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B E F O R E: JOEL RIVERA, President Pro Tempore
CHRISTINE QUINN, Speaker

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Council Member James G. Van Bramer
Council Member Albert Vann
Council Member Mark S. Weprin
Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

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

Joseph Wilson
Professor of Political Science
Brooklyn College

Andrew Eiler
Director of Legislative Services (Retiring)
Department of Consumer Affairs

Female Speaker
Representative
Staten Island Leadership Clergy

Female Speaker
Representative
New York City Latinas Against Domestic Violence

Female Speaker
Spokesperson
Various Anti-Domestic Violence Groups

Victor Brown
Reverend
Mt. Sinai United Christian Church

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could get
3 either Council Member Comrie or Williams, please,
4 so we could start the ceremonials. [background
5 noise] Now the first ceremonial, let me give the
6 mic over to Council Member Williams, and ask Mr.
7 Wilson to get in the middle.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you
9 very much, and here are some other Council Members
10 coming. It is a great honor for me to present
11 this Proclamation to Dr. Joe Wilson. Even long
12 before they had a BMI, Black Male Initiative, at
13 CUNY, there was people like Dr. Joe Wilson seeking
14 out young black males to make sure that they
15 receive educations they may have otherwise not
16 gotten. And some of those people that he's
17 helped, myself, went through the program and
18 received a master's, also my legislative director,
19 Kay Bang [phonetic], went through the program and
20 received a master's, and there's a slew of young
21 black males in this City who he has sought out to
22 come through the program and make sure they
23 received an education that they may have otherwise
24 not received. And I think the City needs people
25 like that to reach out to those that may not be

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thinking about a direction to go, and do that.

Before it was popular, before it was funded, there was Dr. Joe Wilson at Brooklyn College [applause] and the master's program, send - - . Thank you so much. Like to say a couple--?

SPEAKER QUINN: [on mic] --read the proclamation.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Oh, can you read, Clerk, can you read the Proclamation, please.

CLERK: Certainly. Council, City of New York Proclamation. Whereas, the Council of the City of New York is proud to celebrate the month of October as Diversity Awareness Month, as we honor Joseph Wilson for his outstanding commitment and contributions to fostering greater appreciation for diversity at Brooklyn College and beyond. And whereas, Mr. Wilson has been a widely respected professor in the Political Science Department of Brooklyn College for 24 years, and the Director of its Graduate Center for Worker Education for the last 13 years. And whereas, since 1995, Mr. Wilson has been the founding Director of Brooklyn College for Diversity and

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2 Multicultural Studies. Under his visionary
3 leadership, the Center has promoted a dynamic,
4 multicultural, academic environment, through
5 policy initiatives, public forums, curriculum and
6 faculty development, student empowerment and
7 community based internships. And whereas, Mr.
8 Wilson, an active member of the Affirmative Action
9 Committee for the City University of New York has
10 also been an eloquent champion for CUNY's Black
11 Male Initiative, intended to increase, encourage
12 and support the inclusion and educational success
13 of underrepresented groups in higher education, in
14 particular black males. And whereas, recognizing
15 Brooklyn College as a true microcosm of society at
16 large, we commend Mr. Wilson for fostering
17 welcoming, inclusive campus environment for both
18 learning and teaching. Now therefore be it known
19 that the Council of the City of New York most
20 gratefully honors Joseph Wilson for his promoting
21 greater appreciation for diversity and inclusivity
22 in New York City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for
23 the Entire Council, Jumaane D. Williams, Council
24 Member, 45th District Brooklyn, and many other
25 members of the City Council. [break in audio]

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Just before we hand
3 the mic over to Mr. Wilson, I just wanted to say I
4 need your number so I can get little stories on
5 Jumaane later, and you know. [laughter] But in
6 all seriousness, I just want to thank you very
7 much for your service and your hard work in
8 creating a model that so many others are now
9 following, it's a real example of leadership. So
10 thank you, and let me ask you to say a few words.
11 [off mic] I'll hold that for you.

12 JOSEPH WILSON: Thank you, Madam
13 Speaker, and Chairman, I mean Council Member
14 Williams, and all of my dear friends and
15 colleagues. Deeply moved and honored. I just
16 want to make one very brief point: there is a
17 tremendous mantra today about the power of the
18 market, as being able to correct everything. My
19 big concern now is that the market is
20 reintroducing hatred against various ethnic,
21 religious groups, people with various sexual
22 orientations. So, I think we need to remember
23 that the market brought us the damnation of women,
24 brought us chattel slavery, the market brought us
25 colonialism. So we need to be careful to think

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2 twice about the market solving all of our
3 problems, and most important as New Yorkers and
4 citizens of the world, we need to stay together
5 regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation,
6 religion, we got to stay together, 'cause times
7 are going to get real hard going forward. Thank
8 you all, love everybody. [applause]

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
10 much. Congratulations, thank you. [background
11 noise] All right, thank you very much. Okay.
12 [background noise] If we, oh here he is, the next
13 ceremonial is going to be led by our Deputy
14 Majority Leader, Leroy Comrie and it's going to be
15 Andrew Eller, the former Director of Legislative
16 Services of the Department of Consumer Affairs,
17 who has retired after 23 years. So if he and his
18 friends and family could come up and let me give
19 the mic to Leroy.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Actually, I
21 didn't think I was leading it, I thought our
22 current Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee,
23 Council Member Koslowitz was leading it, but I'm
24 just happy as the past Chair to bring Andy and his
25 family. He's here with Commissioner Jonathan

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2 Mintz from the Department of Consumer Affairs.
3 Also Fran Friedman, the Assistant Commissioner,
4 he's here with his wife and daughter, Trudy and
5 Kristin, Andy Eiler is, was the Legislative
6 Director for the Department of Consumer Affairs
7 over a course of a long career, and I'm just happy
8 that I had an opportunity to work with him, to
9 argue with him, to have many discussions with him.
10 They were all about bettering the quality of life
11 for consumers in the City. And with that, I'm
12 going to turn it over to our current Chair of the
13 Consumer Affairs Committee, Council Member Karen
14 Koslowitz. [applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank
16 you, Leroy. I just want to say, Andy, we're going
17 to miss you. I worked with Andy from 1993 to
18 2001, and anything you wanted to know about dock
19 towing, you spoke to Andy. You didn't always
20 agree with him, but he knew everything, and many
21 times we had arguments at our meetings, but we
22 always came to terms and I'm going to miss that.
23 And unfortunately, I'm the Chair of the Consumer
24 Affairs, and we're not going to have the
25 opportunity to argue [laughter] and you know,

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2 fight on issues, but eventually you agree on
3 issues and pass legislation. So, Andy, I wish you
4 the best of luck. Good luck. You're too young to
5 retire, so [laughs]

6 ANDREW EILER: [off mic] I'm not
7 that young!

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Well
9 [laughs] so just enjoy. [applause]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Just
11 before we ask the Clerk to read the proclamation,
12 Andy, I just want to thank you. 23 years is a
13 long commitment to the City of New York, and I
14 just really want to thank you for all your service
15 to the Council, to New York City's consumers, and
16 to our City as a whole, and I, with Karen and
17 Leroy and all of our colleagues, wish you the best
18 of happiness and a lot of fun in retirement. And
19 if we could ask the Clerk to read the
20 proclamation, please.

