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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

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Kevin C. Riley
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Rafael Salamanca, Jr.
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Kalman Yeger

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

2 SERGEANT PEREZ: Sergeants, please start
3 the recordings.

4 SERGEANT LEONARDO: PC recording is
5 underway.

6 SERGEANT BRADLEY: Cloud recording is up.

7 SERGEANT PEREZ: Good morning. Welcome to
8 New York City Council's Remote Stated Meeting.

9 Everyone, please turn on your videos at
10 this time.

11 Silence all electronic devices. Thank
12 you.

13 Majority Leader Powers, we're ready to
14 begin.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Good
16 morning, everyone, and welcome to the recessed Stated
17 Meeting of May 19, 2022, now held on May 26, 2022.
18 We're going to start off with a roll call.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Abreu.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ariola.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Aviles.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Present.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ayala.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Barron. Council
4 Member Barron.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Bottcher. Brannan.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brewer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Caban.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Carr.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: De La Rosa.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Dinowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Farias.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Feliz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Present.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gutierrez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Presente.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanif.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanks.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Holden.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hudson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Here.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Joseph.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Kagan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Krishnan. Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Present.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Louis.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Marte.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mealy.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Menin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Moya.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Narcisse. Nurse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Good morning.

6 Present.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Osse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Present.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Paladino.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Restler.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Riley.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Rivera. Salamanca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sanchez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Schulman.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Stevens.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ung.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Velazquez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Present.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Vernikov.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Won.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Yeger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Borelli.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Powers.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mr. Majority Leader,
20 we have a quorum.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. The
22 recessed meeting of May 19th is hereby adjourned, and
23 we're now going to open the May 26, 2022, Stated
24 Meeting.

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2 I'm the Majority Leader, Keith Powers.
3 I'd like to thank everyone for joining us here today.
4 If you're following along, the agenda for today's
5 meeting is posted on our website.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Please join us for
7 the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 CHAMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the flag
9 of the United States of America, and to the Republic
10 for which it stands, one nation, under God,
11 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I
13 believe now we have to do another roll call so I'll
14 call for another roll call, Mr. Clerk.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. Abreu.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ariola.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Here.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Aviles.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Yes, here.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Ayala.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Barron.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Bottcher. Brannan.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Still here.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brewer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

6 Council Member Brooks-Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Yes.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Caban.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Carr.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: De La Rosa.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Farias.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Still present.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Feliz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Present.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gutierrez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Present.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanif.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hanks.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Holden.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Hudson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Hi. I'm sorry. Is
8 this attendance?

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Roll call. Second
10 roll call.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Second roll call,
12 okay. Hudson, present.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Joseph.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Kagan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Krishnan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHAN: Here.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Lee.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Present.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Louis. Marte.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mealy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Menin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Moya.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Narcisse. Nurse.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Osse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Present.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Paladino.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Restler.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Present.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.

14 Richardson Jordan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Riley.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Rivera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Salamanca.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sanchez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Schulman.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Stevens.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Ung.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Velazquez.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Present.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Vernikov.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Williams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Won.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Yeger.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Borelli.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I'm still here.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Powers.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I am here, and I

20 wanted to just check, did you get Council Member

21 Bottcher? If not, could you call him again?

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sure. Bottcher.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I heard him. He

24 said present.

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2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mr.
3 Majority Leader. Speaker Adams.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mr. Majority Leader,
6 we have a quorum.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
8 going to now go to the invocation.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Adoption of
11 minutes.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Messages and
14 Papers from the Mayor.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communications
17 from City, County, and Borough Offices.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
20 Communications.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-
23 Ups.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
3 now going to have Communication from Speaker Adrienne
4 Adams.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority
6 Leader, and good morning, everyone.

7 Before we continue with today's agenda, I
8 want to take a moment to acknowledge the violence
9 that our city and our nation have been subjected to
10 in the past several days. I know this has an impact
11 on all of us, our constituents, and people across the
12 country. New York City like many cities across the
13 nation has experienced increased violence during the
14 pandemic, community interpersonal violence, hate
15 violence, and other forms. As I said during my State
16 of the City address, communities are traumatized. We
17 must focus on addressing this trauma that leaves
18 people less health and stable, allows cycles of
19 violence to continue, and too often we don't focus
20 attention on supporting communities and survivors of
21 violence in their recovery. Last Sunday, we lost
22 Daniel Enriquez to a senseless shooting on the
23 subway. Our city continues to mourn his loss, and we
24 send our most heartfelt condolences to his family,
25 friends, coworkers, and community during this

2 difficult time. There's more that must be done to
3 prevent violence before it occurs, whether it's on
4 our subways, our streets, or anywhere else in this
5 city. Our safety solutions have to be as
6 comprehensive and multifaceted as the underlying
7 drivers of violence. Our country was still reeling
8 from the racist mass shooting in Buffalo that killed
9 10 people when we learned not much longer than 36
10 hours ago about a sickening tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.
11 19 children in an elementary school were killed. Two
12 teachers trying to protect their students were
13 killed, sacrificing their lives to protect those they
14 teach. Yet another incident of mass violence by
15 someone who had easy access to a military style
16 firearm to inflict destruction. Again, a community
17 stricken by grief, parents forced to live out their
18 worst nightmares wondering if their children were
19 still alive. When is enough going to be enough? When
20 are those in our federal government who've been
21 resistant to doing anything going to finally realize
22 that something needs to change to prevent us from
23 losing our children? It hasn't even been 10 years
24 since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in
25 Newtown, Connecticut. We can't be numb to these

2 shootings. We can't accept this as normal. The
3 continued inaction in the face of such horror is a
4 complete failure of leadership and morality. We must
5 end this irrational proliferation of guns and access
6 to weapons of death for people who want to inflict
7 harm on others. It is literally killing our children
8 and our families. We have to say more. If not now, I
9 don't know what it's going to take or when there will
10 be action to enact sensible gun laws at the federal
11 level. We will do all that we can right here, but the
12 issue of guns and gun-related deaths are in the hands
13 of Congress. We've needed action for far too long.
14 It's time for leaders in Washington, D.C. to
15 demonstrate that they care about protecting our
16 children, our families, our communities so these
17 preventable acts of mass violence do not continue.
18 Let us pause for a moment of silence of honor Daniel
19 Enriquez as well as all of those precious children
20 and the teachers that were killed in Texas and let us
21 not forget the communities suffering from trauma of
22 all of this horrible violence.

23 Thank you.

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2 Now we're going to move on to our agenda.
3 Today, we will be voting on 8 Home Rule Messages in
4 support of State legislation on a variety of topics.

5 The first Home Rule Message supports
6 Senate Bill 5602-B, Assembly Bill 6681, which would
7 continue the city's speed camera program. The program
8 is set to expire on July 1, 2022, and currently these
9 cameras are only permitted to operate on weekdays
10 before the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. School zone
11 speed cameras have been proven to reduce dangerous
12 speeding on our streets that can too often have
13 deadly consequences. The Home Rule we're voting on
14 today would renew authorization for the program
15 through July 1, 2025, while allowing the cameras to
16 operate and issue violations 24 hours a day.

