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2 [sound check] [background comments,
3 pause]

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
5 [shushing for quiet]

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.
7 Keep it down. [pause]

8 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Here we go.
9 Okay, I-I apologize for the-the delay. We had a
10 longer pre-Sated press conference than usual. So, I
11 am sorry that we're starting a little while late, but
12 we are very proud to have four wonderful ceremonials
13 here today honoring wonderful New Yorkers, and so the
14 first ceremonial we'd like to present is for the
15 Center for Independence of the Disabled, CIDNY who we
16 love, and if they would come up and any members want
17 to come up as well, we want to present a wonderful
18 ceremonial and proclamation to them. Thank you for
19 being here. You guys are amazing.

20 Thank you so much.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: No, you guys are
22 so touched. Good to see you.

23 MALE SPEAKER: Good seeing you. Oh,
24 thank you.

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you for
3 everything that you do. I see you all over the
4 place.

5 MALE SPEAKER: I see you. I see you.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: You do amazing,
7 amazing work.

8 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Hi, Anastasia.

10 ANASTASIA: How are you?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good. Fantastic.

12 [laughter]

13 ANASTASIA: This one here, yeah.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: This guy is not
15 shy.

16 ANASTASIA: He's my boss.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: This guy is not
18 shy right here.

19 MALE SPEAKER: He's 127.

20 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Oh, he is? Oh,
21 fantastic. You have a good man.

22 MALE SPEAKER: He's an intern when he
23 was--

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Oh, really?
25 That's wonderful.

2 MALE SPEAKER: That's a long time.

3 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: So, we're going
4 to—we're going to start the ceremonial. Okay, so
5 today the New York City Council is honoring the
6 Center for Independence of the Disabled New York for
7 it's compassionate advocacy and service to people
8 with disabilities for 40 years. [cheers] Amazing,
9 amazing. [applause] Founded in 1978, CIDNY serves as
10 the voice of people living with disabilities in the
11 city, and helps them strive and thrive in everyday
12 life. Since the enactment of the Americans with
13 Disabilities Act 28 years ago, who has seen more
14 people with disabilities live independently, benefit
15 from services provided by hospitals, and schools and
16 public transportation, which has strengthened our
17 city, state and nation. So, I want to congratulate
18 them. Before I hand it over, before I have the—the-
19 the clerk read the proclamation and then hand it
20 over, I want to just say this: I am really proud of
21 the Council. I'm really proud of Anastasia who works
22 here at the Council on these issues. She's amazing,
23 but we still have a lot of work to do, a lot of work
24 to do. We have worked to do on the sidewalks of New
25 York City. We have work to do in subway stations in

2 New York City. We have work to do when it comes
3 vehicles in New York City. We have work to do at
4 hospitals in New York City. We have work to do
5 across the board. So, even 28 years after the ADA
6 became federal law, we are still falling short. We
7 are still not doing everything we can do to support
8 people with disabilities to make sure that they truly
9 have equal access in New York City, and I am
10 committed personally, and I know my colleagues here
11 are committed to figuring out ways to make our city
12 more accessible and fair to everyone, and I thought
13 it was important to say that, because while we honor
14 you today, we know that we still have work to do to
15 benefit the people that you all help every single
16 day. So, with that, I want to ask the Clerk to
17 please read the Proclamation.

18 CLERK: Council City of New York
19 Proclamation.

20 The Council of the City of New York is
21 proud to honor the Center for Independence of the
22 Disabled New York, CIDNY for it's 40 years of
23 outstanding service bringing people with disabilities
24 closer to full and equal access to healthcare,
25

2 housing, public services, education and employment
3 voting, emergency planning and transportation; and

4 Whereas, on July 26, 1990, the United
5 States enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act,
6 the ADA, the world's first comprehensive declaration
7 of equality for people with disabilities and one of
8 our nation's most comprehensive pieces of civil
9 rights legislation. In addition to prohibiting
10 discrimination and guaranteeing that people with
11 disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone
12 else to participate in the mainstream of American
13 life. The ADA also mandated the establishment of
14 TDD, Telephone Relay Services; and

15 Whereas, the significance of the ADA
16 cannot be overstated. In the United States nearly 1
17 in 5 Americans lives with a disability. In New York
18 City alone nearly 1 in 8 residents live with a
19 disability. For people with disabilities the ADA is
20 a monumental piece of civil rights legislation
21 providing them with increased access to critical
22 services while empowering them to reach their
23 greatest potential. The ADA benefitted their loved
24 ones as well as every person without a disability for
25 it has meant greater inclusion, diversity and

2 community, all the traits that have defined our
3 nation since its earliest days; and

4 Whereas CIDNY, a non-profit organization
5 founded in 1978 serves as the voice of people with
6 disabilities in New York City. Its staff and board
7 include social workers, lawyers and other highly
8 qualified professionals most of whom are people with
9 disabilities, racially and ethnically diverse. They
10 all share a strong belief in self-determination and
11 bringing valuable life experiences and insights to
12 their critical work; and

13 Whereas, from its start, four decades
14 ago, CIDNY has passionately advocated for civil
15 rights and a strong safety of benefits and services
16 while ensuring that the concerns of people with
17 disabilities are heard whenever and wherever issues
18 affecting their lives are being decided.
19 Additionally, it advises government officials on ways
20 to make public services like transportation, health
21 insurance, education and entitlements work better,
22 monitors public and private initiatives that affect
23 people with disabilities, and offers constructive
24 solutions to problems and conducts a wide range of
25 training and technical assistance activities to

2 public officials, healthcare workers and other
3 service providers on disability awareness and
4 disability related issues; and

5 Whereas, since the ADA was enacted 28
6 years ago, CIDNY has witnessed even more people with
7 disabilities strive and succeed in education and in
8 the workplace, live independently in the community
9 and access and benefit from services provided by
10 schools, hospitals and public transportation all of
11 which have greatly strengthened our city, state and
12 nation; and

13 Whereas, even with the ADA removing all
14 barriers for people with disabilities has remained a
15 challenging goal. Yet, thanks to collective action
16 of activists and organizations like CIDNY, great
17 advances continue to be made in society, in
18 courtrooms, and in our communities.

19 Now, therefore, be it know that Council
20 of the City of New York is proud to honor the Center
21 for Independence of the Disabled New York in
22 celebration of its 40th Anniversary, and for its
23 exemplary service to people with disabilities
24 throughout New York City's five boroughs and beyond.
25 Corey Johnson, Speaker for the Entire Council,

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [applause] Yeah.
3 Congratulations. I want to turn it over to Susan
4 Dooha to give some remarks. Congratulations Susan.

5 SUSAN DOOHA: Thank you so much, Speaker
6 Johnson and thank you to all of our friends on the
7 City Council and to the Public Advocate Tish James.
8 It's an honor to be here on the eve of the
9 anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act,
10 and on the even of our anniversary as the first
11 independent living center, disability rights
12 organization in New York State. [applause] It
13 started 40 years ago. We honor the past and what we
14 have been able to achieve, and the Council has played
15 an important role in victories for people with
16 disabilities. We honor you for that role, and we
17 accept the award with great humility. We have seen
18 so many changes in the world since the passage of our
19 Civil Rights Law, and yet we still have so far to go.
20 At the time that the organization was founded, we
21 were working on issues of homelessness. We were
22 finding that all people with disabilities faced gross
23 inequities in education, in employment, in poverty,
24 in healthcare, in housing and homelessness, and a
25 whole host of other areas including far worse health

2 outcomes. These inequities were even worse for
3 people who bear the double burden of discrimination
4 as people who are Black, Latina, Latino, Asian-
5 American, and we are still fighting on these issues
6 today. We recommit ourselves going forward to
7 working hand-in-hand with you to bring about the kind
8 of change we all hope to see so that people with
9 disabilities can live independent lives integrated in
10 the community with equal opportunity. I cannot thank
11 you enough. It's a joy to be here with you today.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing] We
13 can't thank you enough.

14 SUSAN DOOHA: But allow me to honor my
15 esteemed board member, my boss, Mr. Dustin Jones.
16 [cheers/applause] Mr. Jones is an extraordinary
17 advocate who is in leadership in our organization in
18 all of the advocacy activities that we undertake.
19 We're very, very proud that you can join us here
20 today and accept this honor on behalf of our Board of
21 Directors. Thank you. [applause]

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [off mic] Dustin,
23 do you want to speak? Do you want to say anything?
24 Yes, yes.

2 DUSTIN JONES: Well, thank you. My name
3 is Dustin Jones. I thank you to the City Council for
4 all the work that you guys do. It's amazing being a
5 board member of CIDNY. I've been here three years.
6 We do amazing work, and I'm so happy and blessed to
7 be a part of this team. We continue to do great
8 things in this community, and I hope I'm here for
9 many, many, many more years, and a part of this to do
10 more great things to help out this community, and
11 make it a more equal access city for everyone. Thank
12 you.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you,
14 Dustin. [applause] [cheers/applause] Should we go?
15 Let's all get a photo together. [background
16 comments, pause] Congratulations, and you, too, and
17 you're amazing. [background comments, pause] Well,
18 I'm sure you guys are, too, but she's—she's helping
19 us become a better place and have ideas about what we
20 can do to be more--

21 SUSAN DOOHA: Absolutely.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: --a more
23 accessible city, and what the Council can do.

24 SUSAN DOOHA: And we've brought here a
25 few ideas, but with the discussion we can stand--

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing]
3 Amazing.

4 SUSAN DOOHA: --for a number of ways to
5 help us help them.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Fantastic and we
7 look forward to learning about it.

8 SUSAN DOOHA: Fantastic. Okay,

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Okay.

10 SUSAN DOOHA: Thank you. I'll see you
11 soon. [background comments, pause]

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Okay, next up -is
13 Council Member Borelli here? Come on up, sir.

14 [pause] Where's Joe? Here he comes, and if we could
15 have Dr. Viola Ortiz and Dr. Kerry Kelly and their
16 fans come on up to the front, oh and Chief Leonard is
17 here. Oh, great. Chief, come on up, please.

18 [background comments, pause] Oh, Dr. Kelly, come on
19 up here. Come on up here. Come up with us. Okay,
20 I'm going to hand it over to the Chief. Chief, great
21 to see you. Good to see you. Oh, good to see you.
22 Good to see you.

