

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

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March 20, 2013  
Start: 3:02 p.m.  
Recess: 4:02 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
CHRISTINE C. QUINN  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria Del Carmen Arroyo  
Gale A. Brewer  
Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Elizabeth S. Crowley  
Erik Martin Dilan  
Daniel Dromm  
Mathieu Eugene  
Julissa Ferreras  
Lewis A. Fidler  
Helen D. Foster  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
James F. Gennaro  
Vincent J. Gentile  
Sara M. Gonzalez  
David G. Greenfield  
Daniel J. Halloran III  
Vincent Ignizio

Robert Jackson  
Letitia James  
Andy King  
Peter A. Koo  
G. Oliver Koppell  
Karen Koslowitz  
Brad S. Lander  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Stephen T. Levin  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Darlene Mealy  
Rosie Mendez  
Michael C. Nelson  
James S. Oddo  
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.  
Diana Reyna  
Donovan Richards  
Joel Rivera  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
Deborah L. Rose  
Eric A. Ulrich  
James Vacca  
Peter F Vallone, Jr.  
James G. Van Bramer  
Albert Vann  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills

## A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Rev. George Haigler  
Trinity United Methodist Church

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MAJORITY LEADER: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Barron.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Comrie.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Crowley.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Dickens.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Eugene.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Ferreras.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Foster.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Gentile.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Halloran.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: James.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

MAJORITY LEADER: Mealy.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Right here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Palma.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Recchia.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

MAJORITY LEADER: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIQUEZ: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Van Bramer.

[no response]

MAJORITY LEADER: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Quorum is

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present. My colleagues please rise for the

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invocation being delivered today by Reverend

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George Haigler From Trinity United Methodist

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Church in the Bronx. All rise.

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REVEREND HAIGLER: Thank you. Let

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us pray. Heavenly Father it is in your name that

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we come before you this afternoon invoking your

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blessings upon this legislative session of the New

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chambers and meeting place of City Hall here in



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2 our great city, New York. We ask for blessings  
3 upon this council and its speakers, its majority  
4 leaders, its officers and all its assembled  
5 members. We ask that you guide them through with  
6 your provenance and care and bestow upon them  
7 great wisdoms to carry out the work they do for  
8 the people of this great metropolis that we call  
9 home where we raise our families, where we live  
10 out our careers and bask in the glow of our  
11 retirements. Please Father give them the laser  
12 focus to carry out their duties with the sincerity  
13 and heart of the people's best interests. Knowing  
14 that you preside over the duties of humankind and  
15 count on our service to our fellow citizenry with  
16 observant care. Please bless this session of the  
17 council, their constituents, all their families,  
18 our city, our Mayor and all our elected officials  
19 and the homes and districts they represent. This  
20 we ask in your name. Amen.

21 ALL: Amen.

22 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
23 much. Council member Foster?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Yes, thank  
25 you. It gives me great pleasure to spread in full

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2 the invocation on the record and to congratulate  
3 my Dominican colleagues on the Dominican Republic  
4 beating Puerto Rico last night in the Baseball  
5 World Cup.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council  
7 member Foster. I just want to make a couple of  
8 announcements and then we will have one moment of  
9 silence. I just want to recognize, we've been  
10 joined by the entire Lew Fidler clan are with us  
11 today. So, we will hear more about them later but  
12 thank you. Robert Jackson has asked us to note  
13 that the time of the Education Committee has been  
14 moved from 10:00 to 11:00 tomorrow to accommodate  
15 the Chancellor. So please note that. Doug  
16 Muzio's McCauley honors class is with us in the  
17 balcony. So we love the McCauley honors class.  
18 So, yay. Wait till we get them a campus then his  
19 head's going to be too big for the chambers, you  
20 know what I'm saying? We have some other visitors  
21 today, Sarah, do you Council member Gonzalez, do  
22 you want to note our other visitors?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank  
24 you, Madam Speaker. Public School 169, Principal  
25 Josephine Santiago, Laurie Riveras, their guidance

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2 counselor. I want to welcome them to this  
3 chamber. I want my colleagues to welcome them.  
4 This is the fifth grade. Their leadership team  
5 and I want to say to them, local government is  
6 important. I wanted them to come and see us in  
7 action. My granddaughter is with them. Eliza  
8 Gonzalez. Thank you.

9                   SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council  
10 member Gonzalez. And I won't be here for next  
11 year's Women's History month but Council member  
12 King will so I hope this becomes a tradition. The  
13 council member King reached out to our office  
14 earlier and wanted to present all the women  
15 council members something for Women's History  
16 month. Far be it for me to stand in the way of  
17 gifts to gals. You know what I'm saying? So,  
18 Council member King, let me turn a moment over to  
19 you.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER KING: First, I  
21 wanted to-

22                   SPEAKER QUINN: He is showing you  
23 up and he just got here, Jimmy. And you had years  
24 to have done this. We need silence for Council  
25 member King.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: First, I want  
3 to say thank you and I want to give a shout out to  
4 Brother Richards who has joined the party here at  
5 City Hall. I am no longer the rookie in the room  
6 but it's a blessing but I wanted to- I'm still a  
7 rookie I don't want to get it wrong now. But I do  
8 want to say thank you.

