
25 skyrocketing rent prices of homes, I'm happy to vote

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2 in favor of the Article XI tax exemption for the 104-  
3 108 West 139th Street ANCP Cluster, and look forward  
4 to continuing to partner in ensuring homes are  
5 affordable and attainable. And just a minor  
6 clarification, that is Edwin "Eddie" Ellis Way, thank  
7 you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Abreu,  
9 followed by Council Member Louis, then Council Member  
10 Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Major Leader.

12 I would like to thank this council today for  
13 voting on Preconsidered Introduction 968. The street  
14 renaming is especially meaningful for my constituents  
15 on the Upper West Side; the renaming of 103rd Street  
16 in Riverside after Cynthia Doty who died after a  
17 brief illness on July 17 last year. She was a  
18 district leader and a beloved friend of the Upper  
19 West Side. She was a member of Three Parks Democrats;  
20 she was a tireless, gracious, wise political  
21 organizer, and a Deputy Chief Clerk of the New York  
22 County Board of Elections. She led with heart, she  
23 lead with compassion, and perhaps something that  
24 always stuck out to me in my knowing her, was she  
25 always tried to find a way to the middle in reaching

2 compromise, and trying to make as many people happy  
3 while always realizing that it would not always be  
4 the case. Thank you so much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Louis,  
6 followed by Council Member Nurse, and Council Member  
7 Narcisse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority  
9 Leader. I am proud to have partnered with Council  
10 Member Joseph on the co-naming of Aracely Courtenay  
11 and Gibbs "Big Gibbs" Seraphin, two remarkable  
12 leaders in the Flatbush/East Flatbush communities.  
13 Pastor Aracely Courtenay, a Panamanian American,  
14 passionate clergy member, dedicated her life to  
15 empowering, counseling, and supporting women of all  
16 ages. Her unique insights and expertise inspired  
17 many, nurturing a new generation of ministers attuned  
18 to community needs in challenging times and executing  
19 initiatives that would provide free resources for  
20 underprivileged children. Pastor Aracely tragically  
21 lost her life after being struck by a car on Ditmas  
22 Avenue. And Gibbs Seraphin, another beloved community  
23 leader, a longtime resident of Flatbush, known for  
24 being a gentle giant, his warmth and innovative  
25 leadership in workforce development changed lives.

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2 Fondly referred to as "Big Gibbs" by all who knew  
3 him, he played a pivotal role in providing essential  
4 resources, supporting those in need in the areas of  
5 job development, wellness, and advocacy in Brooklyn  
6 and beyond. His contributions were immeasurable  
7 before his untimely passing at the age of 42 from  
8 COVID-19 in March of 2020. Their legacies will  
9 continue to inspire and positively impact our  
10 community for generations to come, thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, we will now  
12 move to Council Member Narcisse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Madame. I  
14 ask for your support, all my colleagues, in co-naming  
15 the street where Detective Joe Calabrese lived in  
16 Marine Park. Detective Calabrese was a dedicated  
17 member of our NYPD and an active beloved figure in  
18 our community. His service and the positive impact he  
19 made deserves to be remembered. Co-naming the street  
20 in his honor will serve as a lasting tribute to his  
21 legacy and a reminder of the sacrifices made by those  
22 in law enforcement; it will also highlight the  
23 importance of mental health care to all --especially  
24 our first responders who face immense pressures.  
25 Please join me in supporting this legislation to

2 ensure that Detective Calabrese's memory and  
3 contributions are honored in a way that befits his  
4 life and service for our communities and the City at  
5 large, thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
7 Member.

8 I'd like to take a few moments to acknowledge the  
9 folks on my street co-namings that we're introducing  
10 today. Sarah Wynn, a dedicated tenant association  
11 president and Agustin "Gus" Dinolis, a dedicated  
12 community garden volunteer and truly the lifeblood of  
13 our waterfront community garden in Clason Point  
14 Harding Park; two people who I knew personally, who  
15 really gave their all both to not only my council  
16 district but also to this city. And, lastly, George  
17 Romero, someone I'd like to recognize for  
18 highlighting their artistry that comes from my  
19 community. He's better known for creating the Night  
20 of the Living Dead series, but it's always great when  
21 we can highlight the good that comes from our  
22 communities. So, I just wanted to say thank you to  
23 their families and to them for what they gave both my  
24 community, the future of my community, and our city.

