

SUPPLEMENT TO

# THE CITY RECORD

THE COUNCIL —CHARTER MEETING OF  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

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**THE COUNCIL**

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*Minutes of the Proceedings for the*  
**CHARTER MEETING**  
*of*  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014 12:43 p.m.

*The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) introduced himself from the front dais to those assembled in the Council Chambers. He noted that, pursuant to Council rules, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council would act as the presiding officer of the Charter Meeting until the election of a new Speaker.*

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) asked for all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) read the official Call for the Charter Meeting from the following Communication:

M-1  
**Call for Charter Meeting**

December 19, 2013

Honorable Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, New York 10013

Dear City Clerk McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, the Charter meeting of the 2014 Council of the city of New York will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 12:00 noon, in the Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, New York, New York.

Sincerely,

Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker

*At the conclusion of the reading of the M-1 letter, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) requested that this Communication be:*

Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed.

At this point, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney), pursuant to Section 42 of the New York City Charter, called this Charter Meeting to order - he then read the Communication from the Board of Elections of the list of elected Council Members:

M-2  
**Board of Elections-List of Elected City Officials**

December 12, 2013

Honorable Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council

141 Worth Street  
New York, New York 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

The Commissioners of Elections at their meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 certified the November 5, 2013 General Election for Members of the City Council.

The Following have been elected:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret S. Chin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rosie Mendez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Corey D. Johnson
4 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel R. Garodnick
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Kallos
6 <sup>th</sup>	Helen K. Rosenthal
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Levine
8 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Mark-Viverito
9 <sup>th</sup>	Inez E. Dickens
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ydanis A. Rodriguez
11 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Cohen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Andy L. King
13 <sup>th</sup>	James Vacca
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fernando Cabrera
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ritchie J. Torres
16 <sup>th</sup>	Vanessa L. Gibson
17 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
18 <sup>th</sup>	Annabel Palma
19 <sup>th</sup>	Paul A. Vallone
20 <sup>th</sup>	Peter A. Koo
21 <sup>st</sup>	Julissa Ferreras
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Costa G. Constantinides
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark S. Weprin
24 <sup>th</sup>	Rory I. Lancman
25 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Dromm
26 <sup>th</sup>	James G. Van Bramer
27 <sup>th</sup>	I. Daneek Miller
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ruben Wills
29 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Koslowitz
30 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth S. Crowley
31 <sup>st</sup>	Donovan J. Richards
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric A. Ulrich
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen T. Levin
34 <sup>th</sup>	Antonio Reynoso
35 <sup>th</sup>	Laurie A. Cumbo
36 <sup>th</sup>	Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
37 <sup>th</sup>	Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
38 <sup>th</sup>	Carlos Menchaca
39 <sup>th</sup>	Bradford S. Lander
40 <sup>th</sup>	Mathieu Eugene

41 <sup>st</sup>	Darlene Mealy
42 <sup>nd</sup>	Inez D. Barron
43 <sup>rd</sup>	Vincent J. Gentile
44 <sup>th</sup>	David G. Greenfield
45 <sup>th</sup>	Jumaane D. Williams
46 <sup>th</sup>	Alan N. Maisel
47 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Treyger
48 <sup>th</sup>	Chaim M. Deutsch
49 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah L. Rose
50 <sup>th</sup>	Steven Matteo
51 <sup>st</sup>	Vincent M. Ignizio

Yours very truly,

Michael J. Ryan  
Executive Director

Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed.

At this point, The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) announced that he would now perform the formal ceremony of swearing in the duly elected Council Members. He asked the assembled Council Members to rise, raise their right hands and take the formal oath by repeating the following:

I [state your name] do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of New York and the Charter of the City of New York and that we will faithfully discharge the duties of Council Member [District number, Borough of, County of] in the City of New York according to the best of my ability.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) congratulated the newly sworn members.

For the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) called the Roll:

#### Council Members

Maria del Carmen Arroyo	Vanessa L. Gibson	Rosie Mendez
Inez D. Barron	David G. Greenfield	I. Daneek Miller
Fernando Cabrera	Vincent M. Ignizio	Annabel Palma
Margaret S. Chin	Corey D. Johnson	Antonio Reynoso
Andrew Cohen	Ben Kallos	Donovan J. Richards
Costa G. Constantinides	Andy L. King	Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.	Peter A. Koo	Deborah L. Rose
Elizabeth S. Crowley	Karen Koslowitz	Helen K. Rosenthal
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Mathieu Eugene	Melissa Mark-Viverito	James G. Van Bramer
Julissa Ferreras	Steven Matteo	Mark S. Weprin
Daniel R. Garodnick	Darlene Mealy	Jumaane D. Williams
Vincent J. Gentile	Carlos Menchaca	Ruben Wills

Following the completion of the Roll Call for Attendance, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) announced the presence of a quorum.

*There were 51 Council Members marked present at this Charter Meeting held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, New York, N.Y. 10007.*

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Minister Jason S. Riffe Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 Odell Clarke Place, New York, NY 10031

Please bow with me for a word of prayer.

God eternal, we thank you for this day.  
Please bless the agenda of this meeting.  
Be with this freshman Council  
and freshman initiates of 23 Council Members.  
We ask for unity among the full Council  
in guidance in the vote today.  
In your name we pray, Amen.

Council Member Dickens moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.

M-3

#### Continuation of 2010-2013 Rules of the Council, as Amended

At this point, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) recognized Council Member Chin.

Council Member Chin moved, pursuant to Section 46 of the New York City Charter, that the 2010-2013 Rules of the Council, as amended, be continued and in effect until new rules shall be adopted or said rules shall be otherwise amended or modified.

#### ROLL CALL FOR THE DAY: M-3

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such motion which was decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

**Affirmative** – Arroyo, Barron, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy, Crowley, Cumbo, Deutsch, Dickens, Dromm, Espinal, Eugene, Ferreras, Garodnick, Gentile, Gibson, Greenfield, Ignizio, Johnson, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Mark-Viverito, Matteo, Mealy, Menchaca, Mendez, Miller, Palma, Reynoso, Richards, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone, Van Bramer, Weprin, Williams, and Wills – **51**.

The City Clerk and the Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) announced that the motion to continue the Rules of the Council for 2010- 2013, as amended, was carried by the vote of 51 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero abstentions.

*(The following is the text of the Rules of the Council of 2010-2013, as amended, and to be continued for the 2014-2017 session, as adopted by the Council by the vote shown above at this Charter Meeting of January 8, 2014:)*

#### RULES OF THE COUNCIL

##### CHAPTER I

##### MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1.00. Stated, Special - The Council shall hold no less than two stated meetings a month, unless otherwise ordered, except during the months of July and August. Such meetings shall be called by the Speaker. The first meeting in each year shall be the Charter Meeting, and shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of January at noon.

The Council may adjourn to a day other than that of a stated meeting and notice thereof shall be given to each member and the public by the Legislative Document Unit at least 24 hours before the set time. Notice of such adjournment shall be given to the news media and shall be posted in a public location at City Hall.

A list of all items to be considered as a General Order by the Council at the stated or special meeting, together with copies of all such items, including memoranda in support or in opposition, if any, except for those items acted on by a committee convened on the day of or preceding a meeting of the Council, in which case copies of such items shall be made available as soon as practicable, and a list of titles of all proposed local laws and resolutions to be introduced at such meeting, where practicable, shall be provided to each member at least 36 hours prior to the call of all meetings.

##### CHAPTER II

##### SPEAKER: AND OTHER OFFICERS

2.00. Speaker; other Officers - The Council shall elect from among its members a Speaker, and such other officers as it deems appropriate. During absences, the

Speaker may designate, in writing, any member to perform the duties of the Speaker for that legislative day.

2.05. Speakers' Office - No person, including but not limited to registered lobbyists, except Members of the Council and Council staff, shall be permitted access to the Speaker's Office, except in specific designated areas, except when such person is attending a scheduled meeting or a public event. Such designated areas shall be demarcated by the posting of signs or the placement of a gate.

2.10. Agenda - The Speaker shall compile an agenda for each stated, charter and special meeting of the Council and shall provide each member with a copy thereof. The agenda shall include all vetoes, messages from the Mayor or other City, county and borough officials, departments and agencies, other petitions and communications, and reports of subcommittees, special and standing committees. All matters which have been considered by a committee and reported out favorably or with amendments shall be listed in a section devoted to General Orders. A list of introductions of local laws and, resolutions, submitted for consideration to the Council and referred to a committee at such meeting, where practicable, shall be annexed. General Orders are those proposed local laws, resolutions or other items of unfinished business requiring no further action by the Council, except to vote thereon. In the event any matters on the General Order Calendar of a particular meeting are not acted upon, they shall be continued on the agenda at the next meeting, and each succeeding meeting until final action is taken.

2.20. Council Chamber - The use of the Council Chamber, Council Committee Room and all other space used for the purpose of conducting Council business shall be within the jurisdiction of the Speaker, unless otherwise ordered by the Council.

2.25. Council Lounge - No person, including but not limited to registered lobbyists, except Members of the Council and Council staff, shall be permitted access to the Council Lounge, except that persons other than Council Members and Council staff may be granted admission for the purpose of attending meetings with Members or public events. Notice of such meetings with individual Council Members shall be provided to the Sergeant-at-Arms in advance by such Member to the extent practicable, indicating the name(s) of the attendees.

2.30. Committee of the Whole - The Speaker may, at any time, convene the Committee of the Whole and shall provide each member and the public with notice of such meeting together with a schedule of those items to be considered as far in advance of such meeting as is practicable. When the Council convenes as a Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall be chairperson of such Committee. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the news media and shall be posted in a public location at City Hall.

2.40. Personnel and Fiscal Reports - The Speaker shall provide to each member an annual report detailing the names of all individuals receiving compensation for work performed for the Council, its members or any of its committees, the amount of such compensation, and a title and job description (including identification of the function or division of the Council to which the individual is assigned). Each report shall also set forth the amount of allowance in lieu of expenses received by each Committee chairperson. The Speaker shall publish quarterly accountings of the Council's actual and planned expenditures, sufficiently detailed to indicate the positions and purposes which have been funded as well as the activities and categories of materials and supplies purchased. Such accountings shall be accompanied by a summary description specifying, at a minimum, the amounts devoted to the following functions and divisions of the Council: the finance division; the land use division; the infrastructure division; the human services division; the investigations and oversight division; the legal division; the Council press office; each committee; the Sergeant at Arms and other security functions; and the Speaker's staff, including all amounts paid to all consultants as well as the functions of such consultants.

2.50. Proposed Council Budget - The Speaker shall provide to members copies of the proposed budget of the Council for the following year as soon as practicable.

2.55. Discretionary Funding - a. The Speaker shall establish a policy to ensure the integrity and transparency of the Council discretionary funding process. Such policy shall require that all organizations that wish to be considered for discretionary funding from the expense budget or for discretionary funding from the capital budget for a "non-City capital project" shall file an application with the Council or relevant City offices and/or agencies. For the purposes of this rule, a "non-City capital project" is a project for which the applicant organization is required to submit a Capital Funding Request Form for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Applications for discretionary funding from the expense budget or for discretionary funding from the capital budget for a non-City capital project shall be reviewed by the Council and/or relevant City offices and/or agencies to ensure that they are legally eligible to receive the City funds, are capable of providing the services for which they seek funding, are seeking funding for a public purpose, and are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All expense applications received by the Council shall be made available to the public in a searchable on-line database in summary form. All allocations for discretionary funding from the expense budget or for discretionary funding from the capital budget for a non-City capital project shall be made available to the public in a searchable on-line database.