21 CLERK: Council, City of New York
22 Proclamation. Whereas, while Andrew Eiler is
23 retiring after 23 years with the Department of
24 Consumer Affairs, where he began as an intern, and
25 after a lifetime of consumer activism he leaves

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2 behind a record of superb research on important
3 legislation affecting state, city and federal
4 governments. He became the legislator's best
5 friend in the fight against fraud, deception and
6 rip-offs in the marketplace. And whereas, Andrew
7 Eiler as Chief Legislative Analyst and Director of
8 Legislative Affairs for New York City's Department
9 of Consumer Affairs, he has worked closely with
10 three Chairs of the City Council's Committee on
11 Consumer Affairs: the present Chair, Council
12 Member Karen Koslowitz, Council Member Leroy
13 Comrie, and the late Council Member Philip Reed.
14 And because of his keen analysis and understanding
15 of the practical implications of proposed
16 legislation, he has been instrumental in creating
17 important protections for all of the citizens of
18 our City. And whereas, a graduate of the
19 University of Wisconsin, Andrew Eiler worked for
20 the United Auto Workers, undertaking important
21 legislative responsibilities. He later planned a
22 landmark conference on the dangers of lead
23 poisoning to children. He is the esteemed author
24 of the Pre-Google Guide for Consumers, the 650
25 page consumer protection handbook, which became

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2 the resource of choice for those who wanted to
3 learn their rights as purchasers. Now therefore
4 be it known that the Council of the City of New
5 York most gratefully honors Andrew Eiler for his
6 outstanding career with New York City's Department
7 of Consumer Affairs, commends him for many
8 services to our city, state and nation, and wishes
9 him great success in his future endeavors.

10 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the Entire
11 Council, Leroy Comrie; Deputy Majority Leader,
12 Council Member 27th District Queens; Karen
13 Koslowitz, Council Member 29th District Queens.

14 [applause]

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Well,
16 congratulations, Andy, and thank you. I just want
17 to recognize Commissioner Mintz from the
18 Department of Consumer Affairs who's also joined
19 us to thank you, and ask you to say a few words.

20 ANDREW EILER: Thank you. I don't
21 know what to say after all of that. [laughter]
22 But I just wanted to Speaker Quinn, Chair Comrie,
23 Chair Koslowitz, Consumer Committee Members and
24 Council, I want to thank you for your extremely
25 kind assessment of my efforts that you've put into

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2 that resolution. It's been a real honor and
3 privilege to have had the chance to work with the
4 Department of Consumer Affairs for 23 years, to
5 advocate on behalf of consumers for two
6 administrations before the City Council
7 Committees. You know, sometimes, I really felt
8 like it was on a hot seat when I was sitting
9 there, 'cause you just made it, you know, really
10 tough questions and all the rest of that stuff.
11 But it was always for the common purpose of
12 advancing consumer protection for the citizens of
13 New York. And I think we did a whole lot and
14 accomplished, looking back on it, I even ended up
15 coming around full circle [laughter] because when
16 I first worked as a volunteer for the Department,
17 I did a study or looking into process server sewer
18 service. And I found, and as a result of that, we
19 found 65 fraudulent signatures that resulted in
20 the default judgments being overturned, process
21 servers being prosecuted, and every--when I was
22 doing this work, hundreds of hours spent in
23 Municipal Court, I said, "You know what we really
24 need for this is computerized records," and people
25 said, "No, Andy, that's never going to happen."

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2 Well, guess what? Chair Koslowitz, Council Member
3 Garodnick, the Consumer Affairs Committee and the
4 Council made it happen. The impossible happened
5 because we got a bill now, a law, it's a landmark
6 that not only requires consumer records, but GPS
7 devices to document service. So, that [applause]
8 you know, that was a terrific achievement, first
9 of its kind in the country, that's going to clean
10 up sewer service. So, you know what, I thought
11 given that that's happened, there's nothing more I
12 can do [laughter] to top it all off, except you
13 all did with this Proclamation. And so I'll
14 always remember fondly what I, what all went
15 before. So thank you very much. [applause]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, and feel
17 free to send us good ideas from retirement.

18 ANDREW EILER: [off mic] You may
19 hear from me.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: That would be
21 wonderful, thank you. Congratulations, take care.
22 Thank you very much. Yeah, as Karen said, leave
23 your number. See you later, Commissioner.

24 [background noise] Let me next call up Council
25 Member Rose and the rest of the Staten Island

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2 Delegation, we have an important group of leaders
3 in the clergy from Staten Island who we want to
4 thank for all of their great work, work we wish
5 they didn't have to do this summer, but they did.
6 And if the clergy from Staten Island could come on
7 up and the other members of the Staten Island
8 Delegation, that would be terrific. [pause,
9 background noise] Debbie, why don't you step up a
10 little, so folks can fall in. [pause, background
11 noise] All right, let me turn--do me a favor,
12 Debbie, and maybe just step up a little bit so we
13 can have a couple of rows of folks, so we can get
14 everybody in the picture. And let me give the mic
15 to Debbie.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: No, no, no.
17 Today, I am so blessed to be able to honor the
18 Staten Island Leadership Clergy and the Black
19 Ministerial Alliance for all of the wonderful work
20 that they did with us this summer, and well they
21 work all year long, but this summer particularly,
22 in the heat of all of the bias crimes that we had
23 in Port Richmond, the clergy stepped forward and
24 made sure that our community was aware of--

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little

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2 quiet, please, in the Chambers?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

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They stepped forward and provided leadership and

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spiritual guidance to our community when we were

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and LGBT constituents. And so today we're here to

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say a great thank you, a big thank you to them for

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helping [applause] to quell not only the violence

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weekend they gave sermons and seminars and

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workshops about how to work together, how to be

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good neighbors, and how to deal with our issues of

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diversity. And so, I want to thank all of you for

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all that you've done for Staten Island and I am

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Staten Island, in terms of bringing peace and

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harmony to our community.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Terry, get in the

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picture and let somebody else take it. Bill, take

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the picture. So, Terry is, give me the camera.

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She's always trying to get out of the picture. I

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would've made a good nun, so would Terry for that

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matter. [laughs] But on a more serious note,

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while I force Terry back in the picture, I just

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2 want to thank Council Member Rose for her
3 tremendous leadership this summer during a very
4 difficult time [applause] on Staten Island. I
5 want to thank the members of our Community
6 Outreach Unit, who really did terrific work. I
7 want to thank all of the religious leaders who are
8 here today. And I just want to make sure our
9 colleagues understand, 'cause this is a model I
10 hope you don't have to use in your borough, but if
11 you do, shhh, we should make not of it. As
12 Council Member Rose said, these religious leaders
13 conducted a love they neighbor weekend for over 50
14 religious institutions of all faiths on Staten
15 Island, dedicating their services that weekend, to
16 teaching about tolerance and acceptance. But
17 that's only the tip of the iceberg. Every
18 community meeting had religious leaders at it,
19 every youth meeting had religious leaders at it,
20 every time we were doing anything, the religious
21 community was there, it was hours and hours and
22 hours of extra work, and they did it effortlessly
23 and with enormously open hearts, challenging
24 themselves to always do more, and branch out in
25 ways they haven't before. So I just really want

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2 to thank all of you, and you've set a model which
3 I hope we don't have to use. But if we do, we
4 know a model now we can put in place in any
5 borough or any neighborhood. So thank you, and
6 thank you Debbie. And if we could have the Clerk
7 read parts of each of the Proclamation.