2 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, Reports of  
3 Special Committees? Sorry, Council Member Avilas?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILAS: Thank you, Majority  
5 Leader. I was just going to do at the vote, but since  
6 we are here now, with your grace, I also would like  
7 to highlight a co-naming for District 38 for Ijaira  
8 Z. Gonzalez who was born and raised in the Sunset  
9 Park community and was an activist. Ijaira was a  
10 devoted mother, sister, aunt, friend, a neighbor, and  
11 was very dedicated to her community. She devoted her  
12 life to service and gave back to both her local  
13 community and to Puerto Rico as she activated during  
14 many moments, but particularly during Hurricanes Irma  
15 and Maria which devastated the Island. She created  
16 the 24th Street Festival and a nonprofit called "just  
17 3 .inc" dedicated to the development of the  
18 performing arts. Ijaira left an indelible mark on her  
19 community and is survived by her children Justice,  
20 Cataleya (phonetic), and her sisters Francis, Yishane  
21 (sp?), Shaka (sp?), and her parents Hector and  
22 Francis, two dedicated community activists as well,  
23 and of course the many lives she touched. We honor  
24 and remember you, Ijaira, gracias. Thank you,  
25 Speaker, and I hope everyone notes that so many New



2 Yorkers are named today in these street co-namings,  
3 our city is filled with wonderful, compassionate  
4 contributing people, and I thank all of them and  
5 their families, thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Feliz?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you, Majority Leader.

8 Today I am proud to partner with Council Member  
9 Sanchez for the co-naming on Fordham Road and Grand  
10 Concourse in the Bronx, Calle, Duarte, Sánchez, y  
11 Mella. Duarte, Sánchez and Mella, three founding  
12 fathers of the Dominican Republic who fought for  
13 freedom in the Dominican Republic. Their legacy and  
14 contributions have positively impacted our  
15 communities in many ways, including in the Bronx, and  
16 specifically in the Fordham section of the Bronx, a  
17 community that's home to one of the largest  
18 concentrations of members of the Dominican community,  
19 a vibrant community with many small business owners,  
20 great culture, and so much more. So much that it was  
21 only made possible, because of the contributions, the  
22 life, and the legacy of the three founding fathers of  
23 the Dominican Republic Duarte, Sanchez, and Mella, so  
24 I am very proud of this co-naming. Thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Okay, officially seeing  
3 no one else signed up to speak, Reports of Special  
4 Committees?

5 CLERK: None

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing  
7 Committees?

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,  
9 Preconsidered LU 94 and Reso 473 through  
10 Preconsidered LU 97 and Reso 474, tax exemptions?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders

12 CLERK: Governmental Operations, State & Federal  
13 Legislation, Intro 951-A, comptroller audits?

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

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing and  
17 Buildings, Intro 904-A, building inspection program?

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

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 80  
21 and Reso 477, New York Public Library Tremont Branch?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 81 and Reso 478, 104-108 West 139th  
24 Street ANCP Cluster?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: LU 84 and Reso 479 and LU 85 and Reso 480,  
3 Red Hook Coastal Resiliency?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks and  
6 Recreation, Introduction 642 Marcus Garvey Square.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: Preconsidered Introduction 968, naming of  
9 100 thoroughfares and public places?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,  
12 Privileges, and Elections, Resolution 454, approving  
13 the appointment of Helen Skipper, Board of  
14 Correction?

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16 CLERK: Resolution 455, approving the designation  
17 for appointment of Tricia Taitt, Health + Hospitals  
18 Corporation?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 CLERK: Resolution 456, approving the designation  
21 of Dr. Vincent Calamia Health + Hospitals  
22 Corporation?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: Resolution 457, Michael M. McSweeney as  
25 City Clerk and Clerk of the Council?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 CLERK: Preconsidered M 52 and Preconsidered  
4 Resolution 481, approving the appointment of Raju  
5 Mann, City Planning Commission?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

12 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all with the  
16 exception of Resolution 454, for which I am a no.

17 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Resolution 454, and  
11 aye on the rest.