17 The second Home Rule Message supports
18 Senate Bill 3259, Assembly Bill 3817, which aims to
19 combat the parking of large tractor trailers on
20 streets in residential neighborhoods. This is a
21 problem that impacts residents' quality of life
22 despite an existing prohibition in Local Law. The
23 State legislation would increase the penalty for the
24 first violation from 250 dollars to 400 dollars and

2 from 500 dollars to 800 dollars for all subsequent
3 violations in a 6-month period.

4 The third Home Rule Message supports
5 Senate Bill 1608 and Assembly Bill 4006, which
6 improves our civil service system and ensures that
7 supervisors at the Department of Sanitation are
8 determined by merit and fitness for the position.
9 General superintendents 2 and 3 at DSNY are currently
10 selected through a recommendation process. This State
11 legislation would alter the promotion process to be
12 determined by a competitive civil service exam.

13 The fourth Home Rule Message supports
14 Senate Bill 9125 and Assembly Bill 10373, which aims
15 to incentivize experienced police officers to remain
16 members of the department for their entire career.
17 The State legislation would increase the salary base
18 used to calculate pension benefits for first-grade
19 police officers who have served for 25 or 30 years.

20 The fifth Home Rule Message supports
21 Senate Bill 9327, Assembly Bill 10360, which restores
22 the right to take out pension loans. This State
23 legislation would permit certain members of the New
24 York City Police Pension Fund to borrow from
25 contributions consistent with existing law that

2 allows members of the state and local employee
3 retirement system to do the same.

4 The sixth Home Rule Message supports
5 Senate Bill 9068-B and Assembly Bill 10285, which
6 authorizes the city to discontinue the use of a
7 portion of real property as park land. It would allow
8 the MTA to make handicapped accessible improvements
9 and upgrades to the 168th Street Transit Station in
10 Council Member De La Rosa's district. Any
11 construction or disruption made on the existing park
12 land will be temporary and made whole at the
13 completion of the project.

14 The seventh Home Rule Message supports
15 Senate Bill 9120-A, Assembly Bill 10443, which
16 authorizes the city to discontinue the use of a
17 portion of real property as park land to bring Metro
18 North Railroad Service to 4 new stations in the Bronx
19 and to Penn Station in Manhattan. This project would
20 impact the districts of Council Members Salamanca and
21 Velazquez.

22 Finally, the eighth Home Rule Message
23 supports Senate Bill 9323-A and Assembly Bill 10449,
24 which authorizes the city to allow temporary and
25 permanent use of park land property in Brooklyn for

2 improvements to the Broadway Junction Transit
3 Station. The MTA will redesign the entire station for
4 ADA compliance and to create a continuous connection
5 for park users and pedestrians that does not exist
6 today.

7 This concludes our agenda. I now turn it
8 back to you, Mr. Majority Leader.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Madam
10 Speaker. We are now going to head into General
11 Orders.

12 If you would like to speak on an item on
13 today's agenda, you can raise your hand on the Zoom,
14 and we will call on you. I'll give people a second to
15 raise their hand.

16 I know Council Member Abreu had asked as
17 well to sign up so we'll go to Council Member Abreu
18 and then we'll go to the hands.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majority
20 Leader. Today, we'll be voting on 8 Home Rules passed
21 this morning out of the State and Federal Legislation
22 Committee, which I proudly Chair. They call on the
23 State to pass and the Governor to sign legislation to
24 deter trucks from parking on residential streets
25 overnight, authorize our speed camera program for 24

2 hours a day, improve the civil service promotion
3 system, bolster pensions, and improve accessibility
4 at public subway stations. These Home Rules support
5 legislation that will bring much-needed safety
6 improvements to our streets. 24-hour speed cameras
7 are shown to reduce speeding and traffic casualties.
8 They will make it safer to live in the city, whether
9 you're a pedestrian, a cyclist, or a driver. Trucks
10 the size of transformers are also producing excessive
11 noise pollution and traffic in our residential
12 neighborhoods. It's time to protect our neighbors by
13 deterring trucks from parking overnight. I join my
14 Colleagues from around the city, especially those
15 from outside Manhattan, who have made their voices
16 clear on this. These Home Rules call for a change,
17 and I urge my Colleagues to support them.

18 I'd like to thank Speaker Adams and
19 Special Counsel Carlos Beato who has been extremely
20 helpful. Additionally, I'd like to thank Committee
21 staff Jayasri Ganapathy, (INAUDIBLE), Hector
22 (INAUDIBLE), and my Deputy Chief of Staff Jalissa
23 Quigley.

24 Majority Leader, back to you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
3 going to now hear from Council Member Barron.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very
5 much, my Colleagues. First, I want to criticize the
6 Speaker and criticize this process. I'm sick and
7 tired of getting bills like 10 minutes before the
8 meeting and going over them the very last minute. I
9 think that this is part of a strategy. A lot people
10 don't get a chance to read and study these bills.

11 I will try to encourage our Colleagues
12 that when you hear of park land alienation, our city
13 is being overdeveloped and we're losing a lot of open
14 space and there's important park space. Park land is
15 very, very important so alienating park land and
16 allowing other things to develop might in fact
17 improve in some of those areas but what it's taking
18 away from is the green space, the open space. It's
19 something mentally healthy for people to not run into
20 buildings and trains and tracks and see some
21 greenery, particularly when you're in urban settings
22 like ours. When I was in the State Assembly, every
23 time I saw the alienation of park land, that means
24 that we'll have less land for developing parks which
25 is critical for our environmental development.

2 I'm also voting no on the 2 police
3 pension bills. Police have been getting away with a
4 lot of things in this city with a bloated budget,
5 with police brutality and killings without any
6 penalties or consequences, and so, as much as I have
7 a heart for their families, but when it comes to the
8 police, they just get away with everything and so
9 I'll be voting no on the 2 police pension bills and
10 no on the 3 park alienation bills.

11 Let's get this stuff earlier, much
12 earlier, so we can study it, go over it, have some
13 conversations with each other instead of, I'm talking
14 to folk all the time and they're saying what's this
15 bill, what's that about because it's just coming the
16 last minute, and I don't know that that is...

17 SERGEANT POLITE: Time expired.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Accidental.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
20 going to go to Majority Whip Brooks-Powers followed
21 by Council Member Dinowitz.

22 SERGEANT POLITE: Time starts now.

23 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you
24 for that. I'd like to speak briefly in support of
25 SLR-6, which will on the State government to extend

2 our city's speed camera program for another 3 years
3 and allow us to operate them 24/7. We have seen over
4 80 traffic deaths in 2022 so far. These deaths are
5 unacceptable and preventable, and we must be able to
6 use the tools at our disposal to curb this horrible
7 trend. That's why this City Council is taking action
8 today to send a clear message to Albany. We really
9 need to pass a Home Rule resolution to empower our
10 abilities to keep the street safer, and this is one
11 of many ways that we can do this. We have to do our
12 best to make sure that we are keeping our most
13 vulnerable New Yorkers safer.

14 SLR-7 is also on our agenda today, which
15 will ramp up financial penalties for overnight truck
16 parking, which is a longstanding issue in my
17 district. I'm committed to working with our partners
18 across the city and state governments as well as the
19 advocates to find a sustainable long-term solution,
20 identifying feasible truck parking areas, and
21 improving enforcement.