8 CLERK 2: Council, City of New York
9 Proclamation. Whereas, the Council of the City of
10 New York is proud to honor members of the United
11 Ministerial Alliance of Staten Island, and the
12 Staten Island Clergy Leadership for their
13 outstanding efforts to end hate crimes in the
14 Borough of Staten Island, and throughout our City.
15 And whereas, a hate crime is a victimization of an
16 individual based upon their race, religion,
17 national origin, ethnic identification, gender or
18 sexual orientation. However, the pain inflicted
19 by such offenses is felt far beyond the intended
20 target. They also scar the victim's family,
21 friends, schools, neighbors and the entire
22 community. We are determined to not only curb but
23 prevent such offenses at all levels. We are proud
24 to pay tribute to the United Ministerial Alliance
25 of Staten Island for their own dedication to this

1 mission. And whereas in response to recent bias
2 attacks on the North Shore of Staten Island, the
3 United Ministerial Alliance of Staten Island and
4 the Staten Island Clergy Leadership have partnered
5 with Council Member Deborah Rose, Council Speaker
6 Christine Quinn, the NYPD and other local
7 organizations to create the "I Am Staten Island"
8 Campaign. And whereas, the United Ministerial
9 Alliance of Staten Island has participated in many
10 community events, including the Walk for Peace in
11 Port Richmond, the rally for peace at City Hall,
12 and the peace march across the Brooklyn Bridge,
13 the Faith and Community and Ministerial Alliance
14 Basketball Tournament, African American and Latino
15 Dinner, Port Richmond Community Friendship Dinner,
16 capacity building clergy meetings, and the
17 Interfaith March Love They Neighbor Weekend. And
18 whereas, in 2007 the Staten Island Clergy
19 Leadership started the Love Your Neighbor Sabbath
20 as a response to the murder of Ricardo Salinas in
21 Marinas Harbor the previous year. The
22 organization also hosts the annual Sister Eileen
23 Memorial Lecture, named in memory of one of its
24 members on welcoming the strangers every fall. It
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2 also sponsors and annual interfaith prayer vigil
3 in support of immigrants' rights on the eve of St.
4 Patrick's Day in honor of St. Patrick, the patron
5 saint of immigrants. Now therefore be it known
6 that the Council of the City of New York most
7 gratefully honors the members of the United
8 Ministerial Alliance of Staten Island, and the
9 Staten Island Clergy Leadership, for their
10 outstanding efforts to combat hate crimes in New
11 York City. Christine Quinn, Christine C. Quinn,
12 Speaker for the Entire Council; James S. Oddo,
13 Minority Leader, 50th District Staten Island;
14 Deborah Roses, Council Member 49th District,
15 Staten Island; and Vince M. Ignizio, Council
16 Member 51st District, Staten Island. [applause]

17 [pause, background noise]

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Our
19 deepest gratitude to Speaker Quinn, to Council
20 Member Rose, to Council Member Ignizio, Council
21 Member Oddo, all the folks on Staten Island that
22 worked together to make Staten Island a welcoming
23 community for all people at all times. If we do
24 not love our neighbor, if we do not teach
25 tolerance, if we do not honor diversity, we have

1 dishonored our God. That's what this is about.

2 Thank you. [applause]

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4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you all very,
5 very much, and I just hope you know how grateful
6 we are to all of you. Thank you, thank you,
7 Debbie. All right. [pause, background noise]

8 The next one is being led by Council Member
9 Melissa Mark-Viverito.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

11 Well, the, thank you Madam Speaker, I think we're
12 going to try to move this along very quickly. I'd
13 like to ask Maria Lisard [phonetic], Maria Cruz
14 and Grace Perez to come to the front. As we all
15 are well aware, [applause] and any colleagues that
16 would like to join, as we all know, October is
17 Domestic--[background noise]

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Let's wait till
19 everybody gets up here. No, I didn't want you to
20 talk when they weren't here. No, I just wanted
21 them to be with you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: As
23 people are aware, October is Domestic Violence
24 Awareness Month, and--[background noise]

25 SPEAKER QUINN: So will you guys,

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2 there's a little confusion, we're doing two
3 different ceremonials today related to domestic
4 violence. This first one is just for the 10th
5 Anniversary of the Brides March. So if you're
6 here for the other one, if you would just wait in
7 the back. Okay.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

9 Okay, so, so violence, October is Domestic
10 Violence Awareness Month, and we wanted to take a
11 moment to recognize the Brides March, which is
12 coming out of the New York Latinas Against
13 Domestic Violence. We have three of the
14 cofounders of the Brides March here, the names
15 that I mentioned: Maria Lisardo, Maria Cruz and
16 Grace Perez. People are not aware, this Brides
17 March is in commemoration of Gladys Ricart, who
18 was killed on the day, murdered, on the day of her
19 wedding day, in her wedding gown, by an ex-
20 boyfriend, who killed her. So this is in
21 recognition, this march, of her, it came, comes
22 out of a lot of, you know, advocacy and love, in
23 terms of wanting to raise awareness and stop
24 violence in our community, an break the cycle of
25 violence. So, we really wanted to thank you all

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2 for your efforts. Thank you for keeping the
3 memory of Gladys Ricart alive, reminding us that
4 this is a scourge that we need to continue to
5 speak up against, and to continue to allocate
6 resources to really prevent violence in our
7 communities, and to educate our communities. And
8 this Council, as we are all well aware, under the
9 leadership of our Speaker, has continued to
10 dedicate moneys to our vital organizations, some
11 which we will be recognizing shortly, for the work
12 that they do to break the cycle of violence. So
13 with that, we'd like to ask the Clerk to read the
14 Proclamation for the Bride's March.

15 CLERK 2: Council, City of New York
16 Proclamation. Whereas, the Council of the City of
17 New York is proud to honor the members of the New
18 York Latinas Against Domestic Violence on the
19 occasion of their 10th Annual Gladys Ricart and
20 Victims of Domestic Violence Memorial Walk, also
21 known as the Brides March. And whereas, the
22 Brides March serves to memorialize Gladys Ricart
23 who was shot and killed in 1999 by her abusive ex-
24 boyfriend on the day she was to marry her fiancé.
25 The murderer was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

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2 To remember Gladys Ricart, her tragic murder on
3 what meant, what was meant to be one of the
4 happiest days of her life, women who take part in
5 the Brides March are encouraged to wear wedding
6 dresses or to dress all in white. Men are asked
7 wear black in mourning of Gladys, and all victims
8 and survivors of domestic violence. And whereas
9 the 210, the 2010 Brides March held on Sunday,
10 September 6th, 26th, in Upper Manhattan, Central
11 Harlem, East Harlem and parts of The Bronx, drew
12 hundreds of women, men and children from across
13 the City, to denounce domestic violence, and to
14 mourn and memorialize those who have fallen victim
15 to these vicious acts. The March also serves as
16 an important opportunity to distribute information
17 on domestic violence, and serves, and the services
18 available to survivors. And whereas, we commend
19 the New York Latinas Against Domestic Violence for
20 its annual Brides March, as well as its many other
21 efforts to end domestic violence, and its
22 devastating effects on families and communities.
23 And be it known that the Council of the City of
24 New York most gratefully honors the New York
25 Latinas Against Domestic Violence on the occasion

