

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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Thursday, December 4, 2025  
Start: 2:47 P.M.  
Recess: 3:58 P.M.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Diana I. Ayala  
Chris Banks  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Harvey D. Epstein  
Amanda Fariás  
Simcha Felder  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Pastor Leon J. Gordon,  
United Apostolic Church  
located at 205-24 Hollis Avenue,  
St. Albans, NY 11412

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2                   SERGEANT PAYTUVI: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Stated Meeting, recorded on December 4,  
4 2025, located in Chambers, by Nazly Paytuvi.

5                   SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,  
6 please keep it down. Find your seats. Please find  
7 your seats. There is no standing in the chambers.  
8 Keep it down. All staff off the floor. Members,  
9 please find your seats. Thank you.

10                  Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we're  
11 getting ready to start the meeting. If you're a guest  
12 with us today, you're welcome to join us upstairs on  
13 the balcony. Just talk to the Sergeant at Arms,  
14 they'll get you up to the balcony. Thank you for your  
15 assistance.

16                  NYC Media, you good to go? Thank you.

17                  Madam Majority Leader, you're good to go.

18                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: [GAVEL]

19                  Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated  
20 Meeting of December 4, 2025. I am Majority Leader  
21 Amanda Farias, and I would like to thank you for  
22 joining us. If you would like to follow along, the  
23 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

24                  On behalf of the body, I welcome the  
25 members of the public who have joined us here today.

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2       During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council  
3       may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent.  
4       If you wish to express support of any remarks, you  
5       may make the silent approval gesture.

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

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

15                  SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

16                  ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

17                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Roll call?

18                  CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

20                  CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

22                  CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

23                  DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Here

24                  CLERK: Council Member Banks?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

4                   CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

6                   CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

8                   CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

9                   MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Present

10                  CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

12                  CLERK: Council Member Carr?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present

14                  CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

16                  CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

18                  CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Present

20                  CLERK: Council Member Felder?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here

22                  CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

24                  CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

4                   CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

6                   CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

8                   CLERK: Council Member Holden?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

10                  CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

12                  CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

14                  CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

16                  CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

18                  CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

20                  CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

22                  CLERK: Council Member Marte?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

24                  CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Menin?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

4                   CLERK: Council Member Morano?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here!

6                   CLERK: Council Member Moya?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

8                   CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSSE: Present

10                  CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

12                  CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I'm here.

14                  CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

15                  MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Here

16                  CLERK: Council Member Powers?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (UN-MIC'D) Here

18                  CLERK: Council Member Restler?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

20                  CLERK: Council Member Riley?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

22                  CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

24                  CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

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2 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

4 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

6 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

8 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

10 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (INAUDIBLE)

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Williams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

15 CLERK: Council Member Won?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

17 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

19 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (UN-MIC'D) Here

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Ariola?

23 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Present

24 CLERK: Council Member Farias?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

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2                   CLERK: Speaker Adams?

3                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

4                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We  
5                   will now have today's Invocation, which will be  
6                   delivered by Pastor Leon J. Gordon, United Apostolic  
7                   Church, which is located at 205-24 Hollis Avenue in  
8                   Queens.

9                   SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

10                  PASTOR GORDON: Let us pray.

11                  Lord Jesus, source of all wisdom and  
12                  love, we gather here today with hearts full of  
13                  gratitude. We thank you for the privilege of service,  
14                  for the opportunity to convene in unity, and for the  
15                  shared purpose that binds us together. We're also  
16                  profoundly grateful for the rich tapestry of  
17                  backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives present  
18                  among us, recognizing that in our diversity lies our  
19                  collective strength and capacity for understanding.

20                  We ask for your guidance upon all  
21                  assembled. Grant to all your servants clarity of  
22                  mind, integrity in their actions, and compassion in  
23                  their deliberations as they consider complex issues  
24                  and make difficult decisions. Illuminate their past  
25                  with your truth so that they may not act out of self-

2 interest, but for the flourishing of New Yorkers. May  
3 their efforts be blessed with wisdom that they may  
4 uplift our communities and foster the spirit of  
5 justice and peace for all. Inspire each member to  
6 work with renewed dedication to bridge divides and to  
7 serve with unwavering commitment to the common good.  
8 Strengthen their resolve to care for the vulnerable,  
9 to champion the voiceless, and to build a future  
10 filled with hope and opportunity for all the  
11 residents of this great city. Grant them strength to  
12 face the challenges ahead with courage and  
13 resilience, knowing that with your help, no obstacle  
14 is insurmountable. We pray your blessings upon their  
15 families, our neighbors, and all the communities they  
16 represent. Protect them from harm, guide them through  
17 uncertainty, and instill in them a deep sense of  
18 responsibility for the stewardship of the resources  
19 and trusts placed in their hands. May your presence  
20 be felt in this place and may your grace guide their  
21 steps now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

22                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I  
23 would now like to spread the Invocation on the  
24 record.

25                   Adoption of Minutes?

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2                   CLERK: None

3                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and  
4                   Papers from the Mayor?

5                   CLERK: None

6                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication  
7                   From City, County, and Borough Offices?

8                   CLERK: M 209 Comptroller's Report.

9                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,  
10                  Printed, and Filed.

11                  CLERK: M 210, Commissioner of Elections  
12                  appointment.

13                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,  
14                  Printed, and Filed.

15                  CLERK: M 211 Election of Harvey D.  
16                  Epstein, new Council Member of the 2nd District.

17                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Welcome!

18                  ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

19                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered,  
20                  Printed, and Filed!

21                  ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

22                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
23                  Communications?

24                  CLERK: None

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2                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-  
3 ups?

4                   CLERK: M 212

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much. I now  
6 ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all of  
7 today's Land Use Call-ups.

8                   CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

9                   CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

11                  CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

12                  CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

13                  DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

14                  CLERK: Council Member Banks?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

16                  CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

18                  CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

20                  CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

22                  CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

23                  MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

24                  CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

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2                   CLERK: Thank you.

3                   Council Member Carr?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

5                   CLERK: Thank you.

6                   Council Member De La Rosa?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

8                   CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes

12                  CLERK: Council Member Felder?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes

14                  CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

16                  CLERK: Thank you.

17                  Council Member Gennaro?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

19                  CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

21                  CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

23                  CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

25                  CLERK: Council Member Holden?

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

3                   CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

5                   CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

7                   CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

9                   CLERK: Council Member Lee?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

11                  CLERK: Council Member Louis?

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

13                  CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye.

15                  CLERK: Council Member Marte?

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

17                  CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

19                  CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

21                  CLERK: Council Member Morano?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye

23                  CLERK: Council Member Moya?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

25                  CLERK: Thank you.

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2                   Council Member Narcisse?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

4                   CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

6                   CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

8                   CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

9                   MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Powers?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (INAUDIBLE)

12                  CLERK: Council Member Restler?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

14                  CLERK: Council Member Riley?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

16                  CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

18                  CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

20                  CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

22                  CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

23                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

24                  CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Yes

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Ung?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

4                   CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

6                   CLERK: Council Member Williams?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

8                   CLERK: Council Member Won?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

12                  CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

13                  MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

14                  CLERK: Council Member Fariás?

15                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

16                  CLERK: Speaker Adams?

17                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye.

18                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use

19                  Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 45 in the

20                  affirmative and 0 in the negative.

