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Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: LAURIE CUMBO
Majority Leader

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Public Advocate

COREY D. JOHNSON
Speaker

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South Shore High School Male Vikings Basketball
Coaches: Principal Eugene Mazola, Athletic
Director Pat Tranne, Head Coach Shawn Mark,
Manager Stephan Saint Pierre, volunteer
assistants Winston Brannigan, Brian Holness, and
Leverne Gilbourne

Players: Jedediah Ashton, Gerald Campbell,
Dwight Davis, Jr., Michael Emmanuel, Chrisdos
Gene Pierre, Anthony Laddie, Kareem May, Femi
Odukale, Jason Palmer, Isaiah Richards, Kadary
Richmond, Kiplin Richfind, Dante Spencer, Sekou
Sylla, Kevin Wallace

South Shore High School Lady Vikings Basketball
Coaches: Principal Eugene Mazola, Athletic
Director Pat Tranne, Head Coach Anwar Gladden,
volunteer assistants Julianne Flowers, Bill Diaz,
Edward Tianglo, James Yancey, Kevin Jones and
Quinton Adams

Players: Jayda Allen, Rori Cox, Lysha De Los
Santos, Keyanna Glover, Jasmine Johnson, Shimei
Muhammad, Destiny Philoxy, Kelis Rogers, Zyane
Ramirez, Earlette Scott, Diamond Shavez, Danijah
Williams, Chloe Wilson

Minister Michael Vanacore
Minister for Congregational Life & Social Justice
Trinity Lutheran Church in Sunset Park
411 46th Street
Brooklyn, New York

Commissioner Carmelyn Malalis
Commissioner on Human Rights
New York
And a group of children

Hose Asario
Denise Lanzo Cortio
Dwight Calone Fuentes
Town of Loiza, Puerto Rico

2 MUHAMMAD ERSHAD: Test, test, test. This
3 is a stated meeting of June 7, 2018 being recorded by
4 Muhammad Ershad [phonetic].

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Good afternoon
6 everyone. Good afternoon. I'm Council Member Rory
7 Lancman. We're joined by Council Member Karen
8 Koslowitz, Costa Costantinides, Barry Grodenchik,
9 Adrienne Adams, Bob Holden, a nice slice of Queens
10 and we're here this afternoon to honor Queens
11 College, my alma mater on its 80th anniversary.
12 Eight years, that's pretty impressive and I was at
13 the graduation I guess it was last week and it's
14 always an extraordinary experience going back to
15 Queens College for me as an alum but also to see all
16 the wonderful work that the College does and just to
17 look out into the crowd and see all those New York
18 City kids and not everyone is graduating as a kid. I
19 understand that but all those New Yorkers and the
20 wonderful opportunity that Queens College gives to
21 them so on behalf of the City Council and I know the
22 Speaker who's tied up, it really is our great
23 privilege for Queens College to be part of New York
24 City and for it to be a part of my district and for
25 you to be here today so President Felix Matos

2 Rodriguez, if you would say a few words and then
3 maybe introduce these wonderful people that you've
4 had join us today.

5 PRESIDENT MATOS RODRIGUEZ: Thank you so
6 much Council Member Lancman. It's a honor to be here
7 and thank you to the Speaker and the members of the
8 City Council for this recognition of 80 years of
9 delivering quality, excellent education to very
10 deserving students and at a very affordable price and
11 we're very proud of that legacy and that tradition of
12 Queens College. We couldn't do it without the
13 support of our elected officials and we're very proud
14 to say that we have here not just supporters of the
15 college but alumni in Councilman Holden and Lancman
16 and Constantinides and our numbers indicate that 8%
17 of all the City Council members are Queens College
18 alum. We have four so

19 [applause]

20 PRESIDENT MATOS RODRIGUEZ: We're very,
21 very, very proud about that and to the rest of the
22 members of the Queens delegation, thank you for your
23 support. We would not be able to do the work that we
24 do with our physical plan, with our programming, with
25 our scholarships, without the support of the City

2 Council, our Tech Incubator, all those things. Thank
3 you for the support. We have here a group
4 representing the administration and the students and
5 the staff of the college so I'm gonna ask each member
6 to just briefly give your name and title. Laurie
7 Dorf, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and
8 Alumni Relations; Lisa Torez, External Governmental
9 Affairs Manager, President's Office; Jeff Rosenstock,
10 APP Government and Affairs and External Affairs.
11 I'll hold the mike for them. I'm President. Carmen
12 Caloot [phonetic], Sitting Body President of Queens
13 College; Kela Woozit [phonetic], previous Vice
14 President of Student Government; Japneet Singh,
15 outgoing Student Body President and now alumni; Jujar
16 Singh, I'm also part of Student Body Associates.
17 That's it.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: That's it so now
19 we would ask the Clerk to read this Resolution.

20 CLERK: Council, City of New York
21 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
22 pay tribute to Queens College of the City University
23 of New York, the greatest urban university system in
24 the world for 80 years of academic excellence; and

2 WHEREAS, Queens has been praised
3 consistently by the *Princeton Review* and the *U.S.*
4 *News and World Report* and *Forbes Magazine* named it a
5 2018 America's best value college. The equality of
6 opportunity project recently ranked the school in the
7 top 1% of all American colleges in moving students
8 from poverty to prosperity; and

9 WHEREAS, Queens College's 19,000+
10 students represent over 170 countries and speak more
11 than 110 languages, creating an extraordinary campus
12 where a wealth of cultures and perspectives come
13 together with respect and a commitment to learning;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Queens College has the third
16 highest number of accounting and business students in
17 all of New York State and has graduated more
18 teachers, counselors and principals than any other
19 college in the metropolitan area; and

20 WHEREAS, Queens College's Benjamin S.
21 Rosenthal Library is home to the archives of jazz
22 legend Louis Armstrong as well as to a vast civil
23 rights archives and the papers of such noted New York
24 public servants as Judge Charles Colden, Congressman
25 Benjamin Rosenthal, and Gary Ackerman, Borough

2 President Helen Marshall and Assembly Speaker Saul
3 Weprin; and

4 WHEREAS, today Queens College continues
5 to force their community and develop channels of
6 communication among veterans, military personnel and
7 dependent students. It has been designated a 2017
8 military friendly school by *Victoria Media*,
9 recognized as a top school by *Military Advanced*
10 *Education and Transition* in its 2017 MAE&T guide to
11 colleges and universities and was included in
12 *Military Times Best Colleges 2018*; and

13 WHEREAS, at this great milestone, we not
14 only reflect on the incredible legacy of Queens
15 College but also reaffirm our faith in its equally
16 bright future for generations to come.

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that the New
18 York City Council, including all members of its
19 Queens delegation honors Queens College in
20 celebration of its 80th Anniversary and its
21 extraordinary contributions to academic excellence in
22 New York City. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the Entire
23 Council; Rory I. Lancman, Council Member 24th
24 District, Queens; Peter Koo, Council Member 20th
25 District, Queens; Karen Koslowitz, Chair, Queens

2 Delegation and Council Member 29th District and the
3 rest of the Queens delegation of the City Council.

4 [applause]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: So we've been
6 joined by Council Members Chaim Deutsch, Danny Dromm,
7 Rafael Espinal. Is an alum? If you're an alum and I
8 call your name, just like do a little wave. Council
9 Woman, Debbie Rose and Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo.
10 Now, who are the alums? If you're an alum, raise
11 your hand.