23 FEMALE SPEAKER: He's my guy.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Oh, good. Stay
25 close to her. We love her. Okay, I'm going to hand

2 it over to Council Member Borelli in a moment, but I
3 want to say a couple of things about these two
4 amazing women who we are honoring here today. The
5 New York City Council is proud to honor another
6 exemplary member of the FDNY Dr. Viola Ortiz. Yes.
7 [applause] Dr. Ortiz joined the FDNY in 1988 as
8 Medical Director, later becoming the second female
9 position of the entire department in its history.
10 Her expertise was also called upon to help create the
11 Health Program that helped in giving ongoing
12 treatment for FDNY officers affected by the World
13 Trade Center disaster site after September 11th. In
14 2006, Dr. Ortiz was promoted to Deputy Chief where
15 she served in that role for 12 years. So, it is my
16 pleasure to honor Dr. Viola Ortiz for exemplary
17 service to the city of New York, and we wish her well
18 and much continued success. Congratulations, Dr.
19 Ortiz. [applause] It's really wonderful, and the
20 Council is also proud to honor the FDNY's first
21 female Chief Medical Officer [cheers/applause] Dr.
22 Kerry Kelly. She has served in the FDNY for 37
23 years. [cheers/applause] I'm 36 years old.
24 [laughter] Starting as one of the first female
25 medical officers in 1981. I was born in '82, and

2 later become the department's first female Chief
3 Medical Officer. After the attacks on 9/11 she
4 helped in creating again the Health Program for FDNY
5 officers affected by the World Trade Center site
6 disaster and during her years of service she's been
7 the epitome of courage, professionalism and
8 dedication to the department, and she leaves—I'm
9 getting the chills saying it—she leaves a legacy, a
10 real legacy that will continue to be a source of
11 strength for our city for decades to come. So, on
12 behalf of myself, Council Member Borelli, and all my
13 colleagues, all of us here at the Council it is my
14 distinct pleasure to present this proclamation to you
15 and to Dr. Ortiz. I wish you all the success and
16 happiness in the future. Congratulations to you both
17 so much, [cheers/applause] and I want to hand it over
18 to the Chair of our Committee on Fire and Emergency
19 Services Council Member Joe Borelli.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you, Mr.
21 Speaker and thank you for this opportunity to honor
22 two extremely talented and wonderful women who aren't
23 just pioneers of the—of women the Fire Department,
24 but really pioneers in—in the service of treating our
25 first responders. You know, we see fights about the

2 Zadroga Bill, and about the—the long-term effects of
3 9/11. We've seen that since—for 17 years now, and a
4 lot of the fights get focused on the political aspect
5 of those—those battles, but I want to commend you for
6 being on the front lines treating our first
7 responders and—and unfortunately it being one of the
8 hallmarks of your career. So, thank you on behalf of
9 everyone. Thank you very much both of you doctors.
10 [cheers/applause]

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [off mic] And I
12 would add—[on mic] and before we let these two
13 doctors speak, I will ask the clerk to please read
14 the proclamation.

15 CLERK: Council City of New York
16 Proclamation.

17 The Council of the city of New York is
18 proud to honor Dr. Kerry Kelly upon her retirement in
19 recognition of her 37 years of exemplary service and
20 Dr. Viola Ortiz upon her retirement I recognition of
21 her 30 years of exemplary service; and

22 Whereas, while New York City depends upon
23 the men and women of the New York City Fire
24 Department, our Fire Department members depended on
25 Dr. Kelly—Doctors Kelly and Ortiz to help them

2 maintain their health and safety. Doctors Kelly and
3 Ortiz always felt it was an honor to serve New York's
4 bravest given their dedication to the safety of all
5 New Yorkers; and

6 Whereas, Dr. Kelly joined the FDNY in
7 1981 as the first woman medical officer. Later, she
8 would become the department's first woman Chief
9 Medical Officer. Throughout her distinguished tenure
10 she has exemplified courtesy, professionalism and
11 dedication; and

12 Whereas, Dr. Kelly was called upon after
13 the deadly terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 to
14 join the team that created the Health Program that
15 aided in identifying and providing ongoing treatment
16 for illnesses of FDNY officers affected by exposure
17 to the World Trade Center disaster site; and

18 Whereas, Dr. Ortiz joined the FDNY in
19 1988 as a medical officer. Later she would become
20 the department's second female physician. Throughout
21 her distinguished tenure, she exemplified—has
22 exemplified courtesy, professionalism and dedication;
23 and

24 Whereas, Dr. Ortiz was called upon after
25 the deadly terrorist attacks on September 11th to

2 also join the team that created the Health Program
3 that aided in identifying and providing ongoing
4 treatment for the illnesses for the illnesses of FDNY
5 officers affected by exposure to the World Trade
6 Center disaster site; and

7 Whereas, in 2006, Dr. Ortiz was promoted
8 to Deputy Chief Medical Examiner where she has
9 provided exemplary service for the past 12 years, and
10 whereas upon their retirement, Doctors Kelly and
11 Ortiz can be proud knowing that their legacy of
12 caring will continue to strengthen our city for years
13 to come through the practices that help—that they
14 helped establish.

15 Now, therefore, be it known that the
16 Council of the city of New York gratefully honors Dr.
17 Ortiz and Dr. Kelly for the 37 years and 30 years of
18 service to the city of New York, the New York City
19 Fire Department and to the community at large and
20 wishes them continued success and happiness in all of
21 their future endeavors. Corey Johnson, Speaker for
22 the Entire Council, Joseph C. Borelli, Council Member
23 51st District Staten Island.

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [applause]

3 Congratulations and I want to allow Dr. Ortiz and
4 then, of course, Dr. Kelly to give a few remarks.

5 DR. ORTIZ: Sure thank you. It's—it's
6 an honor to be here. It was truly an honor to serve
7 for the FDNY and its membership and the city of New
8 York especially that difficult time after 9/11. It
9 is—it makes me very proud to be a New Yorkers and to
10 have a part of that—that time in everyone's lives,
11 and again thank you and I appreciate it very much.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you very
13 much. [applause]

14 DR. KELLY: Again, thank you for this
15 honor. We—we're very fortunate to have a job that we
16 both loved a profession that allowed us to do the
17 work that we did, and in an environment that
18 encouraged us to be the best that we could be to help
19 the first responders who we have the greatest respect
20 and are for. So, we are honored to have worked for
21 so many years for an organization and for a city that
22 has given back so much to us. Thank you. [applause]

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: And I want to
24 allow the Chair of our Committee on Women to—to be

2 able to say a few words as well. Council Member
3 Rosenthal.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so
5 much, Chair Johnson. Congratulations. As the Chair
6 of the Committee on Women it's always nice to see
7 women in the FDNY, and I'm glad you've been there and
8 you've been role models and I'm looking forward to
9 seeing more women follow your footsteps. Thank you
10 very much. Are you going to say--? [applause]
11 [background comments] Okay, good.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: A big round of
13 applause for these two amazing women. [cheers/
14 applause] Thank you very much. Congratulations.
15 Let's take a picture. Step up here and let's take a
16 photo. [applause] [pause] [background comments]
17 Okay, next up we're going to have an amazing police
18 officer from the Port Authority Police Department,
19 Officer Giovanni Urena. If he's here or his family
20 or anyone, please come on up, sir. We want to honor
21 you. [pause] Thank you for being here.

22 GIOVANNI URENA: Thank you.

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Congratulations.
24 So happy to have you. Come on up. Is this your
25 family? Wonderful. Welcome. Thank you for being

2 here. Come up, come up here with the—come on in.
3 [background comments, pause] Get in front. Come on
4 up. So, the New York City Council is extremely proud
5 to honor Officer Giovanni Urena for his heroic actions
6 saving the life of a Corona woman last month in
7 Council Member Moya's district. A born and bred New
8 Yorker Council Member—Officer—Council Member Moya.
9 Officer Urena has always dreamed—had always dreamed
10 of becoming a police officer, helping serving his
11 community and the city that he grew up in. That
12 dream came true when he became a member of the Port
13 Authority Police Department, which he's been serving
14 on for five years working at local command at La
15 Guardia Airport. On June 30th, just a few weeks ago,
16 Officer Urena had just finished his overnight shift.
17 He was done. He had finished when he encountered a
18 woman who was with her two-year-old child being
19 stabbed by a man with a knife. Without hesitation,
20 this man, this officer sprang into action and saved a
21 woman's life. The child fortunately wasn't injured.
22 Without this officer's quick thinking and
23 intervention, she could have died and the child would
24 be motherless. So, as a the New York City and as the
25 city of New York are so proud of his heroic actions

2 and we thank Officer Urena for heroism and exemplary
3 service to the City of New York and I want to turn it
4 over to Council Member Moya as well before we hear
5 the proclamation. Thank you. Thank you Speaker
6 Johnson, and again, as the Speaker said, Port
7 Authority Officer Giovanni Urena is a true example of
8 a hero, someone who answered the call of duty when he
9 was needed. I want to take this opportunity to
10 acknowledge Officer Urena's Commanding Officer at the
11 La Guardia Airport, Deputy Inspector Charles O'Connor
12 who is joining us here today as well and, of course,
13 the officer Urena's family who are here with us today
14 especially his mother Isabella, and his sister
15 Jocelyn. We are recognizing Officer Urena today
16 because of his heroic act on June 30th. As he was
17 sleeping in his apartment working overnight—working—
18 coming from working an overnight shift at La Guardia
19 Airport when he woke up to the sound a woman
20 screaming. Without a weapon, without shoes, without
21 a shirt and without hesitation Office Urena sprang
22 into action. He ran out, chased down the stabbing
23 suspect and managed to subdue him until the NYPD
24 officers from the 115th Precinct arrived on the
25 scene, and I have no doubt that this mother and her

2 child are alive today because of the heroic effort of
3 Officer Urena's swift action, his bravery and
4 selflessness. [cheers/applause] On a personal note,
5 as someone who like Officer Urena was born and bred
6 in Corona, Queens I am grateful to call him a
7 neighbor and I know that Corona is proud to call him
8 a son. So, thank you Officer Urena for your heroics
9 and the great service that you provide the city of
10 New York. We are indebted to you, and internally-
11 eternally grateful for all that you do, and I'm going
12 to turn it over to you.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: We're going to
14 ask the clerk to please the proclamation and then
15 we're going to hear from the officer. So thank you,
16 clerk.

17 CLERK: Council City of New Proclamation.

18 Whereas the Council of the city of New
19 York is proud to honor Police Officer Giovanni Urena
20 for his heroism and exemplary service to our city;
21 and

22 Whereas, Giovanni Urena was born on
23 January 22, 1984 in Corona, Queens where he was
24 raised and continues to be an upstanding resident;
25 and

2 Whereas, as a child Urena envisioned
3 himself as a police officer helping others and
4 serving his community. He attended Queens Vocational
5 High School and graduated in 2002. Urena then
6 attended SUNY Empire State College and received an
7 Associate's Degree in Science. He later joined the
8 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local
9 Union No. 3 where he worked as an electrician; and

10 Whereas, after working as—working as an
11 electrician for several years, Urena decided it was
12 time to give back to his community in a new way, by
13 joining the Port Authority Police Department and
14 realizing his childhood dream of becoming a police
15 officer; and

16 Whereas, Urena has served as a member of
17 the Port Authority Police Department for nearly five
18 years and is assigned to the Port Authority Police
19 Command at La Guardia Airport; and

20 Whereas, on the afternoon of June 30,
21 2018 just hours after finishing his overnight shift
22 at La Guardia Airport, Officer Urena was awoken to
23 the sound of a woman screaming for help as knife
24 wielding assailant attacked her outside his Corona

2 home. Without hesitation, the off-duty officer
3 sprang out of bed and into action; and

4 Whereas, despite being unarmed and
5 barefoot, Officer Urena managed to detain the suspect
6 long enough for responding officers from the New York
7 Police Department's 115th Precinct to respond and
8 take him into custody; and

9 Whereas, the 31-year-old victim who was
10 with her 2-year-old daughter at the time of the
11 attack was taken to Elmhurst Hospital and treated for
12 a serious stab wound to her back. He daughter did
13 not suffer any injuries; and

14 Whereas, their lives may well have been
15 saved by Officer Urena's swift and selfless action.

16 Now, therefore, be it know that the
17 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
18 Police Officer Giovanni Urena for his heroism and
19 exemplary service to the city of New York. Corey
20 Johnson, Speaker for the Entire Council, Francisco
21 Moya, Council Member 21st District, Queens.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Can we hear it
23 for this homegrown New York City hero? Officer
24 Giovanni Urena. [cheers/applause] [background
25 comments]

2 GIOVANNI URENA: Good afternoon all. I'm
3 honored here today to stand as a Police Officer Port
4 Authority. [background comments] I would like to
5 thank Port Authority Police and Councilman Francisco
6 Moya for trusting me in the responsibility for
7 protecting Port Authority facilities and the
8 communities I've lived my whole life. Earlier today,
9 I met with the victim for the first time, and I am
10 pleased to see that her recovery is going well, and
11 thank you again for this recognition and support.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you very
13 much. [cheers/applause] Officer, you have—you have
14 one proud mom. You have one proud mom. Let's take a
15 picture. [pause]

16 CLERK: Quiet please, quiet please.

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.
18 Keep it down.

