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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker
Keith Powers, Majority Leader

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION: Rev. Dr. Victor A. Brown, Mt. Sinai
United Christian Church, located at 16 Pike
Street, Staten Island, NY 10301

2 SERGEANT POLITE: Today's Stated Meeting is being
3 recorded on November 15, 2023 in the chambers, being
4 recorded by Keith Polite.

5 CITY CLERK: ... Find their seats. Quiet on the
6 floor, please! Close those back doors, please?

7 Ladies and gentleman, at this time, please place
8 all electronic devices, all electronic devices, to
9 vibrate or silent mode.

10 Mr. Majority Leader, it's all yours.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL SOUND] [GAVELING
12 IN] Good afternoon, and welcome to today's the Stated
13 Meeting of November 15, 2023. I am Majority Leader
14 Keith Power, and I would like to thank everyone for
15 joining us here today. If you would like to follow
16 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on
17 the City Council website.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the pledge of
19 allegiance.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

21 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call?

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Barron?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: [ABSENT]

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: [ABSENT]

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: [NO RESPONSE]

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: [ABSENT]

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Farías?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Carr?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lee?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Marte?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menin?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Restler?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Richardson Jordan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: [MEDICAL]

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ung?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: [ABSENT]

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Williams?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [ABSENT]

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Won?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Powers?

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Speaker Adams?

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
8 have the today's invocation, which will be delivered
9 by Bishop Victor Brown of Mt. Sinai United Christian
10 Church, located at 16 Pike Street, Staten Island, NY
11 10301.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

13 BISHOP BROWN: Let us pray. O, God, our God, how
14 excellence is thy name and all the earth, from the
15 rising of the sun to the going down of the same, your
16 name is worthy to be thanked and praised. We give
17 you thanks for the precious gift of life and for the
18 privilege to serve humanity. Bless now, O Lord,
19 every member of the City Council. I recognize in
20 particular, my city councilwoman, the honorable
21 Kamillah Hanks of the 49th District. I thank you for
22 the partnership of longstanding she and I have
23 committed to positively impacting our district.
24 Strengthen this magnificent body under the stellar
25 leadership of the Honorable Adrienne Adams, as the

1 Council serves and grapples with the difficult
2 challenges facing our city. We lift up the 110th
3 Mayor of this, the Honorable Eric Adams, may your
4 girding and guarding hand continue to guide him with
5 wisdom as he governs. To rehearse the poignant words
6 of Thomas Paine, *These are the times that try men's*
7 *souls*, bring comfort to the families who have
8 suffered loss during warfare on the global stage;
9 usher in the winds of peace, where there is
10 diminishing presence of the insidious storm of
11 warfare; restore order and civility to our national
12 political discourse. And as we enter this
13 Thanksgiving season, we thank you in advance for the
14 many hands you will use to feed the hungry all across
15 this city. May we all resolve to journey through
16 this life with attitudes of gratitude for the
17 blessings you continue to bestow upon us all. In the
18 words of Mahatma Gandhi, *may we each strive to become*
19 *the change we wish to see in this world*, today and in
20 the days ahead, is our prayer. Amen

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, I am now going
23 to call on Council Member Kamillah Hanks to spread
24 the invocation on the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

I have the honor and privilege of introducing not just a man of God, and not just a change agent on Staten Island, but my pastor and my friend. Reverend Dr. Victor A. Brown serves as a senior minister at Mt. Sinai United Christian Church, located in the New Brighton/Tompkinsville section of Staten Island, my district. I have had the distinct pleasure of addressing his congregation of amazing islanders. Bishop Victor A. Brown is the Suffragan Bishop and founding board member of the Worldwide Fellowship of Independent Christian Churches, Incorporated. Bishop Brown is a former Adjunct Professor of Preaching at New York Theological Seminary. Additionally, in special significance to me as the Public Safety Chair, Bishop Brown holds the rank of Inspector of the New York City Police Department in the Chaplains Unit. Bishop, we thank you for your service and comfort to our men and women. Moreover, Bishop Brown is the Protestant Chaplain of Staten Island University Hospital and serves on the foundation there. Bishop Brown is also a member of the Mayor's Commission of Religious Leaders. Lastly, Bishop Brown is the founder of the Mt. Sinai Center for

2 Community Enrichment, and in July of 2017, he was
3 honored as an unsung hero by the New York City Faith
4 and Action for his work in the field of HIV/AIDS
5 awareness.

6 Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to let
7 this man of the cloth, this man of faith, give the
8 City Council its invocation today, thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we are now
10 going to go into the Adoption of the Minutes.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Messages & Papers from
13 the Mayor?

14 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications from City,
16 County & Borough Office?

17 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
19 Communications?

20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-Ups?

22 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you we will now
24 have Communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

1 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you so much, Majority
2
3 Leader.

4 And good afternoon, everyone, with the election
5 now over, I want to begin by congratulating all of
6 you on your campaigns, and thanking the millions of
7 New Yorkers who showed up to participate in local
8 democracy. At the same time, though, we do
9 acknowledge the low voter participation rate, it
10 demonstrates that there is significant work to be
11 done to increase civic participation in our city.

12 Earlier this month, our city lost 46-year-old
13 Francisco Lumbreras. Francisco was a cement truck
14 driver with Teamsters Local 282, and my heart is with
15 his loved ones as they heal from this horrifying
16 tragedy.