12 [applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Not bad, let's
14 take a, let's take a picture.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Hello, okay, we
16 are going to begin the second ceremonial. Will
17 Council Member Maisel please come on down? This is
18 big. We have Council Member Maisel who is going to
19 be presenting today. Oh, I thank you. Can we have
20 at this time the South Shore High School Vikings
21 Team, come on down. Yeah Vikings.

22 [applause]

23 And from what I understand, we have the
24 lady Vikings and the boys' basketball team are here
25 today. They're Vikings also. We've got Vikings all

2 around. It's very rare we have a male and female
3 championship at the same exact time. I'm gonna say
4 this is historical and herstorical. If we can all
5 gather around, let's get tight, let's get family
6 tight. Let's get South Shore tight. Hello, I am
7 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and it's an honor to
8 welcome you all here today. We are absolutely
9 ecstatic to welcome both the women's as well as the
10 men's basketball team here today. You have a
11 phenomenal Council Member, Council Member Alan Maisel
12 who was also my teacher in school so you see, we've
13 got to follow along in the pathways of staying
14 connected to our teachers and I am going to now pass
15 it over to the dynamic Council Member Alan Maisel.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Thank you,
17 Majority Leader. I pointed out earlier that although
18 I wasn't a great sportsman when I was in school, I
19 was on the varsity checker's team and I was actually,
20 I actually got injured playing checkers so my career
21 was cut short but that's why I admire so much the men
22 and the women of South Shore who have done something
23 extraordinary. They have managed to win, well, the
24 women have done this before, four times the women
25 have won the championship and this is the first time

2 for the men but this is the first time historically
3 that they've done it together so I want to thank the
4 coaches and the teachers and the parents and anybody,
5 especially the players who have made this extremely
6 event. You are making your community of Canarsie
7 very, very proud and I think this will enhance the
8 reputation of South Shore in Canarsie so that I can
9 just see those trophies in the trophy box together.
10 It's really wonderful so I'm glad you're here. We do
11 have some really nice proclamations and I'm gonna
12 hand the microphone back to our dynamic Majority
13 Leader Laurie Cumbo.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and it
15 is an honor to have you all here today and part of
16 the reason why we invite you to City Hall and to the
17 Council Chambers is so that hopefully you will enjoy
18 it so much that one day you too might want to run for
19 office and to sit in these very seats so get
20 comfortable, get to know your elected leaders and we
21 hope to see you sitting in these seats very soon one
22 day. We are now going to turn it over so that we can
23 now, we are now going to turn it over to the Clerk
24 who is going to read the proclamation. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Council, City of New York

3 Proclamation. WHEREAS, the New York City Council is
4 proud to honor both the South Shore High School
5 girls' basketball team, the Lady Vikings and the
6 boys' basketball team, the Male Vikings for their
7 outstanding championship season;

8 WHEREAS, in March 2018, the Male Vikings
9 defeated their competition 78 to 66 at the Barclays
10 Center to win their first championship in the history
11 of South Shore High School in addition to winning the
12 Brooklyn Borough championship for the first time in
13 school history. The Male Vikings represented New
14 York City in the New York State Federation
15 Championship and finished there as a runner up; and

16 WHEREAS, the Male Vikings owe much of
17 their success to the dedication of Principal Eugene
18 Mazola, Athletic Director Pat Tranne, Head Coach
19 Shawn Mark, Manager Stephan Saint Pierre as well as
20 volunteer assistants Winston Brannigan, Brian
21 Holness, and Leverne Gilbourne; and

22 WHEREAS, the talents and players who
23 comprise the Male Vikings are: Jedediah Ashton,
24 Gerald Campbell, Dwight Davis, Jr., Michael Emmanuel,
25 Chrisdos Gene Pierre, Anthony Laddie, Kareem May,

2 Femi Odukale, Jason Palmer, Isaiah Richards, Kadary
3 Richmond, Kiplin Richfind, Dante Spencer, Sekou
4 Sylla, Kevin Wallace. Three of these players
5 received the Division I scholarships; and

6 WHEREAS, the Lady Vikings defeated their
7 competition 57 to 37 at Barclays Center to win the
8 2017 to 2018 PSAL AA Championship. This PSAL
9 Championship is the fourth in a row for the Lady
10 Vikings; and

11 WHEREAS, owe much of their success to
12 Principal Eugene Mazola, Athletic Director Pat
13 Tranne, Head Coach Anwar Gladden, as well as
14 volunteer assistants Julianne Flowers, Bill Diaz,
15 Edward Tianglo, James Yancey, Kevin Jones, Quinton
16 Adams; and

17 WHEREAS, the skilled players who comprise
18 the Lady Vikings are: Jayda Allen, Rori Cox, Lysha
19 De Los Santos, Keyanna Glover, Jasmine Johnson,
20 Shimei Muhammad, Destiny Philoxy, Kelis Rogers, Zyane
21 Ramirez, Earlette Scott, Diamond Shavez, Danijah
22 Williams, Chloe Wilson. Four of the senior players
23 also received Division I scholarships; and

24 WHEREAS, may all of these Vikings

25 [applause]

2 May all of these Vikings inspire other
3 New Yorkers with their shared commitment to team
4 work. We congratulate these Champions on their
5 accomplishments and wish them continued success both
6 on and off the basketball court.

7 NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that the New
8 York City Council including its entire Brooklyn
9 delegation honors the Lady Vikings and the Male
10 Vikings of South Shore High School girls' and boys'
11 varsity basketball teams for their outstanding team
12 work that led them to victory as the 2017-2018 PSAL
13 Champions. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the entire
14 Council, Alan Maisel, Council Member 46th District
15 Brooklyn and many other Council Members.

16 [applause]

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yeah, so much
18 history and herstory are being made today. I'm now
19 going to turn it over to another role model and
20 leader in the Council who's just a few blocks away
21 from your high school, Council Member Jumaane
22 Williams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you,
24 Madam Majority Leader and thank you, Council Member
25 Maisel for taking the lead here. Brooklyn College

2 is, I'm sorry, South Shore is just a few blocks
3 inside of the Council Member's, across the street,
4 yes, exactly across the street but this is a great
5 honor to be able to speak here and congratulations to
6 both of you for making history. This is awesome and
7 whoever got the scholarships, congratulations. We
8 almost glossed over that. That's amazing and thank
9 you to all the coaches, especially shout out to the
10 boy's coach who grew up on my block so this is
11 awesome. Peace everybody. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and we
13 are now gonna turn it over to the coaches who are
14 gonna bring brief remarks to you all. We have the
15 women's coach, Anwar Gladden. Give it up for Anwar.

16 [applause]

17 ANWAR GLADDEN: Thank you. It's an honor
18 and a privilege to be here. Unfortunately the
19 seniors had prom last night so they couldn't join us

20 [laughter]

21 ANWAR GLADDEN: But just proud of them,
22 going to Providence University in Massachusetts and
23 Manhattan College are the three Division I seniors
24 and hopefully these young ladies and these gentlemen
25 will follow in their footsteps and just thank you for

2 everybody for allowing us to be here today. Thank
3 you.

4 [applause]

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and now
6 we are gonna hear from the boys' coach. We're gonna
7 hear from Shawn Mark.

8 [applause]

9 SHAWN MARK: It's just a pleasure to be
10 here today. I'm just happy for my boys. I'm happy
11 for the girls that I see every day at school all the
12 time. Hopefully you'll be back here next year and,
13 you know, we're gonna try to have some more fun for
14 the rest of the year.