9 In the month of March we recognize  
10 our women who have done remarkable things during  
11 the course of history. But each and every one of  
12 our colleagues here who raise children, who go  
13 back to their districts, spends time, helping make  
14 sure their better half is doing something or their  
15 men in the their lives that are doing wonderful  
16 things and being very supportive. And all us  
17 brothers are supporting our sisters here.

18 And I think this is the time that I  
19 want to share my gratitude and when I walked into  
20 the doors of city hall, all of you reached out  
21 hands shook your hands to me and gave me some  
22 wisdom, gave me some suggestions of how I can  
23 navigate and I'm truly grateful to all my  
24 colleagues in the council and I'm even more  
25 grateful for the staff here, the ladies who move

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2 the things. My sister, you do a wonderful job, I  
3 appreciate you so on behalf of the thoughts that  
4 my dad taught me: if you keep the ladies happy,  
5 the house will be okay. So I want to make sure  
6 that we keep the house okay and all the gratitude  
7 I would send a rose to all our councilwomen here.

8 MALE VOICE: That's from all of us?  
9 Thank you, Council member King for all of us and  
10 for part of my speech also, thank you.

11 MALE VOICE: Now, speaker. Can I  
12 just say, my wife is going to kill me. Not only  
13 did I not bring her flowers, he brings flowers for  
14 every women, I'm in trouble.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Some people have  
16 game, some people don't. I'm just saying. [off  
17 mic] Individually wrapped too, Jimmy. I'm just  
18 saying. It's impressive. And as Council member  
19 King makes his way back to his seat if I could ask  
20 my colleagues to please rise for a moment of  
21 silence.

22 I do want to note good news. The  
23 last stated meeting I mentioned that Council  
24 member Arroyo's granddaughter is not doing well  
25 and asked folks to pray for her and she is doing

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2 terrific. I just saw a picture and to quote  
3 Maria, "she is back to her diva self". I'm not  
4 talking about Maria. I am talking about her  
5 granddaughter so that is great, great news and so  
6 thank you all for keeping the little one in your  
7 prayers.

8                   Unfortunately though we do have  
9 some sad news that on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 John Frank  
10 Russell, the beloved husband of our assistant  
11 majority leader Inez Dickens passed away after a  
12 bout with lung cancer. First diagnosed in 2009  
13 and given three weeks to live, John, with the love  
14 and support and assistance of many dear friends and  
15 with his own strength, persistence, and will took  
16 three weeks and turned it into four years.

17                   John Frank Russell was a proud  
18 native tar heel of North Carolina. He grew up  
19 with his three brothers and four sisters before  
20 moving to New York in the 1960's. John's strong  
21 moral and work ethic and reliability led him to a  
22 successful 35-year career at UPS. He and Inez  
23 were married for 31 years. And John supported his  
24 wife in all her endeavors including supporting her  
25 political achievements by pounding the pavement on

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2 Inez's behalf and selling fundraising tickets to  
3 neighbors and friends. Those friends knew John as  
4 tall, quiet and slender but when he decided to use  
5 that deep unmistakable bass voice, everyone  
6 listened.

7 John was an active member of  
8 Teamsters local 804 and old colleagues from UPS  
9 and the Union could often be found in his basement  
10 slapping cards on the table or shooting pool. As  
11 Inez recalled, John was one avid card player.  
12 He'd take your shirt if you let him. In fact, one  
13 time a particularly good run at the black jack  
14 table allowed him to treat Inez to a new car. And  
15 we know Inez has high card standards so that must  
16 have been a very good run at the card table.

17 John loved to travel and had been  
18 all over the world. According to John he had done  
19 more than he had ever dreamed of. He married the  
20 love of his life. Got to vote for her. See her  
21 elected to public office and was able to cast a  
22 vote to help elect our country's first Black  
23 President. In his final accounting when feelings  
24 of regret or fear could apparently be excused,  
25 John exclaimed in his own words that he had "no

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regrets".

Our thoughts, prayers and loves go out to Inez and the entire Dickens and Russell family. And I just want to share with folks. I've been texting a lot with Inez and she made note of how touched she was by the folks who came over, the folks who called, the folks that have texted her and how supported and loved she has felt by the extended council family.

I did call her this morning and tell her not to come today. That she needed to rest and take a little more time. She objected but we told her we all gave her no choice so I just wanted you to know how grateful she is to everybody. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We now move on to adoption of minutes.

MALE VOICE: None.

MAJORITY LEADER: Messages and papers from the Mayor.

MALE VOICE: None.

MAJORITY LEADER: Communication from city, county and borough offices.

MALE VOICE: None.



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2 MAJORITY LEADER: Petitions and  
3 communications.

4 MALE VOICE: None.

5 MAJORITY LEADER: Land use call  
6 ups.

7 MALE VOICE: M1092 and M1093 on  
8 Pages 2.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple  
10 those please, Mr. Majority Leader and have a roll  
11 call on the couple of land use call up.

12 MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

13 MALE VOICE: Arroyo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: I vote aye  
15 and ask consent to vote aye on the general order  
16 calendar.

17 MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE: Brewer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

21 MALE VOICE: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

23 MALE VOICE: Chin.

24 [no response]

25 MALE VOICE: Comrie.

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MALE VOICE: Crowley.