17 This week, 73-year-old Maria Rodriguez was
18 fatally struck by a school bus in Council Member
19 Ariola's district after dropping her grandchildren
20 off at school. She was a beloved mother and
21 grandmother who was known as the matriarch of her
22 family. My prayers are truly with Maria's family and
23 neighbors as they grieve from this tragic loss.

24 Over the last two weeks we lost several residents
25 to fatal fires that have unfortunately become far too

1 common in our communities. We lost a 78-year-old man
2 to a house fire in Council Member Carr's district; a
3 resident in Council Member Moya's district; another
4 resident in Council Member Riley's district; and
5 three members of multiple generations in a single
6 family to a lithium ion battery fire in Council
7 Member Ossé's district. Fire safety has been one of
8 the Council's top priorities, and we know there is
9 far more work to be done to achieve the progress and
10 safety that New Yorkers deserve.
11

12 November 19th is World Day of Remembrance for
13 road traffic victims when we remember the victims of
14 traffic violence. We lose too many residents to
15 preventable traffic crashes each year, which
16 underscores the importance of the work ahead to make
17 our streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers,
18 and all road users alike. Today we are passing
19 several bills that advance the shared goal to address
20 traffic violence in our city.

21 On November 20th our nation will observe will
22 Trans Day of Remembrance, which honors those we have
23 lost to anti-trans violence. It also marks the end
24 of Trans Awareness Week during which we highlighted
25 the visibility, experiences, and ongoing challenges

2 facing our trans communities. As a city, we remain
3 focused on supporting and uplifting all LGBTQIA+ New
4 Yorkers. We will continue to prioritize their
5 health, safety, and well-being.

6 November 22nd is Lebanese Independence Day, and
7 the 30th is Barbados Independence Day. I wish all
8 New Yorkers who are celebrating a Happy Independence
9 Day.

10 As we celebrate Thanksgiving next week, I hope
11 everyone has a happy and safe holiday spent with
12 loved ones. I am thankful for all of you and the hard
13 work that you and your teams have done to serve the
14 people of this city.

15 Don't forget to shop small on Small Business
16 Saturday and donate to your favorite charities on
17 Giving Tuesday.

18 The Council has had the honor of hosting a number
19 of cultural celebrations in our chambers. Last
20 night, we celebrated our city's vibrant Polish
21 community for their Independence Day. On November
22 20th, we will gather for the Puerto Rican Heritage
23 Celebration. And on the 28th, the Council will host
24 an Albanian Independence Celebration. Tomorrow, the
25 Council will be hosting a celebration for Diwali, The

2 Festival of Lights. With the signing of state
3 legislation yesterday to make Diwali an official
4 school holiday, families from our Hindu, Sikh and
5 Jain communities can *finally* celebrate without
6 interruption. We cannot forget the role that the
7 Council played in this historic recognition. The
8 Council advanced a resolution during the last Council
9 session in support of making Diwali a school holiday.
10 And I am proud that we have finally passed it earlier
11 this year in this current Council session. Thank you
12 to all of our colleagues, advocates, and community
13 leaders who helped push this across the finish line.

14 Finally, colleagues, please join me in wishing a
15 Happy Birthday to our birthday twins, Majority Leader
16 Keith Powers and Council Member Kevin Riley...

17 [APPLAUSE and CHEERING]

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: who will be celebrating their
19 birthdays tomorrow. And to Council Member Eric
20 Dinowitz, who is away right now, but he will be
21 celebrating on November 21st...

22 [CHATTERING]

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Eric? Oh, Eric is here!

24 [LAUGHTER IN CHAMBERS]

25

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: It's the old Eric. [LAUGHING]

3 [LAUGHTER IN CHAMBERS]

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: It's the hologram. Okay, Eric is
5 going to celebrate on the 21st, let's clap for Eric.

6 [APPLAUSE]

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: I really hope you all have a
8 wonderful day spent with your friends and family.

9 Happy Birthday, colleagues.

10 Now, let's move onto our Stated Agenda.

11 First, we will vote on the following Finance
12 items:

13 Introduction 1070-A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Jennifer Gutiérrez, A Local Law to amend the
15 administrative code of the city of New York, in
16 relation to a biotechnology credit against the
17 general corporation tax, the unincorporated business
18 tax, and the corporate tax of 2015. The bill
19 authorizes the credits for a period from January 1,
20 2023 until January 1, 2026, and the aggregate amount
21 of credit allowable shall not exceed \$3 million in a
22 given year. We thank our staff members Michael
23 Twomey, Kathleen Ahn, and Emre Edev.

24 Introduction 1209, sponsored by Council Member
25 Justin Brannan, would authorize a change in the

1 method of assessment upon which the district charge
2 in the Westchester Square business improvement
3 district. The change would more equitably assess
4 properties based on their linear frontage along the
5 main retail, commercial, or professional side of the
6 property rather than the current method of the
7 longest frontage overall. The change would take
8 effect on July 1, 2024.

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10 Introduction 2010, sponsored by Council Member
11 Justin Brannan, would authorize increases to the
12 assessment amounts of four district improvement
13 districts as follows: Village Alliance Business
14 Improvement District, \$1.9 million; Brighton Beach
15 Business Improvement District, \$300,000; Fordham Road
16 Business Improvement District, \$1.51 million; and
17 Meatpacking Area Business Improvement District, \$6.2
18 million. The change would take effect on July 1,
19 2024.

20 A Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by, Council
21 Member Justin Brannan, authorizing a 40-year Article
22 XI tax exemption for three buildings in Council
23 Member Rafael Salamanca's district. The exemption
24 would allow for rehabilitation of the buildings and
25 energy efficiency upgrades, while imposing rent and

2 income restrictions and setting aside 15% of the
3 units for homeless New Yorkers.