15 [applause]

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Well, that
17 concludes our remarks but I'm so excited to see
18 particularly all of this leadership here. I want to
19 thank the coaches because you've given of your time
20 and your energy to see our young people through, to
21 provide scholarships for them, academic training as
22 well as athletic training and this is going to have
23 an instrumental impact on their lives so thank you
24 all for being here. Again, let's give it up for the
25 Vikings.

2 [applause]

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right, let's
4 take one tight group photo and then we're going to
5 them proceed back into the Stated Meeting.

6 [pause]

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Okay folks, we need to
8 clear the main floor of the Chambers please. Take
9 your last picture. Thank you. Quiet down please,
10 quiet down. [gavel] Ladies and gentlemen at this
11 time please place all electronic devices, all
12 electronic devices to vibrate [gavel] to vibrate.
13 Will all non-Council employees, all non-Council
14 employees please leave the main floor of the
15 Chambers. There is additional seating upstairs in
16 the balcony. Quiet in the Chambers please.
17 Sergeants can we please close those back doors once
18 these people are out. Thank you. Madam Public
19 Advocate.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [gavel] Quiet in
21 the Chambers please. Will members have their seats.
22 Guests please find a seat or if you are exiting,
23 please exit now. Please close the doors in the back
24 of the Chambers. Thank you. I now called the

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2 Recessed Meeting of May 23, 2018 which is held on
3 June 7, 2018, I call to order. Roll call vote.

4 CLERK: Adams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Welcome back Madam
6 Public Advocate, present.

7 CLERK: Ampy-Samuel?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY SAMUEL: Present.

9 CLERK: Ayala? Barron?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

11 CLERK: Borelli? Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Hi.

13 CLERK: Cabrera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

15 CLERK: Chin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

17 CLERK: Cohen?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I'm here.

19 CLERK: Constantinides?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

21 CLERK: Cornegy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Yes, I'm here,

23 yes.

24 CLERK: Thank you. Deutsch? Diaz?

25

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shhhh, quiet in
3 the Chamber please. Quiet in the Chambers.

4 CLERK: Dromm?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

6 CLERK: Eugene, I'm sorry, Espinal?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

8 CLERK: Eugene? Gibson? Gjonaj?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

10 CLERK: Grodenchik?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

12 CLERK: Holden?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

14 CLERK: Kallos?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

16 CLERK: King?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

18 CLERK: Koo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

20 CLERK: Koslowitz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

22 CLERK: Lancman?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

24 CLERK: Lander? Levin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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2 CLERK: Levine?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

4 CLERK: Maisel? Menchaca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

6 CLERK: Miller? Moya?

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
8 Chambers please.

9 CLERK: Borelli?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

11 CLERK: Perkins?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Presente.

13 CLERK: Powers?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

15 CLERK: Reynoso?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

17 CLERK: Richards?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

19 CLERK: Rivera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

21 CLERK: Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

23 CLERK: Rodriguez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Present.

25 CLERK: Rose?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

3 CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

5 CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

7 CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

9 CLERK: Van Brammer? Williams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

11 CLERK: Yeger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

13 CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

15 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We have a quorum.

18 I will now adjourn the Recessed Meeting of May 23,

19 2018 and open up the Stated Meeting of June 7, 2018.

20 All rise for the pledge of allegiance.

21 [pause]

22 CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

24 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

2 CLERK: Ayala?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have quiet
5 on the floor. Our young visitors in the balcony are
6 very quiet. Thank you children.

7 CLERK: Barron?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

9 CLERK: Borelli?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

11 CLERK: Brannan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm still here

13 CLERK: Cabrera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

15 CLERK: Chin?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

17 CLERK: Cohen?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I'm here.

19 CLERK: Constantinides?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

21 CLERK: Cornegy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here for real.

23 CLERK: Deutsch?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

25 CLERK: Diaz?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Here.

3 CLERK: Dromm?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

5 CLERK: Espinal?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

7 CLERK: Eugene? Gibson? Gjonaj?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

9 CLERK: Grodenchik?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

11 CLERK: Holden?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

13 CLERK: Kallos? Koo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Presente.

15 CLERK: King?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I guess I'm

17 present.

18 CLERK: Koslowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

20 CLERK: Lancman?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

22 CLERK: Lander?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

24 CLERK: Levin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

2 CLERK: Levine?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

4 CLERK: Maisel? Menchaca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

6 CLERK: Miller? Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

8 CLERK: Perkins?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.

10 CLERK: Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

12 CLERK: Reynoso?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

14 CLERK: Richards?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

16 CLERK: Rivera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

18 CLERK: Rodriguez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Present.

20 CLERK: Rose?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

22 CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

24 CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

2 CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

4 CLERK: Van Brammer? Kallos?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

6 CLERK: Williams?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

8 CLERK: Yeger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

10 CLERK: Matteo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

12 CLERK: Cumbo?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Here.

14 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, quiet

17 in the Chambers. All rise for the invocation. The

18 invocation will be delivered by Minister Michael

19 Vanacore the Minister for Congregational Life &

20 Social Justice at the Trinity Lutheran Church in

21 Sunset Park located at 411 46th Street in the borough

22 of Brooklyn. Quiet in the Chambers

23 MINISTER VANACORE: Let us pray.

24 Almighty God, we give you thanks for this opportunity

25 to come together to work for the good of this city.

2 God, it is a great privilege and honor to be called
3 forth by the members of this great metropolis to
4 assume the mantle of political leadership. God, we
5 give you thanks for the willingness to serve that you
6 have placed in the hearts of each of the men and
7 women assembled here. As this body convenes oh Lord,
8 we ask that your Holy Spirit also gather here. May
9 your Spirit come to rest upon this body and upon each
10 of the men and women here. Grant them oh Lord,
11 wisdom, wisdom so that they may comprehend the
12 difficult matters they will face today and most
13 importantly God, help them to hold always in their
14 hearts and in their minds before them in their work
15 the men and women and children who struggle daily to
16 survive in this city oh God. Spirit of the living
17 God fall afresh upon this body. Renew the men and
18 women here, their hearts and bodies. Sharpen their
19 minds, oh God. We know that this work is difficult.
20 It is challenging so this morning as we take a breath
21 and breathe in the spirit of life God, we ask that
22 you grant them a moment of peace, a moment of
23 presence so that they may enter this work God with
24 joy, renewed to serve the people of this city and
25 finally God we ask that your spirit of mercy be in

2 this Chamber today. God, from all of our faith
3 traditions we know that your first concern is for the
4 poor, the suffering, the stranger and so we ask God
5 that that spirit of mercy, that spirit of liberation
6 for the oppressed be also the first and guiding
7 spirit of the work of this Chamber today and every
8 day. God, all of these things we pray in your many
9 names, in the name of all that we hold sacred. Amen.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen, please be
11 seated. Pastor thank you, quiet in the Chambers
12 please. The motion to spread the invocation, Council
13 Member Carlos Menchaca.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,
15 public advocate and [Inaudible] summa gracias to our
16 minister, Michael Vanacore.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me Council
18 Member. May we have quiet in the Chambers please.
19 Council Member Menchaca has the floor, quiet in the
20 Chambers. I apologize Council Member.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: It's okay and
22 before I spread the invocation in full, I wanted to
23 say thank you again to our Minister, Michael Vanacore
24 from the Congregational Life & Social Justice,
25 Trinity Lutheran Church in Sunset Park. This church