In addition, such policy shall require completion of conflicts of interest

disclosure/certification forms as specified by the Speaker from i) all organizations seeking discretionary funding from the expense budget or discretionary funding from the capital budget for a non-City capital project, ii) all Council Members sponsoring discretionary funding allocations and iii) all Council Members prior to voting to designate discretionary funds. Such disclosure/certification forms shall contain either disclosure of any relationship between an organization and applicable City officials and associated persons or firms so that a determination may be made as to whether funding such organization is consistent with the City's Conflicts of Interest Laws and if so whether disclosure is necessary, or a certification that no such relationships exist.

b. Allocation of discretionary funds from the expense budget or discretionary funds from the capital budget for a non-City capital project, designation of recipients of discretionary funds from the expense budget or discretionary funds from the capital budget for a non-City capital project, and delineation of the uses of such funds shall be made solely through the budget adoption or modification process or through a discretionary funding transparency resolution.

2.60. Council Members' Operating Expenses - The amounts allocated in the Council budget for the operation of individual members' offices shall be the same for each member. The Speaker may not reduce such amount for any member unless all members are subject to the same reduction. The Speaker may not supplement the amount available to any member through direct or indirect payment, provided that the Speaker may, with notice to all members, supplement the amount available to an individual Councilmember in cases of special need. It is the intent of the body that the total amount allocated for the operation of individual members' offices shall be reasonable in proportion to the amount allocated for central staff.

2.65. Prohibition against using funds from operating expenses for certain advertisements - a. No city funds appropriated to the Council ("Council funds") shall be used by a Council Member for the purchase of advertisements in an organization's journal or bulletin in print or other form; provided, however, that for purposes of this rule, a publication of an organization that is published at least quarterly and is distributed beyond the membership of the organization to the general public shall not be deemed a journal or bulletin.

b. No Council funds shall be used by a Council Member for the purchase of any advertisement published or broadcast in any print, radio or television or other electronic media that (i) does not solely consist of informational or educational content relating to a governmental function or a government-sponsored event or (ii) contains any seasonal or holiday greeting or message or any congratulatory or commemorative message or (iii) contains a Council Member's likeness, picture or voice.

c. The Council shall only approve the purchase of advertisements that comply with the provisions of this rule and such payment shall only be made after a copy of such advertisement (or a detailed description of any such advertisement if not in print form) is provided to the Speaker's designee together with

d. the invoice for such purchase.

e. 2.70. Discrimination and Harassment Policies - The Speaker shall establish a policy or policies against workplace harassment and discrimination for the Council which shall apply to all Council Members, their staff and central staff. All Members, their staff and Council central staff shall be required to comply with the requirements of such policies, including the requirements for training. The Speaker shall provide all Members, their staff and central staff with a copy of such policy or policies and any changes thereto.

f. 2.80. Qualification of Council Members - Council Members, as public officers, must meet the qualifications of Section 3 of the New York State Public Officers Law in order to hold public office. In addition, Section 30 of such law sets forth provisions governing the creation of vacancies in public office. The Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections shall have jurisdiction over these matters. The Committee, or staff of the Committee acting under its direction, shall request such information as is reasonably necessary to review the qualifications of Council Members-elect. In addition, the Committee may determine whether particularized review of qualifications of a Council Member-elect or eligibility to serve of a Council Member is appropriate based upon information submitted or otherwise available to the Committee, or based upon failure to submit information requested in accordance with the preceding sentence. In the event that such a particularized review is conducted, the Council Member-elect, or Council Member, shall be afforded the right to be heard. If the Committee believes that a Council Member-elect should not be seated, or that a Council Member is not eligible to serve in public office, due to failure to meet the qualifications of the Public Officers Law or due to the creation of a vacancy pursuant to such law, the Committee will recommend appropriate action to the full Council. The record of the proceedings before the Committee on the matter shall be made available to the members of the Council before any such action is taken by the full Council.

g. **CHAPTER III**

h. **PRESIDING OFFICER**

**i.** 3.00. Who Presides - The Speaker shall be the presiding officer of the Council and may at his or her discretion designate an Acting President Pro Tempore who shall chair all stated, charter and special meetings. The Speaker shall call the Council to order and the Acting President Pro Tempore, except in the absence of a quorum, shall proceed to business in the manner prescribed by these Rules. Only in the event the Speaker is no longer a member of the Council, the City Clerk shall act as the presiding officer for the Charter meeting of a new session. The City Clerk shall call the meeting to order, read into the record communications, including the certification of newly elected members from the Board of Elections, call the roll, seek nominations for Speaker and manage any debate thereon, close nominations, call for a vote on such nominations and announce the new Speaker. Once elected, the new Speaker shall become the presiding officer.

**j.** 3.10. Order, Decorum - The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum. In the event of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the Chamber, lobby or gallery, the presiding officer may cause the same to be cleared.

**k.** 3.15. Prohibition on the Use of Mobile Telephones - The Council prohibits the use of all mobile telephones during the course of Stated Meetings. The presiding officer shall enforce this Rule by directing that all mobile telephones be silenced or placed on vibrate at the start of the Stated Meeting and that they not be in use on the floor until the conclusion of the meeting.

**l.** 3.20. Call of Members to Order - Members, when called to order by the presiding officer, shall thereupon take their seats and the presiding officer's ruling that a member is out of order shall be subject only to the right of appeal.

**m.** 3.30. Appeals - Any member may appeal to the Council from a ruling of the presiding officer and the member making the appeal may briefly state the reason for same, and the presiding officer may briefly explain such ruling. There shall be no debate or explanation of voting on the appeal and no other member shall participate in the discussion except for the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, or the designee of each. The presiding officer shall then ask the question, "Shall the decision of the presiding officer be sustained?", and if a majority of the members present vote in the affirmative, the decision of the presiding officer shall be sustained; otherwise the decision of the presiding officer shall be overruled.

**n.** **CHAPTER IV**

**o.** **MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS**

**p.** 4.00. Majority Leader - The Majority Leader shall be a member of the political party with the greatest number of members in the Council. During absences, the Majority Leader shall designate, in writing, any member of the majority party to perform the duties of the Majority Leader for that legislative day.

**q.** 4.10. Minority Leader - The Minority Leader shall be chosen by the members of the Council of the political party with the greatest number of members in the Council after the majority party. During absences, the Minority Leader shall designate, in writing, any member of such minority party to perform the duties of the Minority Leader for that legislative day. The Minority Leader may appoint such party officers as he or she deems appropriate.

**r.** **CHAPTER V**

**s.** **CLERK AND STAFF - DUTIES**

**t.** 5.00. Minutes - The Legislative Document Unit shall prepare and cause to be printed minutes containing the proceedings of each meeting and accurate records of the members actually in attendance. All papers submitted shall constitute a part of the proceedings of each meeting.

**u.** 5.10. Public Access - The Office of the Speaker shall keep accurate records of the meetings of the committees of the Council, including the members present, committee reports, a description of each matter considered, the memorandum of support and fiscal impact statement accompanying each proposed local law or resolution, the names of witnesses appearing before the committee and copies of their written testimony, when submitted. Such materials shall be open to public inspection free of charge and copying at reasonable fees at such times as is practicable. Proceedings and records of the Committee on Standards and Ethics shall be privileged and confidential. Any person requesting copies of such materials shall set forth in writing a specific description of the material sought which shall be submitted to the Office of the Speaker. A complete transcript of each committee meeting shall be available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, Clerk of the Council, free of charge within sixty days of such meeting. Copies of transcripts requested shall be provided to the public by the Clerk of the Council at a reasonable fee to cover the cost of copying and, if

necessary, mailing.

**v.** 5.20. Calendars; Contents - The Legislative Document Unit shall prepare and cause to be printed for the first stated meeting of each month a cumulative list of all proposed local laws, resolutions and other matters submitted for consideration to the Council and referred to a committee, which shall be known as the Calendar. The Calendar shall also include a list of all proposed local laws and resolutions sponsored by each Council Member, with a notation indicating whether such member is a prime sponsor of each such item. The Calendar shall be indexed by subject area and shall indicate the date of introduction and any committee action taken on proposed local laws and resolutions. The Calendar shall also include all local laws and resolutions passed by the Council during the current session. The Calendar shall be made available to the public as practicable.

**w.** 5.30. Certification - The certificate of the Clerk of the Council shall be attached to every proposed local law or resolution to the effect that the same has been duly passed by a vote, as required by the provisions of the Charter of the City of New York. The Legislative Document Unit shall transmit the proposed local law or resolution to the Mayor.

**x.** 5.40. Records - The Legislative Document Unit shall keep index records convenient for reference of all local laws, resolutions, communications, petitions and other matters introduced in or presented by the Council, together with a complete chronological record of all action taken thereon by the Council or any of its committees. Such records shall be made available to the public during regular business hours.

**y.** 5.50. Rules and Charter - The Legislative Document Unit shall furnish to each member a copy of the Rules of the Council as prepared and printed under the direction and supervision of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections and a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised", and the City Charter.

**z.** 5.60. Assignment of Sergeant-at-Arms - The Speaker shall assign to the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, their respective duties and stations except as otherwise provided in these Rules.

**aa.** 5.70. Sergeants-at-Arms; Absence of Quorum - If a number less than a quorum shall convene, the presiding officer may send the Sergeants-at-Arms for the absent members.

5.80. Sergeants-at-Arms; Duties - The Sergeants-at-Arms shall be in constant attendance at all sessions of the Council, and, under the direction of the presiding officer, shall aid in enforcing order on the floor, in the gallery, in the lobbies and in the rooms adjoining the Chamber, and also see that no person remains on the floor, unless entitled to the privileges of the same. They shall also place on the desks of the President and other members, before each meeting, the journals containing the Proceedings of the Council, the calendars and agendas provided for in these Rules, papers and the proposed local laws and resolutions.

5.90. Transmittal to Clerk - The Legislative Document Unit shall furnish to the Clerk of the Council copies of all agendas, calendars, adopted local laws and resolutions.

5.110. Legislative Tracking - The Office of the Speaker shall make available on the internet for use by the public a legislative tracking database containing the number, text and status of all proposed local laws and resolutions, committee reports and voting records of members as soon as practicable.

**CHAPTER VI**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

6.00. Preparation and Presentation of Papers - The word paper when used herein shall include all local laws, resolutions, petitions, communications from City, county and borough offices and reports which may be proposed to the Council for action. All papers other than committee reports shall be presented in writing and in quadruplicate, endorsed with the name of the introducer or originator, and with the exception of committee reports, must be deposited with the Office of the Speaker before 1 p.m., at least three days, excluding Sundays, preceding the meeting day.

The style of local laws shall be "Be it enacted by the Council as follows." Every local law shall embrace only one subject. The title shall briefly refer to the subject matter.

Every other paper shall be endorsed with a short statement of its subject matter. All proposed local laws and resolutions are to be assigned a chronological introduction or resolution number and shall appear on the agenda in alphabetical order according to the name of the first-named prime sponsor, except that the Speaker's name shall appear first. If amended, the number of the proposed local law or resolution shall be followed by a designation beginning with the letter A.

6.10. Local Laws; How Prepared - A local law amending or repealing any existing law shall contain in brackets the part repealed and the new part to be inserted shall be underscored. When any such local law is printed in the Minutes, the part repealed shall be in brackets and the new part shall be in italics instead of being underscored. All local laws presented, whether new or of an amendatory nature, shall state specifically the section of the law to be added, amended or repealed. The latest draft of the proposed local law shall contain in the lower left corner the date and time of the most current version. Committee staff shall be responsible for

transmitting such version to Members for consideration, and to post on the web site.