21                  We will now have Communication from

22                  Speaker Adrienne Adams.

23                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority

24                  Leader. Good afternoon, everyone.

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2                   Before we begin, I do want to acknowledge  
3                   the death of James "Jimmy" Riches, an FDNY Deputy  
4                   Chief, who passed away from illnesses related to the  
5                   September 11th attacks. We will remember Deputy Chief  
6                   Riches for his bravery and his 30 years of service to  
7                   our great city. We also remember him as a devoted  
8                   father who spent months searching for his son,  
9                   firefighter Jimmy Riches, amidst the rubble at the  
10                  World Trade Center.

11                  Deputy Chief Riches was a hero and  
12                  inspiration to his colleagues at FDNY, and my heart  
13                  goes out to all of those who knew and loved him.

14                  I also want to acknowledge the 73-year-  
15                  old woman who perished in her home after a four-alarm  
16                  fire broke out in the Bronx last Friday. My thoughts  
17                  are certainly with her loved ones who are mourning  
18                  their loss.

19                  Last week, I shared tragic news about a  
20                  fatal electric fire that took the life of 95-year-old  
21                  Joyce Buncom in Saint Albans and left her daughter  
22                  Paula and great-granddaughter, Aylani, in critical  
23                  condition. Today, I'm very saddened to report to you  
24                  and share that 6-year-old Aylani passed away last  
25                  week.

2                   We are all heartbroken by these deaths of  
3    these New Yorkers, and our prayers are with their  
4    families, their loved ones, and communities now  
5    navigating their immense losses.

6                   I also want to acknowledge several days  
7    of commemoration:

8                   November 30th was Barbados National Day,  
9    which celebrates the country's independence from  
10    Britain after 360 years as a British colony.

11                  December 1st was World AIDS Day,  
12    dedicated to raising awareness and remembering those  
13    we have lost to the disease.

14                  December 2nd was Special Education Day,  
15    which commemorates the signing of the Individuals  
16    with Disabilities Education Act into law in 1975. It  
17    is critical that we ensure students with disabilities  
18    have the services they deserve and are owed.

19                  Additionally, December 3rd was  
20    International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day  
21    to honor our disability community and advocate for  
22    further accessibility.

23                  And finally, I want to welcome Arthur  
24    Grabiner to the People's House today. Arthur is a

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2 lifelong New Yorker and a World War II veteran who is  
3 celebrating his milestone 100th birthday on the 11th.

4                    ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

5                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Arthur!

6                    ALL: (APPLAUSE and CHEERING)

7                    SPEAKER ADAMS: Arthur, we thank you for  
8 your service and for all that you've done for our  
9 entire nation. Welcome to the People's House, the  
10 house that you helped to build.

11                   Now, let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

12                   First, we'll vote on the following Land  
13 Use items:

14                   • 1720 Atlantic Avenue Rezoning, a  
15 private rezoning application that will facilitate the  
16 development of approximately 300 new homes and two  
17 new buildings, over 100 of which will be affordable,  
18 as well as commercial and community facility space in  
19 Council Member Chi Ossé's district. The Council is  
20 modifying the application to require MIH Option 3  
21 Deep Affordability.

22                   • Two applications by the Department of  
23 Parks and Recreation for Walk to Parks Site  
24 selections to facilitate the creation of new parkland  
25 in the Brooklyn districts of Council Members Sandy

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2                   Nurse and Chris Banks. The application will  
3                   facilitate site selection and acquisition of 23  
4                   privately owned properties.

5                   • In the Queens districts of Council  
6                   Members Francisco Moya, Tiffany Cabán, and Shekar  
7                   Krishnan, the application will facilitate the  
8                   selection and acquisition of 22 privately owned  
9                   properties.

10                  Next, we will vote on the following  
11                  Finance items:

12                  • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
13                  Council Member Justin Brannan, would establish a new  
14                  40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for two buildings in  
15                  Council Member De La Rosa's district.

16                  • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
17                  Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year  
18                  Article XI Tax Exemption for a six-story building in  
19                  Council Member Shaun Abreu's district.

20                  • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
21                  Council Member Brannan, would establish a new five-  
22                  year Article XI Tax Exemption for a 31-story building  
23                  in Council Member Erik Bottcher's district.

24                  • Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by  
25                  Council Member Brannan, would establish a new 40-year

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2                    Article XI Tax Exemption for two buildings in Council  
3                    Member Crystal Hudson's district.

4                            • Three Preconsidered Resolutions,  
5                    sponsored by Council Member Brannan, would establish  
6                    a new 40-year Article XI Tax Exemption for eight  
7                    buildings in Council Member Kamillah Hanks' district.

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

10                            • Resolution 1063, sponsored by Council  
11                    Member Rita Joseph, would designate November 12  
12                    annually as Sigma Gamma Rho Day in the City of New  
13                    York to recognize the sorority's commitment to  
14                    sisterhood, scholarship, and service and to positive  
15                    community impact.

16                            • Resolution 987, also sponsored by  
17                    Council Member Joseph, would declare July 26 as  
18                    Haitian Konpa Day annually to celebrate the legacy of  
19                    Haitian music and dance in the cultural landscape of  
20                    the City of New York. We thank our staff member,  
21                    Regina Paul.

22                            • Resolution 843, sponsored by Council  
23                    Member Althea Stevens, would call on the New York  
24                    State Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
25                    A5658A/S378, which directs the New York State

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2                    Education Department and the New York State Office of  
3                    Children and Family Services (OCFS) to prepare  
4                    posters and pamphlets to ensure that foster youth are  
5                    made aware of the higher education financial  
6                    resources available to them. We thank our staff  
7                    member, Elizabeth Arzt.

8                    • Resolution 251, sponsored by Council  
9                    Member Kevin Riley, would call on the New York State  
10                   Education Department to allow a lifeguard  
11                   certification to substitute for Physical Education  
12                   Credit for high school seniors aged 17 years and  
13                   older. We thank our staff member Chloë Rivera.

14                   • Resolution 54, sponsored by Deputy  
15                   Speaker Diana Ayala, would call on the New York City  
16                   Department of Education and the New York State  
17                   Education Department to collaborate on and prioritize  
18                   increasing the number of educators trained to work  
19                   with English Language Learners and to improve the  
20                   quality and comprehensiveness of English Language  
21                   Learners' education. Thank you to our staff members,  
22                   Regina Paul and Chloë Rivera.

23                   • Resolution 773-A, sponsored by Majority  
24                   Leader Amanda Farias, would call on the New York  
25                   State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign

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2                    A.3024, which directs the Metropolitan Transportation  
3                    Authority (MTA) to establish a student fare program  
4                    for trains and buses. Thank you to our staff members,  
5                    John Basile and Kevin Kotowski.

6                    • Resolution 498, sponsored by Majority  
7                    Leader Fariás, would call on the Metropolitan  
8                    Transportation Authority (MTA) to create a program  
9                    that provides New York City's first responder  
10                  agencies with real-time Global Positioning System  
11                  (GPS) data for all MTA buses. Thank you to our staff  
12                  member, Kevin Kotowski.

13                  • Resolution 1016, sponsored by Majority  
14                  Leader Fariás, would call on the New York State  
15                  Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
16                  legislation setting the minimum notice period for  
17                  rent increases to 60 days for Mitchell-Lama rental  
18                  and co-op residents.

19                  • Resolution 575, sponsored by Majority  
20                  Leader Fariás, would call on the New York State  
21                  Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
22                  legislation providing for annual adjustments to the  
23                  rental and carrying charges for Mitchell-Lama  
24                  developments based on increases in the Consumer Price  
25                  Index. These Resolutions are critical to supporting

2                   the financial stability of Mitchell-Lamas and its  
3                   residents. We thank our staff members, Jose Conde and  
4                   Erik Brown.