2 is not just a place for folks to come and rejoice in
3 their faith to God. This is an institution that has
4 for so long been dedicated to fighting for the rights
5 of our neighbors in Sunset Park and beyond. There is
6 a strong tradition with the Puerto Rican community in
7 this congregation and their fight for justice for
8 Puerto Rico both most recently from the hurricane
9 Maria work but beyond and having a few moments to
10 speak with Minister Michael Vanacore just a few
11 minutes before stated reminds me of the youth that is
12 alive and well in our faith traditions and he really
13 represents that next chapter of work that really
14 combines his passion for organizing neighborhoods
15 within the faith traditions in a neighborhood like
16 Sunset Park that needs more housing advocacy, that
17 needs more jobs and ideas that I just got in the few
18 minutes with him I think are gonna continue to change
19 and transform our relationship and the communities
20 relationship. Thank you so much for being here and
21 for your love for our community in Sunset Park.
22 Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
24 Council Member. We also want to acknowledge the
25 Commissioner on Human Rights, Commissioner Carmelyn

2 Malalis who is here with a number of children,
3 Julian, Miles, Gideon, Zalika, Lagia [phonetic],
4 Oscar, Kyrish, Isabella, Yana, Omar, Hudson, Ocara,
5 Kieta, Huheene [phonetic], Olivia, Cameron, Oriella,
6 Matteo and Michaela. Thank you all for coming.
7 Adoption of minutes, Council Member Ampry-Samuels.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUELS: I make a
9 motion to adopt the minutes.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, so
11 adopted. Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

12 CLERK: M58, Executive Order No. 35.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
14 printed and filed.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
16 from City, County and Borough offices.

17 CLERK: None.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
19 Communications.

20 CLERK: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
22 Ups.

23 CLERK: M59, Sidewalk Café.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: At this time I'd like a
25 roll call vote on today's Land Use Call-Up items.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
3 Chambers.

4 CLERK: Adams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Ayala?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Barron?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

12 CLERK: Brannan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

14 CLERK: Cabrera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

16 CLERK: Chin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Constantinides?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
20 all.

21 CLERK: Cornegy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Deutsch?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

25 CLERK: Dromm?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

3 CLERK: Espinal?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

5 CLERK: Eugene?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

7 CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

9 CLERK: Grodenchik?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

11 CLERK: Holden?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Kallos?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: King?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Koo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

19 CLERK: Koslowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

21 CLERK: Lancman?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Lander?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

25 CLERK: Levin?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

3 CLERK: Levine?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

5 CLERK: Maisel?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

7 CLERK: Menchaca?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Yes.

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: Salamanca?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Torres?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

5 CLERK: Treyger?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

7 CLERK: Vallone?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

9 CLERK: Williams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Yeger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

13 CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Aye.

15 CLERK: Van Bramer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

17 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Aye.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's Land Use

20 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 44 in the

21 affirmative, 0 in the negative. Quiet in the

22 Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker of the City

23 Council, Speaker Corey Johnson. Quiet in the

24 Chambers.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon. Thank
3 you, Madam Public Advocate. Before we begin with
4 today's agenda, I'd like to take time to honor some
5 of the legendary New Yorkers we recently lost. Many
6 of us lost a mentor and friend and giant in Herman
7 Denny Farrell, Jr. As a long time assemblyman in
8 upper Manhattan, Denny represented his constituents
9 with the utmost grace, dedication and integrity. He
10 was one of the good guys, kind, thoughtful,
11 committed, compassionate and a sharp dresser to boot.
12 We are thinking of Denny's family and his former
13 colleagues and we extend our deepest condolences to
14 all of them. Rest in peace to our dear friend.
15 We're also thinking of former NYPD Chief of
16 Detectives, William Alley, who passed away of 911
17 related leukemia. We New Yorkers will never forget
18 the sacrifice that Chief Alley made and are grateful
19 for his decades of service to our City. Our thoughts
20 and prayers are with his family, friends and all of
21 the men and women in the New York City Police
22 Department. We're also saddened by the loss of
23 Angelo Falcon, a long-time advocate for the Latino
24 community. Angelo served as one of the loudest
25 voices for Hispanic New Yorkers and made an impact on

2 everyone he fought for. Our thoughts and prayers are
3 with Angelo's loved ones on his untimely passing and
4 lastly we remember our workers who have died on the
5 job over the past month. Daynond Shysumdar
6 [phonetic], a security guard at JFK Airport who died
7 in a car accident in the airport parking lot.
8 Carolina Wilson, a custodial assistant for DECAS at
9 the Queens State Supreme Courthouse died from
10 injuries on her job and Harry Ramnouth [phonetic], a
11 security guard crushed by a large falling glass panel
12 while on his job. If everyone could stand so we
13 could have a moment of silence for all that we lost.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

15 [pause]

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

17 So I want to acknowledge some of the special
18 visitors. I'm not sure if they're here yet but they
19 are going to be here and when they arrive we can make
20 sure that they are recognized. The special visitors
21 we have in the gallery today or when they get here,
22 they'll be in the gallery, from the Town of Loiza,
23 Puerto Rico, home of the Afro Puerto Rican music,
24 we're excited to host municipal legislators Hose
25 Asario [phonetic], Denise Lanzo Cortio [phonetic],

2 and Dwight Calone Fuentes [phonetic]. We know the
3 Town of Loiza is still recovering from Hurricane
4 Maria and our thoughts and prayers and resources are
5 here for you. Please continue to work with our great
6 colleague, Council Woman Diana Ayala and let us know
7 how the Council can be helpful. I want to allow
8 Council Member Ayala to say anything if she would
9 like. Oh, they're here. Where are they? Oh and
10 Carlina as well, I apologize so if you please, I want
11 to acknowledge and let Carlina and Diana say
12 something if they want to speak about our visitors
13 and also the impact that Hurricane Maria has had. If
14 you want to, go first Diana.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: So I'm excited,
16 let me just stand, I'm a little short. I'm excited
17 to greet our counterparts from the Town of Loiza.
18 We're actually going to be meeting the, Corey's
19 counterpart, the Speaker and the Majority Leader of
20 that town and as we know, you know, the devastation
21 of Hurricane Maria took a huge toll in towns like
22 Loiza and I'm excited to have them here as we
23 celebrate Puerto Rican heritage this weekend and so I
24 thank you all for hosting them. Thanks.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And Council Member
3 Rivera, Carlina.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes, as a Puerto
5 Rican woman, I'm very, very proud to have them here
6 visiting with us. This Sunday is a very big deal for
7 our community, for our Puerto Rican community and
8 city wide and so I'm very honored to have them here
9 visiting us. I want to say that this town
10 experienced severe devastation during Hurricane
11 Sandy. I'm sorry, that's personal trauma, during
12 Hurricane Maria and almost 5,000 boricuas [phonetic]
13 were lost in that catastrophic event and so having
14 these groups coming to visit us really bring
15 awareness to a very serious situation that is still
16 going on. Almost 5,000 Puerto Rican people have been
17 reported dead in Puerto Rico and Loiza is such a
18 historical place. I'm so honored to be here hosting
19 and I'm looking forward to celebrating with everyone
20 on Sunday for what should be a wonderful day of
21 heritage and celebration. Thank you.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to thank Council
23 Members Rivera and Ayala for their continued
24 leadership. We said good bye to one of our most
25 esteemed and hard-working staff members last week,

2 Fohad Ardbombo [phonetic] on the advanced team. As a
3 senior lead advance and event coordinator, Fohad was
4 responsible for coordinating events with divisions
5 such as community engagement, press, the legislative
6 division and he worked closely with the senior
7 management team. Now, Fohad will serve as director
8 of Advance for Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul where we
9 know he will do a great job. I want to congratulate
10 Fohad and I want to thank him for everything he, he
11 was someone who I saw almost every single day and I'm
12 very sad that he left. He's a very, very, very good
13 person and I feel a tremendous loss losing him so if
14 we could give a big round of applause for Fohad
15 please.