6.20. Sponsors - a. The first-named sponsors on all proposed local laws and resolutions shall be deemed to be the prime sponsors. In the event the Speaker of the Council is not a prime sponsor, the name of such member shall appear in the sequence in which such member requested to be added as a sponsor.

b. The first-named prime sponsor's approval shall not be necessary before the names of any co-- prime sponsors may be added to proposed local laws or resolutions. However, approval shall be necessary where the first-named prime sponsor has so indicated. In either event, a member may add his or her name as a sponsor within 48 hours after the introduction of a proposed local law or resolution by making such request to the Legislative Document Unit.

c. Certain legislative matters, as designated by the Speaker, may be introduced under the sponsor name, "by the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections Committee". Legislative matters sponsored under such process shall continue to be assigned to the appropriate committee for its consideration.

6.30. Papers Referred to Committee; Change of Reference - Every proposed local law or resolution introduced shall, upon its introduction, be referred by the Speaker to a committee to consider and report thereon. The Speaker may also refer proposed local laws or resolutions to two committees for their joint consideration. When a matter is jointly referred, each committee shall vote separately on the matter and an affirmative vote of both committees shall be required in order to report such matter to the full Council. At any time prior to the first meeting of such committee to consider such proposed local law or resolution, such reference may be changed by the Speaker. The prime sponsor may, at any time prior to the first meeting of such committee to consider such proposed local law or resolution, petition the Speaker to change the committee to which the matter has been referred.

6.40. Type of Enactment - a. All enactments shall be by local law or resolution.

b. The introduction of all proposed local laws shall be accompanied by a memorandum in support which shall include a brief explanation of the intent of the proposed local law.

6.50. Fiscal Impact Statements - No proposed local law or budget modification shall be voted on by a Council committee or the Council unless it is accompanied, on a separate form, by a fiscal impact statement prepared by the Finance Division of the Council. Any proposed local law or budget modification with a fiscal impact statement indicating a fiscal impact may be referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Finance following approval by the committee to which such matter was originally referred.

6.60. Legislative Drafting Services - The Speaker shall ensure that the Council central staff provides legislative drafting services to all members on an equitable and confidential basis. Confidentiality precludes Council central staff from refusing to provide legislative drafting services to any member on the basis that similar legislation is currently being drafted. Members shall submit all proposed local laws and resolutions and proposals for laws and resolutions to such unit prior to introduction; provided that any proposed local law or resolution submitted by any member to the Speaker's office in conformance with the rules of this chapter shall be deemed to have been approved by the legislative drafting unit. Central staff, to the extent practicable, shall respond to requests for legislation in the order in which they were received providing a draft of the proposal to the requesting Member within sixty days of the date of making such request.

## CHAPTER VII COMMITTEES

7.00. Appointment - a. Prior to the establishment of the membership of any other committee, and after the selection of the Speaker, the Council shall elect the membership of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. All other committees and appointments thereto shall be recommended by the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, approved by the Council and published in the Calendar. All standing committee chairpersons shall be elected by the Council as a whole. The standing committees of the Council shall bear the following titles and possess the following substantive matter jurisdictions:

**AGING** - Department for the Aging and all federal, state and municipal programs pertinent to senior citizens.

**CIVIL RIGHTS** - Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Practices Commission and Equal Employment Opportunity.

**CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR** - Municipal Officers and Employees, Office of Labor Relations, Office of Collective Bargaining, Office of Labor Services, and Municipal Pension and Retirement Systems.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** - Issues relating to poverty and its reduction especially in low income neighborhoods.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS** - Department of Consumer Affairs and Business Integrity Commission.

**CONTRACTS** - Procurement Policy Board, review of City procurement policies and procedures, oversight over government contracts, Mayor's Office of Contracts and collection agency contracts.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS** - Department of Cultural Affairs, Libraries, Museums, Art Commission, New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and International Business, Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events, and to encourage harmony among the citizens of New York City, to promote the image of New York City and enhance the relationship of its citizens with the international community.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Economic Development Corporation and Department of Small Business Services.

**EDUCATION** - Department of Education and School Construction Authority.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** - Department of Environmental Protection.

**FINANCE** - Executive Budget review and Budget modification, Banking Commission, Comptroller's Office, Department of Design and Construction, Department of Finance, Independent Budget Office and fiscal policy and revenue from any source.

**FIRE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES** - Fire/EMS (non-health-related issues), Legal Aid, Department of Probation, Correction.

**GENERAL WELFARE** - Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, Office of Immigrant Affairs and charitable institutions.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS** - Municipal governmental structure and organization, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Community Boards, Tax Commission, Board of Standards and Appeals, Campaign Finance Board, Board of Elections, Voter Assistance Commission, Commission on Public Information and Communication, Department of Records and Information Services, Financial Information Services Agency and Law Department.

**HEALTH** - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Health and Hospitals Corporation and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and EMS (health-related issues).

**HIGHER EDUCATION** - City University of New York.

**HOUSING AND BUILDINGS** - Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Department of Buildings and rent regulation.

**IMMIGRATION** - Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and other matters affecting immigration.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE** - Department of Juvenile Justice.

**LAND USE** - City Planning Commission, Department of City Planning, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Landmarks Preservation Commission, land use and landmarks review.

**LOWER MANHATTAN REDEVELOPMENT** - Issues related to the redevelopment of lower Manhattan and the World Trade Center Site.

**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE AND DISABILITY SERVICES** - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (issues of mental health, developmental disability and alcoholism services) and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.

**OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS** - To investigate any matters within the jurisdiction of the Council relating to property, affairs, or government of New York City and the Department of Investigation.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** - Department of Parks and Recreation.

**PUBLIC HOUSING** - NYC Housing Authority.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - Police Department, Courts, District Attorneys, Special Narcotics Prosecutor, Civilian Complaint Review Board, Criminal Justice Coordinator and Emergency Management Department (OEM).

**RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS** - Council structure and organization

and appointments.

**SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** - Department of Sanitation.

**SMALL BUSINESS** - Matters relating to retail business and emerging industries.

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS** - Conflicts of Interest Board and Council Ethics.

**STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION** - Federal legislation, State legislation and Home Rule requests.

**TECHNOLOGY** - Technology in New York City, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (non-land use-related issues), Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, NYC TV and dissemination of public information through use of technology.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Mass Transportation Agencies and facilities, Department of Transportation, New York City Transit Authority and Taxi and Limousine Commission.

**VETERANS** - Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs and other veteran related issues.

**WATERFRONTS** - Matters relating to the waterfront.

**WOMEN'S ISSUES** - Issues relating to public policy concerns of women, domestic violence, Office to Combat Domestic Violence and Agency for Child Development.

**YOUTH SERVICES** - Youth Board, Department of Youth and Community Development, Interagency Coordinating Council and youth related programs.

b. Each standing committee shall be composed of no fewer than five members.

c. The Speaker may create such subcommittees or special committees as he or she deems necessary and appropriate.

7.10. Ex-Officio Members - The Public Advocate, Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

7.20. Chairperson; Committee Members - The first-named member of each committee shall be the chairperson and each committee member shall thereafter be listed in order of their seniority within the dominant political party. All vacancies in committees shall be filled within sixty days and committee chairs shall be filled within ninety days by report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections and adopted by the Council.

7.30. Duties - Pursuant to Section 29 of the City Charter, the appropriate committees shall perform legislative oversight of functions on a regular basis, including but not limited to review of agency policies, programs and management, making recommendations to the Finance Committee on agency budget requests, formulating an agenda for inquiry and investigation, holding hearings and meetings on pending legislation and developing legislative programs. Each standing committee shall hold oversight hearings on the Mayor's Management Report with respect to those agencies within the committee's jurisdiction.

7.40. Staff - Each standing committee shall have at least one full-time staff person assigned to it, as practicable. The senior staff person assigned to each committee shall be designated by the chairperson of such committee.

7.50. Meetings - a. All committee meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson of the committee. The majority of any committee may petition, in writing, the chairperson of said committee to call a meeting to consider the subject matter of such petition. If the chairperson of said committee fails to call such meeting within ten days from the receipt of said petition, said majority may petition, in writing, the Speaker, who shall issue such call.

b. No committee meeting shall be convened on the day of a stated or special meeting of the Council unless the item to be considered by such committee, will, out of necessity, be proposed as a General Order for that day or such committee meeting is called with the consent of two-thirds of the members of such committee.

c. Each standing committee, except for the Committees on State Legislation, Standards and Ethics, Oversight and Investigations, and Rules, Privileges and Elections shall meet no less than once a month except during the months of July and August. Subcommittees or special committees shall meet as needed to complete their work.

d. Committees shall provide reasonable advance notice at least seventy-two hours where practical of committee meetings to the public. Such notice shall be given to the news media and shall be posted in a public location at City Hall and the web site.

e. Written agendas for committee meetings shall be prepared and distributed, as complete as practicable, to all members of the committee at least five days prior to the call of such meeting.

7.60. Public Hearings - a. A committee chairperson may call public hearings on

any matter referred to such committee, and at such public hearing shall maintain decorum. The chairperson shall have general control over the Chamber, lobbies, rooms and corridors in that part of the building assigned to the committee. The chairperson may allow public testimony on any item being considered by the committee at that hearing.

b. No person, including but not limited to registered lobbyists, except Members of the Council and Council staff, shall be permitted access to, or behind, the Council Member dais during a committee hearing.

7.65. Prohibition on the Use of Mobile Telephones - The Council prohibits the use of all mobile telephones during the course of committee meetings. The committee chairperson shall enforce this Rule during the course of committee hearings by directing that all mobile telephones be silenced or placed on vibrate at the start of such committee meeting, and that they not be in use during the meeting until its conclusion.

7.70. Required Voting - a. All committee determinations, except as provided for in Rule 8.50 b., shall be on roll call vote of the majority of the entire committee, including determination on matters requiring a greater vote for final passage by the Council. All votes shall be cast in person and in open session, except that the Committee on Standards and Ethics shall be authorized to record its vote while in executive session to consider a disciplinary matter pursuant to the provisions of section 105 of the Public Officers Law. Except for a voice vote as authorized by Rule 8.50 b., the result of each roll call vote, taken during any meeting of a committee, the name of each member voting for and each member voting against the matter, and the names of those members present but not voting shall be made available by the Legislative Document Unit for inspection by the public at reasonable times. Members may submit to the committee a written explanation of their absence from a committee meeting, which shall become part of the record of such meeting.

b. Resolutions will be acted upon by a roll call vote, unless, at the discretion the Chairperson of the Committee to which it was assigned and with approval of the Speaker, such matter maybe acted upon through a voice vote, once a quorum of the Committee Members are present. If approved by voice vote, such vote will be recorded by the Legislative Document Unit as being, "adopted by the committee". Committee Members may have a "no vote" or "abstention" recorded by the Legislative Document Unit, by specifically requesting such from the Chairperson, at the time of the voice vote.

7.80. Reports of the Council Committees - Each committee shall report, in writing, on all matters that receive a hearing before it, with a brief statement of facts and its opinion in relation thereto, proposing the necessary action by the Council, except that a report of the Committee on Standards and Ethics on a disciplinary matter regarding a particular person shall also contain the findings of fact reached after conducting a review or hearing and upon which the Committee bases its recommendations. The report itself shall not be subject to amendment. Every report shall state the time when the subject matter of such report was referred to the committee by the Council, and the action, if any, taken by the committee pursuant to any instructions of the Council.

When a majority of a committee has reported to the Council its recommendation concerning a proposed local law, resolution or other matter, any member or members who have voted in the minority may present a minority report. All such majority and minority reports shall be in writing and signed by the members of the committee voting either in favor of or against the report as the case may be. The minority report shall not be deemed to reflect the legislative intention of the committee or the Council.