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2 of the 10th Anniversary of the Brides March.
3 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the Entire
4 Council; Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member,
5 8th District, Manhattan; Julissa Ferreras, Council
6 Member, 21 District, Queens; Rosie Mendez, Women's
7 Caucus Co-Chair, Council Member, 2nd District
8 Manhattan; and Jessica S. Lappin, Women's Caucus
9 Co-Chair, Council Member, 5th District, Manhattan.
10 [applause]

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, let me just--
12 I want to--Robert said no men signed the
13 proclamation, but I wanted to note that Robert was
14 with us at the 10th Annual--[background noise]
15 Robert has perfect attendance, apparently, at all
16 ten marches. So, but if we could get a little
17 quiet back in the Chambers, or the faux Chambers,
18 such as they are. I just wanted to thank all,
19 Melissa, for bringing everyone together to we
20 could celebrate your 10th Anniversary, and note it
21 with you. I want to thank all of you for doing
22 this for ten years. The March has grown to be so
23 enormous now, and actually include multiple
24 boroughs--I know Julissa had Queens involved this
25 year--and just wanted to thank you. It was, I was

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2 able to be with you for part of the 10th
3 Anniversary, and it was really an incredibly
4 inspiring and uplifting event that really, I know,
5 moved me, and everyone who was there to commit
6 ourselves even more deeply to making sure that
7 families are safe from violence in our City. So
8 thank you all very much, and I think you're going
9 to say a few words. Okay, great.

10 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, on behalf of
11 the members of the New York City Latinas Against
12 Domestic Violence, we accept this Proclamation and
13 we thank you, all the women of the New York City
14 Council, the Speaker, Melissa, which we know has
15 been very supportive, and we appreciate it so
16 much. And we also thank the men--

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you!

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: --the men who have
19 supported this March from the very first march,
20 Robert Jackson has been there with us; Adriano
21 Espailat, an Assembly Member; and our newest male
22 supporter, Ydanis Rodriguez. [background noise]
23 Yes. [applause] And so we accept and we thank
24 you all. And I want to, again on behalf of the
25 New York Latinas Against Domestic Violence, want

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2 to have everyone set aside September 26, 2011 to
3 join us in remembering Gladys Ricart, the many,
4 many others that have lost their lives, and as
5 recent as yesterday we lost a young woman in The
6 Bronx, in The Bronx, to domestic violence. So,
7 please, September 26, rain/shine, Monday/Sunday,
8 September 26. Thank you.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you all very
11 much, take care. [background noise] The next
12 ceremonial is going to be led by the Women's
13 Caucus, and let me turn the mic over to Council
14 Member Mendez and Council Member Lappin. And if
15 we could ask the women from the Brides March to
16 stay up with us for this one, if you have a
17 moment, that would be terrific.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Thank you,
19 Madam Speaker. As we just discussed in this last
20 ceremonial, we have a long way to go to break the
21 cycle of violence and domestic violence in the
22 City of New York. But there are some--

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Shhhh. And just
24 step up a little.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: There are

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2 some organizations in this City that are doing
3 tremendous work, each and every day, to do just
4 that, to break that cycle of violence, and to make
5 this City a safer place for victims. And I'm
6 going to turn it over to Councilwoman Mendez,
7 who's going to recognize the organizations we're
8 honoring today.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you,
10 Madam Speaker, and my Co-Chair Jessica Lappin. We
11 have decided to honor just nine organizations, and
12 even that took a lot of discussion to narrow it
13 down to nine. But these are all very unique
14 organizations. Green Hope Services for Women,
15 doing work with women and alternatives to
16 incarcerations and domestic violence, and Dr. Ann
17 R. Elliott [applause] the Executive Director is
18 here. And they're physically located in Manhattan
19 doing citywide work. The next group is the New
20 York Board of Rabbis, Dayenu, the Program
21 Director, Rabbi Diana Gerson, doing work in a
22 faith community for Jewish individuals who are
23 victims of domestic violence. In Brooklyn--come
24 on, come on forward. [laughter] Yes, if, when I
25 call your name, if you could step forward, or as I

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2 start calling the organizations, and then all stay
3 in the front. The Family Justice Center [cheers,
4 applause] represented by Executive Director
5 Jennifer DeCarli, doing work in Brooklyn. And the
6 North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence,
7 Executive Director Sara Astalasa [phonetic] is
8 here. Located in Brooklyn, in my old 'hood,
9 [laughter] just had a--In Willie B., Williamsburg,
10 yeah! [cheers, applause] And the Violence
11 Intervention Program, located in The Bronx,
12 Claudia Molina and Karina Bernebe [phonetic].
13 [background noise] Okay, someone listed The Bronx
14 here, I'm so sorry. Okay. Violence Intervention
15 Program located--

16 FEMALE VOICE: Everywhere.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Everywhere.

18 There we go.

19 FEMALE VOICE: I think we're
20 represent The Bronx - -

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Okay. And
22 in Queens, Voces Latina, Executive Director
23 Nathaly Rubio-Torio. [applause] Come on up. The
24 Seamen's Society, located in Staten Island, Chief
25 Executive Nancy Vomero, Senior V.P. Margaret

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2 O'Toole, and Coordinator of the Safe Passage
3 Program, Mark Simeone [phonetic], thank you. And
4 we also want to recognize two groups doing work
5 citywide, the New York Anti-Violence Project,
6 Deputy Director of Client Services, Catherine
7 Shugrue dos Santos for doing work with same-sex
8 partners of victims of domestic violence in this
9 city. And Barrier Free Living, Family of
10 Companies, President Paul Fierstein, [cheers,
11 applause] for doing work with the disabled
12 community and women of domestic violence who are
13 disabled. Thank you, all of you, for all of your
14 work. [applause, cheers] And we have a
15 spokesperson for all of these talented groups.

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: I want to thank
17 City Council for bringing us this recognition to
18 all of this. But I also want to say to everyone,
19 this is an amazing group of women that have
20 struggled for many, many, many years to be able to
21 be here. They work an extraordinarily connected
22 and in collaborative way. And I am asking City
23 Council to remember to allocate sufficient funds
24 for our program. [laughter, applause] Our women,
25 our women are being tasked with many tasks across

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2 systems, and all of the different systems are
3 being cut. And therefore, please remember us. We
4 play an extraordinary role in the City of New
5 York, and we save the City of New York a lot of
6 money by our work. So, remember us. And on
7 behalf of all of your ladies, I honor you, and
8 gentlemen, Paul, you are really an extraordinary
9 group of women, you and all of staff that do the
10 front work, day in, day out, regardless of the
11 weather. They're like the post office, they do
12 everything in the most extraordinary way, to
13 really, really reach out to all our families.
14 Thank you very much to all of you ladies.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
16 much. If the Clerk could please read the
17 Proclamation.