12 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Permission to explain my  
16 vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I am really excited  
19 today to be voting on street co-naming in honor of  
20 Sandra Pabon, a community leader being honored today.  
21 She was an active and cherished member of the  
22 Northwest Bronx Community serving as a chaplain of  
23 the 49th Precinct Community Clergy Council, as well  
24 as District Leader and State Committee Woman in the  
25 80th Assembly District, a Union delegate, a substance

2 use counselor, first responder who mobilized  
3 countless initiatives in response to Hurricane Maria,  
4 and during the pandemic, always fighting for her  
5 community in the institutions that we loved, and even  
6 on the street corner and making sure food got into  
7 the hands of every single person who needed it. And I  
8 am really proud to be voting in honor of that street  
9 co-naming. She leaves behind a legacy which will long  
10 endure the passage of time. I vote aye on this street  
11 co-naming, and I vote aye on all of the bills today.

12 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Madam Leader, I would  
16 like to speak on my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you. I wish to  
19 speak also on the on the street co-naming for our  
20 beloved Paul Vallone. So happy to see his wife  
21 Annamarie and his brother Perry. We're of course  
22 thinking of our colleague Peter Junior, our colleague  
23 Peter Senior. I got to know Paul very well by having  
24 a 35-year association with the Vallone family and  
25 going on religious retreat with them for decades. I

2 learned a lot about life from conversations with  
3 Paul, and it's very fitting that we that we do this.  
4 We love him very much, this is the least we can do.

5 I also wish to join the chorus of people who are  
6 in favor and of renewing or whatever the word is for  
7 reappointing Mike McSweeney as the City Clerk and  
8 Clerk of the Council. I've been in government for  
9 many, many years, and rarely have ever met someone  
10 with such integrity. And just the way that he deals  
11 with people, and how diligent he is, and how  
12 effective he is, and how he's universally admired  
13 he's a credit to the Council and to the City. I  
14 think I speak for everyone in wishing him in godspeed  
15 in all he does. And I'm going to go outside the  
16 limits of the rules for just a second and introduce  
17 the woman sitting right behind me, my little sister  
18 Gina from the great state of Florida is here  
19 (APPLAUSE) and joining us. Sorry to break the rules,  
20 but I'm over 65, I think that sort of comes with the  
21 territory, (LAUGHTER), so thank you all very much for  
22 your indulgence.

23 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Oh, yeah, I should vote,  
3 too. Okay, yes, (LAUGHTER) I vote aye, thanks. It's  
4 like an over 65 thing. I forgot. I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

6 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

8 Council Member Gutiérrez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

14 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except for  
16 Resolution 454,951-A, of which I vote no, and I  
17 abstain on Introduction 642.

18 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all, and I am  
20 especially proud to vote to reappoint our City Clerk,  
21 Mike McSweeney.

22 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (ABSENT)



2 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with  
8 the exception of 454, I vote no, and congratulations  
9 to Mr. McSweeney.

10 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye on all, and  
20 congratulations Mr. Mike McSweeney, thank you.

21 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on all except  
3 for Resolution 454 in which I vote no.

4 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I am voting aye, and I  
6 want to add in my support and happiness over adding  
7 Paul Vallone Way here to the borough of Queens. And I  
8 am so glad to have his family here in the Chamber to  
9 be part of that today. I also want to congratulate,  
10 and I should say, as folks know, Paul was the best,  
11 and there will be no street naming that will be able  
12 to really capture his essence. But it will be nice to  
13 see that in the neighborhood in the borough of  
14 Queens, thank you to Council Member Paladino and  
15 others for doing that. I also just want to  
16 congratulate my friend, Mike McSweeney, on his  
17 reappointment. It was a tough one there. (LAUGHTER)  
18 and of course, Raju Mann, who I think is watching  
19 probably at home, for his appointment to the City  
20 Planning Board as well.