7.90. Committee Action - A committee may recommend to the full Council the passage, adoption, approval or filing of any proposed local law or resolution or any other matter referred to it for consideration. The question of the action to be taken by the committee shall be put by the chairperson upon motion of any member, which motion shall not require a second. If a majority of the members of the committee vote affirmatively, such proposed local law, resolution or other matter shall be reported forthwith to the Council. If a majority of the members of the committee vote negatively on such question, such proposed local law, resolution or other matter shall be continued on the committee calendar until disposed of. If the committee recommends that a matter be filed, upon an affirmative vote by the Council to file, the matter shall be removed from the Council Calendar. The vote on all matters before the committee shall be recorded in the minutes of the committee meeting and made available to the public. Members may submit to the committee a written explanation of their absence from such vote, which shall become part of the record of that committee meeting during which the vote was taken.

7.100. Sponsor's Privilege - The first-named sponsor of a proposed local law or resolution referred to a standing committee may, at least 60 days after introduction, petition the chairperson to schedule a committee meeting to consider such proposed local law or resolution. A meeting shall then be scheduled within 60 days of such petition for the purpose of determining future action. At such meeting, the sponsor shall be the first heard in support of such proposed local law or resolution. The committee shall either vote thereon or schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days, at which hearing a vote shall be taken if the sponsor so requests. If a proposed local law or resolution is reported favorably by a committee and the Council does not, within 45 calendar days of such report, vote on a motion to adopt, lay upon the table, postpone, refer or recommit such proposed local law or resolution, it shall be in order at any stated Council meeting

occurring after the expiration of the 45-day period for the sponsor of such proposed local law or resolution to move for immediate consideration of such proposed local law or resolution.

7.110. Rights of Ex-Officio Members - Ex- Officio members of committees may ask questions and make statements, but shall not have the right to vote.

7.120. Participation at Committee Meetings - Committee members may question witnesses, vote, make statements and otherwise participate in the work of a committee as a matter of right. Such Council staff as may be designated by the chairperson may also question witnesses. Non-committee members may question witnesses and make statements at committee meetings, except that, while in executive session considering a disciplinary matter, the Committee on Standards and Ethics shall limit attendance and participation to Committee members, the subject of such matter, witnesses, and certain designated Council staff only.

7.130. Discharge of Committee - A committee may be discharged from further consideration of any matter referred to such committee, by a majority vote of the Council. The first sponsor of a proposed local law or resolution shall give written notice at least seven business days in advance, to the committee chairperson and the Speaker of the intention to so move at the next Council meeting. Such notice shall be accompanied by a memorandum in support of the motion to discharge, which shall be signed by at least seven members, including the first sponsor.

No proposed local law or resolution that has been approved by the Council for discharge from committee shall be voted upon at the same meeting at which the vote on the motion to discharge occurred. In the event that any amendment to a proposed local law or resolution is adopted, the proposed local law or resolution shall be referred back to the committee from which it was discharged.

Once a matter has been referred to a committee, it shall not be acted upon by the Council until the committee has reported thereon or has been discharged. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a committee to which there has been referred any matter which, by law, must be considered and acted upon by the Council within a fixed period of time, shall, at the last stated meeting of the Council preceding the expiration of such time, be deemed to be discharged from further consideration thereof. A committee which has been instructed to report at a certain meeting shall be deemed to be discharged from further consideration of the matter referred to it, unless it makes a report at such meeting or receives from the Council a further extension of time to report.

7.140. Committee Rules - The Rules of the Council, as far as applicable, shall govern all committees of the Council.

7.150. Subpoenas - The chairperson of a standing committee, upon majority vote of said committee, or the Speaker, may sign a subpoena requiring a person to appear before the committee to be examined in reference to any matter within the scope of the inquiry or investigation being conducted by the committee or requiring the production of books, accounts, papers and other evidence relative to the inquiry. The Speaker may sign a subpoena on behalf of a select committee or legislative panel. In the case of a subcommittee, the chairperson of the standing committee of which the subcommittee forms a part, upon majority vote of said standing committee, or the Speaker, may sign a subpoena.

7.160. Allowances - Allowances to committee chairpersons and other officers of the Council shall be fixed by resolution, after a hearing, for the particular and additional services and duties of such positions. No member may simultaneously receive more than one chairperson allowance, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may concurrently chair more than one committee or subcommittee. Nothing in this rule shall prohibit additional allowances for other than chairperson positions.

7.170. Executive Session - Each committee may meet in executive session pursuant to the New York State Open Meetings Law.

**CHAPTER VIII**

**STATED MEETINGS - PROCEDURE**

8.00. Order of Business - The order of business shall be as follows, unless otherwise directed by the Council:

1. Roll Call
2. Invocation
3. Adoption of Minutes
4. Messages and Papers from the Mayor
5. Communications from City, County and Borough Offices
6. Presentation of Petitions and Communications
7. Land Use Call-Ups
8. Communications from the Speaker
9. Discussion of General Orders
10. Reports of Special Committees
11. Reports of Standing Committees
12. General Orders and other Pending Matters

13. Introduction of Local Laws and Resolutions
14. Discussion of Resolutions
15. Resolutions
16. General Discussion
17. Extension of Remarks

Messages from the Mayor may, however, be received at any time. It shall always be in order to move to recall a local law from the Mayor or call up for consideration a report from the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.

8.10. Home Rule Requests; How Presented - Any resolution presented to the Council calling upon the legislature of the State of New York to pass a specific bill pending before such legislature shall be filed with the Legislative Document Unit together with ten copies of the State bill.

8.20. Admission to Floor of Council Chamber - No person, including but not limited to registered lobbyists, shall be admitted to the floor of the Council Chamber during the stated and special meetings except:

- a. The Mayor, Deputy Mayors or employees of the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.
- b. The employees of the Council and the Clerk of the Council and his or her employees as are required by the Council to assist in the performance of its functions.
- c. Heads of City departments and agencies, when their presence is requested or required by the Council.
- d. Members of the press in the sections of the Chamber assigned for their use. Such other persons as may be granted the courtesy of admission to the floor.
- e. Former Council Members, including but not limited to those former Council Members who are registered lobbyists, in the area of the Council Chambers designated for VIPs.

8.21. Admission to the Committee Room During Stated and Special Meetings - No person, including but not limited to registered lobbyists, shall be admitted to the Committee room during stated and special meetings except:

- a. The Mayor or the Deputy Mayors.
- b. The employees of the Council and the Clerk of the Council and his or her employees as are required by the Council to assist in the performance of its functions.
- c. Heads of City departments and agencies, when their presence is requested or required by the Council.
- d. Members of the press.
- e. Such other persons as may be granted the courtesy of admission to the floor.

8.30. Order of Calling the Roll - The roll call of the Council shall be in alphabetical order, then the Minority Leader, Majority Leader and the Speaker.

8.40. Voting - a. All votes cast at stated, charter and special meetings of the Council shall be in person. When hearing their names called, Members may pass their voting turn for up to two times, but must have their vote recorded when called a third time.

- b. Resolutions placed on the Resolution section of the Stated Meeting agenda shall be acted upon by voice vote. If adopted, such vote will be recorded by the Legislative Document Unit as being, "adopted by action of the council". Council Members may have a "no vote" or "abstention" recorded by the Legislative Document Unit at the time the matter is acted upon, by specifically requesting such from the Presiding Officer, at the time of the voice vote.

8.50. Consideration of Resolutions - a. No resolution shall be adopted on the day of its introduction, unless it has been considered and approved by the Committee to which it was referred.

b. Upon introduction, all Resolutions shall be referred to a Committee. Certain qualified Resolutions, which must contain subject matter having time sensitive considerations or are general in application, may be designated jointly by the Chairperson of the Committee to which it was assigned and the Speaker, as an "8.50 b. Resolution". Such designation, where practical, will allow for a prompt hearing by the Committee to which it was assigned. At a prompt hearing, the Sponsor of such Resolution shall move the Committee, when a quorum is present, for its immediate consideration of the matter before it, by providing the Committee with a brief description of the merits of such Resolution. Witness testimony shall be prohibited. At the conclusion of the Sponsor's statement, the Committee Chairperson shall close the hearing on this matter and, pursuant to Rule 7.70, at his or her discretion, move to approve the matter either

by roll call vote or voice vote of the Committee Members. Resolutions that have not received an 8.50 b. designation shall continue to be considered under applicable Rules.

c. A Committee approved Resolution, at the discretion of the Speaker, can be placed either on the General Orders section of a Stated Meeting agenda, where it will be included as part of the roll call vote, or on a separate section of a Stated Meeting agenda referred to as, "Resolutions", which shall follow, "Discussion of resolutions", pursuant to Rule 8.00, for action by the Council. Resolutions assigned to this section of the agenda will be considered individually and voted on, by voice vote, with no debate or amendment. If adopted, such vote shall be recorded by the Legislative Document Unit as being "adopted by action of the council". Individual Council Members may have a "no vote" or "abstention" recorded at the specific time the resolution is acted upon by requesting such of the Presiding Officer.

8.60. Presence of Quorum; Member Silent on Roll Call - Whenever any member raises the question as to the presence of a quorum, the presiding officer shall forthwith direct the Legislative Document Unit to call the roll, and shall announce the result, and such proceedings shall be without debate; but no member, while speaking, shall be interrupted by raising the question of absence of quorum, and such question shall not be raised more than once every hour, unless the absence of a quorum be disclosed upon a roll call. Whenever, upon a roll call, any member present refuses to make an affirmative response, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer, either upon said officer's own motion or upon the suggestion of any member of the Council, to request the member so remaining silent to respond as "present", and if such member fails to do so, the fact of such request and the refusal shall be entered in the minutes and such member shall be counted as present for the purpose of constituting a quorum. A majority of all Council Members shall constitute a quorum.

8.70. Call of the Council - For the purpose of securing the attendance of members, a call of the Council may be ordered at any time, except that no such call shall be in order when the voting on any question has begun unless it shall appear upon an actual count by the presiding officer that a quorum is not present. If demanded by two members, the roll call shall be called upon a demand for a call of the Council, and if a majority be recorded in the negative, a call of the Council shall not again be in order except by unanimous consent until an hour has elapsed.

## CHAPTER IX

### GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR STATED MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

9.00. Absent Members; Opportunity to Indicate Position on Roll Call - Any member may submit to the Legislative Document Unit a written explanation of his or her absence from a stated meeting which shall become part of the record of such meeting. Any member absent from a particular meeting or part thereof who wishes to have indicated in the record a position on a specific issue may do so by communicating the wish to the Legislative Document Unit prior to the announcement of the result of such vote. Such indication in the record shall not be deemed a vote but shall become part of the proceedings.

9.10. Local Laws Disapproved by the Mayor - Proposed local laws returned with the disapproval of the Mayor shall be referred to committee by the Speaker. The Legislative Document Unit shall enter the objections of the Mayor thereto in the minutes of the Council. A majority vote of the committee is necessary to report the matter favorably to the Council, and the Council shall then proceed to consider the question, "Shall the bill pass, the objection of the Mayor notwithstanding?"

9.20. Precedence of Motions - When a question is before the Council, only the following motions shall be received, which shall have precedence in the following order:

- (1) for adjournment;
- (2) for a recess;
- (3) for a quorum call of the Council;
- (4) to lay on the table;
- (5) to postpone indefinitely;
- (6) to postpone to a certain day;
- (7) to refer or recommit;
- (8) to amend;
- (9) to the previous question.

9.30. Second Not Required - Motions made by any member of the Council, whether at a meeting of the Council or in committee, shall not require a second.