18 CLERK 2: Council, City of New York
19 Proclamation. Whereas, each year the Council of
20 the City of New York observes October as Domestic
21 Violence Awareness Month, to reaffirm our
22 commitment to ending such devastating violence in
23 our communities. And to call attention to the
24 outstanding local organizations that offer vital
25 resources to victims of domestic--

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little
3 quiet for the Proclamation, please.

4 CLERK 2: --to victims of domestic
5 violence and their families. And whereas,
6 domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and
7 coercive behaviors designed to achieve and
8 maintain power and control over another person.
9 In the United States, domestic violence means that
10 one in four women will be physically or sexually
11 assaulted by a partner during her lifetime, yet
12 domestic violence is not limited to women.
13 Victims can be women and men, children and
14 seniors, and it occurs among all socioeconomic
15 levels, professions, ethnicities and religions.
16 It may include among other things physical,
17 psychological and sexual abuse. And whereas in
18 2009, New York City police officers responded to
19 more than 250,000 incidents of domestic violence.
20 This averages to more than 650 incidents per day.
21 On this occasion, it is a great privilege to
22 recognize community based organizations that are
23 working to end this public health crisis. Now
24 therefore, be it known that the Council of the
25 City of New York most gratefully honors North

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2 Brooklyn Against Family Violence, Mayor's Office
3 to Combat Domestic Violence, New York City Family
4 Justice Center-Brooklyn, Green Hope Services for
5 Women, New York Board of Rabbis Dayenu Initiative,
6 Voces Latinas, Violence Intervention Program,
7 Seamen's Society for Children and Families, New
8 York City Anti-Violence Project, Barrier Free
9 Living, for their unwavering commitment to the
10 reduction of domestic violence and for its
11 outstanding service to victims. Christine C.
12 Quinn, Speaker for the Entire Council; Rosie
13 Mendez, Women's Caucus Co-Chair; Jessica S.
14 Lappin, Women's Caucus Co-Chair; and all of the
15 many other Members of the Women's Caucus.

16 [applause]

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, and I
18 just want to correct for the record, I think it's
19 the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence
20 Project that we're honoring today, and I think
21 you're going to have to leave your proc 'cause I
22 think we got it wrong on the Proclamation. So,
23 but thank you all very much, and thank you for
24 your great service to all of the families of New
25 York City, and that concludes our ceremonials.

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Thank you.

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MALE SPEAKER: At this time we would like everyone to put their cell phones on vibrate and all staff kindly exit the main floor.

Thank you.

[pause, background noise]

[gavel]

PRESIDENT RIVERA: My colleagues, please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. [Pledge of Allegiance] Roll call.

CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [off mic]

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CLERK: Crowley. Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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CLERK: Ferreras. Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [off mic]

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CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [off

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CLERK: Gennaro. Gentile.

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Gonzalez. Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [off

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CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [off mic]

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CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [off mic]

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CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [off mic]

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CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [off

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CLERK: Mealy. Mendez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [off mic]
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4 CLERK: Nelson.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [off mic]
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7 CLERK: Palma.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [off mic]
9 Here. [on mic] Here.
10 CLERK: Thank you. Recchia.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [off mic]
12 Here.
13 CLERK: Reyna.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [off mic]
15 Present.
16 CLERK: Rodriguez.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
18 CLERK: Rose.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
20 CLERK: Sanders.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.
22 CLERK: Seabrook.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.
24 CLERK: Ulrich.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [off mic]

Here. [on mic] Here.

CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [off mic]

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CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic]

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CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [off mic]

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CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: [off mic] Here.

CLERK: We have a quorum.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: My colleagues,
please rise for the invocation being delivered by
Reverend Victor Brown from Mt. Sinai United

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Christian Church.

VICTOR BROWN: Let us bow our heads. Oh, Lord, our Lord, how excellent is they name. God of heaven and God of Earth, we reverently pause to give you thanks for the blessing of a new day. We appreciatively thank you for a reasonable portion of life, health and strength. We petition your governing, guarding and guiding presence over Speaker Quinn and Members of this prestigious Council. Overshadow our Mayor and his staff, grant unto him the clarity of wisdom to govern without selfish pretense. Remember, Lord, President Obama, as he leads, seeks to lead us through the tempestuous waves of economic unrest, mean spirited partisan politics, wars and rumors of wars abroad, and the challenge of getting much needed resource to Main Street. Grant us the inspiration to run swiftly to the banquet table of brother and sisterhood, with the understanding that there is the worst and the best of us, the best and the worst of us, therefore it should behoove many of us not to judge the rest of us. Hasten the day when lion and lamb can lie down together, and justice indeed

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2 will run down like waters and righteousness like a
3 mighty stream. Grant us the serenity to accept
4 the things we cannot change, the courage to change
5 the things we can, and the wisdom to know the
6 difference. May we always answer in the
7 affirmative to the proverbial question of the
8 ages, "Am I my brother's keeper?" And then God
9 grant us peace, joy and contentment for the
10 balance of this day, and in days to come. Amen.
11 [applause]

12 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Council Member
13 Rose.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I incur
15 [background noise] I make a motion to spread the
16 invocation in full upon the record.

17 PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my
19 colleagues to please rise. Thank you. On October
20 25, 2010, Mary Dialba [phonetic], who was 70 years
21 old, the mother of the City Council's Director of
22 Security, Carl Dialba, passed away after a very
23 long illness. Mrs. Dialba was a resident of
24 Flushing, Queens. Mary and her husband, Carl,
25 Sr., had just celebrated their 49th wedding

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2 anniversary shortly before her passing. After
3 working as a secretary, Mary Dialba was proud of
4 being able to stay home and raise the family's
5 four children, which include Carl, two brothers
6 and a sister. Mary Dialba's funeral will take
7 place on Friday, October 29th at Queen of Peace
8 Roman Catholic Church in Flushing. Our thoughts
9 and prayers go out to Carl, his father, his
10 brothers, and his sister, and their entire family.
11 [moment of silence] Thank you, Mr. Majority
12 Leader.

13 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you very
14 much. Adoption of the minutes. Council Member
15 Ignizio.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I
17 make a motion that the minutes of the Stated
18 Meeting of September 16, 2010 be adopted as
19 printed by--

20 PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.
21 Messages and papers from the Mayor?

22 CLERK: M-285 withdrawing Michael
23 Devonshire for appointment to the Landmarks
24 Preservation Commission.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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printed and filed.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: Communication from City, County and Borough Offices.

CLERK: M 0286 through M 0306 on page four, base station licenses.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: Petitions and communications.

SPEAKER QUINN: I'm sorry, Transportation.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: Petitions and communications.

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: Land Use Call-ups.

CLERK: M 0307 through M 0310, sidewalk cafés.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple all of the Land Use Call-ups, please, and have a roll call on the Land Use, coupled Land Use Call-ups. Thank you.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Gonzalez. Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [off mic]

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CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I request
unanimous consent if I vote aye on all General
Order, General Order calendar items.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

CLERK: Ferreras. Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.

CLERK: Foster.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye. And
I'd like consent to vote everything, vote aye on
everything before the calendar this afternoon.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.

CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CLERK: Gennaro. Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.

CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: May I be

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2 excused to vote on all Land Use Call-up in the
3 General Calendar.

4 PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote on
6 the everything, thank you.

7 CLERK: Koo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yes.

9 CLERK: Koppell. [gavel]
10 Koslowitz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Lander.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Lappin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Levin.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [off
20 mic] Aye.