5                   Today, we will vote on the following  
6                   legislation:

7                   • Introduction 1397-A, sponsored by  
8                   Council Member James Gennaro, would require the  
9                   Office of Longterm Planning and Sustainability, the  
10                  Department of Environmental Protection, and the  
11                  Department of Buildings to conduct a study to develop  
12                  construction code amendments to address stormwater  
13                  flood risks. Thank you to our staff members, Natasha  
14                  Bynum, Sierra Townsend, Ricky Chawla, and Brad Ried.

15                  • Introduction 423-A, sponsored by  
16                  Council Member Althea Stevens, would require the  
17                  Department of Transportation to provide, on its  
18                  website, an inventory of all city-owned retaining  
19                  walls under its jurisdiction that are 10-feet high or  
20                  greater by October 1, 2026. We thank our staff  
21                  member, Theodore Miller.

22                  • Introduction 796-A, also sponsored by  
23                  Council Member Stevens, would require DOB to send a  
24                  monthly email to all council members and community  
25                  boards notifying them of new sidewalk shed permits

2                   that were issued during the prior month. Thank you to  
3                   our staff members, Austin Malone, Billy Eck, Jose  
4                   Conde, Dirk Spencer, and Sierra Townsend.

5                   • Introduction 1456, sponsored by Council  
6                   Member Justin Brannan, would extend the current  
7                   moratorium on fines for certain awning and accessory  
8                   sign violations until 2028. The Department of  
9                   Buildings would also be required to conduct a public  
10                   education campaign. Thank you to our staff members  
11                   William Eck, Austin Malone, Dirk Spencer, Jose Conde,  
12                   and Hannah Kohn.

13                   • Introduction 1217-A, sponsored by  
14                   Council Member Susan Zhuang, would require the  
15                   Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to inspect  
16                   buildings within 14 days of receiving a 311 complaint  
17                   relating to rats. Thank you to staff members, Morgann  
18                   Barrett and Audrey Son.

19                   • Introduction 1384-A, sponsored by  
20                   Council Member Linda Lee, would amend the definitions  
21                   of site safety training card and site safety training  
22                   supervisor cards in the New York City Building Code  
23                   to require that an applicant complete a minimum of  
24                   two SST credits related to mental health and  
25                   wellness, suicide risk and prevention, and alcohol

2 and substance use. Thank you to staff members Sara  
3 Sucher, Austin Malone, Bill Eck, Jose Conde, and Dirk  
4 Spencer.

5                   • Introduction 1002, sponsored by Council  
6 Member Kristy Marmorato, would require all schools to  
7 stock airway clearance devices within 180 days after  
8 they receive authorization from the FDA for use.

9 Thank you to our staff members, Alejandro Carvajal  
10 and Sara Liss.

11                   • Introduction 1154-A, sponsored by  
12 Council Member Julie Menin, would require that the  
13 Department of Transportation ("DOT") test high  
14 visibility pavement markings that could be more  
15 visible to road users in poor driving conditions.

16 Thank you to our staff members Nick Widzowski and  
17 Mark Chen.

18                   • Introduction 895-A, also sponsored by  
19 Council Member Menin, would require that New York  
20 City schools and DOHMH-regulated childcare facilities  
21 keep EpiPens on site. Thank you to our staff members,  
22 Christopher Pepe, Sara Liss, Sahar Moazami, and  
23 Smita Deshmukh.

24                   • Introduction 1225-A, also sponsored by  
25 Council Member Menin, would establish an Office of

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2                    the Census. Thank you to our staff member, Johari  
3                    Frasier.

4                            • Resolution 469, sponsored by Council  
5                    Member Shekar Krishnan, would recognize May 15 as  
6                    International Water Safety Day.

7                            • Introduction 1425-A, sponsored by  
8                    Council Member Susan Zhuang, would require the  
9                    Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a  
10                    quarterly report on the staffing levels of Parks  
11                    Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers and Park Rangers,  
12                    as well as the incidents responded to by PEP officers  
13                    and Rangers at City parks.

14                            • Introduction 1059-A, sponsored by  
15                    Council Member Krishnan, would require the Department  
16                    of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to develop and publish  
17                    information about water safety and drowning  
18                    prevention. They would also be required to distribute  
19                    written materials to every student.

20                            • Introduction 1058-A, sponsored by  
21                    Council Member Krishnan, would require the Parks  
22                    Department and the DOE to conduct a feasibility study  
23                    on how high school students could be prepared to  
24                    train to become lifeguards at City-managed beaches  
25                    and pools.

2                   • Introduction 988-A, also sponsored by  
3     Council Member Krishnan, would require the Department  
4     of Parks and Recreation to create an online map that  
5     provides up-to-date information for swimming pools  
6     under its jurisdiction. Thank you to our staff  
7     members, Kris Sartori and Patrick Mulvihill.

8                   • Introduction 1392-A, sponsored by me,  
9     would require quarterly payments to contractors under  
10    certain contracts with the Department of Homeless  
11    Services and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice,  
12    beginning July 1, 2027, and establish a pilot program  
13    for quarterly payments for other contracts. This bill  
14    is part of the Council's larger efforts to reform our  
15    City's contracting processes to address longstanding  
16    delays that have hampered nonprofit services,  
17    operations, and long-term stability. Thank you very  
18    much to our staff members Alex Paulenoff and Rachel  
19    Cordero.

20                  Finally, we will be overriding mayoral  
21    vetoes of four bills that respectively protect  
22    CityFHEPS recipients from rent increases and ensure  
23    they are not overly rent-burdened, advance pay  
24    equity, and improve City contracting. Let me be  
25    clear, there is no New York without working people.

2                   It is our responsibility as government to ensure that  
3                   all New Yorkers can lead lives with dignity,  
4                   opportunity, and safety. That requires affordable  
5                   rents, pay equity for people of color, women, and  
6                   City contracting functions that are effective to  
7                   allow nonprofits to focus on serving New Yorkers.  
8                   This Council has remained steadfast in protecting New  
9                   Yorkers and putting their interests first. And today  
10                  is just another example of our commitment.

11                  We will override mayoral vetoes of the  
12                  following bills:

13                  • Introduction 1372, sponsored by the  
14                  Deputy Speaker, Diana Ayala, would require that the  
15                  rent contribution for CityFHEPS recipients not exceed  
16                  30 percent of the household's total monthly income.

17                  • Introduction 982-A, sponsored by  
18                  Council Member Tiffany Cabán, would require private  
19                  employers with more than 200 employees working in the  
20                  City to submit a pay data report.

21                  • Introduction 984-A, sponsored by  
22                  Majority Leader Amanda Farías, would require an  
23                  agency to conduct an annual pay equity study on  
24                  private employers with 200 or more employees.

2                   • Introduction 1248-B, sponsored by me,  
3     would codify an Office of Contract Services that  
4     would serve as the City Chief Procurement Officer.

5                   Thank you, colleagues, for your  
6     attention. I now turn it back over to our Majority  
7     Leader.

8                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
9     Speaker Adams. We will now move into the Discussion  
10    of General Orders, and I would like to first  
11    recognize Council Member Hanif, followed by Council  
12    Member Gennaro, then Council Member Riley.

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority  
14    Leader. In his final month in office, Mayor Eric  
15    Adams has made one thing unmistakably clear...

16                  (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

17                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: There will be  
18    silence in Chambers! Sergeants, please remove the  
19    folks from the gallery who are disruptive! [GAVEL]

20                  SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE)

21                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I will have  
22    silence in the Chambers!