9.40. Motion to Amend to be in Writing - a. At a Stated Meeting, any Member may offer an amendment to legislation that is being considered for a vote on the General Orders Calendar. Before any motion to amend a proposed local law or resolution is debated, it shall be reduced to writing, delivered to the Legislative Document Unit and read. After the reading, the Member shall have up to two minutes to explain the amendment. Members wishing to participate in the debate shall also be entitled to up to two minutes. At the conclusion of debate, the proposed amendment shall be voted on and if approved, shall be added to the original legislation which would be

laid over for a vote at a later Stated Meeting. If more than one amendment is made, they shall be considered in the order made. If the amendment is voted down, the original legislation shall then be voted on.

b. All motions to amend the expense or capital budgets must be in writing.

9.50. Matters Always in Order - A motion to adjourn, for a recess, for a quorum call of the Council, or to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate, and shall always be in order. Upon such motion, no member shall be allowed to explain a vote or give the reasons for asking to be excused from voting. No vote shall be reconsidered upon a motion to adjourn.

9.60. Separate Questions - Any member may request that a proposed local law, resolution or other item be separated from other general orders for consideration and vote prior to commencement of the vote on the general order calendar.

9.70. Debate Precluded - A motion to postpone or refer shall, until it is decided, preclude all debate on the main question.

9.80. Vote Required - A quorum being present, a majority of those present at a Council meeting shall be sufficient to decide a motion, including all appeals from rulings of the chair or other points of order or procedure.

9.90. Withdrawal of Motions - A motion may be withdrawn by the maker of said motion at any time before decision or amendment.

9.100. Adjournment - Except by unanimous consent, a motion to adjourn shall be put to a roll call vote.

9.110. Motion to Amend - A motion to amend an amendment, shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

On an amendment to "Strike out and insert," the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be stricken out, then those to be inserted, and finally the paragraph as it will stand if so amended shall be read.

9.120. Members to Speak Only from Seat; Demand for Roll Call - No member may rise to debate, make a motion or present a petition or paper unless in his or her regular place, and until such member has been recognized by the presiding officer. While a member is speaking, no other member shall create a disturbance in any manner. Once the result of a viva voce vote has been announced by the presiding officer, a roll call vote shall be ordered only upon the demand of at least two members.

9.130. Call for Absentees - When a roll call has been ordered, absentees shall not be called more than once, unless requested by at least five members.

9.140. Discontinuance of Roll Call - After two roll calls for absentees, a motion to discontinue the roll call shall be in order and may be adopted by a majority vote.

9.150. Ten Minute Rule - a. A member shall not speak more than once at a stated meeting on the same general question until every other member desiring to be heard upon the question has spoken. A member shall speak upon any matter for no more than ten (10) minutes at any time, except by permission of a majority of the members of the Council.

b. A member shall not speak on any matter at a stated meeting more than three (3) times, except by permission of a majority of the members of the Council.

9.160. Two Minute Rule - a. A member desiring to be excused from voting, or to explain a vote at a stated meeting may, when his or her name is called, make a statement for no more than two minutes, of the reasons for making such request, or for voting in such a manner, provided that if such member has engaged in debate under the ten (10) minute rule, he or she may not explain his or her vote.

b. Only one sponsor of a matter, at the time of introduction, shall have the privilege to speak thereon but he or she shall not speak for more than two minutes.

9.170. Reconsideration of a Question - When a question has been decided, it shall be in order for any member of the Council who voted in the majority, to move for its reconsideration, and it shall be reconsidered upon majority vote of all members present and voting, except that no matter shall be reconsidered more than twice. No motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after the proposed local law, resolution, message, report, amendment or motion upon which the vote was taken shall have gone out of possession of the Council; and no motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made on the same day on which the vote was taken, at the stated meeting next succeeding, or if the Mayor has disapproved a local law, within thirty days after the Clerk of the Council has presented the

Mayor's written objections to the Council pursuant to subdivision b of section 37 of the Charter. When a proposed local law or resolution shall have been recalled from the Mayor by the Council, a motion for reconsideration may be made by any member who voted in the majority on the original question or the matter may be referred to committee by the Speaker.

9.180. Debate - The chairperson of the committee reporting, or his or her designee, shall have the option to open debate. Upon the announcement by the presiding officer that debate is closed, the Minority Leader, or his or her designee, may be the next to the last speaker and close debate for the minority party; the Speaker, or his or her designee, may close debate for the majority party, and shall be the last speaker on any issue.

9.190. Questions of Priority - All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

9.200. Personal Privilege - The right of a member to address the Council on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which the member's integrity, character or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned.

9.210. Discussion of General Orders - Any member, when recognized by the presiding officer, may speak on any matter on the general order calendar during the period of discussion of general orders. Such member, with the exception of the Minority Leader may speak for no more than a total of two (2) minutes unless permission to extend the time is granted by a majority of the members of the Council present. The Minority Leader shall have up to five (5) minutes to speak on any matter on the general order calendar.

9.220. General Discussion - Any member, when recognized by the presiding officer, may speak on any issue during the period of general discussion. Such member

may enter written materials or prepared statements of no more than five (5) pages into the official record of may speak for no more than a total of two (2) minutes unless permission to extend the time is granted by a majority of the members of the Council present.

9.225. Discussion of resolutions - Any Member, when recognized by the Presiding Officer, may speak on any Resolution on the Resolution calendar during the period of discussion of Resolutions. Such Member may speak for no more than a total of one (1) minute unless permission to extend the time is granted by a majority of the members present.

9.230. Extension of Remarks into the Council Record - Members a stated meeting during the period of extension of remarks. At such meeting, copies of such materials or statements shall be provided by such member to all other members and to the presiding officer. Such materials and statements shall become part of the official record of the stated meeting without being read into the record. All such supplemental written materials and prepared statements shall be printed in the official record of the meeting under the caption "Extension of Remarks into the Council Record."

**CHAPTER X  
GENERAL RULES**

10.00. When Papers shall be Read - When the reading of a paper, other than a petition, is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, the question whether the paper shall be read shall be determined by a majority vote without debate.

10.10. Automatic Removal from Consideration - When a Council Member, for any reason whatsoever, ceases to be a member of the Council, all pending proposed local laws and resolutions individually sponsored by such member, and all pending Mayor's vetoes after the expiration of the legal time limit within which the Council must act, shall automatically be filed, marked off the calendar and removed from any consideration by the committee to which it had been referred. The Legislative Document Unit shall prepare a list of the identifying introduction or resolution numbers for such automatic filing, which list shall appear in the minutes under the heading "Communications from City, county and borough offices."

10.20. Amendment or Suspension of Rules - When recommended by the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, a Rule of the Council may be amended, suspended or rescinded or a new rule added by the majority vote of all the Council Members. However, any Council Member may move to suspend, amend or rescind any rule or to add a new rule, but such motion shall not be in order without the unanimous vote of the Council, unless written notice has been given to each member specifying the purpose of the proposed suspension, amendment, rescission or addition, at least one week in advance, in which case a majority vote shall prevail.

10.30. Absence or Violation of Rules - In all cases of absence of members during the session of the Council, or of the violation of any of these rules, the members present may censure or suspend the offending member, in such manner or for

such period as they deem just.

10.40. Television Coverage - The Council and its committees shall make their public meetings and hearings available for cablecasting and broadcasting.

10.50. Application of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" - The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Council in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the Council.

10.60. Nominations, Appointments, Designations, Recommendations: Meetings - Any committee which schedules a meeting for the purpose of considering the nomination, appointment, designation or recommendation of any individual pursuant to power vested in the Council shall, in its announcement of such meeting, invite the public to be heard with respect to the qualifications of any such individual.

10.70. Conflicts of Interest - All Council Members shall comply with the conflicts of interest provisions of Chapter 68 of the City Charter.

10.80. Disorderly behavior; sanctions - a. Members of the Council shall not engage in disorderly behavior, which shall include but is not limited to: willful violation or evasion of any provision of law relating to such Member's discharge of his or her official duties; commission of fraud upon the City; conversion of public property to such Member's own use; knowingly permitting or allowing by gross culpable conduct, any other person to convert public property; or violation of the Speaker's policy or policies against discrimination and harassment.

b. Upon a report by the Standards and Ethics Committee of the Council, finding that a Member has engaged in disorderly behavior as set forth in subdivision (a) of this rule, the Council may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

1. Denial or limitation of any right, power, or privilege of the Member; including, but not limited to, the removal of such Member as chairperson of a committee or as a member of a committee;
2. Reprimand;
3. Censure;
4. Fine;
5. Expulsion from the Council; and
6. Any other sanction determined by the Council to be appropriate.

c. The Committee report shall contain a statement of the evidence supporting the Committee's findings and a statement of the Committee's reasons for the recommended sanction.

d. All sanctions shall be imposed by a two-thirds vote of all Members.

**CHAPTER XI  
RULES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE**

11.00. Membership - The Land Use Committee shall include at least one member from each borough. 11.10. Subcommittees - a. The Land Use Committee shall have the following subcommittees: (i) Zoning and Franchises; (ii) Planning Dispositions and Concessions; (iii) Landmarks, Public Sitings and Maritime Uses; and (iv) such others as shall be determined by the Speaker. The Speaker shall determine the jurisdiction of the subcommittees and shall promulgate a list, which the Speaker may amend from time to time, of those matters within the jurisdiction of each subcommittee.

b. The Speaker shall appoint the chairs of the subcommittees. The chair of the committee or a subcommittee may appoint a member of the committee or subcommittee as the case may be, to act as a temporary chair to conduct a meeting in the chair's absence.

c. The chair of the Land Use Committee shall be an ex-officio member of all the subcommittees. As an ex-officio member, the chair may vote on matters before a subcommittee only if the chair's vote is required to break a tie.

d. The hearings and meetings of each subcommittee shall be held at the call of the chair of the subcommittee pursuant to the notice and other requirements of section 11.30 and other applicable provisions of these rules.

e. Each subcommittee shall consider all matters referred to the subcommittee at a meeting and shall report on any action it takes to the Land Use Committee pursuant to a schedule that will enable both the Land Use Committee and the Council to act within any time limits for Council action prescribed by law. The chair of the Land Use Committee may call-up to the committee any matter referred to a subcommittee if a call-up is necessary to enable the committee and the Council to act on a matter within any time limit for Council action prescribed

by law. The Land Use Committee may close the record of the public hearing on any such matter, if the record has not already been closed by the subcommittee.

11.20. Referrals to Land Use Committee - a. All matters subject to review by the Council pursuant to chapters 8, 14, 29 and 74 of the City Charter shall be filed with the office of the Speaker. Upon filing, the Speaker shall refer each such matter to the subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the matter in accordance with the list provided for in section 11.10(a); provided, however, that matters that may be reviewed by the Council only pursuant to section 197-d(b)(3) of the City Charter and filings by the Mayor pursuant to sections 197-d(f) and 197-d(g) of the City Charter shall be subject to the provisions of subdivisions b, c, d and e of this section. All such referrals shall be made in a timely manner in order to permit the Council to act within any time limits prescribed by law.

b. A resolution providing for Council review of a matter pursuant to section 197-d(b)(3) of the City Charter shall be introduced directly to the Council, without referral to a committee or subcommittee; provided, however, that such a resolution may be introduced only if the resolution is sponsored by seven Council Members or if, pursuant to subdivision c of this section, the resolution is introduced by the chair. Any resolution introduced pursuant to this subdivision or subdivision c shall not be subject to debate at a Council meeting. Upon adoption by the Council of a resolution introduced pursuant to this subdivision, the matter that is the subject of the resolution shall be considered by the Land Use Committee and its subcommittees.

c. If a single project or development involves more than one matter filed with the Council at approximately the same time pursuant to section 197-d(a) of the City Charter and at least one but not all of such related matters are subject to Council review pursuant to sections 197-d(b)(1) or (2), the chair of the Land Use Committee shall introduce directly to the Council, without referral to committee, a resolution providing for Council review pursuant to section 197-d(b)(3) of all such related matters that are not subject to Council review pursuant to sections 197-d(b)(1) or (2). The chair shall introduce all such resolutions promptly upon the filing of such matters with the Council. For purposes of this subdivision, two or more matters shall be deemed to be filed "at approximately the same time" if they are filed with the Council prior to the date on which the Council votes, pursuant to section 197-d(c), on the first of the matters filed.

d. If the Council passes a resolution pursuant to subdivision c of this section to review one or more matters relating to a single project or development that are filed with the Council at the same time, all the related matters that are the subject of such a resolution shall be referred to and reported out of the Land Use Committee as a single package of related matters. For purposes of this subdivision only, two or more matters shall be deemed to be filed "at the same time" if they are filed prior to the date on which the notice for the public hearing on the first of the matters filed is issued.

e. A resolution to override a filing by the Mayor pursuant to sections 197-d(f) or 197-d(g) of the City Charter may be introduced by any Council Member at the next Council meeting following such filing and shall not be referred to the Land Use Committee or its subcommittees.

f. All matters subject to review by the Council pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law shall be filed with the office of the Speaker. Upon filing, the Speaker shall refer each such matter to the subcommittee that has jurisdiction over such matter in accordance with the list provided for in section 11.10(a). All such referrals shall be made in a timely manner in order to permit the Council to act within any time limits prescribed by law. The subcommittee shall hold a public hearing on all such matters within one hundred fifty (150) days of the date of filing with the office of the Speaker.