4 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council
5 Member Justin Brannan, authorizing a authorizing a
6 40-year Article XI tax exemption for six buildings in
7 Council Member Richardson Jordan's district. The
8 exemption would allow for rehabilitation of the
9 buildings, impose rent and income restrictions, as
10 well as HPD's Aging in Place Initiative, and set
11 aside 10% of the units for homeless New Yorkers.

12 Today we will also vote on the following pieces
13 of legislation:

14 Resolution 621-A, sponsored by Cultural Affairs
15 Committee Chair, Council Member Chi Ossé, designating
16 November 15 annually as wait for it... Wait for
17 it... Wait for it, ODB Day in the City of New York
18 in honor of his legacy as a co-founder of the
19 legendary Wu-Tang Clan and a legendary MC. We thank
20 our staff members Christina Yellamaty and Regina
21 Paul.

22 Introduction 348-A, sponsored by Majority Leader
23 Keith Powers, this bill would provide that bank fees
24 and credit card processing fees paid by a campaign
25 for contributions received by the campaign would not

2 count against the expenditure limitation for that
3 campaign. While this bill is effective immediately,
4 it would apply to expenditures made before the
5 effective date that are in furtherance of an election
6 occurring after the most recent general election. We
7 thank very much our staff member Jayasri Ganapathy.

8 Introduction 564-A, sponsored by Council Member
9 Tiffany Cabán, bill would require the Department for
10 the Aging (DFTA) to establish a commission focused on
11 identifying ways to improve the quality of life for
12 older adults who identify as LGBTQIA+ or any other
13 diverse sexual orientation or gender identity. The
14 commission's goals are to identify challenges, share
15 best practices, and develop expert recommendations
16 for LGBTQIA+ older adults. The commission would be
17 required to submit two reports: the first report no
18 later than one year after the appointment of all
19 commission members, and an additional report no later
20 than two years after submission of the first report.
21 Thank you to our staff members Christopher Pepe and
22 Sahar Moazami.

23 Introduction 511-A, sponsored by Council Member
24 Althea Stevens, would require the City Chief
25 Procurement Officer to conduct a study and issue a

1 report on the timing and duration of the City's
2 procurement process for human services contracts. The
3 report would identify the steps in the procurement
4 process for these contracts and evaluate the time
5 needed to complete each step. It would provide
6 recommendations to the Procurement Policy Board (PPB)
7 for setting procurement timelines as required under
8 the City Charter. The PPB would then review the
9 report and propose rules establishing procurement
10 timelines for human services contracts. The bill
11 would also mandate that the Chief Procurement Officer
12 begin issuing biannual reports starting in October
13 2026 on agency compliance with the time schedules set
14 by the PPB. Thank you to staff members Alex Paulenoff
15 and Alex Yablon.
16

17 Introduction 708-A, sponsored by Council Member
18 Alexa Avilés, this bill would require the Department
19 of Transportation ("DOT") to redesign the city's
20 truck route network to improve safety, increase
21 visibility, reduce traffic congestion, and reduce
22 vehicle miles traveled. The overhaul would also
23 address health equity issues for low income
24 communities of color, which truck routes often
25 traverse, and have disreputably high rates of

1 respiratory illnesses from exposure to pollutants.

2 In redesigning the network, this bill would require

3 DOT to consult with City agencies, community boards

4 and business improvement districts, and

5 representatives from businesses, environmental and

6 climate justice organizations, street safety

7 organizations, and the trucking, logistics and last-

8 mile delivery industries. The bill would also require

9 that DOT assess whether daylighting or daylighting

10 barriers should be implemented at intersections on

11 the truck route network, and review and replace truck

12 route signage where necessary. Thank you to staff

13 members Mark Chen, John Basile, and Kevin Kotowski.

14 Introduction 1012-A, sponsored by Council Member

15 Amanda Fariás, would require the Departments of City

16 Planning and Small Business Services, in coordination

17 with the Economic Development Corporation, to develop

18 a citywide industrial development strategic plan. The

19 plan would need to be completed every eight years and

20 include an overview of city policies to support and

21 grow the industrial sector, an analysis of industrial

22 sector economic trends and the role of the sector in

23 achieving key policy objectives such as the

24 transition to green energy. I first proposed such a

1 policy in the State of the City Address, because
2 industrial jobs offer family sustaining wages and
3 often do not require a college degree, making this
4 sector a leading pathway for equitable economic
5 mobility. They are also critical to help our city
6 transition to green energy. However, our city has
7 lacked a cohesive strategy to cultivate industrial
8 business growth, which has hampered their ability to
9 thrive. With the passage of this legislation, our
10 city can properly invest in the industrial sector,
11 unlocking doors of opportunity for New Yorkers and
12 creating pathways for success. Council Member Farías
13 turned the idea into concrete legislation and carries
14 it forward. We thank our staff members Brian Paul,
15 Alex Paulenoff, and William Hongach.