23                  (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

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2                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Either comply  
3 with the sergeants and remove yourselves from the  
4 gallery, or they will remove you.

5                   (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

6                   SERGEANT AT ARMS: (INAUDIBLE)

7                   (PAUSE)

8                   (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

9                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: [GAVEL] I will  
10 have silence in the Chambers so that we can continue  
11 with the Agenda.

12                   (PROTESTORS CHANTING)

13                   (PAUSE)

14                   SPEAKER ADAMS: There will be order in the  
15 People's House.

16                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you so  
17 much. I now recognize Council Member Hanif.

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

19                   In his final month in office, Mayor Eric  
20 Adams has made one thing unmistakably clear. He is  
21 apathetic to the needs of working-class New Yorkers.  
22 At a time when families are struggling with rising  
23 rents, stagnant wages, and a broken contracting  
24 system, the Mayor chose to turn his back on real,  
25 tangible solutions.

2                   Today, this council has both the  
3                   opportunity and the obligation to stand firmly on the  
4                   side of New Yorkers by overturning the Mayor's veto  
5                   on four critical pieces of legislation.

6                   Introduction 982-A and Intro 984-A,  
7                   sponsored by Council Member Amanda Farías and Tiffany  
8                   Cabán, move us toward true pay transparency and  
9                   equity in the private sector. By requiring data  
10                  reporting and a comprehensive pay equity study, these  
11                  bills give our city the tools to uncover persistent  
12                  wage gaps and take meaningful systemic action.

13                  Introduction 1372, from Council member  
14                  Diana Ayala, ensures that CityFHEPS households are  
15                  not rent burdened and pay no more than 30% of their  
16                  income toward rent, an essential safeguard as housing  
17                  costs continue to skyrocket.

18                  And Introduction 1248-B, championed by  
19                  Speaker Adrienne Adams, establishes an Office of  
20                  Contract Services to finally bring transparency,  
21                  oversight, and accountability to a contracting system  
22                  that has long failed nonprofits and taxpayers alike.

23                  For Mayor Adams to veto these bills in  
24                  his final weeks is more than disappointing. It's a  
25                  deliberate rejection of fairness, stability, and

2 basic good governance. It is a slap in the face to  
3 working women fighting for equal pay, to families  
4 striving to stay housed, and to every New Yorker who  
5 expects their tax dollars to be managed responsibly.  
6 I am proudly voting to override Mayor Adams' veto on  
7 all four bills, and I urge my colleagues to join me  
8 in putting the needs of New Yorkers above the  
9 indifference of this administration. Thank you.

10                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
11 Council Member Gennaro, (TIMER) followed by Council  
12 Member Cabán, then Council Member Menin.

13                   COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam  
14 Majority Leader.

15                   I'm speaking on Introduction 1397-A about  
16 stormwater management. Intro 1397-A is the next step  
17 in the work that we began last year when we passed  
18 Local Law 124, a law that mapped where inland  
19 flooding is most likely to happen in New York City.  
20 Coastal flooding areas have been mapped for more than  
21 10 years, but not inland flooding areas.

22                   As New York continues to face the growing  
23 threat of terrible weather events, we must make sure  
24 that our building codes reflect the realities of the  
25 changing climate.

2                   In recent years, storms like Ida have  
3                   made it abundantly clear that flood risk is not  
4                   unique just to shorelines. Inland flooding from rain  
5                   is a big new concern, and by incorporating inland  
6                   flood risks into our construction rules, this bill  
7                   closes a critical gap in our resilience strategy and  
8                   helps protect homes, businesses, and lives from  
9                   future floods.

10                  This bill moves us forward in three  
11                  simple but powerful ways.

12                  One, it brings the right City agencies  
13                  together to study how we should build in areas that  
14                  repeatedly flood from heavy rain. This study will  
15                  result in changes to the building code.

16                  Second, it requires the DOB to clearly  
17                  show residents when a property is in an area at high  
18                  risk for inland flooding so people can make informed  
19                  decisions.

20                  And third, it adds basic protection to  
21                  our building code to ensure above ground fuel tanks  
22                  in flood prone areas are elevated, a small but  
23                  important change that can prevent big problems when  
24                  streets and basements are filled with stormwater.

2                   This bill ensures that New York City  
3 treats inland flooding with the seriousness it  
4 deserves and that we are preparing all of our  
5 neighborhoods for the climate realities of today.

6                   I'd very much like to thank the Speaker,  
7 the bill sponsors, and members of the EPR Committee,  
8 and all the staff of the committee that worked on  
9 this bill, uh, including my LD, who's sitting behind  
10 me, Josh Gachette. Thank you all very much.

11                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
12 Council Member Cabán (TIMER), followed by Council  
13 Member Menin, then Council Member Stevens.

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

15                  I want to start by stating that I am  
16 deeply disappointed but unsurprised that Eric Adams  
17 decided to use his last weeks in office to betray all  
18 women on behalf of big corporations. His veto of the  
19 Cabán-Farías pay equity package is a betrayal of the  
20 working class and especially of Black and brown women  
21 who suffer the most from pay inequity.

22                  I'm proud to join my colleagues today in  
23 overriding his bid to impress the billionaires he's  
24 soon going to need a job from. And when we shine a  
25 light on inequity, we create the conditions to end

2                   it. These are bills that are about accountability and  
3                   equity for New Yorkers, especially the women and  
4                   people of color who have been underpaid and  
5                   undervalued for generations.

6                   This legislation would not have been  
7                   possible without the steadfast leadership of Majority  
8                   Leader Amanda Fariás, the tireless advocacy of Power  
9                   New York, Legal Momentum, and so many organizations  
10                   and workers who have fought for pay transparency and  
11                   fairness. And I want to thank Sarah Swaine from the  
12                   Legislative Division for her help with it, and also  
13                   extend my thanks to Jonah Birch and Celia Castellan  
14                   from my team for their commitment and collaboration  
15                   in getting this across the finish line. And thank you  
16                   to Speaker Adams and the Speaker's team for your  
17                   support in overriding this absolutely ridiculous  
18                   veto. Thank you.

19                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
20                   Council Member Cabán. Recognizing Council Member  
21                   Menin, followed by Council Member Stevens, and then  
22                   Council Member Zhuang.

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much,  
24                   Majority Leader.

I'm pleased today to talk about two of my bills that we are going to be voting on.

4 The first, Intro 1225, creates a  
5 permanent Office of the Census. This is really  
6 mission-critical, because in 2020, when I served as  
7 the City's Census Director, we were left scrambling  
8 trying to get every New Yorker counted. And due to  
9 the efforts that we launched, where we partnered with  
10 hundreds of community groups that were trusted voices  
11 in their neighborhood, and due to the partnership  
12 that we had from so many groups across the city, we  
13 were able to finish number one on the census of all  
14 major cities—meaning that we are still receiving  
15 billions of additional dollars for our schools, for  
16 SNAP, for Head Start, for hundreds of vital social  
17 service programs. This permanent Office of the Census  
18 will then allow New York City to plan properly to  
19 ensure that every single New Yorker is counted. And  
20 given the fact that in Washington right now, there  
21 are once again efforts to add a citizenship question  
22 to the census unlawfully, something that we  
23 successfully fought at the US Supreme Court, this  
24 office is going to be more important than ever to  
25 start early.