22 I'd also like to highlight my support for
23 the 3 Messages which will call on the State to permit
24 vital new construction work and easements, bringing
25 new Metro North Stations to the Bronx, accessibility

2 upgrades to the 168th Street subway station Upper
3 Manhattan, and new pedestrian features to Broadway
4 Junction. These bills will begin the important work
5 of expanding our transit network and making it more
6 accessible.

7 I'd also like to thank Madam Speaker and
8 the staff for the work that they've put around this
9 because, as we know, when we do these Home Rule bills
10 to try to..

11 SERGEANT POLITE: Time expired.

12 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: Coincide
13 with Albany, we sometimes do not get as much time,
14 but we were able to conference these issues so I just
15 want to acknowledge that and thank you for it.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
17 now go to Council Member Dinowitz followed by Council
18 Member De La Rosa.

19 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you,
21 Majority Leader. I want to quickly encourage
22 everybody here to vote in favor of the expansion of
23 speed cameras. This one tool in our arsenal that can
24 save lives. Expanding the number of hours that they
25 are in effect is extremely important to all of us in

2 the city and to keeping us safe. It's proven to
3 reduce speed and to save lives.

4 I also want to take a moment to thank the
5 Speaker. I think in contrast to at least one of my
6 Colleagues, there was an extensive amount of work and
7 communication done, especially around the speed
8 camera bill. There were a number of concerns my
9 Colleagues had about it. We met with the staff a
10 number of times. The Bronx delegation, we requested
11 data. That data was provided for us, and they were
12 extremely responsive to our needs as a delegation,
13 our needs a membership, and that is not even to
14 mention the amount of work that they did
15 collaborating with our Colleagues in Albany and the
16 Albany team so, Madam Speaker and to everyone on the
17 team, to Carlos and Megan, thank you for the amount
18 of work you did, for the amount of collaboration you
19 did, the amount of communication that you all did in
20 listening to our needs and being responsive to our
21 needs. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
23 now go to Council Member De La Rosa followed by
24 Council Member Lee.

25 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you,
3 Majority Leader. I just briefly wanted to touch on
4 Preconsidered SLR-10 which deals with the alienation
5 of property on 168th Street. Just so the Colleagues
6 understand what we're alienating here, what we're
7 alienating is a portion of a median on the street, a
8 crossing median that the MTA needs in order to create
9 an easement in order to make the 168th Station in my
10 district accessible. It is one of the deepest
11 stations in the city of New York, and, as if y'all
12 ever been uptown, you know the topography in my
13 community is hills up, hills down, and so we have
14 naturally occurring retirement communities, elderly
15 people who use walkers, wheelchairs, the disabled
16 community as well as mothers with strollers.
17 Facilitating the process for this station to become
18 accessible will change the quality of life of my
19 constituents, and I want to thank the Speaker's
20 office for her leadership on this, making sure that
21 in a short timeframe we were able to get this done as
22 well as my Colleagues in Albany who today will be
23 taking up this legislation and Chair Abreu who so
24 swiftly passed this through his Committee. This will
25 be a life-changer for the residents of my district. I

2 love park land. I'm usually opposed to alienations,
3 but, in this case, it will tremendously impact the
4 lives of the residents of my district. Thank you so
5 much, Colleagues, for the support today.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
7 now going to hear from Council Member Lee followed by
8 Council Member Hanks.

9 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Hi. Thank you,
11 everyone. I want to express my support for SLR-6
12 which is for the speed cameras, and I know that this
13 bill is a result of a long debate about how to
14 protect New Yorkers from illegal dangerous speeding
15 that has claimed dozens of lives each year.
16 Throughout the process, I want to thank the Speaker
17 also for having to balance competing needs and for
18 listening to our voices like Eric Dinowitz, my
19 Colleague, has said. We know that speed cameras are
20 proven to reduce speeding and save lives, but, at the
21 same time, for example, in my district we are a
22 transit desert, and most residents rely on cars to
23 get around so some of the measures that were
24 initially proposed would have disproportionately
25 impacted us and resulted in constituents losing their

2 licenses and even going to jail, and I believe the
3 bill that's before us today, which allows for cameras
4 to operate 24/7 while requiring mandatory signage at
5 any camera locations, does adequately address the
6 most egregious culprits without disproportionately
7 impacting Eastern Queens or criminalizing how we get
8 around. Thank you so much, Speaker as well as Chair
9 Abreu, for your leadership.

10 I also wanted to encourage my Colleagues
11 to support SLR-7, which is the fines on commercial
12 tractor trailers which are illegally parked
13 overnight. We know this is a big issue across our
14 city. I recognize that increasing fines alone will
15 not address the city's lack of infrastructure for
16 trucks who deliver around 90 percent of the goods
17 transported across the city. That's why I along with
18 my other Colleagues call on the city to increase the
19 availability of truck parking and other
20 infrastructure to provide truckers somewhere safe to
21 rest between shifts. At the same time, we need a real
22 deterrent towards bad actors who continue to park in
23 our residential neighborhoods. As it stands, it's
24 cheaper to risk getting a parking ticket each month
25 than to rent one of the few spaces still available in

2 the city. I encourage all of my Colleagues to support
3 this and thank you so much for allowing me this time.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
5 going to go to Council Member Hanks followed by
6 Council Member Kagan.

7 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS. Thank you, Speaker
9 Adams and Majority Leader Powers. Today, I would like
10 to speak on 2 pieces of State legislation that I
11 encourage my Colleagues to support.

12 First is S3259 which will increase the
13 fines for tractor trailers that park on residential
14 streets overnight and would amend the state law to
15 give New York City's Parking Violations Bureau the
16 authority to impose such penalties. In my district in
17 the Northshore and in many of my Colleagues'
18 districts across the 5 boroughs, illegally parked
19 tractor trailers continuously create hazardous
20 conditions for residents who drive, walk, or bike in
21 neighborhoods in which they are parked. My office
22 consistently hears from constituents who have
23 difficulty seeing oncoming traffic because of
24 illegally parked trucks that reduce visibility. By
25 increasing penalties and adding an enforcement

2 aspect, this bill makes our streets and neighborhoods
3 safer, which is a top priority for me. Illegally
4 parked trucks and tractor trailers are a matter of
5 public safety and affect everyone's quality of life,
6 and I hope that the Council will continue to support
7 these efforts to hold those breaking the laws
8 accountable.

9 Second is S562-B, which would renew the
10 authorization for the city's speed camera program
11 through July 1, 2025, allows speed cameras to issue
12 violations outside of school hours, and would require
13 signage, which is extremely important, indicating the
14 presence of speed cameras as my Colleagues had stated
15 to accompany speed limit signs at camera locations.
16 As we all know, traffic violence is a major citywide
17 issue around schools, and this legislation will deter
18 speeding and unsafe driving practices by clearly
19 notifying drivers before entering a speed zone. This
20 will be an extra measure toward protecting the safety
21 of our pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. This bill
22 will encourage safer driving and provide a better
23 alternative to drivers than receiving a speeding
24 ticket from a police officer which would result in
25 increased fine and points on their license.

2 I also want to say that we lost a 1-year-
3 old girl. She was killed about 3 hours ago...

4 SERGEANT POLITE: Time expired.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: By getting hit by a
6 car on Staten Island, and we pray for her family. I
7 would encourage all of my Colleagues to support me
8 and these 2 pieces of legislation and thank you very
9 much to the Speaker and to Chair Abreu.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
11 Council Member Hanks. We'll now hear from Council
12 Member Kagan followed by Council Member Krishnan.