19 CLERK: At this time, please place all
20 electronic devices, all electronic devices to
21 vibrate. Will all non-Council employers, non-Council
22 employees please leave the main floor of the
23 Chambers. Thank you. Madam Public Advocate.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All quiet in the
25 Chambers, please. Please close the doors. Everyone

2 please be seated. [background comments] All rise
3 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 CLERK: All rise.

5 [Pledge of Allegiance]

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

7 Roll call. [background comments]

8 CLERK: Adams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

11 [shushing for quiet]

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

13 Keep it down.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down please,

15 keep it down.

16 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

18 CLERK: Ayala.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

20 CLERK: Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

22 CLERK: Borelli.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

24 CLERK: Brannan. Cabrera.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

2 CLERK: Chin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

4 CLERK: Cohen.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

6 CLERK: Constantinides.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

8 CLERK: Cornegy.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

10 CLERK: Deutsch. Diaz.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

12 CLERK: Dromm.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

14 CLERK: Espinal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

16 CLERK: Eugene.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

18 CLERK: Gibson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

20 CLERK: Gjonaj.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

22 CLERK: Grodenchik.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

24 CLERK: Holden.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

2 CLERK: Kallos.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

4 CLERK: King.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present

6 CLERK: Koo. Koslowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

8 CLERK: Lancman.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

10 CLERK: Lander.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

12 CLERK: Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

14 CLERK: Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

16 CLERK: Maisel.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

18 CLERK: Menchaca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

20 CLERK: Miller.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

22 CLERK: Moya.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

24 CLERK: Perkins.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.

2 CLERK: Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

4 CLERK: Reynoso.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

6 CLERK: Richards.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

8 CLERK: Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here..

10 CLERK: Rodriguez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Present.

12 CLERK: Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

14 CLERK: Rosenthal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

16 CLERK: Salamanca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

18 CLERK: Torres.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

20 CLERK: Treyger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

22 CLERK: Ulrich.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.

24 CLERK: Vallone.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

2 CLERK: Van Bramer.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

4 CLERK: Williams. Yeger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

6 CLERK: Matteo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

8 CLERK: Cumbo. Speaker Johnson.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I'm here.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
11 Chambers, please. All rise for the invocation.

12 CLERK: All rise.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The Invocation
14 will be delivered by Reverend Dr. Demetrius Carolina
15 Senior Pastor at First Central Baptist Church in the
16 Great Borough of Staten Island. Quiet in the
17 Chambers.

18 REVEREND DR. DEMETRIUS CAROLINA: Dear,
19 oh wise God. We come today asking for your divine
20 wisdom and guidance as our city representatives
21 conduct the business of the people. We pray for all
22 New Yorkers, all mothers and fathers. We pray for
23 family and loved ones. We pray for children and the
24 most vulnerable among us. We asked and we are here
25 reminded in these pressing hours that as we all are

2 part of the human family that our actions and our
3 decisions, in fact, impact others in a direct way.
4 During a time of much anxiety we pray for peace and
5 understanding. During a time of division and strife
6 we pray for stability and unity. During a time of
7 inequity we pray for federal, state and city equity
8 and restorative justice. We pray for our common and
9 collective sense of self. While these and other
10 decisions and choices we make may be challenging, we
11 pay for the strength and fortitude to stand tall
12 amongst others who have fallen prey to compromising
13 forces. Lastly, allow the seeds we plant grow today,
14 to grow into blessings not for us only, but for the
15 entire city as we serve as a beacon light on the hill
16 that all can see and follow. In the name of the
17 Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the
18 Holy Spirit Amen.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen. Please be
20 seated. Quiet in the Chambers please. [shushing for
21 quiet] Motion to spread the Invocation in full upon
22 the record, Council Member Debbie Rose.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Public
24 Advocate. I move to spread the Invocation in full
25 upon the record, and I want to thank Reverend Dr.

2 Demetrius S. Carolina, Sr. for the Invocation today,
3 and those words and blessings that were bestowed upon
4 this Chamber. Dr. Carolina maintains a respected
5 reputation in my district of Staten Island as a man
6 of conviction with deep concern for issues that
7 relate to spiritual empowerment, economic equity,
8 educational development, and human rights. His work
9 has taken him to several continents on behalf of
10 these issues including the Liberian Community in my
11 district. Since 2005 he has served as Senior Pastor
12 at First Central Baptist Church in Stapleton where he
13 contributes to the betterment of the Staten Island
14 Community by providing strong educational advocacy,
15 economic development, and facilitating bold community
16 partnership initiatives benefitting various community
17 organizations. And as the Executive Director of the
18 Central Family Life Center, which Dr. Carolina, which
19 is a multi-generational holistic program oversees
20 city funded after school programs, a senior citizens'
21 program, prison recidivism, mental health support,
22 youth recreation and various other community
23 enhancement projects. He also leads our city funded
24 Cure Violence initiative with a group called True to
25 Life. He has made an appreciable difference in the

2 violence reduction community, and we—and he was
3 appointed by Mayor de Blasio to serve on the City's
4 Human Rights Commission. I just want to say that
5 Pastor Carolina is a mover and a shaker. He's a
6 unifier, a coalition builder, and he's built a
7 powerful coalition of community stakeholders and is
8 responsible for bringing much needed resources to the
9 Staten Island community, and we thank him for the
10 Invocation today.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
12 you, Pastor. Moving on adoption of minutes. Council
13 Member Adams.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Madam AG to be, I
15 move that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of May
16 23, 2018 be adopted as printed.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: So moved.
18 Messages and papers from the Mayor.

19 CLERK: M77 submitting Dr. Mitchell Katz
20 for appointment to the Board of Health.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Rules, Privileges
22 and Elections.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communications
24 from City, County and Borough Offices.

2 CLERK: M78 appointing Sateesh Nori to
3 the New York City Council's Charter Revision
4 Commission.

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Received,
6 ordered, printed and filed and very grateful that
7 Public Advocate made this appointment to Charter
8 Revision Commission. Mr. Nori is a fantastic New
9 Yorker.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
11 Petitions and Communications.

12 CLERK: None.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-Ups

14 CLERK: M 79 through M 82, side walk
15 cafes.

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on a
17 Call-Up Vote and at this time, I would like a roll
18 call vote on today's Land Use Call-Up Calendar.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
20 Chambers for a Land Use vote.

21 CLERK: Adams.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all

23 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

25 CLERK: Ayala.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Barron.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Madam Public
5 Advocate, with permission I'd like to introduce my
6 intern Tanay Davis is a 19-year from Harlem. She's
7 currently a Sophomore at Howell University where
8 she's studying marketing.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yay.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Her anticipated
11 graduation date is May 21. Her interests include
12 reading, community involvement as well as fashion
13 design. She's a former competitive synchronized
14 figure skater and she has a Black Belt. She hopes to
15 go to law school after graduating and become a
16 criminal defense lawyers. She's very passionate
17 about issues affecting her community such as
18 gentrification, NYPD relations as well as youth
19 incarceration. She hopes to create a non-profit
20 organization and teach the importance of higher
21 education. She's concluding her service here as an
22 intern because as an intern because she will be
23 leaving tomorrow or this-end of this week to
24 participate in a study abroad program in China.
25 Tanay Davis. Do you want to stand, please, Tanay?

2 TANAY DAVIS: I'm here toward the back.

3 (Sic)

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, okay, in the
5 back. Thank you [applause] and I vote—I vote aye.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Madam Public
7 Advocate we, of course, wanted Council Member Barron
8 to be able to do that because this wonderful person
9 had to leave, but we also want to remind people that
10 during Land Use Call-Ups we don't typically thank
11 interns. We were happy to do so today to do this,
12 but we wanted to allow that to happen.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 CLERK: Borelli.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

16 CLERK: Brannan. Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

18 CLERK: Chin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Cohen.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Constantinides.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

24 CLERK: Cornegy.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

2 CLERK: Deutsch. Diaz. Dromm.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

4 CLERK: Espinal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

6 CLERK: Eugene.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Gibson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

10 CLERK: Gjonaj.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Grodenchik.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 CLERK: Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

16 CLERK: King.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Koo. Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

20 CLERK: Lancman.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Lander.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

24 CLERK: Levin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Levine.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

4 CLERK: Maisel.

5 CLERK: Menchaca.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

7 CLERK: Miller.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

9 CLERK: Moya.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

11 CLERK: Perkins.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

13 CLERK: Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

15 CLERK: Reynoso.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

17 CLERK: Richards.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Rivera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Rodriguez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rosenthal.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

3 CLERK: Salamanca.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

5 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

6 CLERK: Treyger.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

8 CLERK: Ulrich.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

10 CLERK: Vallone.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

12 CLERK: Van Bramer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Williams. Yeger.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

16 CLERK: Matteo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

18 CLERK: Cumbo, Speaker Johnson.

19 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's Land Use

21 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 42 in the

22 affirmative, [coughs] and zero negative. Quiet in

23 the Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker, Speaker

24 Corey Johnson.

25

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
3 Public Advocate. Good afternoon. First, I would
4 like to begin by honoring the memory of Eric Garner.
5 Four years of—four years ago most of us, many of us
6 had never heard of Eric Garner. Now, he is known all
7 over the world. His death helped spark a movement
8 that was long overdue, and that is based on the
9 simple notion that black lives matter. We stand here
10 today to honor the—honor a man that we lost on July
11 17, 2014 to remind the world, which is still watching
12 this case that black lives do indeed matter.
13 Sometimes you watch the news, you read the paper and
14 it doesn't feel like people are listening or that
15 people care. It's easy to feel discouraged or to
16 feel angry, but then I think about Gwynn Carr who
17 joined us here at City Hall yesterday, and I think
18 about how this woman, this mother lost her son four
19 years ago in a horrific and very public way. Gwynn
20 Carr did not ask for this fight, but she didn't
21 shrink from it either. She has gone on to lead a
22 movement that has inspired people all over the world,
23 and has changed the way we talk about justice. We
24 stand with and think of Gwynn Carr and the Carr and
25 Garner families each and every day. I also want to