17 And, finally, we will be voting on Introduction
18 1031-A, my Fair Housing Framework legislation, that
19 will help in the efforts to address our city's
20 housing crisis through the lens of equity. This bill
21 would require city agencies to create and submit to a
22 fair housing assessment and plan every five years.
23 The assessment would include a citywide fair housing
24 plan that would be coordinated with the requirements
25 of the federal Fair Housing Act. Following this, the

1 city would produce an assessment of long-term
2 citywide housing needs, five-year housing production
3 targets for each local community district level, and
4 a strategic equity framework that would report on the
5 progress made towards the housing targets as well as
6 the obstacles and strategies for achieving them. The
7 plan would also focus on the production and
8 preservation of affordable housing, anti-displacement
9 resources, and neighborhood investments for
10 underserved communities. The City would produce
11 annual reports on its progress. This legislation
12 will help our city's efforts to stem the housing
13 crisis by facilitating increased housing production
14 that is equitable and focused on the needs of *all* New
15 Yorkers by building and preserving more affordable
16 housing and identifying the investments needed to
17 promote opportunity in our neighborhoods. It will
18 serve as an important tool of transparency and
19 accountability that help us address the housing
20 crisis with clarity about the obligations and needs
21 of every community district.
22

23 We need every neighborhood to do its fair share
24 to confront the City's housing crisis. Through our
25 collective efforts we can invest holistically in the

1 strength of our neighborhoods and successfully
2 address the housing crisis. I am so proud to advance
3 legislation that prioritizes equity and housing
4 production, which represents the Council's continued
5 commitment to confront the City's housing crisis. At
6 the end of the day, the legislation is about building
7 more housing and uplifting New Yorkers to give
8 working families across all five boroughs a real
9 chance at building their legacy in this city. This
10 is the reality that New Yorkers deserve, and one that
11 the Council is determined to realize through our Fair
12 Housing framework -- and other efforts to spur
13 housing production and affordability. We say many
14 thanks to our staff members Perris Straughter, Brian
15 Paul, William Vidal, Andrea Vazquez, Brad Reid,
16 Taylor Zelony, and Jessica Foong.

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18 Thank you very much for your attention, and I
19 turn it back over to you, Majority Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.
21 We are now going to move into the Discussion of
22 General Orders. We will begin with Council Member
23 Brooks-Powers, followed by Council Member Cabán...

24 [CROSS-TALK]

25 PROTESTORS: [INAUDIBLE]

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Quiet in the... Quiet in

3 the chamber, please [GAVEL SOUND]... [CROSS-TALK]

4 PROTESTORS: [INAUDIBLE] Speaker Adams can you see

5 [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-TALK]

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You can escort them out,

7 thank you.

8 PROTESTORS: [CONTINUING TO PROTEST]... [CROSS-

9 TALK]

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Okay, please remove the

11 individuals from the balcony so that this... [CROSS-

12 TALK]

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, guys...

14 [CROSS-TALK]

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: proceeding can...[CROSS-TALK]

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Quiet down, or we will

17 escort you out... [CROSS-TALK]

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: continue, thank you.

19 [PAUSE]

20 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Ready?

22 [PAUSE]

23 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL SOUND] [INAUDIBLE]
3 quiet down. Everybody back to your seats, and quiet
4 down please. Everybody, please quiet down.

5 We will go back to Council Member Brooks-Powers.
6 And we will just begin again, and then we will go
7 back to... And then after that, Council Member
8 Cabán.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you, I am so
10 excited about the passage of Introduction 708-A. For
11 too long, outer borough communities of color and low
12 income communities, districts like mine, have not
13 received their fair share of the City's investment
14 and attention towards transportation. That includes
15 addressing the impacts of truck traffic. Our
16 community deals with noise, air pollution,
17 congestion, and illegal parking that turns quiet
18 residential streets into lots for tractor trailers.
19 Moreover, truck traffic persists in communities where
20 high rates of respiratory illnesses, like asthma, are
21 common due to the emission of truck exhaust. New
22 York City's truck route network is supposed to help
23 minimalize the negative affects of truck traffic on
24 communities. But, our truck route network has not
25 been overhauled since the 1970's. It is time for a

1 redesign. So, I want to congratulate Council Member
2 Avilés on the passage of Introduction 708, to require
3 the Department of Transportation ("DOT") to redesign
4 the city's truck route network to improve safety,
5 increase visibility, reduce traffic congestion, and
6 reduce vehicle miles traveled. The measure also
7 mandates the DOT to center neighborhood environmental
8 and industry voices in developing the new plan. We
9 know many truckers live in our neighborhoods, and we
10 seek sustainable solutions that benefit communities
11 and workers alike. I want to thank Gloria Boyce-
12 Charles and Barbara Brown of the Eastern Queens
13 Alliance, William Perkins, and the entire Queens
14 Community Illegal Truck Parking Taskforce, and the
15 entire South East Queens community for their advocacy
16 on this issue. We need to address this problem and
17 ensure that communities are not unduly burdened by
18 truck traffic. And, with that, I encourage my
19 colleagues to vote aye on this important piece of
20 legislation, thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
23 go to Council Member Cabán, followed by Council
24 Member Stevens.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. Our city has
2 always been a leader in the fight for dignity and
3 freedom for queer people. After all, the modern
4 queer liberation movement was born with a riot on
5 Christopher Street. And, sadly, too many from the
6 Stonewall generation are no longer with us. And to
7 honor them, the movement for queer liberation must
8 support our elders before they become our ancestors.
9 Queer elders deserve to live and grow old with
10 dignity, with comfort, with joy, with family, and
11 with love, but with something else as well -
12 stewardship of our culture. And we deserve to be in
13 rich community with our elders, so that they are able
14 to pass along their stories and teachings to help us
15 build a society where we are all free to be who we
16 are.