11.30. Calendar and Public Notice - a. The chairs of the Land Use Committee and the subcommittees shall cause to be prepared a regular calendar of the meetings of the Land Use Committee and each of its subcommittees. The calendar shall be delivered to each Council Member, shall be made available to the public free of charge at City Hall, and shall be mailed to each borough president, each community board and a main branch of the public library in each borough. Each calendar shall include all matters referred to the committee and subcommittees and shall indicate the meetings of the committee and the subcommittees at which each matter is scheduled for public hearing or consideration. The failure to include a matter in the calendar shall bar the committee and its subcommittees from voting with respect to the matter unless the matter is added to the agenda as far in advance of the meeting at which the vote is to occur as is practicable and not less than two thirds of the members of the committee vote to add the matter to the agenda. The failure to include a matter in the calendar shall bar the committee and its subcommittees from holding a public hearing on the matter unless (i) the matter is added to the agenda as far in advance of the hearing as is practicable, (ii) any notice requirements in the City Charter are satisfied, and (iii) not less than two thirds of the members of the committee or subcommittee vote to add the matter to the agenda. The chair of the Land Use Committee may call meetings of the Land Use Committee in addition to those meetings on the calendar, and the chair of a subcommittee may call meetings of the subcommittee in addition to those meetings on the calendar, pursuant to the notice and other requirements of this section and the other applicable provisions of these rules.

b. Public notice of the time and place of each Land Use Committee and subcommittee meeting scheduled at least one week prior thereto shall be given to the news media and shall be posted in a public location at City

Hall at least seventy-two hours before such meeting. Public notice of the time and place of every other meeting shall be given, to the extent practicable, to the news media and shall be posted in a public location at City Hall at a reasonable time prior thereto. In addition, public notice of all public hearings of the Council, the Land Use Committee and its subcommittees required pursuant to section 197-d of the City Charter shall be published in the City Record not less than five days prior to such hearing.

11.40. Public Hearings - a. Each subcommittee shall hold on behalf of the Council all public hearings required by law with respect to matters referred to the subcommittee. The Land Use Committee shall hold on behalf of the Council all public hearings required by law with respect to matters referred to the committee which have not been the subject of a subcommittee hearing. If a number of matters relating to a single project or development are filed at the same time pursuant to section 197-d of the City Charter and such matters fall within the jurisdiction of more than one subcommittee, there shall be a single hearing on such related matters. The Speaker shall determine whether the public hearing on such related matters shall be held by the Land Use Committee or by a subcommittee.

b. Each person filling out an appearance form at a public hearing required pursuant to section 197-d of the City Charter shall be given the opportunity to speak. The member of the Land Use Committee presiding at a public hearing of the Land Use Committee or a subcommittee may establish a time limit for all members of the public speaking at such hearing.

c. The Land Use Committee and its subcommittees shall make available to all Council Members the record of all public hearings of the committee and its subcommittees with respect to matters referred to the committee pursuant to section 11.20. The record of a public hearing of the committee or its subcommittees shall consist of a list of the names and affiliations of the speakers at the hearing, each speaker's indication (on a form provided for that purpose) of support or opposition to the matter under consideration, any written statements offered by speakers, any other documents introduced on the record at the hearing, and any transcripts of the hearing. As far in advance as is practicable of consideration by the full Council of any such matter, copies of the items in the record and of materials filed with the Council as specified in sections 197d(a), 704(g) and 3020(8) of the City Charter shall either be given to Council Members or made available to Council Members on an ongoing basis. The record, any subcommittee and committee reports, and the other materials referred to in the preceding sentence shall be made available to the public for inspection by appointment.

11.50. Voting - a. All Land Use Committee and subcommittee determinations shall be on the affirmative roll call vote of not less than a majority of all the members of the committee or subcommittee, including vacancies and absences but not including ex-officio members.

b. Neither the Land Use Committee nor its subcommittees shall vote on a matter until the record of any public hearing required by law on such matter has been closed by the committee or subcommittee.

11.60. Discharge of Committee - a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these rules, the Council shall not act upon a matter referred to the Land Use Committee or its subcommittees pursuant to section 11.20 until the committee has reported thereon, except as provided in this section. Any matter referred to the Land Use Committee for which, by law, there is a time limit for action by the Council, shall at the last stated meeting of the Council preceding the expiration of such time limit, be deemed to be discharged from further consideration by the committee and its subcommittees; provided, however, that the provisions of this sentence shall not apply to those matters that are reviewed by the Council (i) pursuant to section 195 of the City Charter or (ii) by virtue of a resolution under section 197-d(b)(3) of the City Charter other than a resolution adopted pursuant to section 11.20(c) of these rules. The Land Use Committee may be discharged from further consideration of any matter referred to the committee pursuant to Section 11.20 that is not subject to the automatic discharge provision of the preceding sentence by a majority vote of the Council. A member of the Council shall give written notice, at least five business days in advance, to the chair of the Land Use Committee and the Speaker of the intention to move at the next Council meeting for the discharge of any such matter. Such notice shall be accompanied by a memorandum in support of the motion to discharge, which shall be signed by at least nine members. A proposed resolution on any matter that has been discharged from the committee shall not be voted upon at the same meeting at which the vote on the motion to discharge occurred unless a time limit for Council action under the City Charter would expire prior to the next stated meeting.

b. Upon discharge from the Land Use Committee, the Council may close the record of the public hearing on the matter discharged if the record has not been closed by the committee.

11.70. Modifications of City Planning Commission Actions - a. The word "modification" as used in this section shall mean a change in the language of a resolution of the City Planning Commission that is subject to review by the Council pursuant to section 197-d of the City Charter. A "modification" need not include minor changes to such a resolution.

b. Either the Council or the Land Use Committee may file with the City Planning Commission a proposed modification pursuant to section 197-d(b) of the City Charter. Such a modification filed by the committee shall be filed only upon the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of its members.

c. The Land Use Committee and the Council may take action with respect to a modification filed with the City Planning Commission not less than fifteen days after the date the modification is filed with the City Planning Commission unless the Council has received from the Commission a written statement indicating that a majority of the members of the Commission have made one of the findings listed below, together with the reasons therefor:

- (i) the proposed modification may result in significant adverse environmental effects that (A) have not been addressed in the environmental review of the application, (B) are required to be addressed under the State Environmental Quality Review Act prior to approval of the proposed modification, and (C) cannot be addressed in the time period remaining for action by the Council under the City Charter; or
- (ii) the proposed modification so significantly alters the matter under consideration that the City Charter requires the initiation of a new land use review process pursuant to section 197-c of the City Charter. Any statement filed by the City Planning Commission pursuant to this section shall fully set forth the reasons for each finding pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above. If a modification includes a number of distinct changes to a Commission resolution, any such statement of the Commission shall include separate detailed findings with respect to each such change.

11.80. Action by Resolution - The Council shall act by resolution with respect to all matters subject to review by the Council pursuant to chapters 8, 14, 29 and 74 of the City Charter.

11.90. Time Provisions - If the expiration of a time period for Council action set forth in chapter 8, 14, 29 or 74 of the City Charter falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the expiration date shall be deemed extended until the next working day.

11.100. Conflicts with Rules of the Council - In the event of a conflict between the Rules of the Land Use Committee in this chapter XI and the other chapters of these Rules, this chapter XI shall govern with respect to the Land Use Committee and its subcommittees.

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#### Nomination of the Speaker

At this point, the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) opened the floor to nominations for Speaker and recognized Council Member Torres.

Council Member Torres nominated Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito for the Office of the Speaker of the Council of the City of New York for the term commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2017 pursuant to Section 44 of the New York City Charter.

Council Members Barron, Dromm, Cornegy, Ferreras, and Garodnick seconded the nomination.

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) then recognized Council Member Mark-Viverito who duly accepted the nomination. He asked if there were any other nominations – hearing none, the nominations from the floor were closed. The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) stated he would proceed with a roll call vote for Speaker and requested the Council Members to indicate their selection by stating the last name of the candidate.

#### ROLL CALL FOR THE DAY: M-4

##### (2) M-4 - Nomination and Election of Speaker

The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such motion which was decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

**In favor of Council Member Mark-Viverito for Speaker** – Arroyo, Barron, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy, Crowley, Cumbo, Deutsch, Dickens, Dromm, Espinal, Eugene, Ferreras, Garodnick, Gentile, Gibson, Greenfield, Ignizio, Johnson, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Mark-Viverito, Matteo, Mealy, Menchaca, Mendez, Miller, Palma, Reynoso, Richards, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone, Van Bramer, Weprin, Williams, and Wills – **51**.

**The City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney) then announced, that by the unanimous vote of all 51 Council Members, Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito is the duly elected Speaker of the Council of the City of New York for the term commencing January 1, 2014 and terminating December 31, 2017.**

At this point, the newly-elected Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) designated the Public Advocate (Ms. James) as the Acting President Pro Tempore pursuant to Section 44 of the New York City Charter and Rule 3 of the Rules of the Council. The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) noted that the Acting President Pro Tempore shall chair all Stated, Charter, and Special Meetings of the Council.

The Public Advocate (Ms. James) then assumed the chair of Acting President Pro Tempore and recognized the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito).

The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) recognized the following guests in the Council Chambers: N.Y.C. Comptroller Scott Stringer; U.S. Congress Members Nydia Velazquez and Joseph Crowley; Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams; Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Diana Reyna; former Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone, Sr.; former Council Members Eric Martin Dilan, Charles Barron, Lew Fidler, and Una Clarke; Assembly Member Jose Rivera; former Assembly Member and present Kings County Democratic Chair Frank Seddio; and former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer. During her remarks, the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) also recognized the following additional special guests in the Chambers: her mother, Elizabeth Viverito Escobar and her two brothers, Randy and Anthony Mark.

At this point, the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) delivered the following remarks to those assembled:

#### Remarks of the Speaker

Thank you very much, and before I begin, I'd like to say a few words in Spanish:

*Hoy hemos hecho historia. Estoy profundamente conmovida y emocionada por el momento en que nos encontramos. Esta victoria no solo me pertenece a mi sino a todos los puertorriqueños y latinos en esta ciudad.*

So thank you very much. I'm very honored and truly humbled by this day. I want to thank friends, mentors, supporters, members of the public who have come today and those who are watching online or on TV to witness our democracy in action.