2 recognize the 15th anniversary or a tragedy that
3 occurred right here in these very chambers, the
4 shooting and murder of the late Council Member James
5 Davis. Each and every one of us who was honored to
6 serve in this city must remember James's footsteps
7 and cherish his service when we gather in the
8 members' lounge that was named in his honor, the
9 Public Advocate's predecessor when she was on the
10 City Council. We will never forget that day. It will
11 be forever in gratitude of the NYPD detail who
12 protected people here that day, and we honor the
13 memory of Council Member James Davis. Finally, I
14 would like to pay tribute to three veterans of the
15 FDNY who have passed away. It's like we do this
16 every month. It's every Stated Meeting. It's
17 horrible. Since our last State meeting, in the past
18 three weeks we lost Captain Vigiano Sr. Captain
19 Vigiano was a former Marine and a decorated member of
20 the FDNY who lost two of his sons, who were also
21 first responders, on September 11th. We also lost
22 retired FDNY Battalion Chief Robert Miuccio. Chief
23 Miuccio, whose friends as always working with great
24 enthusiasm serve in the FDNY for 39 year, 39 years
25 after serving with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

2 Chief of Fire Prevention Ronald R. Spadafora was also
3 taken from us in the past few week. Chief Spadafora
4 was 40-year veteran of the FDNY and passed away at 63
5 years old. We'll remember these three New York
6 heroes. It is important our thoughts and prayers are
7 with our first responders everyday as all three of
8 these brave men died as a result of 9/11 related
9 cancer, which they contracted in the line of duty. A
10 few other New Yorkers I'd like us to keep in our
11 thoughts and payers are Jose Cardoso who was killed
12 earlier this month while working overtime at a
13 Brooklyn warehouse. The 32-year-old was crushed to
14 death by a co-worker in a company van who then fled
15 the scene. We offer our thoughts and prayers to his
16 wife and two young daughters during this very painful
17 and difficult time, and also in our thoughts and
18 prayers are the friends and family of Angel Espinoza.
19 Angel was a 28-year-old Staten Islander who was
20 struck and killed by a falling beam while working at
21 a construction site in Morningside Heights in
22 Manhattan. I'd ask for everyone to please rise, and
23 give a moment of silence.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

2 CLERK: All rise. [moment of silence
3 observed]

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you all.
5 So jumping into docket for the day, the Council will
6 vote on the following Finance items: First, the
7 Council will vote on two Article XI property tax
8 exemptions. The first exemption located 645 Gates
9 Avenue is in Council Member Robert Cornegy's district
10 and would support the construction of a 112 units of
11 affordable housing, the second exemption located at
12 90 Sand Street in Council Member Steve Levin's
13 district would support the preservation of five 508
14 units of affordable housing. Some of that supportive
15 as well. Two-thirds of it is supportive housing.
16 It's a big deal. Next, the Council will vote on the
17 following Land Use items. The Council will vote on a
18 landmark I've never heard before. I have to ask
19 Council Member Treyger about it. It's a designation
20 of the Coney Island Riegelmann Boardwalk. Council
21 Member Treyger has worked on this for years as well
22 as Council Member Deutsch. Both of them have worked
23 very, very hard on this, and so I'm proud we're doing
24 that today. We'll also be voting on applications for
25 Article XI Tax Exemptions for two properties that

2 were included in Round 10 of the Third-Party Transfer
3 Program. The tax exemptions will facilitate their
4 removal from the Third-Party Transfer Program. The
5 first exemption is for a property located at 490 East
6 181st Street in Council Member Ritchie Torres'
7 district and it will facilitate the preservation of
8 24 units of affordable housing. The second exemption
9 is for property located at 1103 Franklin Avenue in
10 Council Member Vanessa's Gibson district, which will
11 facilitate the preservation of 20 units of affordable
12 housing. The Council will also vote on the
13 Department of Housing Preservation and Development's
14 Application for an Article XI Tax Exemption to
15 facilitate the preservation of 259-unit affordable
16 housing development located in Council Member Mark
17 Treyger's district, and the Council will vote on a
18 sidewalk café located at 223 Dyckman Street in
19 Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's district. I want
20 to thank the staff from Land Use Jeff Yune (sp?)
21 Chelsey Kelly, Jeff Campagna, Julie Lubin, and Raju
22 Mann. Next on the agenda, the Council will vote—will
23 vote on the following legislation: We will vote on
24 Resolution 459 sponsored by Council Member Carlina
25 Rivera, which calls on the U.S. Congress to pass and

2 the President to sign the Keeping Families Together
3 Act, Senate Bill 3036 to immediately stop the
4 Department of Homeland Security from taking children
5 from their parents at the U.S. border, this cruel and
6 inhumane policy, and express with express—and accept
7 with express directive from a child welfare expert
8 and for additional legislation that would end family
9 detention as an unsafe and harmful alternative. I
10 want to thank the staff, Elizabeth Cronk, Rachel
11 Cordero, and Rob Newman. The Council is also—may
12 disapprove the transfer of any property within 45
13 days of receiving official notice from the Department
14 of Finance on the list of properties scheduled to go
15 through the Third Party Transfer Program. This round
16 of Third Party Transfer involves properties in the
17 Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens. The Council will vote on
18 disapproving the transfer of properties in Council
19 Members Inez Barron's, Mathieu Eugene's, Vanessa
20 Gibson's, Andy King's and Fernando Cabrera's
21 district. I want to thank the staff who worked on
22 this: Caitlin Fahey, Jose Conde, Megan Chin and
23 Terzah Nasser. The Council will also vote on one
24 bill related to senior center reporting and one
25 related to health inspections of senior centers and

2 social adult day care centers. Introduction 411-A
3 sponsored by Council Member Margaret Chin will
4 require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
5 to conduct health inspections at senior centers and
6 social adult day care centers that are considered
7 food service establishments under the New York City
8 Health Code, and to publish their inspection results
9 online. Introduction 399-B sponsored by Council
10 Member Paul Vallone will require the Department for
11 the Aging to annually report to the Speaker and to
12 the Council and post on its website, and provide data
13 about the participants, programming, services, costs
14 and budgets of each of DFTA's 249 senior centers
15 across New York City. I want to thank the staff who
16 worked on this Nusad Chaudhry, Caitlin Fahey, Terzah
17 Nasser, Samita Deshmukh, Andrea Vasquez, Daniel Kroop
18 and Dohini Sompura. Next, the Council will vote on
19 introduction 157-C sponsored by Council Member
20 Antonio Reynoso, which would reduce the permitted
21 capacity of putrescible solid waste containing
22 organic matter and non-putrescible solid waste for
23 each transfer station in certain overburdened
24 districts. I want to thank the staff who worked on
25 this, Nicole Aban (sp?), Nadia Johnson, Jonathan

2 Seltzer, Terzah Nasser and Megan Chin, and I'm
3 really, really proud that we are moving this bill
4 today. The Council will vote to require bail bond
5 agents to provide crucial disclosures to consumers
6 before signing a contract. My bill Introduction 724-
7 A will require bail bond businesses to provide
8 consumers with a consumer bill of rights, which will
9 be made available by the Department of Consumer
10 Affairs in English and in six additional languages as
11 well as require bail bond agents to provide consumers
12 with copies of any and all documents related to their
13 transaction. Introduction 510-B by Council Member
14 Rory Lancman will require bail bond businesses to
15 conspicuously post signage listing their maximum
16 premiums and fees as well as require the Department
17 of Consumer Affairs to conduct outreach and education
18 to the public in relation to their rights in dealing
19 with bail bond businesses, and how to file a
20 complaint against an agent. I want to thank the staff
21 who worked on this Bal Kise Merig and Rachel Cordero.
22 Moving on, the Council will vote on Introduction 981-
23 A sponsored by Council Members Carlina Rivera, Laurie
24 Cumbo and myself, which would provide the city an
25 additional tool to enforce the laws against illegal

2 short-term rentals throughout the five boroughs. I
3 want to thank the staff Megan Chin, Ed Atkin and Rob
4 Newman. Next, we'll vote on Introduction 779-A by
5 Council Member Donovan Richards, which will require
6 the Department of Corrections to issue quarterly
7 reports on the use of devices capable of
8 administering an electric shock to those incarcerated
9 in our city jails, Tasers. We will finally vote on
10 my bill Introduction 741-A, which would prohibit the
11 city from collecting revenue and require the city to
12 provide telephone services for incarcerated
13 individuals for any and all domestic calls at no cost
14 to them or to the recipients of those calls. We need
15 to pass this bill, and I'm proud of this bill because
16 we should not be profiting off of people who can't
17 afford to make bail, which more than 80% of these
18 people, which is more than 80% of people in jail, 85%
19 of whom are Black or Hispanic. We need to pass this
20 bill because Rikers is still open and very far way
21 from many parts of the city, and because the amount
22 of money in someone's commissary should not determine
23 how frequently they can connect with their families,
24 friends, loved ones and support networks. We want
25 people who will soon be returning home to their

2 communities to be able to call their attorneys and
3 their doctors, their counselors, their employers, all
4 the people who helped them stay out of jail to begin
5 with. We are prohibiting the city from collecting
6 revenue for phone calls, and we are mandating that
7 all domestic calls in jails are free because it's the
8 right thing to do for people who are locked up, and
9 for their families and it's the right thing to do for
10 the city. I want to thank the staff who worked on
11 these bills, Daniel Aids (sic), Josh Kingsley, and
12 Rob Callender. That concludes our very light agenda
13 for today's Stated Meeting, and look forward to
14 proceeding with today's votes. Thank you, Madam
15 Public Advocate.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Quiet
17 in the Chambers, please. Discussion of General
18 Orders beginning with Council Member Rivera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. So,
20 I'm very proud today that we are going to pass a bill
21 that addresses one of the biggest crises our city
22 faces and that's preserving our affordable housing.
23 Intro 981 finally gives our city our the enforcement
24 capabilities it needs to crack down on the bad actors
25 who for years illegally converted countless

2 apartments many of the rent regulated into hotel
3 rooms. With these conversions they exacerbated our
4 housing crisis and starved neighborhoods of
5 desperately needed low-income housing. The data has
6 shown for years what tenants and communities are
7 going through and today we are addressing these
8 concerns with a bill that creates a more effective
9 and efficient Office of Special Enforcement while
10 also providing strengthened privacy protections. I
11 want to thank the Speaker for your years of
12 leadership and tireless support on this issue. We
13 were both advocates on this before getting to the
14 City Council has been a long time coming. I want to
15 thank my 43 colleagues who co-sponsored the bill
16 particularly Laurie Cumbo, Helen Rosenthal, and
17 Jumaane Williams who have been on this issue for
18 many, many years. I can't tell you how much I
19 appreciate your advocacy for this legislation. I
20 want to thank Jason Goldman for his support, Rob
21 Newman, Ed Adkin, Megan Chin and the Legislative
22 Team, my staff especially Legislative Director Jeremy
23 Unger for the many, many hours spent taking calls,
24 drafting, editing and getting this bill ready for
25 passage today. I want to thank the advocates and