21 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Permission to explain my  
23 vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I want to echo sentiments  
3 of Council Member Powers, really thrilled that we're  
4 recognizing our former colleague here, Council  
5 Member Vallone, really excited to see another former  
6 leader in the City Council serving on the City  
7 Planning Commission, Raju Mann, who will do a  
8 terrific job. And I really want to congratulate our  
9 Clerk, who does a tremendous job serving the people  
10 of New York City each and every day, on his  
11 reappointment. This could not be more well deserved.  
12 And I just want to thank the Speaker for her support  
13 of (INAUDIBLE) 951-A, and it's been a pleasure  
14 working with the Comptroller's Office to draft this  
15 legislation that will better streamline community  
16 board audits, and hopefully better identify systemic  
17 issues and opportunities for improvements at  
18 community boards citywide and allow the Comptroller's  
19 Office to put resources really where they needed  
20 most. So, thank you to colleagues for support on that  
21 bill and to everyone who helped put it together. Aye  
22 on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (PATERNAL)

3 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Permission to explain my

9 vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you

12 Dr. Daniel Malakov was senselessly murdered in my

13 community in 2007. He was a prominent orthodontist

14 and leader in the Bahrain Jewish community in Forest

15 Hills, Queens. Dr Malikov was also a philanthropist,

16 offering pro bono treatment to first responders and

17 those unable to afford orthodontic care. His

18 dedication earned him the prestigious Top

19 Orthodontist Award from the US Academy of

20 Orthodontics. I am proud today to vote on legislation

21 to co-name Yellowstone Boulevard and 64th Road as Dr,

22 Daniel Malikov way. In addition, I too want to add to

23 the echoes of the voices about Paul Vallone, who was

24 a friend and political mentor, and I am one of the

25 folks from Queens. I just want to note that. I am

2 very honored also to be able to vote for his street  
3 co-naming as well. And Mr. McSweeney,  
4 congratulations, thank you.

5 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I also want to express my  
9 support for the co-naming of Paul Vallone, and always  
10 happy to see the family here in Chambers. Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye on all, with  
13 the exception of Resolution 454, and I abstain on  
14 Introduction 642, thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all,  
17 congrats, Mike.

18 CLERK: Council Member Won?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (PARENTAL)

20 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused to explain  
22 my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you. Not really sure  
25 how many more times I'll have a chance to be here and

1 honor and recognize a good friend, who's really part  
2 of a family that's given so much to this City, but  
3 himself, anybody who knew him, Paul he had a smile;  
4 he had a brotherly hug; he was just a tremendous,  
5 tremendous heart and soul. And I'm really proud to be  
6 a part of the council that gives me a chance to vote  
7 in favor of some small way to recognize what he's  
8 contributed. Perry, and it's really good to see you  
9 here. And I know that the Speaker is in so much pain,  
10 but he's such a giant in this City, and I know how  
11 much he has on his shoulders these days, and very,  
12 very grateful for his service, your service, Peter  
13 Junior's service, and, of course, everything that  
14 Paul gave to this city, thank you.

16 I also just want to very quickly thank Council  
17 Member Powers for including legislation in the co-  
18 namings bill to recognize Yad Vashem, an incredibly  
19 important move especially at this moment in time. And  
20 for those... I'm not going to go too long in  
21 explaining what it is, but if you don't, you should  
22 get a chance to know what that is all about. I vote  
23 aye on all, with the exception of Intro 951,  
24 Resolution 454, and I abstain on Intro 642, thank  
25 you.

2 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all with the  
6 exception of Reso 454.

7 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all, and I am  
11 associating my remarks with those of Council Member  
12 Powers with regard to the amazing Vallone family, my  
13 other family in my heart, uh, who are here today to  
14 commemorate the street co-naming of our beloved Paul.  
15 Tina, thank you again for the picture, it sits on my  
16 desk downstairs, it is a tremendous conversation  
17 piece for everyone that sits at that table with me  
18 and meets with me on a daily basis. I thank you all.  
19 I love you all from the bottom of my heart. He will  
20 never be forgotten.

21 My McSweeney, Queens own, we congratulate you, we  
22 will never you leave us, just so you know. (LAUGHTER)  
23 And I will also thank my colleagues today for also  
24 recognizing that the city of New York will recognize  
25 the First Sunday in June annually in commemoration

1 of Flake Legacy Day. The Reverend Doctors Floyd and  
2 Elaine Flake build South East Queens, everything from  
3 housing to private school K through 12, all the way  
4 through innumerable public service work, and a whole  
5 lot more - domestic violence facility as well, senior  
6 housing, family housing, they literally built  
7 neighborhoods in South East Queens, and I am so very  
8 proud to sponsor legislation that will forever  
9 commemorate their legacy. With that, I vote aye on  
10 all.  
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12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's  
13 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 45 in  
14 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
15 abstentions; with the exception of Resolution 454,  
16 which was adopted by a vote of 37 in the affirmative,  
17 8 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and  
18 Introduction 951-A, which was adopted by a vote of 43  
19 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 0  
20 abstentions; and Introduction 642-A, which was  
21 adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 0 in the  
22 negative, and 3 abstentions.