16 [applause]

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: So we're gonna jump
18 into our docket for today. The Council will vote on
19 the following Land Use items. We have two Sidewalk
20 Cafes, one we are approving in Council Member Ydanis
21 Rodriguez's district and 1 we're gonna vote on
22 withdrawal on in Council Member Ben Kallos' district.
23 Other Land Use items, Hudson Boulevard and Park Tax
24 Amendment. This is in my Council district. The
25 Council's approving an application for an amendment

2 on the zoning resolution for the purposes of
3 modifying floor area regulations for phase two of the
4 Hudson Boulevard and Park again in my district.
5 Willow Avenue in the Bronx, we'll vote on the Willow
6 Avenue application which is for a rezoning and tax
7 exemption to develop a new mixed use building. The
8 project will be 100% affordable and includes 134
9 residential units and commercial space and is located
10 in Land Use Committee Chair Rafael Salamanca's
11 district. 280 Richards Waterfront Authorization,
12 we'll be voting to modify the design requirements for
13 a waterfront public access area in connection with
14 the development of a five story commercial building
15 in Council Member Carlos Menchaca's district. We'll
16 also be approving the following tax exemption, ANCP
17 107 W. 105th Street in Manhattan. It's an Article XI
18 tax exemption and an urban development action area
19 project UDAAP to facilitate the preservation of two
20 partially occupied buildings as 100% affordable
21 housing in Council Member Mark Levine's district.
22 Berian [phonetic] Gardens, an Article XI tax
23 exemption for Berian Gardens, a 77 unit affordable
24 senior housing facility in Council Member's Ampry-
25 Samuels district. Hudson Pierce 2, Manhattan, an

2 Article XI tax exemption to facilitate the
3 preservation of two fully occupied buildings totaling
4 83 residential units as 100% affordable housing in
5 Council Member Mark Levine's district. Culver L, an
6 Article XI tax exemption for Culver L, Phase 1,
7 affordable home ownership project in Council Member
8 Brad Lander's district. Van Buren Green NIHOP
9 Amendment, an amendment to a previously approved
10 project in Council Member Robert Cornegy's district
11 to ensure that the transaction with the homebuyer's
12 will no longer trigger additional New York State real
13 estate transfer taxes. 501 W. 51st Street is an
14 Article XI tax exemption for a building containing 22
15 residential units and three commercial units in my
16 district in Hell's Kitchen. I want to thank the
17 entire Land Use division, especially Jeff Une
18 [phonetic], Liz Lee and Brian Paul. Moving on, the
19 Council will vote on the following pieces of
20 legislation today. Introduction 401A sponsored by
21 Council Member Paul Vallone. This has been a long
22 road for Council Member Vallone and his family. All
23 of the Vallones, his father, his brother and his
24 amazing mother and this bill's gonna require that the
25 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ensure that

2 full service animal shelters are operated in all five
3 boroughs by July 1, 202. While the city operates
4 facilities to receive lost, stray, or homeless dogs
5 and cats in the Bronx and Queens, neither borough is
6 currently served by a full service animal shelter. I
7 feel very passionately about this. I adopted my cat
8 from the animal shelter in East Harlem in Council
9 Member Ayala's district and every borough, Queen and
10 the Bronx deserve a full service animal shelter. I
11 want to thank the staff who worked on this, Demmanuel
12 Hilou [phonetic], Emily Balkin and Jeanette Merrill.
13 Next we'll vote on a comprehensive package of
14 legislation to provide opioid and drug treatment and
15 prevention services. The opioid epidemic has
16 affected the lives of too many New York families and
17 I'm proud that my colleagues and I are working to
18 provide all the help that these New Yorkers
19 absolutely need. Introduction 615A sponsored by
20 Council Member Diana Ayala would require the
21 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide
22 opioid overdose reversal drugs such as Naloxone to
23 all syringe exchange programs operating in the City
24 of New York. It would also require that DOHMH ensure
25 that all syringe staff members are properly trained

2 in overdose prevention and first, I want to
3 congratulate Council Member Ayala. Is this your,
4 it's her first bill. Congratulations, Diana,
5 congratulations.

6 [applause]

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Introduction 618A
8 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan would
9 require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
10 to develop age appropriate educational materials on
11 drug and opioid awareness and prevention and I want
12 to congratulate him on his first bill as well today.

13 [applause]

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Introduction 623A
15 sponsored by Council Member Andrew Cohen would
16 require the Fire Department to report quarterly to
17 the City Council and the Department of Health and
18 Mental Hygiene on the number of opioid antagonists
19 the department has available, the number of emergency
20 technicians, EMT's, and other department employees
21 trained to administer opioid antagonists and the
22 number of opioid overdose reversal drugs administered
23 by EMT's. Say that ten times fast so I want to
24 congratulate Council Member Andrew Cohen on that.
25 Council Member Ritchie Torres sponsored three bills

2 in this package. Introduction 667A would require the
3 Department of Social Services to refer individuals
4 residing in Department of Homeless Service Shelters
5 or HIV and AIDS service administration facilities
6 that suffered a non-fatal overdose to additional
7 services. Introduction 668A would require the
8 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide
9 opioid overdose prevention or reversal training to
10 the public. DOHMH already provides such trainings
11 but this law would codify existing trainings and
12 ensure they occur as long as necessary and
13 Introduction 669A would require that the Municipal
14 Drug Strategy Advisory Council, a council established
15 by local law 48 in 2017 and it's comprised of
16 healthcare professionals, advocates, and persons
17 suffering from substance misuse disorder to include
18 in its binary report the number of overdose reversal
19 drugs that are distributed to city agencies so
20 congratulations to Council Member Torres.
21 Introduction 717A sponsored by Council Member Jumaane
22 Williams would require the New York City Police
23 Department report quarterly to the City Council and
24 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the
25 number of opioid antagonists the department has

2 available, the number of officers trained to
3 administer opioid antagonists and the number of
4 opioid overdose reversal drugs administered by NYPD
5 officers and Resolution 197 also sponsored by Council
6 Member Justin Brannan would call upon the New York
7 City Department of Education to include drug
8 awareness education concerning opioids in the New
9 York City public school curriculum. I want to thank
10 the staff that worked on this opioid package
11 Silvester Yavana [phonetic], Michael Curt, Jeanette
12 Merrill, Hunter Evasques [phonetic], and Ter Zenasser
13 [phonetic]. I want to just say on this package of
14 bills, I think that some of the legislation that
15 we're passing today is absolutely gonna save lives.
16 We have an opioid crisis, an epidemic here in New
17 York City and this is a very thoughtful, strategic,
18 smart package of bills that I think is gonna make a
19 very significant difference in getting people these
20 lifesaving medications and antagonists that they need
21 when they are suffering in the thralls of addiction.
22 As someone who's sober nine years, to me this feels
23 very personal, and I'm really grateful to all of my
24 colleagues who have worked so hard on this so that
25 concludes our agenda for today's Stated Meeting and I

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2 look forward to proceeding with today's votes. Thank
3 you, Madam Public Advocate.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 Discussion of General Orders. Seeing none, Report of
6 Special Committees.