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18 Earlier this year, my LGBTQIA+ Caucus co-chair,
19 Council Member Crystal Hudson and I, released the
20 Marsha and Sylvia plan in honor of Marsha P. Johnson
21 and Sylvia Rivera. In it, we called for a commission
22 within the Department for the Aging, charged with
23 helping our city improve the quality of life for
24 LGBTQIA+ older adults. By passing today's
25 legislation, we will create that commission, and I

1 look forward to remaining involved with the
2 Administration next session, helping to identify
3 commissioner appointments and developing requirements
4 for their report. This legislation would not have
5 been possible without tireless advocacy from directly
6 impacted individuals, steadfast organizations like
7 SAGE, AARP, Callen-Lord, DOROT, LiveOn NY, NYLAG,
8 Stonewall Community Development Corporation, VNS
9 Health, and of course, the amazing Madhuri Shukla -
10 Legislative and Budget Director, and I just urge all
11 of my colleagues to vote aye, thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
14 hear from Council Member Stevens, followed by Council
15 Member Farías.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: As chair of the Youth
17 Services Committee, longtime nonprofit worker, and
18 advocate, I am honored to pass legislation that is a
19 small step towards enhancing efficiency,
20 transparency, and accountability in the procurement
21 process of the human services sector in the City.
22 Introduction 511 would require the City Chief
23 Procurement Officer to conduct a study and issue a
24 report on the timing and duration of the City's
25 procurement process for human services contracts

1 exceeding the small purchase limit. The report would
2 identify the steps in the procurement process for
3 these contracts and evaluate the time needed to
4 complete each step. It would provide recommendations
5 to the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) for setting
6 procurement timelines as required under the City
7 Charter. It is an in depth examination that will
8 allow us to identify any inefficiencies in this
9 current process, ultimately working to streamline the
10 process and ensure a timely delivery of services and
11 money provided to nonprofit organizations that serve
12 young people and families who need it the most. Our
13 city cannot run without the work of the Human Service
14 Sector, as in most cities, the most vulnerable time
15 we have... As in most places the nonprofit sector
16 shows up time and time again to do the job for our
17 city. I am happy that, together, we are making
18 significant strides and looking forward to partnering
19 with the City to continue to streamline the
20 procurement process for our city. I would like to
21 thank all of my colleagues and staff counsel, Alex
22 Paulenoff, for your tireless work to get this bill to
23 a place that we could live with. Thank you all, and
24 I encourage everyone to vote aye.
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1 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
2 hear from Council Member Farías, followed by Council
3 Member Avilés.
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5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you, Majority
6 Leader. It is what you have all been waiting for,
7 Introduction 1012-A, the industrial sector is
8 critical to our city's economy infrastructure and
9 daily and functioning. Industrial jobs offer
10 pathways to the middleclass for hundreds of thousands
11 of New Yorkers, for the workforce that is over 80%
12 people of color and majority immigrant New Yorkers.
13 However, from zoning and land use policies to
14 economic development programs, efforts to support
15 industrial businesses in New York City have remained
16 siloed and uncoordinated for far too long. There is
17 also a lack of recent comprehensive data and analysis
18 to inform policy making. That is why my legislation
19 Introduction 1012-A, which we will voting on today,
20 is so critical for our city and our economy. This
21 bill requires city agencies to not just study current
22 city policies to grow the industrial sector, but
23 actually come up with a plan and coherent strategy to
24 incentivize industrial development and jobs. We are
25 now putting the tools in the City's hands to support,

1 with financial incentives, workforce and job training
2 programs and zoning. By taking a coordinated data
3 driven approach to sustaining and growing the City's
4 industrial businesses and jobs, this legislation will
5 offer long overdue support to a vital sector of our
6 economy and to the industrial business zones and
7 workers throughout our districts. Thank you to
8 Speaker Adams, for your leadership, and to all the
9 cosponsors of this bill, and especially to my co-
10 prime sponsor, Council Member Gutiérrez, as the
11 first Bronxites and Latino to chair the Committee on
12 Economic Development, I am proud to get this win for
13 workers in my district and across the city. Finally,
14 thank you to the Economic Development Committee
15 Counsel, Alex Paulenoff, Director Land Use, Ferris
16 Straughter, Brian Paul, Julia Urhman (phonetic), and
17 William Vidal, from the Land Use Division, for all of
18 your hard work on this bill. And a huge thank you to
19 our advocates in this sector for their support and
20 their long-fought fight for this to become a reality.
21 Thank you so much. [TIMER CHIMES]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
23 hear from Council Member Avilés, followed by Council
24 Member Gutiérrez.
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COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Good afternoon,

colleagues, I just want to take a moment and extend

gratitude to Speaker Adams, uh, Majority Whip Brooks-

Powers, and the many cosponsors on Introduction 708.