23 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
25 committees as indicated on today's Agenda.



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MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now move into the Discussion of Resolutions. And I would like to call Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I just wanted to take a moment to speak in support of Resolution 447, also known as Flake Day, in honor of my pastors and mentors, the Reverend Doctors Floyd H. and Elaine Flake, for the Legacy that they have created in the South East Queens communities for the 48 years of service. The work that they have done has transcended beyond the walls of the church and into the community and beyond. And I'm so grateful to have been able to worship under their leadership and to be able to be counseled under their leadership. The two of them embodied the vision of true love, celebrating life's highs and lows with God at the center of their union. And their incredible and enduring legacy will continue to inspire and guide individuals and families, including myself, for generations to come. So, this (TIMER CHIMES) is most deserving, and I am so honored to be on this piece of legislation with Speaker Adams and Council Member Williams. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing no one  
3 else signed up to speak, we will... Council Member  
4 Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I did sign up earlier.

6 I am just talking about Intro 963, to be  
7 introduced... introduced, and I think what I want to  
8 say about it is, if I told you that a City vendor  
9 that is paid to listen in your phone, capture your  
10 sensitive personal data, and then sell it to anybody  
11 they want, I think you would agree that this is not a  
12 good... (CROSS-TALK)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, you are  
14 not speaking on Resolutions right now.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: No, I'm not. I'm sorry. I  
16 thought you were talking about resolutions. I'll  
17 wait.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Would you like me to put  
19 you down for General Discussion?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes, it should be on  
21 already.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I will do that, thank  
23 you.

24 We will now have a voice vote on today's  
25 Resolution. If you wish to vote against or abstain

2 from today's Resolution, please notify the  
3 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching  
4 the dais.

5 I will now read today's Resolution into the  
6 Record.

7 Resolution 447 designates the first Sunday in  
8 June annually as Flake Legacy Day in the City of New  
9 York to recognize the spiritual, educational, civic,  
10 and economic contributions of the Reverend Drs. Floyd  
11 and Elaine Flake in service to The Greater Allen  
12 A.M.E. Cathedral of New York and to their community  
13 in Queens.

14 Will all those in favor please say, aye?

15 ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

17 ALL: (SILENT)

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

19 ALL: (SILENT)

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

21 We will now move into General Discussion. And I  
22 would like to call on Council Member Ariola, followed  
23 by Council Member Sanchez, and Council Member Riley.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you, Majority  
2 Leader. I'm proud to introduce two bills that are  
3 dedicated to the well-being of our veterans.  
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5 Resolution 465 calls upon the New York City  
6 Housing Authority to include an admission preference  
7 for public housing in its next proposed agency plan  
8 for all veterans of the US military. Veterans do not  
9 receive admission preference or specific priority in  
10 public housing under NYCHA. The Council has  
11 historically advocated for the inclusion of admission  
12 preferences of veterans within NYCHA's policies,  
13 expressly calling for a preference for veterans with  
14 a military service connected disability in the Years  
15 2004, 2006, 2010. And, yet, NYCHA still does not have  
16 an admission preference for veterans. I'm asking for  
17 you to sign on to this resolution and make this a  
18 priority for our veterans.

19 Additionally, as of 2022 there were approximately  
20 500 homeless veterans in New York City, with many  
21 others who are barely getting by. That is why I'm  
22 asking for your support for Intro 959, which would  
23 establish a program to be administered by the  
24 Department of Veteran Services in coordination with  
25 the Department of Social Services to provide monthly

1 rental assistance to homeless veterans, covering  
2 their monthly housing rent up to a maximum amount  
3 based on the Federal Department of Housing and Urban  
4 Development's fair market rate value, uh, rent  
5 guidelines. Veterans would not be require to  
6 contribute for from their income toward the rent.  
7 Vouchers for Vets, as we call it, would finally give  
8 veterans the stability they deserve and the chance of  
9 a better life after combat. Our veterans have put  
10 their lives on the line for our freedoms, and through  
11 this legislation we can show that we all care about  
12 them, and that we are truly grateful for all that  
13 they were willing to risk for each and every one of  
14 us. I hope everyone signs on, thank you for the time.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Sanchez,  
17 followed by Council Member Riley, then Council Member  
18 Holden.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
20 Leader, and I'm glad I figured out the trick to not  
21 be the last one in General Discussion.