2 And then secondly, I wanted to talk about  
3 my Bill 895, which would require every single school  
4 and childcare facility across New York City to  
5 provide life-saving EpiPens. As a mother of a food-  
6 allergic child, I almost lost my son when he was two  
7 years old due to anaphylactic shock, and it was only  
8 an EpiPen that saved his life. So I want to take a  
9 moment to thank Dina Hawthorne and Thomas Silvera  
10 from the Elijah Foundation for their advocacy. I want  
11 to ask them to stand up. They lost their son, Elijah,  
12 when he was three years old, and I want to thank them  
13 for their partnership and for honoring the legacy of  
14 their son, which we are doing today by passing this  
15 bill. Thank you.

16 (APPLAUSE)

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
18 Council Member Stevens.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon.

20 Today is a true, true honor. The bills  
21 that we're moving forward are not just a Legislative  
22 win; it's a moment to reflect on the reason why I  
23 serve. My experience in our communities shaped each  
24 bill in this package, and passing them together

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2                   represents a meaningful step towards transparency,  
3                   equality, and empowerment of New York City.

4                   Intro 796-A will bring transparency to  
5                   something that every day deeply impacts us, our  
6                   sidewalk sheds. For so long, these structures have  
7                   gone up without explanation, and they affect families  
8                   and businesses with a feeling of blocking entire  
9                   blocks. This bill gives the community the clarity  
10                  that they deserve about what's happening in their  
11                  neighborhood.

12                  And with Intro 423 (sic) **(Transcription)**

13                  **Note: \*Introduction 1423)**, we're taking positive  
14                  steps to ensure safety by creating a public inventory  
15                  of city-owned retaining walls. This lets people have  
16                  an understanding of the conditions of the  
17                  infrastructure around them and how it helps prevent  
18                  emergencies from happening.

19                  With those bills, they address different  
20                  issues, but they share one powerful purpose—to put  
21                  information and their power back into the hands of  
22                  the people. Because when our residents have access to  
23                  real-time, timely information, they can advocate,  
24                  they can organize, they can shape their own futures.  
25                  This is what the legislative package represents—

2                   listening to the community, honoring their lives,  
3                   experiences, and ensuring that government works with  
4                   them, not around them.

5                   I'm grateful to my colleagues and their  
6                   partnerships for being proud champions of this  
7                   legislation that centers transparency, equality, and  
8                   human dignity. Together, those bills push us close to  
9                   being a city where every voice matters and every  
10                   community is respected. Thank you.

11                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
12                   Council Member Zhuang.

13                   COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you.

14                   As a City Council Member, I think it's a  
15                   roller coaster ride for my job. Yesterday I was  
16                   responding to ICE in my district. Today, I'm here to  
17                   champion a better quality of life for all New  
18                   Yorkers. Probably all my colleagues had phone calls  
19                   and complaints from our constituents. The park is not  
20                   safe. There are violent activities in the park. We  
21                   all ask the NYPD and Parks for patrol. But we rarely  
22                   see any Park staff, because there are not enough PEP  
23                   Officers or PEP Rangers in our city.

24                   Intro 1425 will allow us to see where  
25                   Park deploys our current staff and what enforcement

2                   they're conducting. We will also learn, every  
3                   quarter, the current staff levels. I want to thank  
4                   DC-37 for working closely with me on this bill.

5                   Also, in New York City, we cannot  
6                   regulate the rats, but we are able to regulate the  
7                   City agencies. We want to make sure City agencies do  
8                   their job. When they get phone calls from our  
9                   constituents, they have to answer all the 311 calls.  
10                  I'm happy to tell everyone that Intro 1217 will  
11                  require the Department of Health Inspector to inspect  
12                  a property within 14 days after a 311 call. I'm happy  
13                  to say we also include the language that ensures if  
14                  DOH cannot gain entrance for inspection on the first  
15                  attempt, they must make a second attempt within 20  
16                  days.

17                  I want to thank all the people who worked  
18                  on my bill, and also, especially, I want to thank my  
19                  PR, Katelynn Ulrich. She worked very hard on both  
20                  bills. And also, I want to say to Mayor-Elect  
21                  Mamdani, if you want to make the city affordable,  
22                  make our parks safe so we can enjoy them and have  
23                  hopeless romantic dates in the parks, too. (TIMER)

24                  (LAUGHTER)

2                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one  
3 else signed up to speak, Report of Special  
4 Committees?

5                   CLERK: None

6                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Report of  
7 Standing Committees?

8                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil  
9 and Human Rights, Intros 982-A and 984-A, pay data  
10 and pay equity.

11                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

12                  CLERK: Ms 191 and 192, Veto Messages for  
13 Intros 982-A and 984-A.

14                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

15                  CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
16 Contracts, Intro 1248-B, Office Of Contract Services.

17                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18                  CLERK: M 193, Veto Message for Intro  
19 1248-B.

20                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

21                  CLERK: Intro 1392-A, vendor payments.

22                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on  
23 General Orders.

24                  CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
25 Education, Intro 1002-A, airway clearance devices.

2                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on  
3 General Orders.

4                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
5 Environmental Protection, Resiliency, and  
6 Waterfronts, Intro 1397-A, stormwater flooding.

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

9                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
10 Finance, Preconsidered LU 440 and Reso 1174 through  
11 Preconsidered LU 446 and Reso 1180, tax exemptions.

12                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

13                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on General  
14 Welfare, Intro 1372, rental assistance vouchers.

15                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

16                   CLERK: M 194, Veto Message for Intro  
17 1372.

18                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be Filed.

19                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
20 Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation.  
21 Intro 1225-A, Office of the Census.

22                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on  
23 General Orders.

24                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on Health,  
25 Intro 895-A, epinephrine devices.

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2                   SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on  
3 General Orders.

4                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing  
5 and Buildings, Intros 796 and 1217-A, sidewalk sheds  
6 and building inspections.

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

9                   CLERK: Intro 1384-A, construction site  
10 safety training.

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

13                  CLERK: Intro 1456-A, awnings and  
14 accessory signs.

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

17                  CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land  
18 Use, LU 420 and Reso 1181, and LU 421 and Reso 1182,  
19 Walk to Park Sites.

20                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21                  CLERK: LUs 426 and 427 MTA 125th and  
22 Lexington Rezoning.

23                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with  
24 Modifications and Referred to the City Planning

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2                   Commission pursuant to Section 197-(d) of the New  
3                   York City Charter.

4                   CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks  
5                   and Recreation, Intros 988-A, 1058-A, and 1059-A,  
6                   pools, lifeguard corps, and water safety materials.

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

9                   CLERK: Intro 1425-A, urban park rangers.

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

12                  CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
13                  Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro 1154-A, high  
14                  visibility pavement markings.

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

17                  CLERK: Intro 1423-A, city-owned retaining  
18                  walls.

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

21                  CLERK: On the General Orders Calendar, LU  
22                  422 and Reso 1183 and 423 and Reso 1184, 1720 Atlantic  
23                  Avenue Rezoning.

24                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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2                   Before we move into the vote on General  
3 Orders, we will now consider the four bills vetoed by  
4 Mayor Adams. These bills are Introduction Numbers  
5 982-A, 984-A, 1248-B, and 1372.

6                   The question before the Council now is,  
7 shall these four bills pass, the objection of the  
8 Mayor notwithstanding? I now call on the Clerk to  
9 take a roll call vote only on the four bills that  
10 were vetoed by Mayor Adams.

11                  CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12                  CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

13                  CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14                  CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

15                  CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

16                  DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

17                  CLERK: Council Member Banks?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

19                  CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

21                  CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

23                  CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I am voting aye. I

25 do think on 982-A, with respect for Council Member

2                    Cabán, it is a little rough to try to get that  
3                    implemented from the perspective of the employer. I  
4                    am all for the data, but I just want to warn people  
5                    that it could be a major burden for some employers.  
6                    Thank you very much.