13 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Good morning. Thank
15 you for this opportunity. First, I would like to
16 speak about SLR-6, the legislation Home Rule
17 regarding speed cameras. I still believe speed
18 cameras are not the most effective for fighting
19 traffic fatalities. I believe that stop signs, the
20 speed bumps, and the crosswalks, etc. are more
21 effective and also there's modern devices installed
22 in cars, drivers can slow down near the speed cameras
23 and then continue to speed (INAUDIBLE), but I
24 reluctantly decided to vote for it because I was
25 assured that first of all there would be no

2 escalation fines, there would be no additional
3 cameras to the existing speed cameras, just 24/7, and
4 I also was assured that we will do a lot to improve
5 other measures which are necessary in my opinion to
6 improve our street safety. In particular, I believe
7 it is absurd that (INAUDIBLE) 36 months for a traffic
8 study to install a new stop sign or crosswalk like in
9 our area on Coney Island at (INAUDIBLE) between 2
10 senior centers. DOT is asking for 36 more months to
11 investigate whether they need any kind of crosswalk
12 or stop sign.

13 I also support SLR-8, pension benefits
14 for our brave police officers who risk their lives
15 every single day to protect our safety.

16 Finally, I will vote for SLR-7 which is
17 very important in terms of tractor trailers. It's a
18 huge problem for my district, especially Neptune
19 Avenue in Coney Island. It's basically at this point
20 a cemetery for all kinds of trucks and tractor
21 trailers, not just overnight but even during the
22 daytime. Something should be done, and I support
23 escalating fines for these violations.

24 Thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
3 now go to Council Member Krishnan followed by Council
4 Member Nurse.

5 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Thank you so
7 much, Majority Leader. I wanted to speak out in favor
8 of resolution SLR-6 regarding speed cameras and make
9 very clear we know in the city we are losing lives of
10 children, neighbors, seniors every day, every week to
11 traffic violence in the city. We know that traffic
12 violence along with gun violence as we saw so
13 heartbreakingly this week are 2 of the leading causes
14 of death of children across our country, not just in
15 New York City. This is an issue of pedestrian safety
16 that is urgent in our city. As a father of 2 small
17 children who walk my kids to school every morning, I
18 hold their hands so tight when I cross the street
19 because we know that the streets around our schools
20 are some of the most dangerous streets in our entire
21 city, especially in communities of color. Earlier
22 this morning along with other Council Colleagues, I
23 stood outside with several parents from Families for
24 Safe Streets who have lost children or spouses due to
25 traffic violence in our city as well. The data is

2 clear that speed cameras are an essential piece of
3 keeping our streets and our communities safe,
4 especially for our most vulnerable, and so I would
5 urge all my Colleagues to vote in favor of this
6 resolution. I certainly will be doing so. It is way
7 beyond time that we are serious about addressing
8 traffic safety in our city and we are serious about
9 protecting the lives of our children. If this past
10 week has shown at all, as it shows over and over
11 again, we must do all we can to protect the lives of
12 our children in every respect.

13 I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams
14 and her team for allowing for robust discussion for
15 weeks as Council Member Dinowitz mentioned as well on
16 this issue as far as speed cameras go and giving us
17 the opportunity to have a full discussion about these
18 issues before today's vote and thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
20 now going to go to Council Member Nurse and finally
21 followed by Minority Leader Joe Borelli.

22 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thanks. Good
24 morning, everyone. I'll just keep it short. I just
25 wanted to really advocate for a yes on the Broadway

2 Junction piece. As many of you know, the escalators
3 never work. I walk up and down those steps, and we
4 really need those 7 elevators that are going to go in
5 there, and Parks has demapped a street that goes
6 through the park to make up the space so really just
7 asking for a yes on that. Thank you all.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

9 Finally, we'll go to Minority Leader Joe Borelli
10 followed by Council Member Holden.

11 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

12 MINORITY LEADER BORELLI: Thank you,
13 Majority Leader. I know some of my Colleagues will be
14 voting no on speed cameras, and I'll let them speak
15 in more detail. I think that we should be focusing
16 more on some of the solutions that are better and
17 seemingly take longer by the Department of
18 Transportation to ever implement meaning traffic stop
19 signs, traffic lights, speed bumps, and so forth.

20 I do want to offer my support for the
21 tractor and trailer bill. This is an issue in Queens.
22 I know the sponsor is State Senator Comrie, and he's
23 worked very hard on this issue. He's right, and we
24 have the same issue in Staten Island as Council
25 Member Hanks brought up.

2 I want to address something that the
3 first Council Member who spoke said about the time it
4 takes to see bills and get bills, briefed on bills.
5 Unfortunately, for some people that requires you to
6 actually follow the Council's website and maybe
7 maintain relationships with Colleagues in the State
8 Senate, members of your own party. Part of being a
9 Council Member is actually having your ear to the
10 ground on what legislation is working through Albany
11 and likely to come to us so I don't think it's fair
12 to criticize the staff here on the Council for
13 working pretty hard with our partners in Albany on
14 trying to get these Home Rule Messages done. I don't
15 think it's a fair criticism. I don't think it's a
16 fair criticism to criticize the park alienation bill
17 when, if the Council Member had just read the bill
18 and looked at it and got to know the issue like
19 anyone else, you would've saw that we're talking
20 about a center median. Alienating a tiny piece of
21 greenway, a center median, so that elevators can be
22 installed in a subway station next to a hospital,
23 and, with respect to park alienation, we know that
24 the replacement park is actually going to be nearby
25 and larger than whatever was taken so it's just

2 absurd to me to have heard that on both of those
3 accounts, and I wish we could all do a better job
4 following legislation and just doing the work of a
5 City Council Member.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
7 Borelli, those bills were also part of our discussion
8 at Democratic Conference this week. We'll now go to
9 Council Member Holden.

10 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you,
12 Majority Leader. I'd like to echo my Colleagues,
13 Council Member Dinowitz and Borelli's comments about
14 the legislative process, especially on the bills
15 before us today.

16 The Queens delegation had a long and
17 productive meeting, especially on the speed cameras.
18 The Speaker's Office was very open and transparent on
19 these bills. It's important that the cameras are
20 active, especially at night which I've been pushing
21 for because that's when you hear, in my neighborhood
22 at least, sounds like the Indy 500 with cars speeding
23 around the neighborhood. I've had 9 pedestrians
24 unfortunately killed in my district in just over 2
25 years, and we have to do something to stop this. I

2 call for more police enforcement, especially of
3 speeding, which we don't have enough of, but, like I
4 said, my neighborhood and many neighborhoods around
5 the city, that's all you hear at night. When you put
6 your head on the pillow, you hear cars racing around
7 the community. I urge the NYPD though and the
8 Governor and the Mayor's Office to crack down on
9 vehicles that obstruct their license plates, and we
10 have a lot of those. You see a lot of guys breaking
11 the law and you look at their license plate, and they
12 have something over it or it's obstructed with some
13 device so let's work on that, let's try to catch the
14 real offenders. I'm going to vote for the legislation
15 today, and I urge all my Colleagues to do the same.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
18 now go to Council Member Yeger.