7 CLERK: None.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
9 Standing Committees.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
11 Health, Intro 401A, Animal Shelters.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
13 general orders.

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
15 Use, LU 70 and Reso 383 and LU 81 and Reso 384,
16 Sidewalk Café and UDAB.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
18 orders.

19 CLERK: LU 82 and Reso 385, Sidewalk
20 Café.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed
22 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

23 CLERK: LU 83 and Reso 386, 280 Richards
24 Street.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
3 orders.

4 CLERK: LU 84, Special Permit.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
6 modifications and referred to the City Planning
7 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.7B of the Rules of the
8 Council and Section 197D of the New York City
9 Charter.

10 CLERK: LU 85 and Reso 387 through LU 106
11 and Reso 395, Zoning Amendments and Tax exemptions.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
13 orders.

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Mental
15 Health, Disabilities, and Addiction, Intro 615A,
16 618A, 623A, 667A, 668A, 669A and 717A, Opioid
17 Prevention.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
19 general orders.

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on State
21 and Federal Legislation, pre-considered SLR 1 and SLR
22 2, Retirement, Pension and Pension Bills.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
24 orders.

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2 CLERK: Pre-considered SLR 3, Speed
3 Violation Monitoring systems.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
5 orders.

6 CLERK: Pre-considered SLR 4, Class
7 Shares.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
9 orders.

10 CLERK: On the general order calendar,
11 Intro 720 Sight Safety Training.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

13 CLERK: Resolution appointing various
14 persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
16 orders and at this time, I am asking for a roll call
17 vote on all of the items on today's general order
18 calendar.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
20 Chambers for a roll call vote.

21 CLERK: Adams?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Barron?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to
5 explain my vote.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, I want
8 to commend my colleagues who have legislation that's
9 being voted on today and I'm voting aye on all with
10 the exception of one for the usual reasons that I do
11 when it comes to a Land Use item. I don't think that
12 as we talk about the burgeoning numbers of homeless,
13 formerly homeless and people who are low income and
14 people who need income, who have incomes that put
15 them at the very bottom, that they're getting enough
16 so I'm voting no on Land Use 86, 87 and 88 and I did
17 talk to my colleague and he does have a project that
18 includes I think 120 which he was very successful in
19 getting reduced from what it was and I tell him I
20 think this puts me a little ahead because I don't
21 have any 120 in my district so I'm voting aye on all
22 with the exception of that one. Thank you.

23 CLERK: Brannan?

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

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I just want to
4 thank Speaker Johnson for his leadership in passing
5 my first two bills today which is really cool. As a
6 staffer and who's worked on many bills behind the
7 scenes, it's certainly gratifying to finally have my
8 name on some bills that hopefully will become law and
9 something as important as opioid education. When I
10 was a kid in school, they came and they taught us
11 about crack cocaine and it worked. It kept a lot of
12 us off drugs and hopefully we can do the same here
13 with opioid education and I vote aye on all. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Congratulations
16 Council Member.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you.

18 CLERK: Cabrera?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

20 CLERK: Chin?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all and
22 congratulation to Council Member Ayala.

23 CLERK: Cohen? Borelli?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Constantinides?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
3 all.

4 CLERK: Cornegy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Deutsch?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

8 CLERK: Diaz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes.

10 CLERK: Dromm?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

12 CLERK: Espinal?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

14 CLERK: Eugene?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Gibson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: With my warmest
18 congratulations to Council Member Ayala and Council
19 Member Brannan on their first bills and Council
20 Member Vallone, better late than never, I say
21 congratulations to everyone. I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Borelli

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all
24 except SLR 3.

25 CLERK: Gjonaj?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

3 CLERK: Grodenchik?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Pass.

5 CLERK: Holden?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Kallos?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: King?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations

11 Council Member Ayala and Brannan. Welcome to the

12 dance and I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Koo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all and also

15 congratulations to all my colleagues passing the

16 bills. Thank you.

17 CLERK: Koslowitz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

19 CLERK: Lancman?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Lander?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

23 CLERK: Levin?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With

25 congratulations to all my colleagues, especially

2 Council Members Ayala and Brannan on their first
3 bills, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Levine?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, I also
6 want to congratulate the first timers and I want to
7 give a special shout out to Council Member Vallone
8 who after a multi-generational effort has succeeded
9 in passing a bill that's gonna make life better for
10 countless animals in our city and I'm proud to vote
11 aye on all.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to congratulate
13 and thank Council Member Levine for his leadership on
14 this as Chair of the Health Committee by having this
15 hearing recently at the beginning of the term. I
16 cared about it as Health Committee Chair and I'm glad
17 he took care of it which I wasn't able to as Health
18 Committee Chair so thank you Council Member Levine.

19 CLERK: Maisel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

21 CLERK: Cohen?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Menchaca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Moya?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Perkins?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Reynoso?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Richards?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Congratulations
11 to both my colleagues Ayala and Brannan on your first
12 bills and I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Rivera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Congratulations
15 to all of my colleagues and I proudly vote aye on
16 all.

17 CLERK: Rodriguez?

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Rodriguez?

19 CLERK: Rose?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye and
21 congratulations to my colleagues.

22 CLERK: Rosenthal?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
24 explain my vote?

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, quiet in the
3 Chambers please.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you,
5 Council Member Vallone, Kudos, and for Council
6 Members Brannan and Ayala, now you feel the power,
7 right and it's, I just want you to know that it's a
8 great start. I mean these are wonderful bills to
9 have as your first bills. I have to say, one of my,
10 someone I know who's no longer in the Council, her
11 first bill was to notify people when the movie was
12 gonna start before they walked in the door but yours
13 are about some incredibly important issues. You guys
14 have come in, you're knocking it out of the ballpark
15 right away and I just really want you both to know
16 how much I appreciate you and Council Member Rivera,
17 I just really want to congratulate you on the
18 legislation that would require Airbnb to turn over
19 all the illegal rentals to the Office of Special
20 Enforcement. I still think that with the click of a
21 button, they could just make sure that only people
22 who are renting legally would have it on their
23 website. They're gonna up costing the City so much
24 more money in addition to the lost affordable housing

2 and I just want to let you know how much I appreciate
3 that. Aye on all.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to
7 explain my vote?

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you
10 Madam Public Advocate. First I want to give a big
11 shout out to Council Member Vallone and congratulate
12 him on the passage of this overdue bill.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,
14 one second. Quiet in the Chambers please. The
15 Council Member has the floor, quiet please. Sorry,
16 Council Member.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
18 also want to congratulate Council Member Ayala and
19 Brannan on the passage of your new bills. This
20 opioid package bill will have a great affect in my
21 community so I thank you. Today we'll be voting on
22 LU 86, 87, and 88 which amounts to 111 Willow Avenue
23 which is a project in my district. This 134 unit
24 building will be the third consecutive project
25 approved in my district with 100% affordable housing

2 that this body has passed in the last five weeks.
3 111 Willow offers mixed income affordability, so
4 extremely low income and low income residents and
5 hard working families with \$40,000 incomes can also
6 be eligible to live in a brand new building. It's
7 unfair to tell the bread winners of any household
8 making minimum wage that combined they are considered
9 too rich for affordable housing. It will also be the
10 third consecutive project approved in my district
11 with at least a 15% set aside for the formerly
12 homeless. In total, these three projects will create
13 78 units for the formerly homeless in my district.
14 While it may not seem like it's a lot, these numbers
15 start to add up and together as a Council we can
16 continue to grow these numbers. I would like to give
17 a big thank you to Raju, Jeff, and Amy, and Julie
18 from the Land Use staff and my team, John, Lauren and
19 Brian for all the help. Thank you. I vote aye on
20 all.