7                    CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

8                    MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

9                    CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

10                   COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Very proudly, I  
11                    vote aye.

12                   CLERK: Thank you.

13                   Council Member Carr?

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on Intro 1248  
15                    and no on the rest.

16                   CLERK: Thank you.

17                   Council Member De La Rosa?

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

19                   CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

21                   CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes

23                   CLERK: Council Member Felder?

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes

25                   CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

3                   CLERK: Thank you.

4                   Council Member Gennaro?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

6                   CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

8                   CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

12                  CLERK: Council Member Holden?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: No on all.

14                  CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Permission to

16                  explain my vote?

17                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission

18                  granted.

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you.

20                  As you've heard from some colleagues  
21                  already, today we again confront a familiar pattern  
22                  from this administration—vetoes that ignore the  
23                  realities facing working class New Yorkers that  
24                  undermine the clear decision and veto-proof majority  
25                  these bills passed within this council. With mere

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2 weeks left in office, the Mayor has once again chosen  
3 obstruction over collaboration, rejecting bills that  
4 strengthen pay equity, keeping low-income tenants  
5 from being rent burdened, and finally bringing long  
6 overdue accountability to a contracting system that  
7 routinely leaves nonprofits waiting months to be paid  
8 for critical work.

9                   Our responsibility is not to protect any  
10 mayor's legacy. It is to protect New Yorkers. These  
11 bills passed with overwhelming support because they  
12 address real needs in every district represented in  
13 this chamber. And for that reason, I vote aye to  
14 override these vetoes. Thank you.

15                   CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

17                   CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

19                   CLERK: Council Member Lee?

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

21                   CLERK: Council Member Louis?

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

23                   CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

25                   CLERK: Thank you.

2                   Council Member Marmorato?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on  
4 1248-B and no on the rest.

5                   CLERK: Council Member Marte?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

7                   CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

9                   CLERK: Council Member Menin?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

11                  CLERK: Thank you.

12                  Council Member Morano?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye on 1248-B and  
14 no on the rest.

15                  CLERK: Council Member Moya?

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

17                  CLERK: Thank you.

18                  Council Member Narcisse?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I share my  
20 colleagues' concern on 982-A. While I am concerned, I  
21 share that-- I don't have to repeat the same thing  
22 that Gale Brewer mentioned, and I vote aye, but I  
23 have a little concern about it. I am still having  
24 concerns. Thanks.

25                  I vote aye.

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye on all.

4                   CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

6                   CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

7                   MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: No on all except  
8 for 1284-B, for which I vote, yes.

9                   CLERK: Council Member Powers?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

11                  CLERK: Council Member Restler?

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

13                  CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

15                  CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

17                  CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

19                  CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

21                  CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

23                  CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

25                  CLERK: Council Member Ung?

2                   COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

3                   CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: No on all with  
5 the exception of Intro 1248, for which I vote, yes.

6                   CLERK: Council Member Williams?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

8                   CLERK: Council Member Won?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

10                  CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

12                  CLERK: Thank you.

13                  Council Member Ariola?

14                  MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Yes, on 1248-B,  
15 and no on all the rest.

16                  CLERK: Council Member Fariás?

17                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I proudly vote  
18 aye on all.

19                  CLERK: Speaker Adams?

20                  SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

21                  (PAUSE)

22                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The vote is as  
23 follows:24                  • Introduction 982-A, 40 in the  
25 affirmative, 7 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

3 affirmative, 7 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

- Introduction 1248-B, 46 in the

5 affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

- Introduction 1372, 40 in the

7 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions.

11 || SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much,

12 Majority Leader, thank you, colleagues.

13 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call  
14 vote on all the remaining items on today's General  
15 Order Calendar.

16 CLERK: Sorry, one moment.

17 Council Member Abreu? Aye

18 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU:

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayilés?

20 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

22 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

23 || CLERK: Council Member Ban

## 24 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

25 || CLERK: Council Member Bot.

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

3                   CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (ABSENT)

5                   CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

7                   CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

8                   MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

9                   CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

11                  CLERK: Council Member Carr?

12                  COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

13                  CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

15                  CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

17                  CLERK: Council Member Epstein?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Yes

19                  CLERK: Council Member Felder?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes

21                  CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

23                  CLERK: Thank you.

24                  Council Member Gennaro?

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

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2                   CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

3                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

4                   CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

6                   CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

7                   COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (ABSENT)

8                   CLERK: Council Member Holden?

9                   COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

10                  CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

11                  COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

12                  CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

14                  CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

16                  CLERK: Council Member Lee?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

18                  CLERK: Council Member Louis?

19                  COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

20                  CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye on all.

22                  Permission to explain my vote?

23                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission

24                  granted.

25                  COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you.

2                   I just want to thank my colleagues today  
3 for the support on Introduction 1002, because it is  
4 very personal to me after losing a family member to  
5 choking. It's a devastating loss that nobody can  
6 explain or even begin to imagine. So when it comes to  
7 children, I just felt like we needed more safeguards  
8 or stronger safeguards put in place in the schools,  
9 and I'm just so proud that every school will have an  
10 airway clearing device stocked in their department,  
11 and the staff will be trained. And even if this just  
12 saves one life, it really is something that is  
13 meaningful. And I just thank everybody for the  
14 support. Thank you.

15                   CLERK: Council Member Marte?

16                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

17                   CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

19                   CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

21                   CLERK: Council Member Morano?

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

24                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission  
25 granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Before casting my  
3 aye vote on everything, I want to speak from the  
4 heart about the driving force behind this  
5 legislation, Intro 1002. Intro 1002 exists for one  
6 reason: because Council Member Kristy Marmorato  
7 refused to accept that a child choking in a New York  
8 City school should ever lose their life simply  
9 because the right life-saving tool wasn't there. This  
10 bill will change that. It will save lives—a lot more  
11 than one. And that's a legacy any public servant  
12 would be proud to leave. But it's especially fitting  
13 for Kristy. In just a few weeks, Kristy will be  
14 leaving this council. And I can tell you personally,  
15 I'm really going to miss her. She is not only one of  
16 the finest, most conscientious council members we  
17 have, she's also a remarkable human being, steady,  
18 compassionate, and sincere in a way that you don't  
19 see often in politics. And she's become a true  
20 friend. And this bill reflects the best of her—her  
21 heart, her determination, and her belief that  
22 government should meet people at their most  
23 vulnerable moments and make sure they're protected.

24 So, I am proud to cosponsor this  
25 legislation, I'm proud to, yes, but more than that, I

2                   am proud of Kristy for her leadership, for her  
3                   service, and for the countless families who will  
4                   never know her name, but will one day get their child  
5                   back, because she insisted that this city do better.

6                   And with that, I enthusiastically vote  
7                   aye on all.

8                   (APPLAUSE)

9                   CLERK: Council Member Moya?

10                  COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

11                  CLERK: Thank you.

12                  Council Member Narcisse?

13                  COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSSE: I vote aye.

14                  CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

15                  COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

16                  CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

17                  COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

18                  CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

19                  MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: I vote aye.

20                  CLERK: Council Member Powers?

21                  COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I am voting aye,  
22                  and I want to take the opportunity to welcome my  
23                  former Assemblymember and now neighbor in the City  
24                  Council for a couple of weeks, Harvey Epstein, to the

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2    City Council. Nice to see you here. My condolences to  
3    you.