2 organizations involved including NYCLU, New York
3 Communities for Change and Housing Works for working
4 with us to strengthen the bill, but most of all, I
5 have to thank all the New Yorkers who came to the
6 rallies, who made phone calls, who sent emails, and
7 who never gave up against the billion dollar
8 companies who use their resources to hurt instead of
9 help bring transparency and accountability to an
10 unregulated industry that harms thousands of working
11 class New Yorkers. This victory is for you. You
12 pushed me and you kept up the fight, and we wouldn't
13 be here without you. I will continue to fight to
14 protect the people of the city with bold legislation.
15 We're sending a message to Washington today to pass
16 the Keep Families Together Act and reunite families
17 with their children who have been separated and
18 brought thousands of miles away even to our great
19 city, and I am introducing two bills today. I
20 encourage everyone to take a look at. It's to help
21 everyday New Yorkers to expand reporting by SBS, the
22 Small Business Services Department to give a clearer
23 picture of the unique challenges small businesses
24 face in their communities and (1) to give New Yorkers
25 living in HPD operated housing the option to report

2 their rental payments to a credit agency, which can
3 help them build their credit. I encourage all of my
4 colleagues to sign onto both of these pieces of
5 legislation, and I think you for taking—for giving me
6 this moment to say thank you to every one who made
7 Intro 981 possible.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
9 Council Member and I want to thank those in the
10 balcony for not verbalizing their position. If you
11 support the bill, and if you oppose the bill, thank
12 you—thank you for not verbalizing your position. The
13 next speaker is Council Member--

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing]
15 Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
17 Council Member Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
19 much Madam Public advocate. I am must thrilled to be
20 able to hear today saying that we are voting to pass
21 Intro 157-C. I—I'm speaking before the prime
22 sponsor, but I want to thank our prime sponsor
23 Antonio Reynoso, our Solid Waste Sanitation Chairman.
24 This bill started as 1170 back in 2000 something. It
25 moved onto 495 last session. It is now 157. This

2 bill is a long time in the making to provide
3 environmental justice and waste equity to the
4 communities of North Brooklyn, South Bronx and
5 Southeast Queens, and so, I really just want to take
6 this opportunity to thank people that have put in so
7 much time and effort into this. I want to thank and
8 acknowledge our Speaker for taking on this
9 legislation and making sure that it comes to an
10 equitable conclusion. Our Chair Antonio Reynoso who
11 has invested more into this bill, and really, I can't
12 even think of another piece of legislation that I've
13 seen a council member invest that much of themselves
14 into a piece of legislation. So, Antonio—Antonio's
15 predecessor Diana Reyna, who first introduced this
16 bill two sessions ago, Council staff, my staff,
17 Julie—former staff Julie Barrow, Ed Paulino, Jonathan
18 Bouchette and Elizabeth Adams, Jeff Baker, Colin
19 Howell when Colin was here worked on this bill,
20 Nicole Bean, Nadia Johnson, Jonathan Seltzer, Terzah
21 Nasser, from New York Lawyers for Public Interest
22 Gavin Kearney, Melissa Yushan (sp?), Rachel Spector,
23 also from Roseanne and the Right Group, John and
24 Marissa from the Right Group. From NIJA, Priya
25 Mulgaonka, Eddie Batista, NRDC Eric Goldstein, the

2 Teamsters, all these groups that put so much effort
3 into this piece of legislation, we are providing a
4 measure of environmental justice. The fight still
5 continues in these communities, but this will bring
6 us closer to justice and—and I want to thank again
7 our Speaker and our Chair for making this happen.
8 Thank you. I also want to thank as well Council
9 Members Salamanca and Miller for working with us over
10 the long haul on this legislation. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and now
12 for a vote, Council Member Vallone.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you Madam
14 Advocate, thank you Mr. Speaker and on a personal
15 note, thank you to everyone of you for keeping my
16 little guy in your prayers and my family. I'd just
17 like permission to vote aye on all matters on today's
18 calendar.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you,
21 Madam.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And may you
23 continue to be in our prayers, you and your family.
24 Council Member back to General Orders. Council
25 Member Lancman.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Yes, thank you,
3 Madam Public Advocate. The New York City
4 Comptroller's Officer estimates that last year more
5 than 12,300 people turned to commercial bail bonds
6 businesses to get their loved ones out of jail, and
7 paid between \$16 million and \$27 million in non-
8 refundable fees to do so. Even as the number of
9 people at Rikers has dropped, the number of private
10 bail bond postings has grown by 12%. People
11 desperate to get their loved one out of Rikers will
12 sign contracts, pay premiums and put down collateral
13 often without realizing what laws regulate those
14 companies or intended to protect them as consumers,
15 and desperate people are prime targets for the
16 unscrupulous and the predatory. While bail bondsmen
17 are legally required to limit the amount they charge
18 in fees, many exceed those caps or add on other
19 illegal fees or surcharges like bogus courier fees to
20 boost their profits. Today, this Council will
21 hopefully take a step toward treating bail bonds as
22 the dangerous consumer financial products they have
23 always been. Intro 510 requires bail bond businesses
24 to conspicuously post the rules they're required to
25 follow making sure that consumers know the maximum

2 that companies can charge for their services, know
3 they will now be entitled to receive a bill of rights
4 and know about their right to make a complaint and
5 direct regulatory attention toward bad actors. As the
6 city takes other steps to reduce the use of bail and
7 as non-profits bail funds are able to expand their
8 operations to handle more serious changes and larger
9 bail amounts, our hope is that commercial bail bonds
10 will no longer be necessary. But until that time,
11 exorbitant, unpayable bail no longer holds offenders
12 at Rikers Island. Today's bill will help protect
13 those [bell] who rely on these businesses. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
15 Council Member Reynoso.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you
17 Public-Madam Public Advocate. The United States has
18 a long history of racism that has manifested
19 itself in whole host of ugly ways throughout our
20 history. Environmental racism has been a
21 particularly insidious method through which
22 historically disadvantaged communities have made-have
23 been made to suffer because of the color of their
24 skin. The notion that black and brown people are
25 somehow less deserving of a safe and clean

2 environment represents some of the worst tendencies
3 with our society. In my district we have suffered
4 with toxic conditions created by decades of heavy
5 industrial uses, oil spills, and the reason I am
6 speaking today, the highest concentration of waste
7 transfer stations in the city of New York. These
8 transfer stations attract thousands of trucks in my
9 community spewing toxic fumes into the air on their
10 way to dump. Our children breathe these fumes from
11 birth. Woodhull Hospital, which serves my district
12 has the highest rate of admissions for asthma of any
13 hospital in the city of New York. Our seniors have
14 to dodge 40-ton trucks barreling down our streets at
15 high speeds. 72-year-old Leo Clark of the Bronx was
16 killed in one of these encounters just a few months
17 ago. How can a city that prides itself on
18 progressive politics, a city that has committed
19 itself to rigorously protecting its environment in
20 the face of hostile federal government possibly be
21 allowed—allow a system like this to exist. How could
22 I the individual entrusted to first and foremost
23 protect the health and welfare of my constituents
24 look a kid from the south side in the eye and say I
25 failed to act. Today, we are acting. Intro 157 will

2 finally provide communities in North Brooklyn the
3 South Bronx and Southeast Queens a measure of relief
4 and security. Furthermore, it will ensure that no
5 other community in the city of New York can ever
6 become like mine. It is not fair that North Brooklyn
7 has to process 38% of the city's trash. Just as it
8 wouldn't be fair if we had 38% of the city's parks or
9 38% of the city's affordable housing stock. This is
10 a matter of basic equity. My constituents know that
11 our community will continue to process the most trash
12 in the city for the foreseeable future. We are
13 simply asking that others step up and do their part.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing] I
15 want to allow—Council Member Reynoso has worked on
16 this for so many years—the additional time that is
17 needed to finish his remarks.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you,
19 Speaker Johnson. The path to this vote has been long
20 and winding. I cannot remember a single bill during
21 my time with the Council that has faced such complex
22 political obstacles. There are literally dozens of
23 people who worked tirelessly to bring waste equity to
24 our city's communities through this legislation. I
25 want to thank former Council Member Diana Reyna who

2 originally introduced this bill under Speaker Quinn,
3 and Steve Levin who revived it under Speaker Mark-
4 Viverito, and has been an invaluable partner in
5 moving this forward. To Rafael Salamanca and I.
6 Daneek Miller and to all my colleagues who supported
7 this legislation even at great political risk to
8 themselves, future generations can breathe easier
9 because of your courage, Zara and the Progressive
10 Caucus. Thank you to the Sanitation Committee staff
11 of Nicole, Nadia, John and Colin who dealt with all
12 the changes of this bill—that this bill has gone
13 through. My former Legislative Director Lacy Talber
14 who put forth four years of work into making this a
15 reality, and my current Legislative Director Asher
16 Freeman. To all the advocates, the Teamsters, the
17 New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, the New
18 York Lawyers for Public Interest, National Resource
19 Defense Council, groups in my district, Outrage, El
20 Puente, Los Sures (sic) and many other community
21 groups and residents who organized, testified and did
22 the right—research to show just how inequitable our
23 current system is. We could never have done this
24 without you. The reporters who got to pay attention
25 to this issue Kyra Feldman who broke the Sanitation

2 Salvage story and Danielle Moyo who tracked this
3 progress in the Council and to Speaker Corey Johnson.
4 He has shown an incredible amount of integrity,
5 contents of character and leadership in getting us to
6 this point. Without your commitment to environmental
7 justice and basic fairness, this bill would still be
8 languishing in committee. I want to extend my
9 heartfelt thank you on behalf of the residents of
10 North Brooklyn and the front-and communities in the
11 frontlines citywide. Finally, I want to take a
12 moment to acknowledge the memory of Mouctar Diallo.
13 Mouctar was a 21-year-old Guinean immigrant who
14 worked for Sanitation Salvage in the Bronx spending
15 his nights doing his dangerous and backbreaking work
16 on shifts that could last up to 16 hours for a mere
17 \$60 a day. Mouctar was killed by the truck he was
18 working on last November, but rather than taking
19 responsibility for this tragedy, the company he
20 worked for Sanitation Salvage engaged in a cover-up.
21 The appalling circumstances of Mouctar's death have
22 finally galvanized the city to bring real reform to
23 this industry. Intro 157 is the first step in this
24 effort. It will ensure that Mouctar's death was not
25 vain. Now, I would like to ask all of my colleagues

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2 to join me in voting in favor of Intro 157. Thank
3 you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Congratulations.
5 Seeing no one else for discussion of General Orders
6 Report of Special Committees.

7 CLERK: None.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of
9 Standing Committees.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,
11 Intros 399-B and 411-A Senior Centers.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled-amended
13 and coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
15 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, Intros 510-B
16 and 724-A Bail Bond Agents.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
18 coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
20 Criminal Justice Intros 741-A and 779-A, Corrections
21 Department.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
23 coupled on General Orders.