19 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Mr.
21 President. First, I'd like to echo what some of my
22 Colleagues earlier mentioned. The Minority Leader was
23 right all across the board but also Council Member
24 Kagan who came to a different conclusion than I who
25 hit it on the head. DOT doesn't provide the very

2 basic traffic safety measures that we need in our
3 neighborhood. I agree. We have to do everything we
4 can to stop traffic deaths, traffic crashes, traffic
5 anything. Anything that causes a life to be lost, we
6 have an obligation as a government to stop it. Speed
7 cameras don't stop. What they do is they bill you for
8 it after the fact so the 36 mile an hour motorist at
9 3 in the morning and the 96 mile an hour motorist
10 that Council Member Holden was referring to, I have
11 those in my district as well, get the same bill in
12 the mail a month later, the difference being, of
13 course, that the 36 mile an hour motorist probably
14 has a lawfully registered vehicle and will get the
15 bill and pay it whereas the 96 mile an hour motorist
16 probably has fake paper tags and won't get a bill and
17 won't pay it. Speed cameras send a bill after the
18 fact that may or may not even be paid. If we want to
19 stop traffic deaths, if we want to stop incidents of
20 cars and pedestrians coming into contact, do the real
21 things. Give Council Members who ask for a traffic
22 signal a traffic signal. Give them that traffic
23 signal. Don't make them wait 3 years and then tell
24 them no. Give them the speed bump when a Community
25 Board and Council Member asks for it. Don't make them

2 wait 2 to 3 years and then say no or then say we'll
3 study it. Don't wait 3 years to do a traffic study
4 and then come back and say we're still looking into
5 it. A stop sign should be easy. It should take a week
6 to get it done. These are simple fixes that will
7 legitimately, before the speeding actually happens,
8 stop the speeding. The city won't do that because it
9 doesn't raise money from that. This is an revenue
10 enhancement, and, when I go back to my neighborhood
11 and tell them about this bill and they ask me, if I
12 were to vote yes, why, I would not be able to give
13 them an honest if I say that...

14 SERGEANT POLITE: Time expired.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Of traffic crashes.
16 I would simply have to say it's about revenue so I'm
17 not going to be able to vote yes for this. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Seeing
19 no more hands, just looking to see if anybody else
20 puts their hand up. We have Council Member Feliz.

21 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Hi. Good morning,
23 everyone. I just wanted to briefly speak in favor of
24 the speed camera bill. Traffic violence is a well-
25 documented problem. We see it almost on a daily basis

2 unfortunately, and I agree with all my Colleagues.
3 There are many tools that can be used to stop that
4 traffic violence. One of them is speed bumps, but
5 also another one is speed cameras. For that reason,
6 I'm proudly and strongly supporting the bill to make
7 the speed cameras 24/7. It's one way of helping
8 resolve the problem. It's not the only way, but it is
9 one way to help deter people from speeding. Thank
10 you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
12 Council Member Feliz.

13 We will now move into our agenda today.
14 I'm just going to call back to the Clerk. We're to
15 the agenda so the first is our Reports of Special
16 Committees.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of
19 Standing Committees.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
21 Committee on State and Federal Legislation,
22 Preconsidered SLRs 5 through 12, various Home Rule
23 Messages.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.
25 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all

2 of the items couples on today's General Orders
3 Calendar.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Abreu.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye on all.

6 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Ariola.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to
8 explain my vote.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yep. Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: The expansion and
11 the use of speed cameras is viewed by the majority of
12 the residents living in my district as little more
13 than a tax levied upon the people of New York. What
14 they are in favor of is seeing more school crossing
15 guards, more protected crosswalks in school zones,
16 speed bumps and 4-way stop signs and street lights
17 that can be gotten, echoing the sentiments of many of
18 my Colleagues, especially Kalman Yeger and Minority
19 Leader Joe Borelli, in a more expeditious time. This
20 legislation can become a very slipper slope that
21 financially burdens New Yorkers, ordinary New
22 Yorkers, while those who continue to drive recklessly
23 do so without any repercussion by using alterations
24 on their license plates. It is my obligation to
25 represent the will of the majority of my

2 constituency. Therefore, I vote aye on all except for
3 SLR-6 which I vote no. Thank you.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Aviles.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Can I pass right
6 now? Thank you.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Sure. Ayala. Pardon.
8 Council Member Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye on all.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be excused
12 to explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes. Go ahead.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I almost don't
15 want to do this, but I'm going to respond to the
16 stupid response from my Colleague who condescendingly
17 like we don't read bills. I read all these bills, and
18 I've been reading bills for 20 years. I'm reflecting
19 because they're not going to say it to you in your
20 face, Speaker, but I get a lot of calls from people
21 saying they don't want to deal with Democratic
22 Conferences the day before a meeting and especially
23 around bills that are very controversial and need a
24 lot of studying. So these comments were way off. For
25 me, I'm going to read them. You can have a bill the

2 same day. You can give me 5 minutes before. I read
3 these bills, which is why I come to my conclusions so
4 that was an insulting, elementary school lecture on
5 what a Council Member is supposed to do. It has
6 nothing to do with that. I'm reflecting what a lot of
7 people are saying. They don't want to say it to your
8 face because of whatever reasons. Having said that, I
9 want to vote no on SLR-8, no on SLR-9, and, because
10 of hearing from my 2 Colleagues, De La Rosa and Sandy
11 Nurse, normally I would be against park land and I
12 don't want to get in the habit of us alienating park
13 land, but for their comments meant something to me so
14 I will vote yes on SLR-10, I believe that's De La
15 Rosa's district, and yes on SLR-12, I think that's
16 Broadway Junction. De La Rosa always supported us up
17 in the Assembly voting against park land, and maybe
18 my Colleague needs to study more on what park land
19 alienation means so in that case I will make those
20 yes votes and a no vote on SLR-11, and aye on all the
21 rest.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brannan.

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

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yep. Go ahead.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm voting aye on
6 all. I want to thank the Speaker and her team for
7 their robust outreach doing the different delegation
8 briefings. Very, very helpful, I think, especially
9 for the new Members to be able to express their
10 concerns and understand these bills before we get
11 them passed today. It is refreshing to see. It's
12 something that we did not see in the previous
13 Council, and I hope it's something that continues and
14 it's appreciated. Thank you.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all. I,
17 too, want to thank the Speaker staff for the very
18 substantive discussion on the cameras. I'm very
19 supportive, but I think it's clearer that people
20 should not lose their license over it. Just so I'm
21 clear but I want others to know, 50 dollars per
22 infraction, but it doesn't increase so it's 50 plus
23 50 so it's not a huge burden. On the other hand, I do
24 think that my experience is as soon as those cameras
25 get turned off, people start going fast so I think

2 they will be a deterrent and then we just have to
3 work. I can get my speed bumps very fast. I just want
4 to let you know. I do think that there's an
5 opportunity to try to improve DOT and what you need
6 in terms of (INAUDIBLE). I also want to say that I'm
7 very jealous of the Bronx with the 4 stops on the
8 Metro because we do have a line and we have tracks on
9 the west side, but, apparently, we have a very
10 challenging curve at 72nd Street and for 20 years
11 I've been trying to get Metro North to go up that so
12 I'm jealous, congratulations. Congratulations
13 particularly to the staff of the Speaker.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Brooks-
15 Powers. Council Member Brooks-Powers.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Caban.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: I vote aye on all
19 with the exception of SLR-8 on which I abstain.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
21 moment. Carr.