In addition, I want to thank the environmental

justice advocates, including the New York City

Environmental Justice Alliance, UPROSE, [INAUDIBLE],

and members of the Last Mile Coalition. Since my

first day in office, I have been looking tirelessly

for ways to address the inundation of last mile

facilities in our communities and their impacts --

bringing thousands of additional trucks into our

community -- to what many Red Hook residents refer to

as *truckpocalypse*, polluting our air and congesting

our streets. And while I continue to look for ways

to protect District 38 from the City's continued

practice of environmental injustice due to neglect,

this bill represents to me, and my community, a step

forward in the right direction. For the first time

in 50 years, our trucks routes will be redesigned,

and in the process, give voice to our community

members, our local businesses, and our environmental

justice advocates. I also want to thank The

Department of Transportation, who during negotiations

1 on this bill, acknowledged the need for this
2 legislation, and for working with impacted
3 communities. To me, this illustrates a shift in our
4 collective thinking that I hope to see reflected in
5 future legislation. This is but one small piece of a
6 larger puzzle, to bring real planning and
7 rationalization to our city, while advancing climate,
8 transportation, health, labor, and racial justice
9 goals to our communities. I and my community eagerly
10 await full implementation and a future with cleaner
11 air and safer streets. I encourage my colleagues to
12 vote yes to pass Introduction 708, thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
15 hear from Council Member Gutiérrez, followed by
16 Council Member Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you, I am
18 excited that the Industrial Development Strategic
19 Plan is passing today. Congratulations to Speaker
20 Adams and Chair Farías who have been wonderful
21 champions and great collaborators. This is a perfect
22 example of the Council's commitment to economic
23 growth and building a more resilient and substantial
24 future, in fact the Speaker brought it up at her
25 State of the City earlier this year, so I am very,

1 very proud to be a part of this team. New York
2 City's industrial sector has the opportunity to be
3 the modern beating heart of opportunity for working
4 families, immigrants, and communities of color, while
5 also growing our economy and supporting a central
6 infrastructure that keeps our city running, for these
7 zones have been neglected for decades and face the
8 constant threat of encroachment by commercial and
9 entertainment uses. The Industrial Development and
10 Strategic Plan will help inform future neighborhood
11 planning and land use actions to apply the new M
12 zoning districts proposed by DCP in the Zoning for
13 Economic Opportunity Text Amendment. I hope that
14 other council members will join us in our growing M
15 Zone Coalition, which is working to protect these
16 districts, thousands of jobs, and this vital
17 industry.

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19 And I am also excited to pass a biometric tax
20 credit today, which underscores the City's commitment
21 to manufacturing. Introduction 1070 enables investors
22 and owners of qualified smaller and emerging biotech
23 companies to claim a tax credit, which will support
24 increased manufacturing, job creation, and innovation
25 with the City. And thank you to the whole Land Use

2 team who played a vital role in helping us get to
3 where we're at. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we will now
5 hear from Council Member Barron.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, my colleagues.
7 I rise for the importance of the Fair Housing Plan.
8 I think this plan is an important step in the right
9 direction. But, we have to be vigilant in our
10 examination of the City of Yes Plan by the Mayor,
11 which I think is a City of No. It benefits developers
12 more than it does the residents. We also have to be
13 very, very cautious of the inflationary rate of the
14 AMI. What you are passing right now for the area
15 median income, which is 60%, we says it's affordable
16 today, but when these buildings and projects are
17 built five years from now, when the AMI climbs by 20
18 and 30 and 40% -- 60% is not going to be affordable
19 in our neighborhoods. So, when we are passing our
20 development projects for affordable housing, we have
21 to go lower. We have to go to 30 and 40% of the AMI,
22 because 60% is affordable today -- in some
23 communities -- and won't be affordable tomorrow.

24 The other thing we have to look out for is the
25 mandatory inclusion housing. We are talking about

2 25% here - 25%, which means 75% is market. And the
3 reason why they say 25% is because they need the 75%
4 monies for the market to make the 25% affordable.
5 And, oftentimes, that's not affordable. We have to
6 bring the MIH up to 60%. And when they tell you that
7 won't be doable, because we won't have the money to
8 make it affordable, tell them that we have \$164
9 billion, 10-year, capital budget. The money is
10 there. We have to have the will of this body to make
11 affordability real. [TIMER CHIMES]

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council Member
13 Barron. Do we have anyone else signed up at this
14 time? Seeing none, we will move into the Reports of
15 Special Committees?

16 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The Reports of Standing
18 Committees?

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,
20 Introduction 564-A, Commission for LGBTQIA+ older
21 adults?

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

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Contracts, Introduction 511-A, procurement process
4 schedules?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Economic Development, Introduction 1012-A, Industrial
9 Development Strategic Plan?

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
13 Finance, Introduction 1070-A, biotechnology credit?

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

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Introduction 1209 and 1210,
17 business improvement districts?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered L U 286 and
20 Resolution 845, and Preconsidered L U 287 and
21 Resolution 846, tax exemptions?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Governmental Operations, Introduction 348-A, credit
25 card and bank fees?

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

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Housing
5 and Buildings, Introduction 1031-A, fair housing
6 plan?

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

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on
10 Transportation and Infrastructure, Introduction 708-
11 A, city truck route network redesign?

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

14 I now ask that the clerk take a rollcall vote on
15 all of the items coupled on today's General Orders
16 Calendar.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I would like to vote on all
19 of today's General Order Calendar and Resolutions?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Permission to explain my
22 vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Russell Tyrone Jones was a
25 pioneer in the world of music, and one of New York's

1 immortal sons. He must have known that one day he
2 would have a day in his honor added to New York's
3 calendar, so that his self-given stage name, Ol'
4 Dirty Bastard, will be read aloud on the floor of
5 this hallowed space. [LAUGHTER] As the new
6 millennium approached, Hip Hop music was rapidly
7 climbing in cultural significance. But, for years,
8 west coast rap dominate the Hip Hop scene. With
9 their debut album, 36 Chambers, which was obviously
10 named after New York's 36th Council District, Wu-Tang
11 Clan turned the tide helping to cement east coast rap
12 at the top of the [BACKGROUND NOISE] field, and bring
13 the industry center of gravity, back to its rightful
14 home in New York. I could go on for hours about his
15 musical career, uh, I should also mention the time he
16 once saved a child from a car wreck and continued to
17 visit her in the hospital thereafter. The man was
18 and is a legend. I am proud of this body for passing
19 this resolution today, recognizing this legacy and
20 ensuring that the life of Ol' Dirty Bastard, or as
21 Speaker Adams says, ODB, is celebrated each year on
22 his birthday for generations to come. Thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Riley?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Permission to vote on all
3 resolutions and Land Use Call-Ups?