24 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
25 Finance Preconsidered Reso 457, Organization Funding.

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 162 and Reso 460
5 and LU 163 and Reso 461, Tax Exemptions.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
7 General Orders.

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Housing and Buildings, Intro 981-A, Short-Term
10 Residential Rentals.

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
12 coupled on General Orders.

13 CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 1021 through
14 Preconsidered Intro 1040, Third-Party Transfer
15 Program.

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
17 General Orders.

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
19 Use, LU 143 and Reso 462 Sidewalk Café.

20 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
21 General Orders.

22 CLERK: LU 154 and Reso 463 Landmark
23 Designation.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
25 General Orders.

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2 CLERK: LU 158 and Reso 464 through
3 Preconsidered LU 168 and Reso 468 Tax Exemptions.

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
5 General Orders.

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
7 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro 157-C
8 Waste Transfer Stations.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
10 coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar
12 Intro 720, Site Safety Training.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Laid over.

14 CLERK: Resolution Appointing Various
15 persons Commissioner of Deeds.

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
17 General Orders, and at this time I would ask for a
18 roll call vote on all of the items on today's General
19 Order Calendar.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
21 Chambers please.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

23 CLERK: Cornegy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: No on 157-C and
25 yes on everything else.

2 CLERK: Rodriguez. Adams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Permission to
4 explain my vote.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam
7 Public Advocate. Regarding Intro 157, and its
8 intention to help those in communities of color, with
9 significant quality of life concerns as they are
10 being disproportionately impacted, I believe that
11 this bill has admirable goals, and I am in support of
12 its merit. However, as I have from the beginning
13 struggled with this legislation, and as I believe we
14 missed an opportunity to get waste equity and
15 transfer rights for the communities of Southeast
16 Queens particularly for the areas of Community Board
17 12 an area in which I and Council Member Miller call
18 home, and have been on the forefront for years to
19 improve. While this bill addresses capacity
20 reformation throughout, conspicuously absent are the
21 persistent issues of air pollution, truck traffic,
22 foul odors and other matters that affect my quality
23 of life and the quality of life of the people of
24 Southeast Queens. Capacity issues are not a cure-
25 all. It certainly is not for Southeast Queens, and

2 every piece of legislation makes an impact on New
3 York City and these are not easy decisions to be
4 taken lightly. In its present state Intro 157 is not
5 a solution for Southeast Queens. However, however,
6 it does move us in the right direction to start to
7 act on a vital matter that impacts our communities.
8 I do appreciate all of the hard work that has been
9 put into this bill, especially the initial groundwork
10 of my colleagues I. Daneek Miller, and I know this is
11 not the beginning or the end of this conversation.
12 In the future, though, I would hope that this body
13 would engage in thoughtful collaboration, inclusion
14 and respect for all of its affected members for the
15 greater good [bell] of all of our constituents. I
16 welcome the continued dialogue and, therefore, I vote
17 aye on all.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Ampy-Samuel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ALICKA-AMPY SAMUEL: Aye
21 on al.

22 CLERK: Ayala.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Barron.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to
3 explain my vote.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. Than
6 you, Madam Public Advocate. I just want to speak
7 briefly about housing. The bill is Preconsidered
8 Intro 121 and 122, and this is a bill that will allow
9 for the shareholders of an HDFC in my community to be
10 able to maintain the equity that they have
11 accumulated in this building. The building consists
12 of one-bedroom apartments and the rents range from
13 \$400 to \$462. So, we're so pleased that they will
14 not be included as a TPT, and that they'll be able to
15 continue to building long-term wealth, which we
16 passed onto future generations, and I want to thank
17 the Council staff that worked on drafting that.
18 Secondly, regarding the Coney Island landmarking, I
19 just want to acknowledge that Council Member Treyger
20 did reference this historical part of the landmark
21 area that denied blacks and others the opportunity to
22 go there, and I want to remind the Commission that
23 they have an obligation to include that significant
24 history as they go forward in documenting areas that
25 are presented for landmark status, and with that with

2 I vote aye on all with the exception of 157-C on
3 which I'm voting no.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Borelli.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on al except
8 157 and 741.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you

10 CLERK: Cabrera.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to
12 explain my vote.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
15 much. I want to commend Council Member Reynoso's
16 good intention on Intro 157. I know he has a
17 difficult-very difficult situation in his district,
18 but in good conscience, I cannot vote for this bill.
19 Let me just give you two brief reasons. One is
20 because we are going to lose jobs. We're talking
21 about best estimate is about 200 jobs, and the part
22 that baffles me is that we literally spend hundreds
23 of thousands of dollars in this Council to fund non-
24 profits who does non-profits use these companies to
25 give gainful employment to people who often have a

2 very difficult time getting employment, people who
3 need a second chance in life. It's very difficult
4 for me just to hear that someone is going to get a
5 note saying you lost your job for people who have a
6 very difficult time getting gainful employment, and
7 many of them if we are truthful are people of color.
8 The second reason is the carbon footprint is going to
9 increase in other areas. I do agree we need to do
10 something in Council Member Reynoso. I mean we—we
11 have to figure that out, and I don't know what's
12 going to be the outcome to this vote, but—but the
13 reality is that the carbon footprint will increase in
14 other areas. So, in the long haul we're not getting
15 to the real root of the problem. So, with that, I
16 vote no on Intro 157-C and aye on the rest. Thank
17 you so much.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: May I be
25 excused to explain my vote?

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank
4 you, Madam Public Advocate. For over a decade now
5 this Council has led the way on making our city a
6 greener and cleaner place to live. From climate
7 change to local air quality, noise abatement and
8 managing storm water and sewer runoff, we've tackled
9 problems on a global scale as well as quality of life
10 issues affecting single streets and communities.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
12 [shushing for quiet]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: We've led
14 the way on fighting for environmental justice. I was
15 proud to work with Council Member Inez Barron the
16 last session to pass two major environmental justice
17 bills that were the culmination of many years of her
18 tireless fighting and her husband before here.
19 Hundreds of thousands of working class New Yorkers
20 and New Yorkers of color will have a seat at the
21 table when determining how environment burdens and
22 benefits are distributed throughout the city and the
23 latter part of that how we determine environmental
24 burdens and benefits are distribute is what I want to
25 emphasize. We as lawmakers and government officials

2 can't just act on what we believe is the right course
3 of action for a given neighborhood. We also have to
4 make sure that these neighborhoods have a voice heard
5 at every step of the way, and that most importantly
6 they feel that they've had their voices heard. There
7 is no true without that kind of engagement. No bill
8 is ever perfect, and I've had long dialogue with
9 people on both sides of debate of formerly 495 and
10 now 157. I understand the concerns about its
11 potential limitations, the unintended consequences
12 that may follow from it, and again the feeling that
13 there just wasn't enough input from the communities
14 affected in Queens. I deeply respect those concerns.
15 As imperfect as this is, however the fact is that
16 this bill has a measureable positive impact on the
17 city in terms of air quality benefits and admissions
18 reductions. We'll take steps to encourage carters
19 and transfer stations to shift waste by rail or barge
20 rather than trucks. It also has provisions to
21 protect any worker whose job may be at risk should
22 there be any upheaval in the industry. I'm
23 dedicating myself to work for a greater greener NYC
24 and anyway possible with our Speaker, and I've come
25 to the conclusion it's built to be part of that site.

2 I will vote for it. However, as the under-stirring,
3 as our colleague said, Adrienne Adams this is the
4 beginning of a process not the end and the every
5 neighborhood and every elected official walks away
6 feeling like they've been heard and respected as part
7 of this process. I thank you and vote aye on all.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Deutsch.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Diaz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to
13 explain my vote.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes. Thank you.

16 Madam Chair and all [coughs] my Council Members. We
17 in the Bronx we have—we have been having a problem
18 for many years, and the South Bronx has been the—the
19 number one resident affected by respiratory problem.
20 So, we have subject that every waste comfort land
21 have been put in the South Bronx and the Bronx.
22 People are—people been dying, getting sick. So,
23 today, I stand here to admire and congratulate
24 Council Member Reynoso for making this bill because
25 the Bronx has been affected. I understand what my

2 colleague Councilman Cabrera says about employment.

3 Yes, yes we are—we elected officials in the Bronx are
4 with the Bronx Borough President we have been working
5 to bring the jobs down. Like we—we need jobs in the
6 Bronx, and we have brought the—the—the rate from 14%
7 to 4.7 and we need jobs, but we cannot—we cannot—we
8 must not exchange jobs for life, and this is a bill
9 that will protect my residents, the people in the
10 Bronx and the people in the South Bronx. So, I
11 congratulate the Council Member again, Council Member
12 Reynoso and the chair, the—the Council Speaker for
13 bringing this to the floor. So, I vote yes on all
14 except in Resolution 457.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Dromm.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

18 CLERK: Espinal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

20 CLERK: Eugene.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Eugene.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Gibson.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
3 explain my vote.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Madam
6 Public Advocate. Good afternoon colleagues. I want
7 to commend all of my colleagues for passing important
8 legislation today. I certainly want to recognize
9 Council Member Reynoso for his leadership, Council
10 Member Levin. I want to recognize Council Member
11 Rivera for her work on her legislation. I want to
12 give a shout-out to Council Member Treyger for
13 allowing the Coney Island Boardwalk to be landmarked,
14 and recognizing a lot of the challenges that we've
15 faced through the years in terms of diversity and
16 access, and I want to speak in support of an Article
17 XI tax exemption for one of my buildings in my
18 district 1103 Franklin Avenue that will be allowed to
19 remain affordable for families for the next 40 years.
20 1103 Franklin Avenue is in the Morrisania Community
21 of my district, and I also want to support the
22 disapproval of the third-party transfer of this
23 property to remain in the HDFC program to provide
24 equity and opportunity for so many families in the
25 West Bronx. I'm grateful for the HDFC Coalition and

2 HPD, and City Council Finance and Land Use staff for
3 all of their work. 1103 Franklin Avenue are
4 extremely happy because now they get to remain in
5 their homes and provide housing for their families.
6 So, I thank you for that. I want to thank Chair
7 Salamanca for his work and I also want to recognize
8 that in our presence today I'm so honored all of the
9 work we do in this City Council is always about
10 providing a pathway to our young people, and this
11 City Council fought so hard for summer youth this
12 season Council Member Rose and many others, and I'm
13 so grateful to have my interns here today with me,
14 and I want to recognize them because they're excited
15 to be here and see the City Council in action. So, I
16 want them to stand as I call their names: Absul
17 Ajomabarin (sp?), Robert Rossi and Mario Wilsa are
18 here. Please stand. We're just excited about our
19 young people. They are with us for the summer.
20 We're working really hard in the Bronx and I want to
21 thank them and Children's Aid Society and Bronx Works
22 for the partnership of always providing us with young
23 people each summer, and with that, I vote aye on all
24 and thank you to all of my colleagues and our Speaker

2 for all of the great bills passed today. I vote aye
3 on all. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Gjonaj.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Permission to
6 explain my vote.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Intro 157 on its
9 merits goes a long way to address a real issue, but
10 this bill has allowed the city to pick winners and
11 losers by making the small companies, the small guy
12 smaller and making more powerful and bigger companies
13 bigger. The intent is not what this bill does. It
14 will not reduce the amount—the amount of trash that
15 is being hauled in and around this city. The only
16 thing that it's doing is allowing for those small
17 contractors to make the bigger contractors even more
18 wealthier and it truly goes against the institution
19 of what this city stands for in the form of free
20 markets. It is not our position to decide who should
21 be successful and who should not. This bill will
22 allow those big companies who never come near
23 capacity and will not feel this reduction in any way.
24 It's the small permitted contractors that will be
25 hurt, and their business models will be cut by up to

2 a third and I believe the number is 12 businesses in
3 New York City will actually lose and have their
4 businesses undermined. I vote no on I-57-C and ye on
5 the rest.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 CLERK: Grodenchik.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you.