21 CLERK: Mealy. Mendez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: Nelson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [off mic]
25 Aye.

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CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [off mic]

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CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

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CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes, Mr.

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Majority Leader, with unanimous consent, I'd like
to vote on all Land Use Call-ups and General--

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: --Call-

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ups. I vote aye.

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CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic]

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CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Can I have

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the unanimous consent to vote all, on all Land Use

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Call-up.

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: And all

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item in the General Calendar.

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you.

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I vote all, aye on all.

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CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [off mic]

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Yes.

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CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

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on all. Can we get some silence in the Chambers,
please. [background noise]

CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: [off mic] Yes.

[pause, background noise]

PRESIDENT RIVERA: All Land Use
items are adopted by a vote of 46 in the
affirmative, with zero in the negative.
Communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
much, Mr. Majority Leader. I first want to make
note of the number of Land Use items that we are
voting on today, I want to thank the Chairs of all
of our subcommittees, but particularly Chair Mark
Weprin who Chairs our Zoning Subcommittee, and of
course the Chair of our overall Land Use
Committee, Leroy Comrie, as well as Gail Benjamin
and the rest of the staff. We are voting today on
our 40th rezoning in the Borough of Queens, and
the largest rezoning that we've ever taken up for
the Borough of Queens, a rezoning that we believe
will help protect the low-rise, one and two family
home nature of many important neighborhoods in
Queens. This was a rezoning that encompassed I

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2 think three or four Council Members' districts,
3 which can often be complicated, but I think we
4 balanced quite effectively the different issues
5 and concerns here in a way that's going to help
6 protect the integrity of these neighborhoods. And
7 I want to thank everyone who was a part of that.
8 We're also in my district rezoning a important
9 part of Greenwich Village. In recent past years,
10 we saw a lot of development pressures in the
11 Village in attempts to inappropriately over
12 develop Greenwich Village, and this rezoning will
13 help protect the low rise, historic nature of
14 Greenwich Village. We're also today fulfilling a
15 promise that was made four or five, or six in some
16 cases, years ago that when we rezoned the Hudson
17 Yards and West Chelsea neighborhoods, that we
18 would extend the anti-demolition and anti-
19 harassment provisions that were put in place in
20 Hell's Kitchen Clinton to the Hudson Yards area
21 and to West Chelsea. We'll do that today and add
22 extra tenant protections to 1,500 buildings
23 throughout this area, making sure tenants there
24 are not displaced by any new development. And I
25 want to thank everyone who worked for a number of

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2 years--[disruption] If we can clear the back of
3 the Chambers, please.

4 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Can the
5 Sergeant-of-Arms please clear the room, clear the
6 back of the Chambers.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Clear the room.

8 [disruption continues, "Calendar
9 Intro 48" etc.]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: We have confirmed
11 we have good acoustics in the new Chambers, 'cause
12 I think everyone clearly heard the request to
13 calendar Intro 48. Going back to the matters that
14 are on the agenda, which that one is not, want to
15 thank everyone who was extremely helpful in making
16 sure that this important promise of protecting
17 tenants through the extension of the anti-
18 demolition, anti-harassment provisions were put in
19 place, and particularly I want to single out the
20 work of Danielle Decerbo, formerly of my District
21 Office, now in the Land Use staff, for her work on
22 that matter. Want to congratulate Council Member
23 Lander for his on the Culver El rezoning, as well.
24 We are voting on two important pieces of
25 legislation today, Intro 373-A and a Preconsidered

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2 Resolution. I want to thank Matt Gewolb, Alex
3 Pustilnik and Damien Butvick for their work on
4 these two bills. They were introduced by Council
5 Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, and moved through
6 the Government Operations Committee by Council
7 Member Brewer. And quite simply, these two bills,
8 one will require that a much greater statistics
9 about domestic violence are made available in a
10 transparent way, through my neighborhood
11 statistics, as part of NYC.gov, and that all of
12 the domestic violence statistics are now in one
13 place. And we'll also have hate crimes statistics
14 on the same place that can be accessed on the
15 internet. In doing so, if we could get a little
16 quiet, we'll make sure that New Yorkers can know
17 exactly what's happening in their neighborhoods,
18 as it relates to domestic violence and hate
19 crimes. In doing so, hopefully we can all be
20 aware of when these crimes are increasing, as they
21 now are. That'll help us in government be guided
22 on how and when we should be increasing our
23 efforts. And also, I hope it will reduce the
24 stigma that is also associated with being a victim
25 of these crimes, a stigma we want to erase, to

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2 help people feel comfortable calling the police--

3 [disruption, "Calendar Intro 48"]

4 [gavel]

5 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Can we have the
6 Sergeant-of-Arms remove these individuals from the
7 Chambers. And just to send a message that this is
8 not, will not be tolerated inside these Chambers.

9 [pause, background noise]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Let me call on the
11 sponsor of the Bill, Council Member Melissa Mark-
12 Viverito.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

14 Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to say that I'm
15 very pleased that we're voting today on these two
16 pieces of legislation, which I've introduced,
17 Intro 373-A and Preconsidered Intro 393. I want
18 to thank you for cosponsoring these with me, as
19 well as the Chair of the Government Ops Committee,
20 Gale Brewer, for her support of this legislation,
21 and thanks the staff, Rob Newman, Alex Pustilnik,
22 Matt Gewolb for their work on these bills. And
23 you've clearly stated the importance of it.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get quiet?

25 [gavel] So we can hear the sponsor.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Unfortunately, domestic violence and hate crimes continue to remain at endemic levels in this City, and making these statistics available in the "My Neighborhood Statistics" website will help New York City residents monitor the trends of these crimes in our local communities, and ensure that resources are being distributed adequately, while also demonstrating that both of these crimes remain at high levels in our City, and in need of greater attention. This represents a very important step forward of transparency and accountability in these statistics, but clearly we still have a lot of work to do. For example, I've been fighting since the last term to get--

SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get a little quiet. [disruption] Oh, geez. [gavel] Let's, we're, we're clearing the whole Chambers. Chuck, please, everyone in the public is going to be removed from the Chambers. We'll stand in recess, please go to the lounge until we clear the Chambers, we're standing in recess. All members of the public need to leave the Chambers. All staff who are not needed for the meeting need to

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm wrapping up. So,
while the two bills that we will be voting on
today represent an important step forward.
Clearly there's still much to be done on both of
these issues. For example, I've been fighting
since last term to get domestic violence
statistics reported within Comsat, something which
the Administration unfortunately was not open to.
But, the Speaker understanding the importance of
making these stats readily and more easily

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2 accessible, worked diligently to help shepherd
3 these bills forward, so I thank her for that. As
4 mentioned earlier, October is Domestic Violence
5 Awareness Month. Also, just this month we
6 witnessed some of the most disturbing hate attacks
7 against the LGBT Community, therefore bringing
8 these bills to the floor today is quite timely and
9 really add to the body of work that this Council
10 has engaged in to address both DV and hate crimes.
11 So, obviously I hope all my colleagues, I urge
12 them to join me in voting in favor of these two
13 bills. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Chair Brewer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
17 very much. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Council
18 Member Mark-Viverito. These two bills meld issues
19 that I care about, one of which is a public
20 policy, in terms of making sure that we do
21 everything we can to stop domestic violence and
22 hate crimes. But at the same time using
23 technology for what technology is best used for,
24 which is bringing issues to light. And the fact
25 of the matter is, the "My Neighborhood" site is a

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2 good site, but actually it does not have the kinds
3 of information that we are going to be putting on
4 it. More people will go to it, more people will
5 see the challenges, they'll see the breakdowns of
6 domestic violence and hate crimes, and hopefully
7 it's one more step in trying to get rid of both of
8 them. Thank you very much.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, and that
10 concludes a exciting/annoying comments from the
11 Speaker.