4                   ALL: (LAUGHTER)

5                   COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I'm just kidding.

6    (LAUGHS) I'm kidding. Congratulations and welcome.

7                   CLERK: Council Member Restler?

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'd like to be  
9    associated with the remarks of Council Member Morano,  
10   and congratulate Council Member Marmorato on her  
11   service here.

12                  I vote aye on all.

13                  CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14                  COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

15                  CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

16                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

17                  CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18                  COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

19                  CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20                  COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

21                  CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

22                  COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

23                  CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24                  COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

25                  CLERK: Council Member Ung?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: (INAUDIBLE)

3 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member Won?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

12 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I'd like to align  
13 myself with Council Member Morano's statements about  
14 my wonderful colleague, Kristy Marmorato. You're a  
15 friend, you're a colleague, and you're a sister.

16 Thank you so very much.

17 I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Farias?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on  
20 all.

21 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on  
24 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote

25

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2 of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
3 abstentions.

4                   Introduction & Reading of Bills?

5                   SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
6 referred to Committee as indicated on today's agenda.

7                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We  
8 will now move into the Discussion of Resolutions. And  
9 I would first like to recognize Council Member  
10 Joseph, followed by Riley, then Stevens.

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

13                   So today we're voting on July 26 as  
14 Haitian Konpa Day. How many people here love to  
15 dance? I know you do. All right! (LAUGHS)

16                   ALL: (LAUGHTER)

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: To celebrate the  
18 legacy of Haitian music and dance in the cultural  
19 landscape of New York City. So that's my first one.

20                   My second one is to thank the sisterhood,  
21 the hard work, for the love of Sigma Gamma Rho.  
22 November 12 will now be designated as Sigma Gamma  
23 Rho. And you told me I had 50 seconds. Thank you.

24

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you,  
3 Council Member. I'd like to recognize Council Member  
4 Riley, followed by Council Member Stevens.

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

7 Today, with Resolution 251, we take a  
8 meaningful step toward protecting our young people  
9 and expanding opportunities...

10 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor,  
12 please!

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: especially in the  
14 communities that need it most.

15 Can I start over?

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Yes, please  
18 restart the... (CROSS-TALK)

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Set my time back,  
20 please... (CROSS-TALK)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member's  
22 time on the clock, Clerk.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you.

24 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

25

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Can we please  
3 have silence in the Chambers?

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Shhhh...

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet, please!

6 (INAUDIBLE)

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Please, (LAUGHS)  
8 for Council Member Riley, please, thank you.

9 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

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

12 Thank you, Majority Leader, once again.  
13 Today, with Resolution 251, we take a meaningful step  
14 toward protecting our young people and expanding the  
15 opportunities, especially in the communities that  
16 need it the most. The resolution calls on the New  
17 York State Education Department to allow high school  
18 seniors to count lifeguard certification towards  
19 their PE credit, moving us toward a safer and more  
20 prepared city.

21 We all know the urgency around water  
22 safety. Drowning remains one of the leading causes of  
23 unintentional deaths across the country, and New York  
24 has faced ongoing lifeguard shortages that have  
25 closed pools, limited hours, and cut off recreation

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2 for families, particularly in our city's underserved  
3 neighborhoods.

4                   Resolution 251 gives us a real solution.

5 It builds a pipeline of trained young people who gain  
6 life-saving skills, leadership experience, and  
7 meaningful job opportunities while keeping our pools  
8 and beaches fully staffed and safe.

9                   I'm requesting everyone to support  
10 Resolution 251, and thank you, Majority Leader, for  
11 your time.

12                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
13 Council Member Stevens.

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Today, we are  
15 voting on Resolution 843, sponsored by myself.  
16 Foster care youth face enormous boundaries in the  
17 path to higher education, including inconsistent  
18 support, limited guidance, and a lack of clear  
19 information about the financial resources available  
20 to them. Nationally, only five percent of foster care  
21 youth graduate from four-year colleges. The state's  
22 legislation, which this resolution supports,  
23 addresses this gap in procedural achievements. They  
24 are requiring the New York State Education Department  
25 and the New York State Office of Children and Family

2                   Services (OCFS) to prepare and distribute clear,  
3                   accessible materials about financial aid for foster  
4                   care youth. This legislation ensures that young  
5                   people are not held back simply because they were  
6                   never told that this information or these resources  
7                   existed. The State Senate has already shown its  
8                   support by passing this bill earlier this year, and  
9                   it is now up to the Assembly and the Governor to act.  
10                  This resolution is about empowerment. It's about  
11                  making sure every foster care youth, every student  
12                  navigating the child welfare system, has the  
13                  information they need to pursue higher education and  
14                  build a fair future they deserve. (TIMER) I urge my  
15                  colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution. Thank  
16                  you.

17                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Seeing no one  
18                  else signed up to speak, we will now have a voice  
19                  vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote  
20                  against or abstain from today's Resolutions, please  
21                  notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by  
22                  approaching the dais.

23                  I will now read today's Resolutions into  
24                  the record:

2                   • Resolution 54 calls on the New York  
3                   City Department of Education and the New York State  
4                   Education Department to collaborate on and prioritize  
5                   increasing the number of educators trained to work  
6                   with English Language Learners and to improve the  
7                   quality and comprehensiveness of English Language  
8                   Learners' education.

9                   Will all those in favor say aye?

10                  ALL: Aye

11                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
12                  nay?

13                  ALL: (SILENT)

14                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

15                  ALL: (SILENT)

16                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

17                  • Resolution 251 calls on the New York  
18                  State Education Department to allow a lifeguard  
19                  certification to substitute for Physical Education  
20                  Credit for high school seniors aged 17 years and  
21                  older.

22                  Will all those in favor say aye?

23                  ALL: Aye

24                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
25                  nay?

2                   ALL: (SILENT)

3                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

4                   ALL: (SILENT)

5                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

6                   • Resolution 469 recognizes May 15 as  
7                   International Water Safety Day.

8                   Will all those in favor say aye?

9                   ALL: Aye

10                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
11                  nay?

12                  ALL: (SILENT)

13                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

14                  ALL: (SILENT)

15                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

16                  • Resolution 498-A calls on the  
17                  Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to create  
18                  a program that provides New York City's first  
19                  responder agencies with real-time Global Positioning  
20                  System (GPS) data for all MTA buses.

21                  Will all those in favor say aye?

22                  ALL: Aye

23                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
24                  nay?

25                  ALL: (SILENT)

2                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

3                   ALL: (SILENT)

4                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

5                   • Resolution 575 calls on the New York  
6 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
7 legislation providing for annual adjustments to the  
8 rental and carrying charges for Mitchell-Lama  
9 developments based on increases in the Consumer Price  
10 Index.

11                  Will all those in favor say aye?

12                  ALL: Aye

13                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
14 nay?

15                  ALL: (SILENT)

16                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

17                  ALL: (SILENT)

18                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

19                  • Resolution 773-A calls on the New York  
20 State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
21 A.3024, which directs the Metropolitan Transportation  
22 Authority to establish a student fare program for  
23 trains and buses.

24                  Will all those in favor say aye?

25                  ALL: Aye

2                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
3 nay?

4                   ALL: (SILENT)

5                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

6                   ALL: (SILENT)

7                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

8                   • Resolution 843 calls on the New York  
9 State Assembly to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
10 A5658A/S378, which directs the New York State  
11 Education Department and the New York State Office of  
12 Children and Family Services (OCFS) to prepare  
13 posters and pamphlets to ensure that foster youth are  
14 made aware of the higher education financial  
15 resources available to them.