9 Just briefly, Madam Public Advocate, I want to
10 congratulate all my colleagues who are passing
11 legislation today, and as Parks Chair, I'm especially
12 delighted the Riegelmann Boardwalk in Coney Island
13 will be designated a New York City landmark probably
14 the most visited of all the landmarks that we have,
15 and I congratulate my colleagues Mark Treyger and
16 Chaim Deutsch on their excellent work and with that,
17 I vote aye on all.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Holden.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except
21 Intro 157-C, vote no.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: King.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all except
25 157-C.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Koo. Koslowitz.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Lancman.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK: Lander.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye on
9 all, and I want to give props to Council Member
10 Reynoso and Levin on a really good step forward for
11 justice and fair share of waste equity in our city. I
12 vote aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you

14 CLERK: Levin.

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

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you, Madam
19 Public Advocate. Just two things I wanted to add to
20 my comments earlier on 157-C. First, I want to thank
21 Council Member Adams for her very thoughtful
22 comments. I want to acknowledge that one person I
23 left before is Heather Bodewynn (sp?) who worked very
24 closely with us for many years on this as well, and
25 one point of clarification the EAS that studied the

2 impact of this legislation found that potentially 13
3 to 16 jobs may be lost as a result of this
4 legislation. So, that was—that was the findings of
5 EAS was the maximum of 16 jobs may be lost. There
6 will be a provision in this legislation. There is a
7 provision in this legislation to keep a list of-of
8 any-of any people that were to lose their jobs as a
9 result of this legislation and—and that list can be
10 drawn upon as openings come up with the Department of
11 Sanitation at marine transfer stations and so on and
12 so forth. So, I wanted to put that out there as a
13 point of clarification regarding the EAS and this
14 legislation, and with that, I'm very proud to vote
15 aye on all. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Matteo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 157, no on
19 741, aye on the rest.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Levine.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Maisel.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

2 CLERK: Menchaca.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Miller.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
7 explain my vote.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Madam Public
10 Advocate, I rise to speak today on Intro 157, a bill
11 which—that I have supported since my time in the
12 Council when it was 495. In fact, it is a bill that
13 I have supported when my predecessor then Council
14 Member LeRoy Comrie and Council Member Reyna, and
15 Intro 1170 on its merits. It is a bill that deserves
16 to be supported, and I have viewed this bill as
17 having potentially an over sickly approach this as
18 bringing as bringing justice to an unjust situation.
19 Unfortunately, the very communities that we sought to
20 help are potentially being harmed, the process—the
21 process who remembers voice and responsibilities have
22 been advocated in lieu of advocates. Address—
23 addressing environmental justice requires broader
24 vision than being punitive and focusing only on waste
25 management. It requires the creation of investment

2 in communities. It requires jobs to promote
3 wellbeing of larger communities. In this spirit, I
4 believe that we can be better than 157 will allow.
5 We can encourage investment, we can strengthen
6 communities, we can build more than a more equitable
7 system. My colleagues in Southeast Queens at
8 multiple levels of government, community leaders and
9 industry leaders have worked for the past few years
10 to create a new paradigm around waste transfer where
11 communities of color become the standard for
12 equitable waste transfer and recycle with little to
13 no impact on the quality of life. I am confident
14 that through my commitments through Chair Reynoso and
15 Speaker Johnson that we will be able to create
16 thoughtful and intelligent policy and practices
17 [bell]

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing]
19 Madam Public Advocate, I want to allow Council Member
20 Miller who has spent an enormous amount of time on
21 this to finish his remarks today.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you so
23 much, Speaker Johnson--for waste management in our
24 communities as well as recycle making sure that
25 implementation of this bill lives up to the initial

2 aspirations and that we can bring a measure of
3 justice to the unjust situation. This will require
4 transparency and the community engagement, and
5 protection from special interest and political powers
6 who might further subvert this. For this reason, I
7 look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues
8 here in the Council, but I vote no on 157--

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --and aye on all
11 the rest.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, sir.
13 It's great to see you stand.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, thank
15 you so much.

16 CLERK: Moya.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

18 CLERK: Perkins.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all. No
20 on 157.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 CLERK: Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all and
24 just quickly permission to explain my vote.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I just want to
3 congratulate both my colleagues here, Council Member
4 Reynoso and Council Member Levin who I know for years
5 have been fighting for the Waste Equity in-in their
6 districts and on behalf of their constituents many
7 who are here today. I also want to just kind of like
8 congratulate my colleague Council Member Rivera on a
9 bill that I mean the entire Council practically
10 supports, which is to continue to bring force against
11 illegal commercial short-term rentals. I think in
12 our time here in the Council we've had, you know,
13 seven or eight instances already where we've seen
14 enforcement against commercial hotels some very large
15 in my district and in nearby districts, but-and
16 finally, I just want to say thank you to the Council-
17 to the Speaker who has an important bill that goes I
18 think someone I recognize in a very busy and
19 important day, but would remove fees for people who
20 are in our city jails for phone calls. It is an
21 issue and a bill that came right before our committee
22 early on, and I know many folks feel very strongly
23 about to reduce and eliminate-to eliminate an
24 additional cost for people who in many cases can't
25 pay bail and, therefore are held in our city jails,

2 and to add another cost if somebody sitting at home
3 who can bail does not have to incur seems fair and
4 equitable., and so I wanted to thank the Speaker and
5 thank you to the colleagues in advance. With that, I
6 vote aye on all. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Reynoso.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you to all
10 my colleagues, and I vote aye on all.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

12 CLERK: Richards.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to
14 explain my vote?

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: First off, I
17 wanted to start by thanking the Speaker and the
18 Criminal Justice Chair-Committee Chairman Keith
19 Powers for his support on the Taser Bill. As many of
20 you know, or may not know that the Department of
21 Corrections has now announced plans to increase the
22 number of persons or Corrections officers equipped
23 with Tasers from 25 to 154, and this bill is going to
24 go a long way in being proactive and ensuring that we
25 hold the Department of Corrections accountable

2 through transparency as they have more of these
3 weapons at their disposal. I'll also, just briefly
4 touch on 157-C, and I've always been a person who's
5 thought, you know, never to let perfect be the enemy
6 of good, and this bill, you know, certainly is not
7 perfect in any form or fashion. I don't know many
8 pieces of legislation in the Council we passed that
9 are totally perfect, but I do know in Southeast
10 Queens we have been over-burdened for a very long
11 time with waste and by far there's still a whole lot
12 more work that needs to be done to ensure not even
13 just around waste equity we make improvements, but we
14 have the airport, we have air cargo, we have so many
15 institutions located in our community that have done
16 harm to the children and our elders or our community.
17 So, I'm in agreement and alignment with both Council
18 Members Miller and Adams in ensuring that the
19 conversation does not stoop here, but it is in my
20 belief that this bill is a major step in the right
21 direction in ensuring that we start to hold the
22 industry accountable, and this is about environmental
23 justice, economic justice, and we have a long way to
24 go to ensuring our communities of color have that.
25 So, with that being said, I am happy to vote aye on

2 157-C, and I'm grateful to the Speaker for moving
3 this [bell] and also vote Council Members Levin and
4 Reynoso who have been so thoughtful throughout this
5 process in communicating with us. So, I vote aye on
6 all. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Rivera.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Congratulations
11 to all my colleagues. I vote aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 CLERK: Rose.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to
15 explain my vote.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I commend Council
18 Members Reynoso and Levin for the work that they put
19 into this long and arduous fight for environmental
20 justice communities. However, I can't vote for Intro
21 157-C because of the long history of Fresh Kills
22 Landfill on Staten Island where we got for over 53
23 years 100% of all of New York City's garbage.
24 Thereby, making it the largest repository of garbage
25 and trash for over 53 years. I cannot vote for 157-C

2 because it would add to the amount of trash that we
3 received. So, I vote aye on all, and I vote no on
4 157-C, but that is not taking away any respect for
5 the fight that my Council Members have waged against—
6 for environmental justice communities. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Rosenthal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
10 explain my vote.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you. I
13 first want to congratulate my colleagues Reynoso and
14 Levin on passage of this bill. They worked so hard
15 on it, and they're so dedicated to their community.
16 Congratulations on all your work. I also want to
17 congratulate Council Member Rivera for passing her
18 bill. You know, in thinking about it, we've been
19 thinking about Airbnb so much and, of course, it will
20 apply to any web-web based platform, but you know,
21 none of this—I just want to talk for a second about
22 corporate responsibility, and the fact that we
23 wouldn't have to have legislation, and we wouldn't
24 even have to have an Office of Special Enforcement,
25 you know, if—if Airbnb and other web based platforms

2 would just obey the law, and make sure that anyone
3 who posts on their website was obeying the law, and
4 they could very easily do it. You know, it's—
5 there's, you know, maybe it's out of their league,
6 but there's this thing called technology, and they
7 could just, you know, very easily, you know, have a
8 flick of a switch just about in saying are you ready—
9 will you be present during the rental, yes or no?
10 And if the answer is no, you can't post on the
11 website. The Tech Tower it—it can't be the
12 technology that's the problem. It clearly has to do
13 with corporate responsibility, and I hope those who
14 invest in Airbnb, which we know is a private equity
15 company of \$36 billion, think twice about their
16 investments because certainly they couldn't do
17 anything illegal, but somehow they invest in a
18 company where knowingly Airbnb allows illegal
19 activity, and other web platforms to happen on their
20 website. So, the solution could be so easy. The
21 city wouldn't have to spend millions of dollars if
22 Airbnb and other web platforms like that were good
23 corporate citizens. Unfortunately, they cost our
24 taxpayers even more money for us to enforce the law.
25 So, with that, I'm just so proud of my colleague for