I have to acknowledge, obviously, first and foremost, very special guests that are here with me. I have *mi familia* that's here, *mi mama* from Puerto Rico is visiting, and my older brother Anthony Mark who's there as well. They provided the foundation and support that have helped me to arrive at this moment and I want to thank them for their constant support and for being here today, and I also know that my father who never got to see me as an elected official would also be extremely proud today.

I want to thank everyone of my colleagues. Whether you're from the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, or Manhattan, we all have the pleasure of serving in the greatest city in the world. I also want to personally thank someone who has demonstrated great courage today [,] Council Member and colleague Dan Garodnick. Dan, we've been colleagues since we were sworn in together in 2006 and personally witnessed your swearing in and I look forward to working with you these next four years. You are an important and strong voice in the Council, and we're lucky to have you in these chambers.

I'm proud to say that Council Member Garodnick and I conducted the most transparent Speaker's race in New York City history with countless forums and debates, opening up the process like never before. And while it was difficult at times, that only makes today's show of unity even better.

To my colleagues, I pledge you this, I look forward to working hand in hand with you in your districts, communities and neighborhoods. You all have a friend and an ally in the Speaker's office, and my door will always be open. We will work together because that is what New Yorkers expect and that is what New Yorkers deserve...(I'm sorry,...he wasn't here earlier, but my brother Randy came here as well and I just want to thank him for being here).

We unite for a more equal and just New York where everyone, no matter what borough you are from, what neighborhood you were raised in, or who your parents

were has equal opportunities. We will unite to create more affordable housing, improve our educational system and help those who have fallen on hard times. We'll unite to fight to raise the minimum wage for low wage workers at fast food restaurants, car washes and airports. For our undocumented immigrants who are fighting for a pathway to citizenship, we will unite to keep our economy strong whether you work on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, Northern Boulevard in Queens, Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, Victory Boulevard on Staten Island or on Wall Street. We will unite for our brave first responders at NYPD, FDNY, EMS and Sanitation, our teachers, nurses, and everyone who helps make this magnificent city run. And yes, we will unite to hold the Administration and the Mayor accountable.

This is our vision for this City Council, unity, independence, integrity, transparency and accountability.

As many of you know, I came to *Nueva York* at the age of 18 from Puerto Rico and I have lived here ever since. I have always loved the city. It's the place where my mother and my father were born, the place where I came to visit my grandfather during the summer time, the place where my *abuela* who was part of the early Puerto Rican migration of the 1920's and 30's became active. In many ways, when I came to New York I was following the in footsteps of my maternal grandmother who uprooted herself from Puerto Rico at the age of 18 to come to New York City in search of a better life, something unheard of at the time. Her daughter, my mother, who proudly hails from the Bronx went on to become a leader in Puerto Rico's feminist movement, starting one of the first law firms on the island led by women.

So when I came to New York, it was no surprise that I found my home in activism. I have worked for two decades at the grass roots in non-profit organizations, in labor and as a public servant. Today marks the culmination of those years of service. As I stand here as the first Puerto Rican Speaker, as the first Latina Speaker, and the first Speaker to come from the Black, Latino, Asian Caucus, and as the first person of color, I remember my time working with young people at ASPIRA of New York, a Latino youth leadership development organization. We taught these young people to embrace their heritage and their identity, to dream big and to work hard. I hope that as young Latinas and Latinos are witnessing this moment, they are able to dream that much bigger and are inspired to work that much harder because we have broken through one more barrier.

Over the past few months I have laid out for all you my vision for Speakership that is open, inclusive, and transparent, a leadership style that allows all voices to be at the table helping to shape the direction we take as a legislative body, a leadership style that puts the will of the members and the needs of their constituents before the ambitions of a Speaker. Many have stated that giving additional power to individual members will undermine the ability of the Council to function effectively, but I believe that empowering each member will only mean that all of us will take greater ownership over this body and work that much harder to preserve its power and its integrity.

This is our vision for the new New York City Council, and once again, a major *gracias* to all of my colleagues. I look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you and to serve the great people of the City of New York.

Thank you.

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#### MESSAGES & PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

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**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 172-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exemptions from the payment of fees for fire department permits, inspections and performance tests.**

December 27, 2013

Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Transmitted herewith are the bills disapproved by the Mayor. The bills are as follows:

**Int. 172-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to exemptions from the payment of fees for fire department permits, inspections and performance tests.

**Int. 859-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to submit to the council reports of crime in all parks and playgrounds within the City that are greater than one acre in size.

**Int. 867-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a voluntary master environmental hazard remediation technician registration program.

**Int. 933-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating an animal abuse registry.

**Int. 1055-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York City Police Department to report information concerning vehicle collisions in which a driver left the scene of the collision.

**Int. No. 1208-A** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of sick time earned by employees.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Wehle

cc: Honorable Christine C. Quinn

**(The following is the text of the Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message for Int No. 172-A of 2010:)**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 172-A, which would expand exemptions for non-profits from fees for Fire Department (FDNY) permits, inspections and performance tests.

In 2009, the City and the country faced very tough economic times. The FDNY was instituting nighttime closure of fire companies, considering full-time closures of several more, and proposing increases in ambulance fees. Needing additional ways to cut its expenditures and raise revenue, the FDNY found that it could no longer bear the cost of fee waivers granted to non-profit institutions under the City's Administrative Code. In 2009, the cost of those inspections, to the FDNY was \$3 million annually. As a result, Local Law 41 of 2009 was enacted, which narrowed the categories of non-profits that were exempted from fees. Local Law 41 authorized the exemption from fees only for houses of worship, dwelling units for clergy attached to those houses of worship, and schools providing kindergarten through twelfth grade education. Local Law 41 had the effect of treating non-profits other than houses of worship and kindergarten through twelfth grade schools similarly to other property owners. Introductory Number 172-A would effectively repeal Local Law 41 and in so doing, expand the fee exemption to all corporations organized under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FDNY inspectors conduct mandated Fire Code inspections and issue permits that generate fees to cover the costs of these services. FDNY inspections significantly enhance fire safety in this City. Given the City's financial condition over the last several years, enabling the FDNY to achieve savings by recovering The costs of its services to the non-profits that were not covered by the exemption has been extremely important.

Following the enactment of Local Law 41 in 2009, the FDNY held meetings with many of the non-profits that became subject to fees for the Fire Department inspections and permits and their compliance has been robust. The revenue generated as a result of Local Law 41 is \$10.8 million thru Fiscal Year 2013. This revenue has helped avert the need to make budget cuts to FDNY operations, such as closing fire companies at night or full-time.

Without the ability to impose the fees authorized by Local Law 41, the FDNY will again be performing inspections of these properties at a cost of approximately \$3 million annually. FDNY fees average less than \$400 per inspection and many of these organizations already receive favorable tax treatment because of their status as non-profits.

Our Administration recognizes the critical role the affected non-profits and universities play in the life of the City. Nonetheless, the FDNY cannot bear the cost of the waiver these institutions previously enjoyed. This bill would reverse a policy change enacted with the support of this City Council that has helped the FDNY meet significant budget targets each year and maintain the number of fire companies that

the City considers necessary. In light of financial challenges the City continues to face, repealing Local Law 41 of 2009 and reinstating the fee waiver is untenable.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 172-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 859-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to submit to the council reports of crime in all parks and playgrounds within the City that are greater than one acre in size.**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 859-A, which would amend paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of section 14-150 of the New York City Administrative Code to expand the current requirement that the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") provide quarterly reports to the City Council regarding major felony crime in the City's parks.

Administrative Code Section 14-150(a)(4) currently requires the NYPD to produce a quarterly report providing the total number of major felony crime complaints for the twenty largest parks under the jurisdiction of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation. Current law also provides that the number of parks be increased over time, subject to the availability of resources and the introduction of the necessary technology. Introductory Number 859-A would delete the language contained in the law regarding NYPD resources and technology, and instead impose an arbitrary timetable for increasing the number of parks falling within the law's reporting requirement: thirty parks beginning January 1, 2014; one hundred parks beginning June 1, 2014; two hundred parks beginning January 1, 2015; three hundred parks beginning January 1, 2016; and all parks greater than one acre in size beginning January 1, 2017. In addition, beginning January 1, 2018, the reporting would include all public pools, basketball courts, recreation centers and playgrounds not located within parks greater than one acre in size. The bill also contains a new requirement that the quarterly reports be posted on the NYPD's website.

Introductory Number 859-A constitutes the continuation of a pattern, similarly reflected in another bill which I will veto today, Introductory Number 1055-A, in which the Council seeks to build into the Administrative Code reporting requirements which relieve the Council of the responsibility of actually asking for information it is interested in from City agencies, by legislating these requests permanently.

In this case, the original reporting bill concerning park crime was negotiated in good faith by our Administration in 2005, when NYPD representatives made the Council aware that the reporting of park crime could not be reliably accomplished by extracting data from the Department's criminal complaint database. Since criminal complaints are recorded by street address, it was true in 2005 and is true today that, except for Central Park which constitutes its own precinct, crimes within parks as captured by the Department's database are generally indistinguishable from crimes outside parks, since crimes in-parks are recorded according to the parks' street addresses.

Therefore, in order to comply with the Council's reporting mandate, precinct personnel conduct labor-intensive hand counts of crimes in their local parks, which are used by the NYPD's Office of Management Analysis and Planning to compile the quarterly report. In light of the Council's expressed desire for an increase in the number of parks for which crime is reported, it should be noted that, again in good faith and on a voluntary basis, the NYPD increased the number of parks for which it reported data in 2008, from twenty to thirty. It should also be noted that most of the data reported is actually composed of zeroes, since there is consistently no major felony crime occurring in many of the thirty parks subject to reporting each quarter.

The NYPD itself revisited the issue in 2011 and again earlier this year, to determine whether improvements could be made to the complaint reporting system which would allow for accurate reporting of crimes in parks. The limitations which prevented expanded reporting in the years since the original law was enacted remain. Expanding the number of parks as contemplated by Introductory Number 859-A

would require the same type of manual counting that is performed presently, but for hundreds of parks. This mandate would be unreasonable and impractical, drawing valuable police resources away from actual police work, especially given the fact that the overwhelming result would be a series of zeroes.

The bill also contains a new element, requiring reporting of major felony crimes in "all public pools, basketball courts, recreation centers and playgrounds not located within parks greater than one acre in size." There is no estimate provided regarding how many locations this set of entities represents, but it is reasonable to assume that there are at least hundreds of such locations, which would have to be identified and would again be subject to manual counting in order to comply.

Police Department representatives have informed the Council that the best source of information regarding parks are local precinct commanders, who are intimately familiar with the crimes and conditions of their local parks, and are in constant contact with elected officials and community members. In this particular case, the current law should remain in place rather than imposing a new and extensive burden of manual collection of data; should technological changes make it possible to extract reliable data from the criminal complaint database, the Department will comply with the additional reporting requirements sought by the Council. Beyond the specific requirements represented by Introductory Number 859-A, the Police Department has consistently advised the Council that it will respond to any reasonable request for information, and if an elected official or community member seeks information about a particular park or parks, the Department will respond to the best of its ability.

Given the cost to City agencies of complying with the types of reporting requirements represented by Introductory Number 859-A, the bill perpetuates a pattern of permanently codifying reporting requirements which should instead be addressed by local police commanders who are best situated to explain and address local concerns.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 859-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

M-7

**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 867-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a voluntary master environmental hazard remediation technician registration program.**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 867-A, which amends Title 24 of the Administrative Code to create a voluntary master environmental hazard remediation technician registration program.