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MALE VOICE: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote

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aye and with permission I vote aye on all general

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank

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MALE VOICE: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here. Aye.

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All of the above.

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MALE VOICE: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Gennaro.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader  
3 I vote yes on Land use call ups and I request  
4 permission to vote on the general order calendar.

5 MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote  
7 yes.

8 MALE VOICE: Gentile.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

10 MALE VOICE: Gonzalez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALES: Aye.

12 MALE VOIE: Greenfield.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

14 MALE VOICE: Halloran.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

16 MALE VOICE: Ignizio.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

18 MALE VOICE: Jackson.

19 [no response]

20 MALE VOICE: James.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: May I be  
22 excused to vote on all items on the calendar and  
23 all resolutions?

24 MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye

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MALE VOICE: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Majority,  
may I have permission to vote. I want to vote aye  
on all matters in today's general calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye  
and I'd like unanimous consent to vote aye on all  
matters on the general calendar and all  
resolutions.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes. Can we get  
silence into the chambers?

[off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote  
aye.

MALE VOICE: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote  
aye and I ask permission to vote all on general  
coupled orders?

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote

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MALE VOICE: Lander.

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MALE VOICE: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye and I

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Mealy.

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MALE VOICE: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Palma.

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MALE VOICE: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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MALE VOICE: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Richards.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

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MALE VOICE: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I ask

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permission to vote aye on all calendar items and

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all resolutions as well.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye.

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Thank you.

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MALE VOICE: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Unanimous consent to vote on all land use call ups or coupled general orders and resolutions?

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Weprin.

[no response]

MALE VOICE: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Andy King whooped all of our behinds. I vote aye.

MALE VOICE: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Lander.

[no response]

MALE VOICE: Oddo.

MAJORITY LEADER: Can we get some silence into the chambers?

MALE VOICE: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

MALE VOICE: Speaker Quinn.

[no response]

MALE VOICE: Thank you. Today's land use call ups adopted by 47 in the affirmative

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2 and 0 in the negative. We now move on to  
3 Communication from the Speaker.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Today  
5 we're voting on a number of different pieces of  
6 legislation. The first one comes out of Council-  
7 Chair Fidler's, excuse me, committee Intro 666a in  
8 relation to reporting data related to sexually  
9 exploited children and I want to thank Teresa  
10 Nozzer, Andrea Vasquez, Jen Wilcox and Molly  
11 Murphy for their work on this.

12 I want to call on the sponsor and  
13 the Chair in a moment but before I call in the  
14 sponsor and the Chair to outline the bill I just  
15 want to take a moment to thank Chair Fidler.  
16 Whether it's the initiative around beds for  
17 homeless LGBT and runaway youth or this piece of  
18 legislation asking the question, do we know who  
19 the sexually exploited children are that we serve  
20 and are we doing enough?

21 I think this youth services  
22 committee led by Lew Fidler has done more on these  
23 issues than any youth services committee we've  
24 ever had and probably any in the country. And  
25 I've said it before Lew but I want to say it



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2 again. Your family's here. There are not a lot  
3 of votes in this for you. It's not like a lot of  
4 people in your district are knocking on your door  
5 going, have you passed legislation yet on sexually  
6 exploited children or LGBT runaway and homeless  
7 youth but you are the most dogged advocate of  
8 these children because it's the right thing to do  
9 and I just want to thank you for that on behalf of  
10 all of us on the city council. And asked Lew to  
11 tell us more about this legislation.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you  
13 very much Speaker Quinn and before I do that, I  
14 ask a moment to of indulgence. Both you and  
15 Council member King stole my thunder just a little  
16 bit. I want to introduce members of my family.  
17 The greatest woman in my life is here to celebrate  
18 Women's History Month, everybody. That's why  
19 she's here. My wife, Robin. My son, Harry, who's  
20 on recess from law school and frankly had nothing  
21 better to do.

22 MALE VOICE: Lew, I think you're in  
23 trouble. I think you're in trouble, Lew.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Talk about stealing  
25 thunder, Lew.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Council  
3 member, she's spoken for. And all kidding aside.  
4 The true guest of honor for me today, my son Max  
5 who was sworn in this morning as an attorney in  
6 Brooklyn. Thank you.

7 And on the bill, first, I want to  
8 thank the Speaker for those exceptionally kind  
9 words and for helping move this bill quickly to  
10 the floor. And to add my thanks to the speakers,  
11 to the attorneys who all worked on this and to  
12 rest of the youth services committee staff and  
13 Council member Palma as a Chairman of the General  
14 Welfare Committee.

15 As the Speaker alluded to, I have  
16 stood up on this floor many, many times over the  
17 last 11 years to talk about the 3,800 some odd  
18 children who sleep on our streets at night, every  
19 night without the warmth and comfort of their  
20 family.

21 It is sad to say that an  
22 extraordinary number of them were driven from  
23 their homes by sexual exploitation and a given  
24 number of them, a significant number of them were  
25 sexually exploited once they got onto the street.