21 CLERK: Rodriguez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: Torres?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
25 Torres?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council
4 Member Torres.

5 CLERK: Treyger?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I thought Torres
7 was Treyger but I, I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Vallone?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: A moment to
10 explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, thank
13 you to our Speaker Corey Johnson, to our Health
14 Committee Chair, Mark Levine, and to everyone here
15 who signed on. I guess it's almost three
16 generations. You can't count my brother in there as
17 a generation. He wouldn't be happy about it but it
18 goes back over 20 years where the Vallone's have been
19 advocating for full service animal shelters in every
20 borough and I remember when Speaker Johnson got voted
21 on this floor and got elected. I looked at him on
22 that day and said, when do we do animal shelters and
23 he said, let's get it done and then Chair Levine sped
24 it through and we had a great hearing and other
25 Council Members supported this so believe it or not,

2 my mother was the first one to testify back in 2000
3 when this first came forward when my dad was the
4 speaker and she used to volunteer at the Bidowe
5 [phonetic] and she taught us all and generations
6 after her how important it is to treat animals with
7 respect and you can't do that if you don't have
8 animal shelters in ever borough and this bill that
9 we're voting on today would be the first time that we
10 would mandate and require full service animal
11 shelters in every borough and the greatest city in
12 the world deserves to have facilities that treat our
13 animals with respect and that's what we're gonna do
14 today so it's our responsibility to clearly state
15 that this fight will not be over until the Bronx and
16 Queens has a full service animal shelter. Having an
17 animal shelter in every borough is core and central.
18 It's the type of city we are and most importantly,
19 that our beloved animals are treated with respect and
20 given every opportunity to find a home so with that
21 I'd like to thank our Director of Policy who's
22 Chilton Brown, Laura Popa [phonetic], Zee Emmanuel
23 Lou [phonetic], my legislative director, Ahmet Nazar,
24 Emily Balkin, Jeanette Merrill, my chief of staff,
25 Jonathan Szott and for the efforts in bringing this

2 bill to the floor and a vote today, I vote and urge
3 my colleagues to proudly vote aye. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
5 congratulations.

6 CLERK: Van Bramer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Williams?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
10 excused to explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you,
13 congratulations to all of my colleagues especially
14 those who this is their first bill. I just wanted to
15 highlight the opioid package of which I have a bills.
16 Thank you to the Speaker and all those who helped put
17 this together. I just would be remiss if I didn't
18 point out 1) I'm just happy that we're doing this as
19 a Council. I'm happy the way the city is responding
20 to this with the humanity it deserves and I'm happy
21 that we're treating this as a crisis, we're treating
22 it as a crisis with human beings who have a sickness
23 that they need to get addressed, not with over
24 policing and so I'd be remiss if I didn't point out
25 the difference about treating this particular drug

2 crisis and other drug crises in the past that happen
3 in communities that are more melanin in their skin
4 and how they were treated and I hope we take a less
5 from this moving forward that the use of police and
6 law enforcement and putting people in jail are not
7 the answers for these type of crises. We seem to
8 know that when it's perceived that the crisis is in
9 one community and do differently when it's in another
10 so my hope is that while we see the need to do it
11 this way, that we take the lessons moving forward.
12 Thank you, with that I vote aye on all.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 CLERK: Yeger?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I vote aye on all
16 with the exception of SLR 3 in which I vote no.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

18 CLERK: Grodenchik?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all
20 except SLR 3. I just, I have, I should have two or
21 three cameras. I got twelve so I'd like to share the
22 wealth with everybody else so I certainly appreciate
23 the goal of traffic safety and we work hard at it
24 every day in Eastern Queens but I just have to vote
25 no to make a statement. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Matteo?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Permission to
5 vote yes on all Land Use Call-Ups?

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I'm voting no on
8 SLR 3 and aye on the rest.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Cumbo?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Congratulations
12 to my colleagues, particularly Ayala and Brannan. I
13 know that's exciting to have your first bill passed
14 and there's no feeling quite like it so
15 congratulations to your all and I vote aye on all.
16 Thank you.

17 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All
20 items on today's general order calendar were adopted
21 by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
22 abstentions with the exception of Land Use 86, 87 and
23 88 with accompanying Resolutions which was adopted by
24 a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 1 negative and 0
25 abstentions and SLR 3 which was adopted by a vote of

2 45 in the affirmative, 4 negative and 0 abstentions.

3 The revised Land Use Call-Up vote is 49 in the

4 affirmative, 0 negative. Introduction and Reading of

5 Bills.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been

7 referred to Committee as indicated on the printed

8 agenda.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We will now move

10 to the Resolution, Resolution 197, a resolution

11 calling upon the New York City Department of

12 Education to include drug awareness education

13 concerning opioids in the school curriculum and we'll

14 now hear from the sponsor, Council Member Brannan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: National Opioid

16 Epidemic has hit people across our city very hard.

17 It's no secret that opioid deaths involving opioid

18 use in crimes, associated with opioid use have risen

19 drastically in recent years and I think as elected

20 officials it's our responsibility to give our

21 constituents all the tools they possibly, that are

22 available to them and misinformation and lack of

23 information are, can be deadly when it comes to the

24 opioid crisis so I want to thank again, Speaker

25

2 Johnson for his leadership and getting this package
3 done today which is very, very important. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Seeing no other
5 speakers, all those in favor say aye.

6 CITY COUNCIL: Aye.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those
8 opposed? Any abstention? The ayes have it. Now to
9 general discussion beginning with Council Member Koo.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Public Advocate,
11 I would ask that folks that are participating in
12 general discussion to please be as quick as possible
13 and if you haven't signed up, please don't sign up.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We'll put the
15 clock on. Please put the clock on. Thank you.
16 Council Member Koo, quiet on the floor.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I'll be very brief.
18 Thank you. Today I'm asking my colleagues to join me
19 in supporting two bills regarding the use of sidewalk
20 space in my district and also air pollution
21 throughout the city. The first bill I'm introducing
22 is Intro 969 which will create a special district in
23 downtown Flushing that be that will prohibit street
24 vending and stoop line stands. Okay, downtown
25 Flushing is overrun with sidewalk obstruction. Last

2 year we widened the sidewalks in hopes of making life
3 easier for thousands, hundreds of thousands of
4 pedestrians who share the space with bus stops,
5 subways and Mom and Pop stores. Unfortunately, our
6 widened sidewalks has more and more illegal street
7 vendors and stoop line stands. People who are taking
8 advantage of the new space to selling everything from
9 health insurance, counterfeit handbags, 99 cent
10 stuff, parts and pens, fruits and vegetables, and of
11 course, socks. As a small business owner, I have no
12 objection to people innovating in order to turn a
13 profit but I strongly object to those who do so at
14 the expense of their community. This bill sits to
15 return our sidewalks to the people. The next bill
16 Intro 970 will prohibit the use of char boilers in
17 all city mobile food vending units. According to the
18 Department of Health testimony in 2016, one vendor
19 grilling meat emits an amount of particle pollution
20 in one day equivalent to what a diesel truck emits
21 driving 3,500 miles, the distance of driving to
22 Denver and back so

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please conclude
24 your remarks.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Last sentence

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Last sentence,
3 thank you.