12 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you very
13 much, Madam Speaker. We'll move on to discussion
14 of General Orders. Seeing none--I apologize, who
15 is that? Council Member Halloran.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: First let
17 me just thank the Land Use Subcommittee Chair Mark
18 Weprin for his shepherding through the zoning
19 process. Let me also thank the Zoning Chair, the
20 Land Use Chairman, Leroy Comrie, who did such a
21 great job. This is an imperfect zoning solution
22 to some areas in my district, but the overall
23 effect will be a good one. We're downzoning and
24 protecting the quality and integrity of our
25 neighborhoods, and that's important. The details

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2 that need to be worked out in the future, they'll
3 revolve around the Mayor's willingness to work
4 with our communities, to actually have their
5 agencies actively involved in ensuring that
6 enforcement takes place, whether that's from the
7 Department of Transportation, the Department of
8 Buildings, or the Police Department. And so I
9 look forward to continuing to work the Auburndale
10 area, particularly the Station Road area, which
11 was not included in the Zoning Plan, it was pulled
12 out because consensus could not be reached. And I
13 thank very much Peter Koo, my coordinate
14 Councilman, who also had a large piece of zoning
15 done and his willingness to work with us to find
16 solutions, I'm very appreciative. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Next we have
18 Council Member Lander.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thanks very
20 much, I also want to thank my colleagues and the
21 Speaker. I'm very enthusiastic that today the
22 City Council will be passing the Culver El
23 Rezoning. This will create 68 units of affordable
24 housing in the northern section of Borough Park
25 and rezone seven blocks with a low and mid-rise

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2 mixed use contextual zoning. I'm very pleased
3 that working together we were able to even improve
4 this rezoning even more. The affordability period
5 for this home ownership project has been
6 lengthened from 15 to 30 years, I think the first
7 time that's been done in the New Foundations
8 program, and the affordability deepened. We
9 pulled some key sites out to preserve jobs, and
10 are taking good steps forward on addressing open
11 space issues and school overcrowding issues in the
12 area. Getting all that done requires a lot of
13 thanks yours, so I'll try to move through them
14 quickly. I want to thank the Speaker, Chair Comrie
15 and Chair Weprin for all their help. The Land Use
16 staff were great on this, Gail Benjamin, Carol
17 Shine and Amy Levitan. Great support from the
18 Department of City Planning, especially David
19 Parish, Winston Von Engle, Caroline Grossman and
20 Pernima Kapour [phonetic]. Mike Casitano
21 [phonetic] from the Mayor's Office, and Mike
22 Friendmanschnop my Policy Director. The Borough
23 President, particularly Richard Barack [phonetic]
24 in his office was very helpful here. Community
25 Board 12 was an extremely active participant from

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2 the beginning, and I want to especially thank
3 Eruchem Silber [phonetic] who worked extensively
4 on this project, both as a staffer for my
5 predecessor in the Council, and then as Land Use
6 Vice Chair at Community Board 12. This project
7 was five plus years in the making, and our
8 predecessors in the Council helped get it moving
9 forward, and thanks go to them, to Deputy
10 Comptroller Simcha Felder and Public Advocate Bill
11 de Blasio. And then especially to my current
12 colleagues, David Greenfield and Sara Gonzalez for
13 all their support throughout the process. This is
14 a rezoning that's going to make a big difference
15 on affordable housing, open space and jobs in
16 Borough Park and Kensington in the years to come.
17 Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you, do we
19 have anyone else on General Orders. Okay, seeing
20 none, we're going to move on to reports of special
21 committees.

22 CLERK: None.

23 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Reports of
24 Standing Committees.

25 CLERK: Report of the Committee on

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2 Governmental Operations, Intro 0373-A, Hate Crimes
3 Statistics on the City's website.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
5 on General Orders, please.

6 CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 0393,
7 domestic violence statistics on the City's
8 website.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
12 Land Use, LU 217 and Reso 508, UDAAP Bronx.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 CLERK: LU 225 and Reso 509, and
16 229 and Reso 510, sidewalk cafés.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
18 Orders.

19 CLERK: LU 230, zoning map
20 amendment.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with
22 modifications and referred to the City Planning
23 Commission pursuant to the Rule 11.7 OB of the
24 Rules of the Council and Section 197(d) of the New
25 York City Charter.

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CLERK: LU 231 and Reso 511 through
LU 234 and Reso 514, zoning amendments.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: LU 235 and Reso 515 and 236
and Reso 516, landmarks designations.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: LU 237 and Reso 517,
sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed
pursuant to the letter of withdrawal.

CLERK: LU 239 and Reso 518.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: Report of the Committee on
Rules, Privileges and Elections, M 220 and Reso
519, approving the appointment of Michael
Goldblum, Landmarks Preservation.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CLERK: M 279 and Reso 520,
approving the reappointment of Roberta Washington,
Landmarks Preservation.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: M 280 and Reso 521, approving the appointment of Mark Gjonaj, New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

PRESIDENT RIVERA: General Order calendar.

CLERK: LU 177 and Reso 522 through LU 193 and Reso 538 on page 13.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders, please.

CLERK: LU 230 and Reso 539, zoning map amendment Queens.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders, and at this point I'd like to ask for a roll call on all items that have been coupled on the General Order calendar, please.

CLERK: Arroyo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.
3 CLERK: Brewer.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yeah, aye.
5 CLERK: Cabrera.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
7 CLERK: Chin.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
9 CLERK: Comrie.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.
11 CLERK: Crowley.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on
13 all.
14 CLERK: Dickens.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [off mic]
16 Aye on all.
17 CLERK: Dilan.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.
19 CLERK: Dromm.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.
21 CLERK: Ferreras.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on
23 all.
24 CLERK: Ferreras. Fidler.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro. Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.

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CLERK: Gonzalez. [pause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: May I

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take leave to explain my vote?

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I'd

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just like to take a moment to acknowledge the

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importance of the rezoning of the Culver El for

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the community that I represent, and thank the

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Speaker and my colleagues for their support. The

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Borough Park in over a decade. Lower middle class

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thank my colleague, Brad Lander. I look forward

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to collaborating with him, as well as my colleague

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Sara Gonzalez, on future affordable housing

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2 projects in Borough Park. I'd also like to thank
3 Councilman Lander's predecessor, now public
4 advocate, Bill de Blasio for his efforts for
5 Culver El. And I'd like to thank my predecessor,
6 Deputy Comptroller Simcha Felder for envisioning
7 this project, negotiating the housing component at
8 the critical stages, and working for years to
9 ensure its completion. I'm proud to be here today
10 with my colleague Brad Lander, to ensure that
11 Simcha's five years of hard work has come to a
12 successful conclusion, and with that I vote yes on
13 LU 177 to 193 and on all others. Thank you.