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Sadly, we not only don't know how many of them there are but we don't know if we're serving them. We don't know how many of them are waiting to be served and that to me is a tragedy. It's a wonderful thing that the state of New York has passed a Safe Harbor Act, a disgraceful thing that they've grossly underfunded it. But in the meanwhile as we look at this crisis in our city, the least we could do is take a measure of the problem and understand just how many kids are in this category, who are on the waiting list on the shelter bed programs, who aren't being seen, who are being seen in drop in centers so we can get a full measure of the problem.

I just ask each of you to think for a moment, what if one of those children was your child and suggest to you that every one of them is your child. It is our responsibility to take care of them and I urge you all to support this bill today. Thank you.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much, Chair Fidler. I know our Minority Leader Oddo would like to announce there would be an emergency meeting of the Men's Caucus immediately

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following the Stated meeting in his office.

Okie dokie. We are also voting on an important package of legislation coming out of our Veteran Affairs Committee. I want to thank Kelly Taylor and Teresa Nozzer. These three pieces of legislation 945a, 1014, and 1019 sponsored by Chair Eugene, Council member Gonzalez and Council member Wills.

This package together will one, make the Mayor's office of Veteran Affairs, and we want to thank MOVA for their work on this, a more efficient agency by making sure that their website is clear, on target, and has a comprehensive listing of jobs. The other two pieces of legislation will fix problems within our present structure that actually make it more difficult for veterans returning from service to get employment.

Right now there are some jobs that require. For example, a year's experience before you can get a city license. In some case, the law reads that that experience has to be in the five boroughs so if you're doing the very same work in Iraq or Afghanistan where I would argue is under harsher, more dangerous conditions than in the

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2 five boroughs, that experience is disregarded and  
3 you have to start all over. Or if you need  
4 consistent service in an area and you take a break  
5 from it in New York, that's disregarded.

6 The wisdom of this package led by  
7 Chair Eugene, Council members Gonzalez and Wills  
8 fix those errors. And in fact, says I hope  
9 affirmatively to Veterans, we respect your  
10 service, we're grateful for your service. And we  
11 want you to come work for us because you are some  
12 of the best potential employees out there. So let  
13 me first call on Chair Eugene then Council member  
14 Gonzalez, then Council member Wills.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you  
16 very much, Madam Chair. I'm glad to stand here  
17 before my colleagues to speak briefly about a  
18 series of legislation that will make a meaningful  
19 impact on the issues of unemployment among  
20 Veterans.

21 As many of you know, the  
22 unemployment rates are higher among our service  
23 men and women who are returning home after making  
24 unimaginable sacrifices on behalf of our country.  
25 It is only right that we at the City Council do

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2 our part to make job opportunities accessible and  
3 services available.

4 I would like to thank our Speaker  
5 Quinn for her sponsorship and support as well as  
6 helpful on behalf of our Veterans. Please let me  
7 also thank my colleagues, Council member Sarah  
8 Gonzalez and Ruben Wills for their conviction of  
9 the bills that will alleviate the burden of  
10 certain licensing requirement for skilled and  
11 qualified veterans. I urge you today to support  
12 these important changes that allow veterans to use  
13 their skill and knowledge gained overseas for  
14 employment in the civilian workforce.

15 I'm also asking you to support  
16 M2945a sponsored by myself that would make MOVA  
17 website a one stop shop for jobs and resources for  
18 veterans. Under the bill, MOVA site would cover  
19 to include the veteran job banks created by Google  
20 and the wire house to make sure all city  
21 government jobs are uploaded. MOVA's site would  
22 also have a feature to guide to civil city service  
23 position by military occupations and links to a  
24 number of - - sources including military skilled  
25 translators and guides to resources available

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2 through the state and the federal government. And  
3 I'm asking all my colleagues to support the three  
4 bills. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very  
6 much, Chair Eugene. I'm next calling Council  
7 member Gonzalez and Council member Wills but if we  
8 could get a little more quiet in the chambers.  
9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Thank  
11 you, Madam Speaker. It's an honor for me to lead  
12 this bill preconsidered Intro 1014. It's an honor  
13 because I see this as a tool for veterans as they  
14 return from war. Folks that have protected our  
15 country, that have fought for our country. They  
16 definitely deserve to have continuity of life for  
17 their families and themselves, to be able to  
18 employable and to be able to continue here the way  
19 they've given to us.

20 So, today I'm very proud. I want  
21 to thank Speaker Quinn. I also want to thank  
22 Kelly Taylor and Rob Newman who have been  
23 instrumental in bringing this forth. I ask my  
24 colleagues to vote on this yes and we will  
25 continue to provide bills that provide quality of

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2 life. Thank you.

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4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I urge my  
5 colleagues to vote yes on this entire bundle of  
6 bills. It goes towards the quality of life that  
7 our veterans not only expect but deserve. I share  
8 that the pre-stated press conference story that me  
9 and the Commissioner Holiday from the Mayor's  
10 office of Veterans Affairs was in the district and  
11 we met with the Tuskegee airmen and as they spoke  
12 of their stories we met the one who flew the first  
13 bomber. And met a lieutenant colonel who was the  
14 first officer of the naval academy. They actually  
15 spoke on these bills and told me to relay a  
16 message to the speaker and to Council member  
17 Eugene and thanked them on their leadership  
18 because if they had these bills when they came  
19 home, their quality of life would have been  
20 greatly expanded. I ask all of my colleagues to  
21 vote yes.