4 [Laughter]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: This bill would long
6 restrict [Inaudible] service cooking appliances like
7 the griddles used in [Inaudible] anyway.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council
9 Member.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: This are significant
11 cleaner method of cooking. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
13 Barron. Quiet in the Chambers please.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
15 Public Advocate. I just wanted to rise to say that I
16 wanted to recognize a great accomplishment that had
17 been contributed to this State by Assembly member
18 Denny Farrell. He was a great colleague and friend
19 while I was in the Assembly and secondly just to say
20 that the bill that I introduced regarding specialized
21 high schools about five years ago is going to be
22 amended, the resolution rather, is going to be
23 amended. There's going to be a lot of talk about it
24 but we've got to recognize that we cannot continue to
25 participate in a system that basically is redlining

2 in education because it does not provide an
3 opportunity for Black and Latino students to have a
4 fair representation in the specialized high schools
5 so we're gonna have the Reso amended and discussed in
6 Chambers and we look forward to that. Thank you. It
7 was first introduced by Kareem Kamara in the Assembly
8 and is now being carried by my husband Assembly
9 member Charles Barron.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
11 Council Member King.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you, Madam
13 Public Advocate. Today I'm asking my colleagues to
14 sign onto three pieces of legislation I'm
15 introducing.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shhhhh.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: The first one is
18 Intro 956. It establish a liaison for city workers
19 who are in trouble, are having housing problem. A
20 number of housing workers are homeless and they're
21 having real challenge of finding houses and this is
22 established information, a person who will be
23 dedicated within the City of New York to help them
24 find housing. The second one is Intro 968. I don't
25 know about you but in my district and as I move

2 around the City of New York, I find a lot of
3 advertisement on a lot of bodegas where you got a
4 sandwich, a Pepsi and a hooker pipe. I don't know
5 what messages they trying to send to New Yorkers but
6 our children with this bill will require the
7 Department of Health to do research to find out the
8 effects that this advertisement has on kids and
9 promoting smoking and bad habits so I'm hoping you
10 all will sign on and the third one that I'm
11 introducing today will be Intro 967. As you know,
12 there's been a lot of killings, a lot of robberies
13 when it comes to our taxi drivers. 967 will put a
14 panic button in the taxis and cars to make sure it
15 goes directly to NYPD. We know there are cameras in
16 cars but cameras catch the crime but we want to make
17 sure we stop the crime with real time response by
18 NYPD so I'm asking you to sign on to this piece of
19 legislation that we can save lives for our
20 breadwinners in the taxi industry and finally I'd
21 like to invite everyone to the African America 2018
22 Awards Ceremony that's gonna be happening here in the
23 Tweed Building as we celebrate Kendrick Lamar for
24 being the first rapper to ever get the Pulitzer Prize

2 along with Fat Joe and a few others here in the City
3 of New York. God bless and thank you. Mr. Speaker.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
5 Rodriguez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Guatemala is
7 going thru a natural disaster that require our
8 attention and support. Today I stand together with
9 Council Member Menchaca, Hispanic Federation, The
10 Immigration Coalition, The Black and Latino Nation
11 Caucus to ask New Yorkers to show one more time the
12 level of compassion and solidarity that we have shown
13 in previous cases supporting Mexico, Puerto Rico,
14 Dominican Republic and many other countries. Today
15 we call for temporary protective status designation
16 for what [Inaudible] in the country and also will be
17 displayed by the volcano. Many will seek help and
18 those who are here will not be able to safely and
19 securely reintegrate themselves to Guatemalan society
20 in these moments of uncertainty. There are thousands
21 Guatemalans in our city and over 1.4 million in the
22 nation. The federal government must step up to the
23 plate and recognize the humanitarian and practical
24 economic importance of this designation. New Yorkers
25 can help by donating to the Hispanic Federation

2 Relief Fund for Guatemala at YoutheGuatemala
3 [phonetic] Bank of [Inaudible] account 6811630695.
4 Also stopping by, by the Hollywood Church in
5 Washington Heights for Washington 179 what we had a
6 Guatemalan, a lady who is also waiting for
7 deportation living in that church, in a sanctuary
8 church. The help everyone is so important as you're
9 watching the [Inaudible] supporting other countries.
10 Gracias.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
12 Williams.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
14 We're running out of months and days but this month
15 as we celebrate Gay Pride Month, we also celebrate
16 Caribbean Heritage Month, my friends from the
17 Caribbean, celebrate Black History Music Month, but
18 today is actually Tourettes Syndrome Awareness Day.
19 I am, for a while, I was the only Council, the only
20 elected official in the country known to have
21 Tourettes Syndrome. Someone broke that record in
22 this State. Also, there's another two Council
23 Members who have, elected officials that have
24 Tourettes Syndrome so I just wanted to shout out
25 Tourettes Syndrome Awareness Day. Many people know

2 that I do have that as well as Attention Deficit but
3 I'm here and many people often stop me in the street
4 to talk about their family members who have it and
5 the inspiration of seeing me. Don't know what to do
6 with that yet but I'm proud that I'm able to provide
7 that. I did want to mention Pablo the Pizza Man who
8 is detained now and to point out something that many
9 people don't realize as we point out the [Inaudible]
10 of madness that's happening. There were a lot of
11 Democrats who opposed giving driver's license to
12 undocumented people were in this city and in this
13 country. If there was a driver's license for him, he
14 may still be at work with his family. Wanted to make
15 sure I point that out and hopefully at 4 o'clock my
16 colleagues can join myself, Council Member Rose,
17 Council Member Treyger for a press conference on
18 SYAP, the number one way to cut violence, crime,
19 arrests in half is to give a young person a job.
20 Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
22 Lander.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Our last speaker.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam
25 Public Advocate. Today I'm introducing Intros 971

2 and 972, the Reckless Driver Accountability Act.

3 This would target the most reckless drivers who are

4 out on our roads. In the days after Dorothy Bruns

5 killed the two babies in my district, we realized

6 that there are drivers out there running red light

7 after red light, speed zone after speed zone and each

8 time it's just a \$50 ticket. We're doing nothing to

9 try to get the most reckless drivers off our streets.

10 I hope you'll take a look. I'd be happy to talk

11 about it with you and that you'll consider signing

12 on. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And I hope that

14 everyone would look at 974. As you know, there was a

15 decision by the Supreme Court which would allow

16 companies to deny employees access to the courts.

17 The bill basically requires that they disclose their

18 facts in the job advertisements. Please sign on,

19 974. A vote.

20 CLERK: Council Member Ulrich?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Madam Public

22 Advocate, I ask for unanimous consent to vote on all

23 Land Use items and all the items on the general order

24 calendar.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
3 with the exception of pre-considered SLR 003-2018.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on
7 today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote
8 of 50 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
9 abstentions with the exception of Land Use 86, 87, 88
10 with accompanying Resolutions which was adopted by a
11 vote of 49 in the affirmative, 1 negative and 0
12 abstentions and SLR 3 which was adopted by a vote of
13 45 in the affirmative, 5 negative and 0 abstentions
14 and the Revised Land Use Call-Ups is 50 in the
15 affirmative, 0 negative, Speaker Corey Johnson to
16 close.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Due to the coming
18 budget adoption, today's Stated Meeting will be held
19 in recess. Thank you all. [gavel]

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