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: And items on today's
5 General Orders Calendars... [CROSS-TALK]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: [INAUDIBLE]

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: as well? [CROSS-TALK]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All right, go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all. Thank you.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Barron?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Uh, aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: [ABSENT]

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member BRANNAN?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: [ABSENT]

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye, and

5 congratulations to all of those who are passing bills

6 today.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Carr?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: [ABSENT]

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Farías?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to explain my

19 vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. First, I would

22 like to disclose on the record that I am an adjunct

23 professor at Hostos Community College in the Bronx,

24 part of the CUNY system.

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2 I am proud to vote aye on all, and I am
3 especially proud to vote aye on the fair housing
4 framework legislation, led by our very own speaker,
5 Adrienne Adams. We are in a housing crisis, and
6 every corner of our city must help resolve this
7 crisis -- not just the South Bronx, not just the
8 Central Bronx, not just East New York. Everyone must
9 help resolve the housing crisis affecting our city...
10 the city of New York. For far too long, we have
11 heard so many conversations, so many comments, from
12 everyone in the City, about this housing crisis. So
13 many comments, so many conversations from everyone in
14 the City about this housing crisis, but for far too
15 long, not everybody has been building. So, we need
16 to do more, uh, at the end of the day, conversations,
17 speeches, and performances when the media is pointed
18 at you, that does not build housing. At the end of
19 the day, we could only resolve this housing crisis by
20 building. So, I am proud to vote on this
21 legislation, uh, and I hope that it helps us make
22 progress in every part of our city. Thank you so
23 much.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Gennaro?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader, I wish to
3 speak on my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you. Uh, I want to
6 congratulate Council Member Avilés and Chair Brooks-
7 Powers on Introduction 708-A, regarding the truck
8 route redesign. This is a real environmental justice
9 issue that the Council Member has worked long and
10 hard on. And I wish to join the chorus of those
11 speaking out in favor of the speaker's fair housing
12 bill. And, with that, I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission to explain my
19 vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you. I would like to
22 applaud the speaker, and I am proud to stand and vote
23 for the Fair Housing bill. I am happy that this bill
24 will also help underpin My North Shore Action Plan,
25 as Staten Island, in my district in particular, has

2 some of the lowest affordable housing units in New
3 York City. As a mother of four, I have two children
4 that I would really like to leave my home...
5 [LAUGHTER] and, uhm, and I know that there are other
6 folks who stand with me as well. I purchased my home
7 when I was 27 years old. And those things do not...
8 that's not available for young people today. And,
9 so, this Fair Housing Plan, this bill, significantly
10 changes that. So, young people, like my children,
11 can self-actualize and be in their own space and
12 leave their homes. So, I am very happy to be voting
13 for this today, thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Kagan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Lee?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Louis?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Marte?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Menin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Moya?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Narcisse?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all, and really
21 want to thank the speaker for her leadership on this
22 fair housing plan; it is critically important, thank
23 you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Richardson
25 Jordon?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: [MEDICAL]

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thanks to the speaker for
5 her legislation, and congratulations to my colleagues
6 on their bills, I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to explain my
11 vote?

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader.

15 New Yorkers can not always agree on the weather
16 or whether the sky is blue, but we are finally in
17 agreement that there is a housing crisis in the City,
18 [BACKGROUND NOISE] and that we must be... we must do
19 something about it. So, I want to thank the speaker
20 for her leadership on the fair housing legislation.
21 And I urge us all to take advantage of this unique
22 moment where we have a once in a lifetime opportunity
23 where there is political will and alignment to make
24 profound changes to the way that we produce housing,
25 so let's do it carefully, thoughtfully, and attentive

2 to our housing goals: equity, desegregation,
3 neighborhood stability. Opportunity for the next
4 generation of New Yorkers is not going to create
5 itself. Housing for the lowest income New Yorkers
6 is not going to be produced without guidance and
7 intervention. Thank you so much, Speaker, for your
8 leadership.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Ung?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Velázquez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: [ABSENT]

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Williams?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [ABSENT]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Won?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all, with the
25 exception of Introductions 1209, 1210, and 708.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Powers?

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations to all of my
8 colleagues passing legislation today. And a
9 tremendous thank you to my colleagues who support the
10 fair housing frame work. This history is your
11 history, congratulations, and thank you. Aye on all.

12 [PAUSE]

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on today's
14 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 48 in
15 the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0 abstentions... *
16 Sorry, 45 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0
17 abstentions, with the exception of Introductions
18 1209, 1210, and 708-A, adopted by a vote of 44 in the
19 affirmative, 1 negative, and 0 abstentions.

20 We will now move into the Introduction and
21 Reading of Bills.

22 [PAUSE]

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

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We will now
3 move to the Discussion of Resolutions. We do not
4 have anyone currently signed up to speak on today's
5 Resolutions, so we will move into a voice vote on
6 today's resolution.

7 If you wish to vote against or abstain from
8 today's resolution, please notify the Legislative
9 Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais.
10 I will now read today's resolutions into the record:

11 Resolution 621-A, designating November 15th
12 annually as, I will say it, *Ol' Dirty Bastard Day* in
13 the City of New York and honoring his legacy as a
14 founder of the legendary Wu-Tang Clan and as a unique
15 MC.