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22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very  
23 much. We are also voting today on the Council's  
24 operating budget and I want to thank Chair Recchia  
25 and Ed O'Malley and Wayne for their work on that.  
We are voting on a number of important Land Use



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The first one, Piers 17 and Council member Chin's district and Andy King may be making the guys look bad but Margaret Chin is making us all look bad in the number of big Land Use items that she seems to resolve to an amazing degree over and over again so let's hear it for Council member Margaret Chin. I want to thank Gail Benjamin, Alonzo Carr, Anne McCaughey, Ramone Martinez, Katie Cody, Mike Lazko, Danielle Picaaro and Alyssa Weiss for their work on Pier 17. I want to thank subcommittee Chair Mark Weprin and full committee Chair Leroy Comrie.

In the Pier 17 proposal which is a proposal to redo Pier 17 to make it a more successful commercial venture there are a number of important community issues around noise, around open space, around giving the tenants who have been there, an opportunity to come back. Around allowing the tenants who are there now, to be there all summer to push back the start date so they could start to make up some of the money they lost in Sandy. Council member Chin was able to achieve all of that on behalf of her community

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working with subcommittee Chair Mark Weprin.

But another important part, not of the direct Land Use item, but I just want to mention it, that goes along with the Pier 17 action is a change in the lease with the Economic Development Corporation and the Howard Hughes Corporation. This change is going to bring us a 7 day a week, 12 month a year, regional food market to South Street Seaport. The type of market I spoke of with my 2010 State of the City address. A market that will become a tourist destination as well as a benefit for Lower Manhattan.

I just want to thank everyone but particularly Council member Chin who worked with us on this food market and we believe we may have the opportunity to grow it further moving forward. But I just want to thank Margaret for that and let me now call on Council member Chin and subcommittee Chair Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madam Chair. I would like to thank you for your staunch support throughout this whole entire ULURP process and steadfastness in fighting for this market. In particular I also want to thank Katie

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2 Cody for meeting with us late into the evening. I  
3 also would like to thank my council colleagues,  
4 especially Chairman Weprin and Chairman Comrie  
5 because as you know within the last 9 months this  
6 is my third ULURP and all the time they have been  
7 invaluable, helpful and providing guidance and I  
8 really appreciate that.

9           In addition, all of the members of  
10 the Land Use division, Gail Benjamin, Ann McCoy,  
11 Alonzo Carr and Rob Modraglia, I know they say  
12 enough already Margaret, but we just keep on  
13 coming. And I also want to personally thank my  
14 own staff, Matt Riggiano, the Director of my Land  
15 Use and Planning and my Communication Director  
16 Kelly McGee for working on this. And we also want  
17 to thank the administration side. They have been  
18 quite helpful too and EDC and the team there,  
19 Reggie Thomas, Joe Coletti and Patrick O'Sullivan.  
20 But I also wanted to thank my community. People  
21 who came to the hearing. People who have been  
22 working with us like the local community board 1  
23 and the Chairwomen Catherine They-Hughes, the Save  
24 our Seaport Coalition, The Metropolitan Waterfront  
25 Alliance and all the vendors and small businesses

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that make the Seaport so unique.

One of the most important things that we were able to get from the planners as the Speaker mentioned that a lot of the small businesses at Pier 17 who were devastated by Hurricane Sandy, will have an opportunity to stay beyond the summer so that they could recoup some of the loss and you heard them and we heard them at the hearing so I'm really happy and thankful to Howard Hughes Corporation for agreeing to do that and at the same time they also recognize the important contribution of the Seaport Museum so they have also committed doing a financial commitment to the Seaport Museum to the tune of \$750,000 and this will really help ensure the successful future of this neighborhood cultural institution.

So with this plan we have a potential of two food markets and one that will come to line next year in the Fall and there will be significant public open space with the views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the New York City harbor. There will be infrastructure that will ensure that an active maritime use is on Pier 17 and the

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2 concern that was raised about the noise that  
3 affects citizens, neighbors in Brooklyn and  
4 Manhattan will be addressed. So I urge all my  
5 colleagues to support this. Thank you very much.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you Council  
7 member Chin. Chair Weprin?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you,  
9 Madam Speaker, my colleagues. This was a five  
10 hour hearing we had last week and I mentioned  
11 earlier I was very sick that day and although my  
12 head and my chest were all stuffed up my heart was  
13 feeling good because we spent five hours hearing  
14 testimony from hundreds of citizens and different  
15 issues were brought up and this issue that  
16 Margaret Chin was able to negotiate was able to  
17 account for so many of the ideas that we brought  
18 up and to take care of a lot of the concerns that  
19 the merchants had as to when this project would  
20 start and whether they could still have the summer  
21 months to an issue that Steve Levin raised that  
22 the music that will be played in the new roof  
23 garden, the music would go over to Williamsburg  
24 and his constituents would be concerned about that  
25 and there's going to be an acoustic study done to

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2 make sure and Ms. Reyna of course as well, to make  
3 sure that that problem is not as bad.

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5 And then there's the idea of the  
6 market which initially the developer did not want  
7 to do but Speaker Quinn having had the vision in  
8 the first place and Margaret Chin having fought  
9 for it and listening to those people in the  
10 neighborhood and the farmers and the people who  
11 use that market and sell their wares at that  
12 market were able to have their issues addressed as  
13 well as the community Pier 17 desire to have a  
14 maritime use over there, as well as MWBE concerns  
15 that were raised to mandate a certain amount of  
16 MWBE in the project.