16                   Will all those in favor say aye?

17                   ALL: Aye

18                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
19 nay?

20                   ALL: (SILENT)

21                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

22                   ALL: (SILENT)

23                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

24                   • Resolution 987 declares July 26 as  
25 Haitian Konpa Day annually to celebrate the legacy of

2                   Haitian music and dance in the cultural landscape of  
3                   the City of New York.

4                   Will all those in favor say aye?

5                   ALL: Aye

6                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
7                   nay?

8                   ALL: (SILENT)

9                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

10                  ALL: (SILENT)

11                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

12                  • Resolution 1016 calls on the New York  
13                  State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,  
14                  legislation setting the minimum notice period for  
15                  rent increases to 60 days for Mitchell-Lama rental  
16                  and co-op residents.

17                  Will all those in favor say aye?

18                  ALL: Aye

19                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
20                  nay?

21                  ALL: (SILENT)

22                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

23                  ALL: (SILENT)

24                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

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2                   • Resolution 1063 designates November 12  
3 annually as Sigma Gamma Rho Day in the City of New  
4 York to recognize the sorority's commitment to  
5 sisterhood, scholarship, and service and to positive  
6 community impact.

7                   Will all those in favor say aye?

8                   ALL: Aye

9                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say  
10 nay?

11                   ALL: (SILENT)

12                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

13                   ALL: (SILENT)

14                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

15                   We will now move into General Discussion,  
16 and I'd like first to recognize Council Member  
17 Morano, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez.

18                   COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you, Madam  
19 Majority Leader.

20                   Before I begin, I want to take a moment  
21 to welcome our newest colleague, Council Member  
22 Harvey Epstein. Harvey, we're glad to have you here,  
23 and I'm looking forward to working with you.

24                   Today I'm introducing legislation that I  
25 believe will make a meaningful difference in the

2                   lives of countless New Yorkers. It addresses an issue  
3                   that too often goes unnoticed until it's too late—  
4                   concussions, traumatic brain injuries, and the long-  
5                   term risks associated with repeated head impacts,  
6                   including CTE. Most people think of CTE as something  
7                   that only affects professional athletes, but the  
8                   truth is, it affects young athletes, recreational  
9                   players, and many of our own city employees working  
10                   in physically demanding or high-risk jobs. And  
11                   tragically, here in New York City, we were reminded  
12                   of the stakes in July when the Midtown shooting  
13                   involved an individual who believed untreated head  
14                   trauma had caused his mental decline. Nothing excuses  
15                   violence, but it really showed how critical it is to  
16                   take this issue seriously.

17                   What we lack right now is awareness. In  
18                   fact, in the Netflix documentary about Vince McMahon,  
19                   I was very surprised to see how many professional  
20                   athletes questioned whether CTE is even real. If  
21                   that's where the understanding is, we have a lot of  
22                   work to do. So this bill focuses on exactly that. It  
23                   creates a citywide public education campaign so  
24                   families, coaches, and workers know the signs of  
25                   concussions and where to get help. It makes

2                   concussion and CTE awareness training available for  
3                   City employees in high-risk jobs. And it requires A  
4                   recurring report so we can understand the trends and  
5                   shape smarter policy moving forward. It doesn't ban  
6                   sports, and it doesn't interfere with privacy; it  
7                   simply gives people the information they need to  
8                   protect themselves and the people they care about.

9                   So I'm proud to introduce this  
10                   legislation. I think it complements some legislation  
11                   the Council's already passed. And I welcome and  
12                   encourage all of you to sign on as sponsors so that  
13                   we can move this forward together in the early part  
14                   of next year.

15                   MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing  
16                   Council Member Gutiérrez.

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you so  
18                   much.

19                   Today, I'm excited to introduce Bill  
20                   Number 1495. It's the Doula Bill of Rights. This  
21                   legislation is the next step in our large effort to  
22                   strengthen birth justice in New York City. Earlier  
23                   this session, we passed the citywide Doula Program to  
24                   codify and expand access to doula support across our  
25                   communities. And now we're making sure the people who

2 provide that care, that service, that they are  
3 respected, they are recognized in these places—they  
4 go to work, they are protected, and that they are  
5 listened to.

6                   The bill reflects years of conversations  
7 I've had with doulas, midwives, birth workers, and  
8 new parents. Again and again, they told us that the  
9 system can feel opaque, inconsistent, and at times,  
10 downright hostile to the very people supporting  
11 families through one of the most vulnerable moments  
12 of their lives.

13                  The Doula Bill of Rights aims to bring  
14 clarity, accountability, and dignity into that space.  
15 Under this legislation, the Commissioner of Health  
16 and Mental Hygiene will be required to develop and  
17 publish a clear, accessible list of rights for doulas  
18 working in hospitals. These rights will help ensure  
19 that doulas can do their job safely, collaboratively,  
20 and without unnecessary barriers, and that birthing  
21 people know exactly what they're entitled to expect.

22                  The bill also creates a formal feedback  
23 channel, a submission form for doulas to share  
24 concerns, experiences, and recommendations directly  
25 with the City.

2                   Finally, the Doula Bill of Rights  
3 establishes a permanent Doula Advisory Council made  
4 up of doulas, recent parents, the Commissioner, and a  
5 representative from New York City Health + Hospitals.  
6 Their charge will be to study the realities of doula  
7 work, review feedback, and advise on the growth and  
8 implementation of the citywide doula program,  
9 ensuring it remains responsive and equitable as it  
10 expands.

11                  I know I've spoken a lot about doulas in  
12 my time here to this body. They're all very  
13 different, and they all support one another—all the  
14 bills that we're so lucky to have passed. And I'll  
15 continue to talk about doulas, because our work is  
16 not done until every single birthing person is  
17 receiving a safe, empowering birth experience that I  
18 was so lucky to have.

19                  We're building a system that listens,  
20 learns, and evolves from the voices of those who know  
21 it best. Thank you so much. I encourage all of you to  
22 (TIMER) sign on.

23                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you so  
24 much, Council Member.

2 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I  
3 will now call on... Recognizing Council Member  
4 Zhuang?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you.

6 Colleagues, today I am introducing a bill  
7 that will allow New Yorkers to file a 311 complaint  
8 when their SNAP benefits get stolen. This is the  
9 number one case in my office. We get probably 801,000  
10 cases a year of SNAP benefits being stolen.

11 Starting September 30th this year, HRA no  
12 longer takes these complaints, and the federal  
13 reimbursement stopped last year with the new  
14 president. Now people are seeing their benefits get  
15 cut in half.

16 SNAP theft is still rampant in our city.  
17 It's the number one case, probably in a lot of  
18 council members' offices. Most of the time, these are  
19 seniors unsure how to use the EBT (INAUDIBLE) app or  
20 unsure what they should do when they're benefits are  
21 stolen. This bill can simply refer New Yorkers to one  
22 place to file a 311 complaint, and the NYPD will be  
23 notified, and the person will receive information on  
24 where they should go to get food assistance,  
25 especially for families with needs.

2                   This process will ensure our seniors get  
3                   the help they deserve. Also, they will get help from  
4                   our law enforcement to crack down on this theft. As  
5                   of right now, no agency keeps records for SNAP theft  
6                   in our city.

7                   I hope together we can pass this bill to  
8                   help people in need. Please sign onto my bill,  
9                   Introduction 1500. Thank you.

10                  MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

11                  Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I  
12                  will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close  
13                  today's Stated Meeting.

14                  SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam  
15                  Majority Leader. The Stated Meeting of December 4,  
16                  2025, is hereby adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



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