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority
3 Leader. Good morning, Colleagues. First, I just want
4 to speak in support of the overnight truck stop
5 legislation. I really want to thank the leadership of
6 Chair Brooks-Powers and Chair Abreu for making this
7 the floor of our deliberations and trying to get this
8 pushed through to Albany so we can have some more
9 effective enforcement. It affects every district,
10 every borough. I learned that through our budget
11 hearings. It certainly affects mine.

12 I'm speaking principally about the
13 legislation for the speed cameras, which I'm going to
14 be opposing today because I think it is really more
15 about revenue than traffic and pedestrian safety.
16 When this program first started, it was really fixed
17 to a relatively close linear distance to a school
18 entrance, the number of cameras was limited, the
19 hours of operation were limited, but, even then, DOT
20 found ways to push the boundaries of the program and
21 put cameras in places that didn't correspond to
22 school safety. Since then, the expansion and program
23 changes that have been made in connection with it
24 have made that connection to school safety even more
25 attenuated. What school activities are going on at

2 9:30 at night let alone the later hours per the
3 pending legislation that we're looking to support in
4 Albany today. Despite those past expansions, despite
5 speed limit changes which are all trumpeted as a
6 success, the answer from Albany is it's not enough.
7 In 2014, program start, there were 250 vehicular
8 deaths in New York City in that year then we had 239
9 in 2020, and we're on track with 59 in the first
10 quarter of this year to outpace 2020. Again, 2020 was
11 the year where traffic levels were reduced because of
12 the pandemic so there's no spectacular change or any
13 change that we can attribute to this program because
14 we've had other traffic mitigations in place by DOT.
15 The answer shouldn't be to double down on a program
16 whose only proven effectiveness is filling public
17 coffers, and that's why I'm voting no. I'll be voting
18 on SLR-6 and aye on the rest.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. De La
20 Rosa. Council Member De La Rosa. We'll come back.
21 Dinowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I vote yes on
23 all, and I would just add if you don't want a
24 speeding ticket, don't speed.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Farias.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I am voting aye on
3 all with the exception of an abstention on
4 Preconsidered SLR-8 due to our inability to actually
5 predict the number of FGOs to retire and the full
6 scope of the economic impacts to the city. Thank you.

7 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Feliz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to
9 explain my vote.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. I just
12 want to reiterate that there are many tools that we
13 can utilize to decrease and hopefully eradicate
14 traffic violence. Speed bumps is one of them, and I'm
15 a big fan of speed bumps because it's a proven way of
16 making sure that people are slowing down. Also,
17 another tool is speed cameras, and I've always said
18 that too much of anything can create new problems.
19 Again, I'm a big fan of speed bumps, but I have some
20 concerns and questions about whether too many of them
21 can create new problems. For example, I have
22 questions about whether emergency vehicles,
23 ambulances, NYPD who need to get to a scene, or even
24 firefighters, whether that will create new problems
25 for them having too much of them. I've always said

2 that we could do a little bit of all of them, speed
3 cameras, speed bumps, and much more. None on their
4 own will truly and fully resolve the problem, but I
5 think a good balance of all of the above will get us
6 closer to fully resolving the problem. Proudly voting
7 aye on all, and I want to thank the Speaker and her
8 entire staff for answering all questions on the issue
9 of speed cameras including where they're occurring,
10 at what time of the day they're occurring, what day
11 of the week they're occurring, and everything else. I
12 really appreciate how fast your entire staff was able
13 to get all the information we needed to draw the
14 conclusion that we wanted to draw. Thank you. I vote
15 aye on all.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Gennaro.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Pass.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Gutierrez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: I vote aye on
20 all except SLR-8 which I abstain from.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Hanif.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote aye on all
23 with the exceptions of SLR-8 and SLR-9. I am
24 abstaining on both.

25 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Hanks.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission to
3 explain my vote. I want to echo the sentiments as a
4 Staten Islander. It's a culture, but there is
5 something to be said about obeying the speed limit,
6 and this bill is something that I ran which is making
7 sure that people know that there's speed cameras in
8 the vicinity, and that's the reason why I am voting
9 aye on all. Thank you.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Holden.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Hudson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Pass.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. Joseph.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Hi. I'm voting aye
16 on all except for SLR-8 and 9. I abstain.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. Thank you.

18 Kagan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I am voting yes on
20 all.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all
23 except for SLR-8 where I abstain.

24 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. Thank you.

25 Council Member Lee.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

3 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Louis.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Majority Leader,
5 may I have permission to explain my vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I would like to
8 echo the sentiments of my Colleagues and fully
9 support SLR-7. Tractor trailers have illegally parked
10 on residential streets. That has been problematic and
11 causing traffic safety across our city, especially in
12 districts like mine and areas like Kings Highway in
13 Brooklyn that often experiences traffic fatalities.
14 This bill would be a good deterrent to addressing
15 this major issue. I want to thank Speaker Adams for
16 your leadership and Council Member Abreu. I vote aye
17 on all.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Marte.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all
20 except SLR-8 where I abstain, and I also want to
21 thank the Speaker's team for meeting with the
22 Manhattan delegation in regards to the speed cameras.
23 It was a great conversation, and I felt like what was
24 said was taken into account so thank you, Madam
25 Speaker and her team, for that.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Mealy.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes. I would like
4 to vote no on 6, 8, and 9, and yes on all the rest.

5 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
6 moment. Menin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

8 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Narcisse. Council
11 Member Narcisse. Okay, I'll come back. Council Member
12 Nurse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Abstain on 8. Aye
14 on all the rest.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Osse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye on all
17 except SLR-8 in which I abstain.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Paladino.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on
20 all except for SLR-6 concerning the speed cameras. I
21 want to echo what Council Member Ariola said. The
22 same thing pertains to my district. These speed
23 cameras are everywhere. They are not just in the
24 areas of the school. When they were first brought
25 into action a number of years back, I was in full

2 favor of them because they did not overreach. We are
3 at the point now where this is not a cookie-cutter
4 issue in my opinion. Every district is different, and
5 I, like Ariola, have Colleagues and our constituents
6 that looked to us while we campaigned about speed
7 cameras and about a backdoor tax. This has become
8 strenuous on their pocketbooks, and 25 miles an hour
9 around schools is perfect, but when you start to
10 branch out beyond the limit, in my district, I'd like
11 to find out how many cameras there actually are in
12 particular areas because people come into my office
13 constantly with these tickets, and it's actually
14 causing more accidents because it's stopping and
15 going, stopping and going, making the traffic flow
16 terribly inconsistent so I must vote no in honor of
17 my constituents as well as the safety in my district.
18 Aye on all except for SLR-6. Thank you very much,
19 everybody.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Restler.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'm going to
22 pass.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. Richardson
24 Jordan.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