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17 So my point is that, this is  
18 something that was really doing the heart good as  
19 I was sitting through these hearings it's nice to  
20 know that the ULURP process works. It's nice to  
21 know that democracy works and people do have a  
22 voice and that voice has been translated into this  
23 document and into this agreement that Margaret  
24 Chin was able to negotiate so thank you very much,  
25 my colleagues.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very

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2 much, Chair Weprin. We are also voting today on  
3 another Land Use item, one in my council district,  
4 Hudson Square, a rezoning. I want to thank Chair  
5 Weprin, Danielle DeSerbo, Wayne Coaveler, Chuck  
6 Marra, Ramone Martinez, I may have said twice on  
7 their work on this. The Hudson Square rezoning is  
8 a very important rezoning because it takes a  
9 southern part of my district, which was basically  
10 a rezoning perspective, unprotected. An area  
11 where there were no height limitations, where high  
12 rises and skyscrapers could have been developed  
13 with no limitations. An area that's largely a  
14 commercial area and not a lot of foot traffic at  
15 night, which has become an issues for small  
16 businesses.

17                   There was a clear desire from the  
18 community's part to bring in a residential but  
19 also bring in restrictions that would keep the  
20 historic kind of integrity of the district in  
21 place. But the community also wanted to make sure  
22 that the residential included affordable housing.  
23 So the rezoning we were able to accomplish. We'll  
24 do that. Bring height restrictions, bring  
25 appropriate residential affordable housing, bring

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2 in new open space as well as bringing a 444 seat  
3 school to the area to accommodate the children who  
4 will be in new residential properties and also  
5 have recreation space associated with that school  
6 so it's a very comprehensive addition the Lower  
7 West Side.

8 I want to thank everyone who worked  
9 on this. I also want to thank the Landmarks  
10 Preservation Commission for their agreement to  
11 move forward on another piece of the South Village  
12 Historic District, which is a very important  
13 component of this overall agreement that we  
14 reached. I just want to echo Margaret's thanks to  
15 the Economic Development Corporation on Pier 17.  
16 Thank you Chair Weprin and Chair Comrie. And let  
17 me call on Chair Weprin and after Chair Weprin  
18 that will conclude communications from the  
19 Speaker.

20 CHAIRPERSON COMIRE: Thank you  
21 Madam Speaker, just quickly once again after a  
22 very long year.

23 A lot of the issues you raised were  
24 taken care of. This was especially difficult  
25 rezoning in some ways because those Lower



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2 Manhattan streets it was like putting a puzzle  
3 piece together in order to try to get the full  
4 desire of all the affordable housing that we could  
5 get in time limit the size of those buildings  
6 which a lot of the community was very upset about  
7 but also to establish a residential zone which the  
8 community really wanted. This area is all  
9 commercial businesses and on the weekends there's  
10 very little foot traffic and they wanted to see  
11 some residential developments here and this  
12 process allows us to ensure residential housing,  
13 affordable residential housing but to limit the  
14 height so that they don't have large towers as  
15 they have had in the past put in there.

16 So thank you very much, Madam  
17 Speaker. Congratulations to you and  
18 congratulations to Max Fidler on becoming a  
19 lawyer.

20 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
21 much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to discussion  
22 of general orders. I've seen none. We move on to  
23 reports of special committees.

24 MALE VOICE: None.

25 MAJORITY LEADER: Reports of

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standing committees?

MALE VOICE: Report of the committee on finance, procedure M1094 on Reso 1690 and preconsidered M1095 and Resolution 1691 operating budget in lump sum OTPS.

SPEAKER QUINN: Pardon me. Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: Report on the committee on Land Use 766 and Reso 1692 through LU 772 and Resolution 1698 on Page 4, Pier 17 in Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: Land Use 775 and Reso 1699 and LU 776 and Reso 1700 UDAP Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: LU 777 Resolution 1701 through LU 779 and Resolution 1703 unenclosed sidewalk cafes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

MALE VOICE: LU 780 and Resolution 1704 unenclosed sidewalk café.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to file  
3 pursuant to letter withdrawal.

4 MALE VOICE: Land Use 781 and  
5 Resolution 1705 unenclosed sidewalk café.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
7 orders.

8 MALE VOICE: Report of the  
9 committee on veterans. Introduction 945a  
10 employment resources for veterans.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and  
12 coupled on general orders.

13 MALE VOICE: Intro 1014 military  
14 service experience.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
16 orders.

17 MALE VOICE: Intro 1019 equivalent  
18 military service experience.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
20 orders.

21 MALE VOICE: Report of the  
22 committee on youth services Intro 866a reporting  
23 data exploited children.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and  
25 coupled on general orders.

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MALE VOICE: General order  
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SPEAKER QUINN: Land Use 757 and  
Reso 1706 and Land Use 758 and Resolution 1707  
Special Hudson Square district.

MALE VOICE: Coupled on general  
orders.

SPEAKER QUINN: Resolution  
appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

MALE VOICE: Coupled on general  
orders.