2 using—passing legislation today that goes after the
3 source of the problem and, of course, I vote aye on
4 all. Thank you very much.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Salamanca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like
8 to give a big shout out to Council Member Treyger.
9 Congratulations on landmarking Coney Island. It's a
10 big win for your district, and I also want to give—
11 congratulate Antonio and Steve on their hard work and
12 persistence on passing this bill. I vote aye on all.
13 Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. If we
15 could silence our phones that would be greatly
16 appreciated. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Torres.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I will vote aye
19 on all.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Treyger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
23 explain my vote.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: So, I definitely
3 want to congratulate all of my colleagues on their
4 bills. I do want to give a shout-out to Council
5 Member Reynoso. He spent quite a bit of time with me
6 working on the legislation and—and I do appreciate
7 that. Today is also a good day for Coney Island.
8 We're voting to actually first preserve 258
9 affordable senior housing units, and I do want to
10 note that for the record and—and that's—that's
11 critical to our community and to our city, but we're
12 also officially voting to designate the Coney Island
13 Boardwalk as a New York City landmark, and I'm very
14 proud of not just the designation, but how we got
15 this done. Non conservancy, no lobbyists, no bunch
16 of millionaires who worked on this. This was the old
17 fashioned way grassroots, thousand of petition
18 signatures. I remember the Public Advocate joined us
19 on a rainy day many years ago to preserve the
20 Boardwalk, and I thank her for her support for day
21 one, my colleague Councilman Deutsch, Speaker Johnson
22 who's been a steadfast supporter, the former Speaker,
23 all of my colleagues. This structure, this boardwalk
24 its so important to the city's history because as—as
25 my colleague Council Member Barron referenced, prior

2 to the city owning the Coney Island Beach and
3 Boardwalk, it was owned by private entities that did
4 not allow access for all. There were segregation.
5 People of color were not allowed to use certain
6 amenities. Jews could not stay at certain hotels.
7 So, when the city purchased that land and built that
8 boardwalk, it was symbol, a turning point for
9 integration, access for all regardless of the color
10 of your skin, your faith, what language you speak,
11 where you're from, how much money you have, you are
12 welcome and embraced and celebrated in Coney Island
13 and on that boardwalk. So, this is a proud day. It
14 also happens to be National Hot Dog Day. [laughter]
15 Come to celebrate. Come celebrate Coney Island's
16 Friday night fireworks show with a hot dog, catch a
17 ball game, check out the sharks exhibit. Thank you
18 so much, my colleagues. I vote aye on all.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: That's Brooklyn,
20 baby. [laughs]

21 CLERK: Ulrich.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
23 with the exception of 157 and 741. I vote no on
24 those two.

25 CLERK: Van Bramer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I want to
3 congratulate all of my colleagues in particular Levin
4 and Reynoso, but I have to say Council Member Reynoso
5 and I met on a cold February day about a decade ago
6 before either of us served in this body, and I think
7 he's been talking about this issue the entire time.
8 So, I just want to congratulate him on a long, but
9 important journey and—and really say, the art to
10 succeeding is never giving up, and Antonio Reynoso
11 did that for his community, and for so many others.
12 So, I want to congratulate him, and with that, I vote
13 aye on all.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 CLERK: Yeger.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused
17 to explain my vote?

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. First, I'd like to thank Mr. Speaker and
21 members of this body for recognizing the memory of my
22 friend Council Member James Davis who many of us knew
23 well who has a room downstairs named for him. He was
24 a friend of mine. Fifteen years ago this month, he
25 was taken for us in this room, a life cut far too

2 short, and he's somebody who—those of us who know his
3 family, his mother, his brother, know what a
4 wonderful human being he is—he was and we miss him.
5 On a lighter note, I'd like to congratulate my friend
6 and my colleague Council Member Treyger for the work
7 that you've done to keep my childhood playground
8 alive. That's where my grandparents brought me.
9 They lived on Ocean Parkway right off the subway, the
10 L just a couple of blocks away from the Boardwalk. I
11 loved the Boardwalk as a kid. I love the Boardwalk
12 as an adult, and you're going to keep it there for my
13 child and my—my kids' children and for future
14 generations and I'm very grateful for that. With
15 respect to my votes today, I will be voting on Intro
16 157-C with immense respect for my colleague Council
17 Member Reynoso and the members of this body who
18 worked extraordinarily hard to get this bill to the
19 place where it is, but for the reasons, and I won't
20 say any more than simply point the record to the
21 remarks of my colleague Council Member Miller for
22 those reasons so eloquently stated, I will
23 respectfully vote no, and I vote aye on all the
24 remaining items. Thank you, Madam President.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

2 CLERK: Cumbo. Speaker Johnson.

3 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I proudly vote
4 aye and I want to congratulate Council Members
5 Reynoso and Levin for their hard work, and I also
6 want to thank Council Member Miller for the way he
7 has conducted himself and Council Member Adams the
8 way they've conducted themselves throughout this
9 process, and there's a commitment on behalf of the
10 Sanitation Chair and myself to work with them from
11 now until implementation of October and 2019 to
12 figure out ways to support a facility in the district
13 and incentivize additional investment whether it be
14 through recyclable C&D, construction and debris or
15 other ways, rail and other things. So, our
16 commitment is there, and I am really grateful for the
17 back and forth we've been able to have throughout
18 this legislative process, and the way that my good
19 friend Daneek Miller has interacted with me. He's
20 been a gentleman throughout this entire process and
21 Adrienne similarly has been a wonderful person to
22 work with, but I really do want to congratulate
23 Antonio and Steve because they have worked on this
24 before they were elected officials. When they were
25 staff members in the Assembly and in the Council they

2 had worked on these issues, and this is the third
3 speaker that it's come up under, and this has not
4 been an easy road, and there have been some very
5 legitimate concerns, but also I believe unbalanced.
6 This is about environmental justice. This is about a
7 disproportionate amount of these facilities being in
8 communities that have been over-burdened for far too
9 long, and as was said by Council Member Richards, we
10 don't want to make the perfect the enemy of the good,
11 which we believe this is a good bill, which achieves
12 very good things for the future of New York City.
13 So, I am really, really proud of you Antonio. I'm
14 really, really proud of you Steve, and I proudly vote
15 aye on all.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All
17 items on today's General Order Calendar were adopted
18 by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
19 abstentions with the exception of Intro 157-C, which
20 was adopted by a vote of 32 in the affirmative, 13
21 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 741-A, which
22 was adopted by a vote of 42 in the affirmative, 3 in
23 the negative, and Resolution 457, which was adopted
24 by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0 negative
25 [background comments] and one negative. Excuse me, a

2 revised vote on Resolution 457, 45 in the
3 affirmative, 1 abstention and the Revised Land Use
4 Call-ups vote is 45 in the affirmative 0 in the
5 negative. Introduction and reading of bills. All
6 bills are referred to committee. I would also urge
7 my colleagues to join with me and Council Member
8 Deutsch, Ulrich and Vallone in co-sponsoring Intro
9 1047, which would establish an outreach and education
10 program with the Department of Veterans Services--

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [off mic]
12 [interposing] Keep it down, please. Keep it down
13 please.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quite in the
15 Chambers. We're still in session.

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: [interposing]
17 Excuse me, Madam Public Advocate. If-if folks would
18 please be quiet, but also members have to say because
19 we need a quorum. We have some other things to vote
20 on. So, members if you could just stay a few more
21 minutes. It's important to maintain a quorum, and
22 vote on the Resolution--the very important Resolution
23 that Council Member Rivera has put forward. Thank
24 you, Madam Public Advocate.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: So, the bill
3 basically identifies and helps veterans avoid higher
4 education scams and assess the benefits to which they
5 are entitled and the quality education they deserve
6 because they're being subjected to too many deceptive
7 business practices, and we owe it more to our
8 veterans in the city of New York. We now have a
9 discussion of resolution, Resolution 459, and the
10 resolution calls on the United States Congress to
11 pass and the President to sign the Keep Families
12 Together Act, Senate 3036 to immediately stop the
13 Department of Homeland Security from taking children
14 from their parents at the United States border except
15 with express directive from a child welfare expert,
16 and for additional legislation that would end family
17 detention as an unsafe and harmful alternative. Any
18 speakers on this? Seeing none, all of those in favor
19 say aye.

20 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those
22 opposed? Any abstention? The ayes have it, and now
23 onto general discussion beginning with Council Member
24 Rosenthal.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you very
3 much. I just want to thank two of my interns who
4 have been incredible over the last few months Rob
5 Bentlyewski and Anisha Ayu. They're in the audience
6 today, and I just wan them to hear that--

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
8 [shushing for quiet]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: --I'm
10 incredibly proud of the work that you've done. I
11 can't wait to hear more about it, but you've worked
12 so hard in our office as interns, and I'm really
13 excited to stay in touch and see where you guys land.
14 You're just doing a great job. Thank you very much.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
16 Council Member Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
18 Public Advocate. I just want to remind all of my
19 colleagues that you are invited tomorrow to a tour of
20 a facility of an area that has made maximum use of
21 was a NYCHA parking facility, and we know that
22 there's \$500 million in the budget, and we're
23 inviting you to come and see a model of what might be
24 able to be replicated in other NYCHA facilities or

2 other city-owned facilities that are talking about
3 providing for--

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
5 [shushing for quiet]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --senior housing.
7 So, we want to thank the Speaker for making
8 provisions for transportation. The van will be
9 leaving from the parking lot at 11:30 and at 12:30,
10 we will be taking a tour of the senior residents of
11 the community based facility that's there, and other
12 housing that's on that square block, and we will be
13 gathering at Schenck Avenue. I think it's 860
14 Schenck (sic) Avenue, and we invite you to be a part
15 of that. 890 Schenck Avenue, and we invite you to be
16 a part of that so that we can get the juices flowing
17 and ideas going--

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
19 [shushing for quiet]

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
21 down, please. Keep it down, quiet down.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --about
23 possibilities for--

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
3 Quiet down. We're still in session. We apologize,
4 Council Member.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you--
6 possibilities for how we can get this senior housing
7 done. Thank you so much, and again--

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --thank you to
10 the Speaker for making provisions for transportation,
11 and if you're coming on your own, you can park right
12 in front of the residences at 890 Schenck? Thank
13 you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
15 Council Member Cabrera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
17 much. Today, I'm introducing several pieces of
18 legislation that addresses safety and quality of life
19 concerns related to construction sites, access to
20 information, landlord responsibility to tenants and
21 school safety. Intro 1023 will require stores that
22 only accept credit or debit cards to clearly post
23 this information on signs so customers know before
24 they try to buy something. Intro 1024 will require
25 landlords to provide hotplates to tenants when the

2 gas has been shut off. Intro 1026 will require NYPD
3 to report quarterly on noise complaints. Intro 1027
4 will require DOT to prevent unnecessary noise, cover
5 dig sites, remove vehicles and clean up dust and
6 debris of the-of daily work, and Intro 1028 will
7 require the Department of Finance to make a video of
8 red light or speeding camera violation available to
9 view online. Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. We
11 have a revised tally on Resolution 457. It was
12 adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 1
13 negative and 0 abstentions , and the revised Land Use
14 Call-Up vote is 46 in the affirmative, 0 negative.
15 Our last speaker is Council Member Adams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam
17 Public Advocate. I just wanted to also recognize my
18 interns that are here today. If they would stand,
19 [applause] we-our intention was to bring more
20 estrogen--

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
22 [shushing for quiet]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: --more estrogen to
24 the City Council for the summer months. Ladies,

2 please stand. [cheers/applause] The madam
3 colleagues. Thank you very much.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: That's girl
5 power, and now to close, Speaker Corey Johnson.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good night and
7 good luck. This meeting is adjourned.

8 [cheers/applause] [gavel]

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