3 Permission to explain my vote.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: I want
6 to echo something that's going around with Colleagues
7 and maybe bring 2 pieces together. I think there was
8 a lot of political education around the speed cameras
9 and a real effort to reach out and educate on that. I
10 think with SLR-8 and SLR-9 there was not nearly as
11 much foresight or conversation or just information
12 about those, and I, for one, was at the 11th hour
13 figuring out what these really are about. I want to
14 urge my Colleagues to vote no on SLR-8, not abstain,
15 but no because the SLR-8 is actually about
16 incentivizing long-time police officers and the white
17 supremacy that exists in the police department where
18 it is most entrenched does tend to be there, and the
19 new members of the department tend to be the more
20 progressive and more diverse. I'm a no on SLR-8, and
21 I'll abstain on SLR-9 which is about borrowing
22 against the pension. I don't quite have either way on
23 that so I'll abstain on that one, and I'll be aye on
24 all the rest. Thank you.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
3 Member. Riley. Council Member Riley. Okay, we'll come
4 back. Rivera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I just want to
6 thank all the families and advocates who have rallied
7 with us consistently because of the traffic violence
8 in our city, and I vote aye on all.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
10 Member Kagan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Yes, I just would
12 like to comment on a statement by my Colleague,
13 Council Member Richardson Jordan, about white
14 supremacy in police department.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member.
16 We are voting right now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Okay.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay.

19 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Council Member
20 Salamanca.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

22 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, sir.
23 Sanchez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to
25 explain my vote.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I just also want
4 to echo the thanks to the Speaker and the Speaker's
5 staff for the substantive discussion on speed
6 cameras. It was very helpful. Just to add that I
7 wholeheartedly agree with my Colleagues including
8 Council Member Ariola on the need for interventions
9 and improved safety at our intersections like speed
10 bumps, bump outs, islands, crossing guards. All of
11 these things are critical, but I do believe and I
12 believe the data shows that speed cameras are proven
13 to save lives and to make our streets just a bit
14 safer. With that, I'm proud to vote aye on that bill.

15 I want to applaud my Colleagues for
16 prioritizing accessibility improvements to their
17 transit stations, Council Member De La Rosa and
18 others. I think this is really important and a trade-
19 off, a tiny one in some of these cases but an
20 important one. With that, I want to vote aye on all
21 with the exceptions of SLR-8 and 9, on which I
22 abstain.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
24 Member. Schulman.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Stevens.

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

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I just want to
7 (INAUDIBLE) very quickly and say I want to thank the
8 Speaker and the Speaker's staff for the continuous
9 outreach and support around the education of Council
10 Members on the bills that were presented today. As
11 far as SLR-6, I just want to say that I had major
12 concerns, especially with the escalation of how it
13 will be punitive and there was no real remediation
14 available for folks who had it, but those issues,
15 which were my major issues, were addressed, and I
16 want to just say thank you for those timely things.
17 But I just want to also say that speed cameras are a
18 tool but not the only tool, and we should not pretend
19 as if it is and so thinking about creating
20 legislation, we should also be thinking about having
21 actual holistic approaches that are addressing all
22 the needs and all the issues because I don't
23 necessarily think that this is getting to what the
24 root cause.

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2 I have the same sentiments around SLR-7,
3 around the trucks. Fines are not going to be a real
4 deterrent, but, understanding that we are in a state
5 that we do need to do something because it is getting
6 out of control throughout the city and it is
7 affecting everyone, but my hope is that we think
8 about holistic approaches and not just punitive
9 approaches because that is what both of these things
10 are. With that, I vote aye on all except SLR-8 which
11 I abstain.

12 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
13 Member Ung.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

15 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you.
16 Velazquez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Permission to
18 explain my vote.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: When we're
21 talking about traffic deaths and traffic violence,
22 our communities here in the city face a higher
23 alarming rate. We're not saying this is a fix-it-all.
24 We're saying that this is a step, and we're working
25 with advocates, specifically we're working with the

2 Speaker, and the staff have done incredible amounts
3 of work for outreach and also to listen to our
4 community concerns and actually implement these
5 changes. That's why we're voting it on today, and I
6 appreciate all the work that they have done so we
7 have to give them credit and kudos. I vote aye on
8 all.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye on
11 all with the exception of SLR-6, which I vote no on.
12 Thank you.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Williams.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Hi. Permission
15 to explain my vote.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on
18 all, but, as mentioned quite a few times already, I'm
19 just hoping that this Council and perhaps maybe in
20 partnership with our State Colleagues can really look
21 at some comprehensive solutions to address both
22 speeding and truck parking issues.

23 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you, Council
24 Member. Council Member Won.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye on all
3 except SLR-8 and SLR-9, I'm abstaining from.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
5 moment. Council Member Louis.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you for
7 getting me. I meant to say I vote aye on all except
8 SLR-8 where I abstain. Thank you.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
10 Member Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I vote aye on all
12 with the exception of SLR-6, but I am quite
13 fascinated by the number of Members of this Council
14 who hate cops so much that they can't support a
15 pension bill.

16 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Council Member
17 Aviles.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Hello. Can you
19 hear me?

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Yes, okay.
22 Permission to explain my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: I just want to
25 voice my agreement with the concerns and sentiment

2 expressed by Council Member Stevens and Council
3 Member Williams about the real need for holistic
4 approaches. However, with that, I will be voting aye
5 on all with the exception of voting no on 8 and 9.
6 Also for the record, Council Member Yeger, you don't
7 know what is driving people's votes so I would
8 suggest you not assume and make statements like that
9 to your Colleagues.

10 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: De La Rosa.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I vote aye on
12 all except for the SLR-8 which I abstain.

13 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. One
14 second. Council Member Gennaro.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader, I
16 wish to speak on my vote.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you. Yes,
19 SLR-6 was a tough one for me, and I wanted to hear
20 what my Colleagues had to say and so I will be voting
21 aye on all, and I wish to be associated with the
22 remarks of Council Members Stevens, Feliz, Joann
23 Ariola even though she voted the other way, Bob
24 Holden, and Council Member Kagan regarding his
25 remarks on SLR-6. I'll be voting yes on all, and, as

2 I said, I wish to be associated with the remarks of
3 the Colleagues that I mentioned. Thank you.

4 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you Council
5 Member. Council Member Hudson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I am aye on all
7 with the exception of SLR-8 for which I abstain.
8 Thank you.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
10 Member Restler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I would like to
12 vote aye on all with the exception of SLR-8, for
13 which I also abstain. I just wanted to thank the
14 Speaker and her team for their attentive and diligent
15 outreach regarding speed cameras and the engagement
16 of the full Council. Thank you.

17 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
18 Member Riley.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

20 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Borelli.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you. I just
22 want to begin by asking Members not to cast
23 aspersions on members of the city workforce. If there
24 are people that they believe are racist or white
25 supremacist within any organization, any department,

2 any agency, please email me or email the Department
3 of Investigation and present the evidence and to not
4 just engage in broad painting of the brush to members
5 of our city workforce while we're debating a pension
6 bill.

7 That said, I would like to vote aye on
8 all with the exception of SLR-6.

9 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council
10 Member Sanchez, do you need to do a vote change?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Yes, thank you.
12 I'd like to change my vote on SLR-9 to an aye after
13 receiving further information.