SPEAKER QUINN: At this time I  
would like to ask for a general roll call on all  
the items that are coupled on the general order  
calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

MALE VOICE: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm going  
to vote aye on all but I know in deference to  
Margaret Chin. I know how much work she has put  
into Pier 17 but I'm going to abstain from LU 766  
Reso 1692, LU 767, Res 1693, LU 768 and Res 1694,  
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on all others. Thank you.

MALE VOICE: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Comrie.

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MALE VOICE: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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MALE VOICE: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

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MALE VOICE: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all

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and I want to thank Council member Chin, the

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Speaker and Chairs Comrie and Weprin and the

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entire land use division on working on Piet 17 and

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MALE VOICE: Mark-Viverito.

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MALE VOICE: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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MALE VOICE: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on

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MALE VOICE: Rodriquez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I just want to vote aye and congratulate Dromm and Rodriguez on the Dream Act Bill. A very important piece of legislation.

MALE VOICE: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

MALE VOICE: All items on today's general order calendar are adopted by a count of 48 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of LU 776 and Reso 1692 through LU 772 with Reso 1698 which was



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2 adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 0 in  
3 the negative and 1 abstention. And the revised  
4 Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 48 in  
5 the affirmative with 0 in the negative. We now  
6 move on the introduction and reading of the bills.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are  
8 referred to the committees as indicated on the  
9 agenda.

10 MAJORITY LEADER: With discussion  
11 of resolutions we have three resolutions on  
12 today's calendar. We'll start off with Resolution  
13 916-a and amended resolution calling on the NY  
14 State legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
15 into law a period 4327 which would permit the city  
16 of New York to set up a demonstration project  
17 involving speed, camera enforcement amended and  
18 adopted by the committee on transportation. Does  
19 anybody want to speak on this item? We have  
20 Council member Van Bramer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank  
22 you very much. I am very proud to be the sponsor  
23 of this resolution and I just want to say that in  
24 my mind we can affect good public policy when we  
25 can take a look at an issue and determine three

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2 things: 1. Is there a problem? And in this case I  
3 think we can all agree that speeding on our  
4 streets is a very serious problem that has deadly  
5 consequences. 2. Can we do something to fix the  
6 problem? And in this case we can. We do many  
7 things to reduce vehicular speed including  
8 installing speed bumps, stop signs, stop lights.  
9 Speed cameras are just another one of the tools  
10 that we have at our disposal to reduce vehicular  
11 speed and improve the safety of our streets. And  
12 3. Should we act? And in this case I believe we  
13 have the obligation to do so. We can and will  
14 save lives even by reducing vehicular speed by 5  
15 or 10 miles per hour, we can save lives. So I am  
16 very proud to support this resolution. Thank you  
17 very much.

18 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
19 much, Council member Halloran followed by Council  
20 member Levin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I  
22 appreciate the sentiment of my colleague. However  
23 I believe that this is once again an opportunity  
24 for us to have the Mayor use this for finance  
25 revenue purposes.

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2 We were told when the original red  
3 light cameras went into effect that we would  
4 receive as a body, statistical updates on how it  
5 worked, successful it was before it expanded. We  
6 were going to be consulted and that didn't come to  
7 be. We have all sorts of questions of due process  
8 that are at issue for our motorists who will not  
9 be in a position in the same way to challenge  
10 these tickets.

11 And more importantly the real issue  
12 is public safety. We need to be able to compel  
13 the DOT to put speed bumps down, to force signage,  
14 to have our council offices having significant  
15 input instead of it being run by FIAT, by  
16 Commissioner Khan and we also need more cops on  
17 the street. We're 6,000 cops down from the point  
18 at which Mayor Giuliani left office. That's the  
19 consequences that we don't get speed enforcement  
20 in the streets. That's what we really need.  
21 That's what will really fix the problem.

22 I appreciate Council member Van  
23 Bramer. I believe his sincerity when he says it's  
24 not about revenue. But believe me, this Mayor  
25 will make it all about revenue and we will all pay

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2 the price. I'm going to drink my 16 ounce big  
3 gulp now.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little  
5 quiet in here, please?

6 MAJORITY LEADER: Council member  
7 Levin.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Majority Leader. I just want to thank Council  
10 member Van Bramer and Speaker Quinn for their  
11 support of this resolution.

12 The fact of the matter is that  
13 speeding in New York City kills people. In my  
14 district there was a young couple and their unborn  
15 child who were killed just a couple of weeks ago  
16 by somebody going 60 miles an hour where the speed  
17 limits was 30 miles an hour like it is on all New  
18 York City Streets.

19 We have a problem in this city in  
20 the amount of enforcement that we do on speeding  
21 and that is across the board. Now that might be  
22 because we don't have enough cops to do all this  
23 or the equipment to do it. That is not really the  
24 issue at hand. The issue at hand is how do we  
25 effectively enforce speeding if it's not being

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done on a regular basis by cops with radar guns. So this is a practical measure. It's a measure that will have results and it's a measure that will save lives. So I want to thank Council member Van Bramer and the Speaker for their support.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very much. Council member Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I certainly am very supportive and I want to thank Council member Van Bramer and others. I do want to suggest that we continue to keep up signs that tell people that the speed limit is 30 miles an hour. Because I think people forget that. And between the mechanical technology catching people who are going too fast and the signs indicating that it is 30 miles per hour. Maybe hopefully people will slow down. But I do want to keep those signs. Thank you very much.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you Council member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you Majority Leader, my colleagues arise in support of this resolution understanding that the intent is

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2 to enforce basically our drivers to reduce their  
3 speed.