22 Today I want to just take a moment to highlight  
23 an incredible human being, Kadeem Robinson, who has  
24 been my Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and  
25 Communications since the very beginning of my term in

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the Council. An immigrant from Jamaica, they arrived to study at CUNY John Jay, and got to me after working at the Mayor's Office and for the Public Advocate. I said I wouldn't do this... okay, Kadeem ... "Kadeem!", as my baby says, "Kadeem! Titi Kadeem!", we are so lucky that you formed part of our inaugural team. You had maybe four jobs in our office, all while finishing your graduate degree at NYU and leading citywide advocacy efforts in the LGBTQ community. You are truly a star, a beacon of light who leaves spaces so much brighter for you having been there, from fighting for street vendors, to expanding access to rapid STI testing, to today's Billingsley Structural Integrity Bill, the CityFHEPS expansion, and so much more, you've really left your mark. District 14 is so lucky to have had your service, and I'm blessed to have established such a strong foundation with your help. Thank you for everything that you have done for us. All the best to you. The world is a better place, and I am going to miss you in the People's Office, thank you, thank you, thank you, Kadeem.

(APPLAUSE)

1 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I second that, thank you,  
2 Kadeem, you've been great,  
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4 Council Member Riley, followed by Council Member  
5 Holden, then Council Member Paladino.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

7 True commitment to diversity means focusing on  
8 equity, ensuring that resources and support are  
9 accessible to our most underserved and disfranchised  
10 communities. Today I'm introducing Intro 975, calling  
11 on the City to establish an Office of Black Male  
12 Excellence. New York City is the only huge city that  
13 does not have an office focused on Black male  
14 excellence, and this office would address the unique  
15 socioeconomic challenges faced by Black men in our  
16 community. Alongside my colleagues Council Member  
17 Salaam, Council Member Ossé, and Council Member  
18 Banks, who are co-prime sponsors on this bill, we are  
19 dedicated to addressing systematic inequalities in  
20 creating pathways for opportunities for more Black  
21 and brown men in New York City. An office of Black  
22 Male Excellence, liaisons with our city agencies  
23 would ensure that the intersectional needs of this  
24 group are considered in policy making and essential  
25 program implementation. This office would also

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2 promote transparency and accountability through  
3 regular reporting on its activities, analysis, and  
4 recommendations.

5 In addition with my "Hood Caucus" colleagues,  
6 Council Member Williams, Council Member Stevens, and  
7 myself, we are introducing we are introducing Reso  
8 472, which calls on the New York State Legislature to  
9 pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation upholding  
10 the use of MWBE investments for New York State and  
11 New York City pension funds. This bill not only  
12 forces a more inclusive economy by allocating at  
13 least 20 percent of those funds to minority and  
14 women-owned businesses, it also ensures that  
15 historically underrepresented groups and communities  
16 have a fair opportunity to benefit from critical  
17 public resources.

18 Lastly, I'm proud to co-sponsor with Council  
19 Member Williams, Intro 978, in relation to requiring  
20 the 311 customer service center to provide relevant  
21 resources in response to tree pruning-related  
22 requests as such, and online links in to DPR  
23 maintained-maps on tree inspections and pruning  
24 schedules, well the (TIMER CHIMES) informational web  
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2 pages. I urge my colleagues to support these vital  
3 pieces of legislation, thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member Holden,  
5 followed by Council Member Paladino, then Council  
6 Member Brewer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you, Majority  
8 Leader.

9 Colleagues, today I urge you to sign on to Intro  
10 967, which would end the barbaric horse carriage  
11 industry in our city. This bill known as Ryder's  
12 Lawis named after the horse whose tragic collapse and  
13 death on the streets of Manhattan highlighted the  
14 inhumanity of this industry. Ryder's former owners  
15 now face criminal charges, and his story has shown  
16 the world the cruelty of this industry endures daily.