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Powers.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I'm voting aye on
16 all. I also would just like to mention that I really
17 want to thank the staff here who took maybe 3 or 4
18 different opportunities to walk Members through a
19 number of the bills including the speed camera bills
20 that we're voting on here. There was a lot of
21 discussion and dialog about them and lots of
22 opportunities for Members to really engage, and I
23 think that's a noticeable change to me about what's
24 happening here in the Council. Obviously, on all the
25 other ones, we've had plenty of opportunity, like

2 conference and other places, to discuss those and
3 dialog on those so I want to thank the staff and the
4 Speaker for taking lots of time to make sure those
5 bills were heard, Members were heard, and there was
6 an actual process for Members to engage which is not
7 always the history here in the City Council
8 especially when we get to the end of legislative
9 session.

10 I would just add that this, as many
11 Colleagues who have spent time in the State
12 Legislature know, this is a very crazy time in Albany
13 where lots of bills are getting discussed, debated,
14 and passed or not passed, and that leads to every
15 year being in spring and having to dialog on and
16 discuss all these different State Home Rule
17 resolutions and that is the process Albany has
18 created on our behalf and that is why sometimes this
19 moves quite quickly, but, even still, with some of
20 these I think we had an immense dialogue and debate,
21 and I really want to thank folks for giving us
22 opportunities to do that even in a chaotic time up
23 north.

24 Thank you to everyone. I vote aye on all.

2 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you. Speaker
3 Adams.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I, too, will be
5 voting aye on all, and I also would like to thank all
6 of my Colleagues who noted the work of this very,
7 very diligent staff that works in our behalf, in your
8 behalf, literally 24/7. When it came to reaching out,
9 I just want to note Director Santa Soriano Vazquez
10 (phonetic) and the entire Albany team, Natasha Kerry
11 and (INAUDIBLE) for all of their hard work on all of
12 these Home Rule Messages. They did exemplary work in
13 working with my Colleagues in getting the information
14 out whenever they were called and, even when they
15 weren't called to provide the extensive information,
16 they were right there so I just want to thank them
17 publicly, and, again, I do vote aye on all.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Mr. Majority Leader,
19 we just need one moment.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: No problem. We'll
21 stand at ease.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Mr. Majority
23 Leader, is there going to be an open discussion?
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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will move into
3 General Discussion after we do the Introduction of
4 Reading of Bills and we read the votes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay. I just want
6 to raise my hand this time because sometimes it's not
7 recognized.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You can put it up
9 in chat. Yeah, I'll see. We'll get to you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay.

11 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Thank you for your
12 patient. Council Member Joseph.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We're continuing
14 to stand at ease while we are counting the vote.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Majority Leader, do
16 you have a sense of timeline for vote counting?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Not yet.

18 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay, Mr. Majority
19 Leader. We're ready for the vote tally.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yep. Go ahead.

21 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: Okay. All items on
22 today's General Order Calendar have a vote of 50 in
23 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
24 abstentions with the following:

2 Preconsidered SLR-6 has a vote of 43 in
3 the affirmative, 7 in the negative, and no
4 abstentions.

5 Preconsidered SLR-9 has a vote of 43 in
6 the affirmative, 3 in the negative, and 4
7 abstentions.

8 SLR-11 has a vote of 49 in the
9 affirmative, 1 negative, 0 abstentions.

10 Finally, SLR-8 has a vote of 30 in the
11 affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 16 abstentions.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Can you read that
13 SLR-8 one more time? 30 in the affirmative?

14 NEW YORK CITY CLERK: 30 in the
15 affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 16 abstentions.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Got it. All items
17 on today's agenda have passed. Thank you.

18 PARLEMENTARIAN: Mr. Majority Leader.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes.

20 PARLEMENTARIAN: With the exception of
21 SLR-8 which has been defeated.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Oh, okay. I
23 apologize.

24 Okay, we're now going to head to
25 Introduction and Reading of Bills.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
3 referred to Committees as indicated on today's
4 agenda.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. There
6 are no resolutions on today's calendar so we'll now
7 move into General Discussion.

8 As a reminder, please wait until the
9 Sergeant-at-Arms begins the countdown clock before
10 you begin your remarks. We have a few individuals
11 signed up so let's go first to Council Member Barron
12 followed by Council Member Kagan.

13 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very
15 much, Majority Leader. I just want to say my heart is
16 just broken. 19 babies in an elementary school, 10
17 black people going shopping, in 2014 black people
18 worshipping, and we are murdered and then the
19 murderers are treated with kid gloves and are only
20 charged with one charge even though you killed 10 of
21 us. This madness has got to stop and then it has to
22 come under the supply side. The manufacturers of
23 these weapons. How it gets into our neighborhood so
24 easily. Then on the man side. You know they say guns
25 don't kill people, people kill people so we have to

2 deal with the mental health and we have to deal with
3 our own black community. We have to talk about
4 security, securing ourselves by any means necessary.
5 If the state is not going to protect us, we have to
6 protect us.

7 Finally, some of you white men in this
8 Council need to check yourself, look in the mirror.
9 When you can get before us after we analytically,
10 intellectually study a bill on police and decide
11 we're going to vote no that you attach it to our
12 emotion. That's racist. Or that we mention white
13 supremacy and you decide that you're the head of the
14 Investigation Committee so we shouldn't say nothing,
15 we have to bring it to you with evidence and proof.
16 Try reading black history and you'll see enough
17 evidence and proof about white supremacy and then
18 look at it today. We don't have to bring nothing to
19 you. That's white male arrogance that we can't even
20 express this stuff. We have to bring it to you.

21 Finally, I couldn't appreciate the staff
22 more. Speaker, we just need to have not sessions
23 right before...

24 SERGEANT POLITE: Time expired.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Stated, we need to
3 be able to have these Democratic Caucuses weeks
4 before and go over material. Certain bills get
5 extensive work, and no one appreciates the staff more
6 than I do. It's the leadership of scheduling..

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,
8 Council Member Barron. Thanks.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We're going to go
11 to Council Member Kagan.

12 SERGENT POLITE: Time starts now.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you, Majority
14 Leader. I would like to strongly condemn
15 irresponsible rhetoric about police departments,
16 specifically NYPD. We can have different opinions
17 about certain bills, pension benefits, and so on, but
18 it's not necessarily, I believe it's totally
19 irresponsible to use terms like white supremacy when
20 we're talking about pension benefits for police
21 officers because I can give you example just in
22 Southern Brooklyn recently, police officers stepped
23 down outside of the 60th police precinct and was
24 attacked with a huge knife, almost killed on the
25 spot. That was the very same day when a police

2 officer was shot in the Bronx. Rhetoric like this and
3 irresponsible words like this could lead to more
4 violence against law enforcement. I believe that it's
5 irresponsible and we have certain responsibilities as
6 leaders, as elected officials to express our opinion
7 without using rhetoric like white supremacy in a
8 police department. our New York City Police
9 Department is very diverse. It has so many police
10 officers from different races, nationalities, and
11 religions and it reflects our city. Thank you so
12 much.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Would
14 any other Members like to speak? Please raise your
15 hand. I'll give you one more second to sign up.

16 Okay. Thank you. Seeing no other hands,
17 I'll now call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
18 today's Stated Meeting.

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority
20 Leader. This Stated Meeting of May 26, 2022, is
21 hereby adjourned.

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