4                   You've heard the saying, Speed  
5 Kills. And in fact in Community Board 12 in  
6 northern Manhattan and Inwood we have a reduced  
7 speed zone of 20 miles per hour. In fact some  
8 people get off on Dyckman Street and go through  
9 the community and go into the Bronx and Riverdale  
10 to avoid paying the toll. And thus we have  
11 implemented a reduced speed zone in that area  
12 because of the seed limit situation. It will keep  
13 our neighbors safe and the community safe overall  
14 and so this is a pilot project. This is not about  
15 money and if it is then we will see that as over.  
16 But this is a pilot project and I ask all of my  
17 colleagues to support in order to save lives and  
18 keep people safe. Thank you.

19                   MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
20 much. Seeing no others. We will now call a vote  
21 on Resolution 916-a. All in favor say aye.

22                   ALL: Aye.

23                   MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed say  
24 nay.

25                   [no response]

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MAJORITY LEADER: Any abstentions.

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The ayes have it. We will now speak about Reso

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Anyone want to speak on this item? We will go

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straight to a voice vote. All in favor say aye.

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ALL: Aye.

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MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed say

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nay. Any abstentions?

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[no response]

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MAJORITY LEADER: The ayes have it.

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We now move on to Resolution 1671. Resolution

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2013, S23178 and A2597 adopted by the Committee on

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2 Immigration. Anyone want to speak on this item?

3 We have Council member Dromm.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you  
5 very much, Majority Leader. I'm speaking today on  
6 behalf of supporting this resolution. The NY  
7 State DREAM Act is extremely important to all  
8 students but particularly to undocumented students  
9 who are living in the United States, many of whom  
10 came to this country not of their own volition.

11 The NY State DREAM Act would  
12 provide tuition assistance through the TAP Program  
13 and through the establishment of a DREAM fund for  
14 these undocumented students. Last summer,  
15 President Obama-

16 SPEAKER QUINN: I'm sorry, could we  
17 get quiet in the chambers and add the time back on  
18 the clock for Chair Dromm, please. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you,  
20 Madam Speaker. Last summer, President Obama  
21 announced that DOCA deferred action to childhood  
22 arrivals and that would set these youth on the  
23 path to citizenship and for those who are in  
24 school are who are working this would be a  
25 tremendous gift. However, acquiring that



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2 education or having the funding to be able to  
3 acquire an education is a very difficult hurdle  
4 when you don't have the money. So this passage of  
5 the DREAM Act in the NY State legislature would  
6 help those undocumented students tremendously. So  
7 I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the passage of  
8 this resolution. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
10 much. Next is Council member Rodriquez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIQUEZ: Thank  
12 you. And I think I am calling on all my  
13 colleagues who support on this resolution, the NY  
14 State DREAM Act solution. I believe that it is a  
15 right thing to do. I believe that a moment where  
16 the President is brining, the President Obama is  
17 bringing both parties, both Democrats and  
18 Republics moving forward through a national  
19 comprehensive reform is the right thing to do as a  
20 state here to send the message that we are  
21 proactive in this. And it's so unfortunate that  
22 we are going to be involved in this resolution  
23 when the Governor that is a great leader in this  
24 state has not included the DREAM Act, the NY State  
25 DREAM Act in his budget negotiation.

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2                   So I hope that the message that  
3 we're sending to all the floor player in Albany is  
4 that we expected in at least few hours that's all  
5 we have based on this conversation happening in  
6 Albany that they do the right thing and move ahead  
7 with the NY State DREAM Act. So I'm calling on  
8 all my colleagues to vote aye on this.

9                   MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
10 much Council member. We have Council member  
11 Cabrera.

12                   COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Let me  
13 agree with Council member Rodriquez and let me  
14 also say that being in Washington to see a couple  
15 of time for some meetings regards to this  
16 immigration bill to federal level and they are  
17 very very close to coming to final resolution.

18                   Here at the city council may I  
19 encourage everyone to be cognizant of the fact  
20 that we're going to have 11 million immigrants  
21 either here or in New York City a large population  
22 are residing right here in New York City that are  
23 going to need the ESL classes. They are going to  
24 need the Civic classes. And they are going to  
25 need the legal services.

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2 We must be prepared. They are only  
3 going to have about a year to register. We're  
4 talking about a tremendous amount of people that  
5 are going to need services. During the Reagan  
6 years we were talking about 3 million. We're  
7 talking about almost four times as many people.  
8 Thank you so much.

9 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
10 much. Seeing no others at this point in time. I  
11 will call a voice vote for Resolution 1671. All  
12 in favor say aye.

13 ALL: Aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed say  
15 nay.

16 [no response]

17 MAJORITY LEADER: Any abstentions?  
18 The ayes have it. We now move on to the general  
19 discussion. Council member Jackson.


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21 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
22 much. Council member Jackson waives it. We will  
23 now- seeing no others. This meeting is now  
24 adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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

Signature

Date April 5, 2013