17 Intro 967 is straightforward, it would end the  
18 horse carriage industry, ensure the horses involved  
19 are not sent to slaughter, and create a workforce  
20 program to transition workers into other industries.  
21 This humane and forward thinking approach is long  
22 overdue in this city. We have the opportunity to end  
23 this heartless industry and demonstrate our  
24 commitment to animal welfare and labor. I thank my  
25 colleagues who are co-prime sponsors on this bill,

1 Council Member Bottcher, Council Member Cabán,  
2 Council Member Joseph, Council Member Powers, Council  
3 Member Marte, Council Member Ariola, and Council  
4 Member Hanif. I welcome the rest of you to all join  
5 this in this effort. Together, we can make a powerful  
6 statement that our city values compassion and the  
7 humane treatment of all beings.

9 I also want to express my gratitude to the  
10 advocates who have fought tirelessly for this cause  
11 including NYCLASS, Vfar, PETA, and the ASPCA, and  
12 many others, as well as the animal sanctuaries and  
13 horse rescues like Unbridled Heroes Project and  
14 Rancho Relaxo. Let's seize this moment, colleagues,  
15 to do the right thing. The time to act is now.  
16 Please sign on to Intro 967 to finally end this cruel  
17 industry once and for all -- and especially with the  
18 weather that we're having. These horses, or many of  
19 them, are still out there. So, please let's end this,  
20 thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Paladino,  
22 followed by Council Member Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Well, it's a little off  
24 topic, by what was being discussed here today, but I  
25 want to take a moment to congratulate the NYPD and

2 the Queen's DA Katz for their swift work in  
3 apprehending and jailing the migrant who brutally  
4 raped a 13-year-old girl this week. This crime shook  
5 this city to its core as well as the nation. And I  
6 want to take a moment to please remember the victim  
7 of this crime who was 13 years old and is scarred for  
8 life, so that's all I have to say.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
10 Member.

11 Council Member Brewer?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Intro 963 would end the  
13 surveillance of people in the custody of the  
14 Department of Correction and everyone they talk to on  
15 the outside. If I told you that there's a vendor  
16 that's paid to listen in on your phone and capture  
17 your sensitive personal data and maybe sell it, you  
18 wouldn't think I was telling the truth. But the  
19 Department of Correction records approximately 25,000  
20 phone calls every day between people inside jails and  
21 anyone they talk to - parents, spouses, et cetera.  
22 The vendor is Securus Technologies. It upholds  
23 everything they scraped to a paid subscription  
24 database used by law enforcement across the country.  
25 It has a history of unlawful surveillance practices,

1 big article in the New Yorker. There was a coalition  
2 of public defenders who sued the Department of  
3 Correction earlier this year, accusing them of  
4 recording thousands of phone calls between people in  
5 custody and their defense attorneys. So, this  
6 legislation would ban the recording of phone calls;  
7 it's sponsored by Council Member Salaam, Council  
8 Member, Council Member Rivera, Council Member Nurse,  
9 Council Member Krishnan, and Council Member Ayala.  
10 And I urge you to join the list, thank you very much.  
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12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member  
13 Gennaro?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam Leader.  
15 I just wanted to mark the passing of my idol, and  
16 many people's idol who followed baseball, the great  
17 Willie Mays, the greatest baseball player who ever  
18 played the greatest game ever invented. People know a  
19 lot about his career, what they don't know is that  
20 when the Giants moved from New York to San Francisco,  
21 Willie Mays had difficulty buying a house because he  
22 was Black. And it just... he is an amazing story. I  
23 remember when he was playing, his career ended 51  
24 years ago, but when he came back to the METS in 72  
25 and 73, we all got to see him again, it was like he

2 was coming home. And I just want to... I just felt it  
3 fitting to put in on the record, his passing, again  
4 ,you know, the greatest of all time. Thank you very  
5 much.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
7 Member.

8 Seeing no one else signed up to speak today, I  
9 will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close out  
10 today's Stated Meeting.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader,  
12 this Stated Meeting of June 20, 2024 is hereby  
13 adjourned.

14 (GAVELING OUT)

15 (APPLAUSE)

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