14 CLERK: Halloran.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Ignizio.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

18 CLERK: Jackson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

20 CLERK: Koo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yes.

22 CLERK: Koslowitz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

24 CLERK: Lander.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Levin. [pause] Mark-

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I have

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permission to vote on all General Orders?

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And

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permission to vote on all Land Use Call-ups?

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [off mic]

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CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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2 CLERK: Reyna.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.
4 CLERK: Rodriguez.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
6 CLERK: Rose.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.
8 CLERK: Sanders.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on
10 all.
11 CLERK: Ulrich.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [off mic]
13 Aye.
14 CLERK: Vacca.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
16 CLERK: Van Bramer.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
18 CLERK: Vann.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes.
20 CLERK: Weprin.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [off mic]
22 Yes.
23 CLERK: Williams.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [off mic]
25 Aye.

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CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yeah, I vote

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no on Intro 48. [laughter] I made myself laugh

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with that one. Sorry about that, Melissa. I vote

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yes on all.

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CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye on all.

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PRESIDENT RIVERA: All items on

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today's General Order calendar were adopted by a

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vote of 47 in the affirmative, with zero in the

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negative, and zero abstentions. And the revised

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Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 47 in

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the affirmative, with zero in the negative. At

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Resolutions. Seeing none for the discussion--oh,

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Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Today, we are

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voting on a, our second or third Resolution

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dealing with a piece of legislation that was

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2 passed by the State Senate, and the State
3 Assembly, a bill which would cap rent payments for
4 HIV/AIDS service administration clients at 30
5 percent of their income. That is what all social
6 services recipients pay as it relates to rent: 30
7 percent of their income. That is what HIV/AIDS
8 service administration clients who are in
9 scattered site or supportive housing pay. But an
10 anomaly in the system, if you are a HASA client
11 who lives in a private apartment you found on your
12 own, there is no capped amount even though you are
13 living on public assistance and not able to work
14 and have AIDS, there is no cap on how much of your
15 own income you have to pay for rent. How do you
16 end up in that position versus the other in HASA?
17 It relates merely to which line you were directed
18 to in the HRA office the first day you went to
19 become an HIV service administration client.
20 There is no other rhyme or reason to it. Some of
21 these individuals that we're working with at the
22 end of the month have \$11 left. There's \$11 to
23 buy all the food and whatever else you need to
24 deal with your life, and to deal with your HIV and
25 AIDS. The State Legislature passed a bill that

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2 would have capped it at 30 percent; unfortunately,
3 Governor Patterson vetoed that bill. We're moving
4 this Resolution today because there will be a
5 special session in Albany on November 15th and we
6 want to urge the State Legislature to override the
7 Governor's veto and override the Mayor's
8 opposition to this important, lifesaving piece of
9 legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote yes.
10 I want to thank Council Member, Chairperson Palma,
11 who has been a real leader on the issue of getting
12 the rent cap bill passed [applause]. I want to
13 thank her and thank this Council for its support
14 of people with HIV and AIDs in the City. Thank
15 you, Mr. Majority Leader.

16 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you, Madam
17 Speaker. I bypassed the introduction of reading
18 of bills inadvertently, so we'll move onto that.
19 Introduction and reading of, reading of the bills.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
21 referred to Committee as indicated on the agenda.

22 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you very
23 much. Now, we'll move on to the actual vote of
24 the Resolutions. Resolution 477, Resolution
25 calling upon the New York State Legislature to

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2 override Governor Patterson's veto of Assembly
3 2565 and its companion bill in the Senate, 2664,
4 legislation that would amend the Social Services
5 Law to provide that persons living with clinical,
6 symptomatic HIV and AIDS who are receiving shelter
7 assistance or an emergency shelter allowance,
8 shall not be required to pay more than 30 percent
9 of their household monthly income, towards shelter
10 costs including rent and utilities, adopted by the
11 Committee on General Welfare. All in favor say
12 aye.

13 COUNCIL: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT RIVERA: All, all opposed
15 say nay. The ayes have it. At this point in
16 time, we'll move on to General Discussion. We
17 have Council Member Jackson.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
19 Majority Leader and my coll--

20 SPEAKER QUINN: If we can just a
21 little quiet for Council Member Jackson and
22 General Discussion.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: --my colleagues,
24 good afternoon. I rise on our last Stated Meeting
25 before the General Elections, in order to remind

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2 all of us on November 2nd, even though we're not
3 up for reelection or election as Members of the
4 City Council, many of our colleagues at the State
5 level are up for reelection. But also there are
6 many other people running for various offices in
7 the State of New York, for Governor, Lieutenant
8 Governor, State Comptroller, Attorney General and
9 many other offices. And as you know, there's been
10 many people talking about this particular issue,
11 and from one extreme to the other. And I spoke at
12 a church this past Sunday, in which I told the
13 individuals at my father's church, that I will
14 never tell you who to vote for, but what I'm
15 asking you to do is to make sure you get out and
16 vote and exercise your right to vote. And that
17 knowing that in the newspapers and the radio, on
18 TV, this is what you're hearing all over the
19 country, especially the, you know, coming down the
20 home stretch. That they reach out to their family
21 and relatives around the country, to call them up
22 and encourage them to get out and vote. Knowing
23 how important this is, not only for our country,
24 our state and our city, as I said, there are
25 parties in New York State. You have the

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2 Democratic Party, you have the Republican Party,
3 you have the Conservative Party, you have the
4 working families party, you have the Freedom Party
5 trying to become a party, you have many other
6 parties. And the Rent Is Too Damn High Party!
7 And you know one thing, I've said all along, that
8 when there is a public debate, all those
9 individuals that qualify by getting signatures
10 throughout different congressional districts
11 around the State, deserve to be heard, regardless
12 of what you think about them. So, I'm asking you
13 as my colleagues, to make sure we get out there
14 the last several days and ask all of our
15 constituents to get out and vote for whoever they
16 want. That's our constitutional right, and
17 knowing that those that stay home will not make a
18 difference, and those that will get out and vote
19 will be the deciding factor. Thank you very much.

20 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you very
21 much. We still have colleagues who are looking to
22 speak, so if you can please give 'em some
23 courtesy. Thank you. Now we have Council Member
24 Gale Brewer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you

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2 very much. I rise to say that we have been
3 overseeing and supporting information, getting it
4 out to all Council Members on the Board of
5 Elections. We are calling that the next Director
6 be appointed after a national search, that's the
7 short version. And if anybody needs more
8 information, please let us know, we will be
9 circulating any information that the Speaker and I
10 and others put together. And I want to also thank
11 Matt Gewolb for all of his hard work. Thank you.

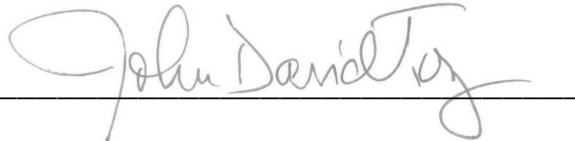
12 PRESIDENT RIVERA: Thank you.
13 Seeing no others, this meeting is adjourned.

14 [gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John David Tong", written over a horizontal line.Date November 11, 2010