16 Will those in favor please say aye?

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say nay?

19 ALL: [SILENT]

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

21 ALL: [SILENT]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

23 We will now move into the General Discussion.
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2 I would like to start with Minority Leader, Joe
3 Borelli. Before I call on Joe, I want to note that we
4 all got gifts today, they were not... [CROSS-TALK]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Don't ruin it, don't ruin
6 it... [CROSS-TALK]

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: from Joe Borelli.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I'm just kidding.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: You had your opportunity
11 to ask everyone to say, "Shimmy, shimmy, yeah (sic),
12 shimmy yay."

13 [LAUGHTER IN CHAMBERS]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: You missed it.

15 Uh, I hope most of you guys and gals got a
16 charcuterie board. I would call it a cutting board,
17 but here in the New York City Council, we don't do
18 many cuts. Am I right? Am I right?

19 [LAUGHTER]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [INAUDIBLE]... [CROSS-
21 TALK]

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You're allowed to boo!

23 [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You're allowed to boo!

25 [CHATTER]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: So, when I first came to
3 the Council in November of 2015, one of the first
4 meetings I had was to bring Lorraine Grillo, who was
5 the President of the NYC School Construction
6 Authority, to a dilapidated, old building that had
7 trailers and just the floors were rotting out of the
8 school building -- called PS 37 -- that was housing
9 develop mentally disabled children and had physically
10 disabled children. And it's been eight years, but
11 now we have rebuilt a brand-new school for this
12 population on Staten Island. And it's a K through 12
13 school, and now they have all different programs that
14 teach them skills, including woodworking, uh, which
15 is why we got this board. So, with the holidays
16 coming up, you know, it's a great thing for meat and
17 cheese, if you're a vegan, put some vegetables on it,
18 if you you're one of my socialist friends, hey,
19 whatever's rationed for this fall season.

20 [GROANS and LAUGHTER]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I'm kidding! I'm kidding
22 [LAUGHING]

23 [CHATTER]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I'm kidding, everyone,
25 but thank you for allowing me this lighthearted

2 moment just to say how good some disabled kids are
3 doing on Staten Island, thanks to the work that we do
4 routinely here in the New York City Council, so,
5 thank you.

6 [PAUSE]

7 [APPLAUSE]

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: This is, uh, Staten
9 Island day in the city council. Thank you, Minority
10 Leader.

11 We will now hear from Council Member Narcisse,
12 followed by Council Member Fariás.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: [LAUGHTER] Thank you,
14 Majority Leader. And I want to say thank you to
15 Madam Speaker, Adrienne Adams, who keeps it real and
16 is making sure to address the inequities in New York
17 City. Housing is a big thing, and I so I want to
18 say, thank you!

19 I would like to talk about Introduction 1250.
20 Today, as a public servant and a registered nurse
21 familiar with the health care challenges -- many of
22 them actually that New York City faces -- I am
23 introducing a bill establishing an office of organ
24 transplant equity within the department of health and
25 mental hygiene. This bill is a big step towards

1 rectifying the imbalances in our organ transplant
2 system by ensuring that every New Yorker has fair
3 access to these critical and potentially lifesaving
4 procedures. The Office of Organ Transplant Equity,
5 as proposed, will ensure that all New Yorkers,
6 particularly, those from underserved communities,
7 have equitable access to organ transplants. I am a
8 donor, and I want my organs, if anything happens to
9 me, to go to anyone that deserves it according to
10 when they registered. This bill is about saving
11 lives and ensuring fairness in health care. It is
12 about supporting our residents in their times of
13 greatest need, informed by the principle that the
14 value of a life should never be determined by social
15 or economic status. Allow me to thank the New York
16 Lawyers for the Public Interest, New York Immigration
17 Coalition, Make the Road New York, co-prime sponsors,
18 Council Member Schulman and Council Member Hanif, and
19 Legislative Counsel, Margaret Lyford (phonetic), for
20 their support and all of the legislative team, thank
21 you, Jeremy [INAUDIBLE], all of you who supported and
22 made sure that we are addressing inequity. I urge
23 all of my colleagues to support this legislation.
24 Together, we can make a commitment [TIMER CHIMES] to

2 have equity that will resonate with the lives... of
3 saving, the families... [CROSS-TALK]

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
5 Member... [CROSS-TALK]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: and supports everyone,
7 thank you. Thank you, Majority Leader... [CROSS-
8 TALK]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Council
10 Member... [CROSS-TALK]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, vote yes to
12 that.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: When it comes up for a
14 vote.

15 [LAUGHTER]

16 We will now go to Council Member Amanda Farías.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: [LAUGHING] Thank you,
18 Majority Leader. I just wanted to wish a very Happy
19 Diwali to all who celebrate. Many of us have already
20 started celebrating Diwali with our communities and
21 are looking to continue to here tomorrow in the City
22 Council's Diwali celebration where we get to
23 highlight some of very own local community members.
24 And I hope you will all join the Speaker, myself,
25 Council Member Krishnan, Council Member Gennaro,

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Council Member Lee, and more to celebrate the
Festival of Lights with our communities right here in
chambers.

MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, do we have
anyone else signed up at this time to speak? Seeing
none, I will now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to
close out today's meeting.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader and
colleagues. The Stated Meeting of November 15, 2023
is hereby adjourned. Happy Birthday, Muffin!

[NO CLOSING GAVEL]

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