Introductory Number 867-A sets forth the minimum course requirements for registration and specifies that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will approve and possibly audit the various courses required; promulgate rules for application and registration as a master environmental hazard remediation technician; amend the list of training programs as needed by rule; maintain a registry of technicians; and provide notice and the opportunity to comment in the case of revocation of a practitioner's registration. The licensing fees are to be set at a level adequate to cover the costs of administering the program. Finally, the bill specifies that a violation of any provision, or implementing rule or order will be subject to a civil fine of one thousand dollars returnable to the environmental control board.

Although our Administration believes the policy goal of ensuring consumer confidence in their choice of remediation technicians is laudable, the program defined in this legislation is deficient in a number of ways and would not serve the public interest in its current form. The definition of "Department approved training provider" limits DEP's approval power to programs that are registered with the New

York State Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program (DOL), or by an educational institution or school chartered, licensed, or registered by the New York State Department of Education (DOE), or by an Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IIRC)-approved provider. Limiting training to these three categories would essentially be limiting access to the program to only union training providers, based on the fact that almost all State apprenticeship programs in New York City (versus the State) are union and there are virtually no active DOE or IIRC courses available in the City at this time. Furthermore, the definition excludes nationally recognized organizations such as the American Red Cross and the American Society of for Healthcare Engineering. This program would therefore place a remediation firm's non-union workers, who cannot avail themselves of training provided by unions at no cost, at a competitive disadvantage.

Many of the courses that are being aggregated for certification as a master environmental remediation technician are already required in order for workers to qualify to do specific types of remediation work including asbestos, hazardous waste and lead abatement. But other training courses, such as microbial remediation and water damage restoration, are not a requirement for performing the associated work. The registration in its current form is therefore arbitrary and confers no specific value on employees beyond the licenses and course work they might already have completed.

There are already a number of qualified environmental firms with Certified Industrial Hygienists, a professional designation that encompasses the range of environmental assessment and remediation activities. These professionals provide important services to the public during cleanup and remediation following environmental releases. Registration in this program would not confer any added benefit on these qualified professionals. In addition, it is by no means deaf that the registration fees could be set at a level that would be both reasonable and still sufficient to offset the costs to the City for implementing and operating this registration program.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 867-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection.

M-8

**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 933-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating an animal abuse registry.**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 933-A, which would amend Title 17 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to creating an animal abuse registry.

Introductory Number 933-A would require the Mayor to designate an agency to create an electronic registry of individuals living in New York City who have been convicted of animal abuse crimes in or out of New York State. It would require annual, in-person contact between such agency's staff and convicted animal abusers. In addition, Introductory Number 933-A would prohibit those convicted of animal abuse crimes from subsequently having intentional physical contact with any animal. It would require individuals to self-identify as abusers, and then would place a burden on pet shops, animal shelters and other animal-related businesses or associations to consult the registry and decline to exchange or transfer animal ownership to a registered person. It would further provide criminal penalties for persons who fail to register and for those who have intentional physical contact with any animal when they are registered or required to be registered.

This proposal is ill-conceived, wasteful and ignores the reasonable controls already in place to ensure animals are protected from those who would do them harm. It would require the City to expend significant resources to design and build a confidential electronic registry, accessible twenty four hours a day, seven days a week by a limited number of users that would ultimately prove ineffective in addressing a very limited problem. Such an expenditure of resources cannot be justified in light of the small number of convictions for animal abuse crimes in recent history. According to data from the State Unified Court System, last year only fifteen

people were convicted of any of the nine different offenses that would require registration by this proposed law.

Moreover, Introductory Number 933-A is procedurally and conceptually flawed. There is no way for a person whose conviction is overturned to petition to have his or her name removed from the registry. Its definition of "animal" is so overly broad that it could lead to absurd results. It would effectively prevent a person from having intentional contact with virtually any species of animal — including for example, petting a dog — and would prohibit a person from residing even temporarily with someone who owns an animal, even if their own child were to get a pet such as a goldfish.

The proposed legislation is also unreasonable because it would not be effective. It remains unclear how the designated agency would know when a City resident has been convicted of an animal abuse crime in New York State, much less in another jurisdiction. The City does not routinely receive reports of such convictions from federal or State courts nor can the City Council compel these court systems to furnish them.

The City already takes extensive measures to ensure that animals under its care are not transferred inappropriately, including to individuals unable to love and care for a pet. Animal Care and Control of New York City, the non-profit organization which operates the City's animal shelter and adoption services, already screens individuals for animal abuse histories and other factors and does not transfer animals to persons considered to be inappropriate adopters.

For these reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 933-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Health.

M-9

**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 1055-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York City Police Department to report information concerning vehicle collisions in which a driver left the scene of the collision.**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 1055-A, which would amend section 14-153 of the New York City Administrative Code to require the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to provide quarterly reports to the Speaker of the City Council regarding the investigation of traffic-related incidents involving at least one vehicle and that resulted in critical injury.

Beginning with the third quarter of 2015, and continuing on a quarterly basis thereafter, Introductory Number 1055-A would require the NYPD to forward to the Speaker, and to post on its website, a report regarding: (1) the number of vehicle collisions resulting in critical injury where a motorist left the scene without reporting; (2) the number of such cases closed during the prior quarter resulting in an arrest for leaving the scene without reporting; and (3) the number of such cases in which no such arrest was made. The data in this report would be required to be disaggregated by police precinct and the cross streets of the location of the collision.

In addition, the bill contains a separate requirement that the NYPD provide a written report to the Speaker of the City Council containing a "brief description of what steps were taken to investigate each such incident, noting the cross streets of the incident."

As the Council is aware, the NYPD's investigation of vehicle collisions has received sustained focus and a thorough reexamination by the Department, resulting in expansion of the jurisdiction of the NYPD's Collision Investigation Squad earlier this year to include incidents involving critical injury as determined by responding FDNY/EMS personnel, rather than only cases in which victims were killed or were so seriously injured that they were likely to die. The devotion of additional resources, including increased training, better equipment, and more personnel have demonstrated to the Council and to the public at large the commitment of the NYPD and the Administration to ensuring that these tragic events are thoroughly investigated.

Introductory Number 1055-A appears to be an attempt by the Council to quantify what is essentially a set of case-by-case determinations based on the facts of individual investigations, to reach what by necessity would be entirely speculative conclusions. The reporting contemplated by the first portion of the bill, constituting statistical data based on hand counts of collisions involving critical injury and leaving the scene, would permanently require the NYPD to produce quarterly reports for the Council and for the NYPD website, draining scarce police resources from actual police functions, in the interest of compiling numbers which may or may not be of interest to the Council in the future. The reporting requirements that the Council seeks to build into the Administrative Code through its passage of this bill are part of a troubling trend whereby the Council seeks to relieve itself of the responsibility of asking for information from City agencies on matters of current interest, and instead legislatively requires permanent reporting on these issues. The Police Department has consistently advised the Council that it will respond to any reasonable request for information. Given the permanent compliance costs imposed on the City by these reporting requirements — costs that continue long after the Council's interest has moved to other issues — the public interest would be better served by the Council's exercise of its existing oversight authority.

More important than these administrative burdens, however, is the unprecedented departure from the traditional balance and separation of powers that is evidenced in the second portion of Introductory Number 1055-A, which requires the Department to provide to the Council Speaker a narrative of individual case investigations. This requirement is unacceptable on several grounds.

First, the requirement is unworkably vague. There is simply no means of determining what constitutes a "brief" description. Any narrative drafted runs the risk of being considered impermissibly incomplete under the law. In addition, the Police Department does not and will not release investigative information relating to ongoing investigations or prosecutions, in order to 'preserve the integrity of the investigation as well as possible criminal prosecution. Furthermore, the description of investigations required by the bill would systematically expose the NYPD's investigative techniques and tradecraft in each individual case. The value and effectiveness of these techniques lay in their inconspicuous use, which maximizes the Department's ability to conduct these investigations in the first place. By forcing the Department to reveal these techniques publicly, this bill undermines the very purpose for which it was ostensibly created: to ensure thorough investigations of these crimes, a goal shared by the Department. Finally, by requiring notorious disclosure of the occurrence location for each investigative narrative, the bill allows for the potential identification of victims, witnesses, and other individuals whose confidentiality are entrusted to the Department. This risk is unacceptable.

What is most striking about this bill is the qualitative nature of the information sought by the Council. Other reporting bills generally require hard data — numbers, locations, demographics, and the like. This bill goes far beyond what would normally be contemplated for data transfer, and does so by legislative fiat. The oversight authority granted to the Council simply does not contemplate the management or analysis of individual NYPD case investigations. The proper exercise of the Council's oversight role is to hold the agency's leadership accountable when a deficiency has been identified. The Council threatens to overstep its authority by crossing the line from oversight into administration.

Introductory Number 1055-A imposes upon the NYPD an unprecedented, unwarranted, and dangerous burden, and perpetuates a pattern of permanently codifying reporting requirements for matters of current interest that are best addressed on an individual basis.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 1055-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

M-10

**Communication from the Mayor (Michael R. Bloomberg) – Mayor's Veto and Disapproval Message of Introductory Number 1208-A, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of sick time earned by employees.**

December 27, 2013

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 1208-A, which would amend the Earned Sick Time Act, as

enacted by Local Law Number 46 for the year 2013, to make certain changes relating to sick time for employees in the manufacturing sector and required notice to employees. On June 6, 2013, I vetoed Local Law Number 46, because the law will impose significant new costs on employers, establish a vast new bureaucracy in the Department of Consumer Affairs, impose additional economic costs for doing business in New York City and harm the very employees it seeks to help. The serious issues associated with Local Law Number 46, which are not corrected by this bill, are as concerning today as they were six months ago.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 1208-A.

Sincerely,

Michael Bloomberg  
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Christine C. Quinn

Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Labor.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

M-11

**Designation of Minority Leader**

December 10, 2013

Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
Executive Office  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

We, the undersigned members and member-elect of the Minority (Republican) Delegation of the Council of the City of New York, hereby designate and appoint Vincent M. Ignizio as Minority Leader of the Council of the City of New York, pursuant to Rule 4.10 of the Rules of the Council of the City of New York for the term commencing on January 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Ignizio  
Minority Leader-Elect  
Council Member, 51<sup>st</sup> District

Eric Ulrich  
Council Member, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

Steven Matteo  
Council Member-Elect, 50<sup>th</sup> District

Received, Ordered, Printed, and Filed.

During this point in the Meeting, the Public Advocate (Ms. James) recognized the Speaker (Mark-Viverito) who then, in turn, yielded the floor to the newly designated Minority Leader (Council Member Ignizio). The Minority Leader (Council Member Ignizio) delivered his remarks to all assembled.

M-12

**Nomination and Election of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections**

At this point, the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) nominated the following Council Members as Members of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections of the City Council:

Chair:	Council Member Lander
Committee Members:	The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito)
	Council Member Richards
	Council Member Espinal
	Council Member Chin
	Council Member Rose
	Council Member Rodriguez

**ROLL CALL FOR THE DAY: M-12**

The Public Advocate (Ms. James) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such motion which was decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

**Affirmative** – Arroyo, Barron, Cabrera, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy, Crowley, Cumbo, Deutsch, Dickens, Dromm, Espinal, Eugene, Ferreras, Garodnick, Gentile, Gibson, Greenfield, Johnson, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Mealy, Menchaca, Mendez, Miller, Palma, Reynoso, Richards, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone, Van Bramer, Weprin, Williams, Wills, Ignizio, and the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) – **51**.

At the request of the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), the Public Advocate (Ms. James) recessed the Charter Meeting subject to call.

**THE COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the Proceedings for the  
RECESSED CHARTER MEETING  
of  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014  
held on  
Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 1:20 p.m.*

The Public Advocate (Ms. James)  
*Acting President Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer*

Council Members

Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker

Maria del Carmen Arroyo	Vanessa L. Gibson	I. Daneek Miller
Inez D. Barron	David G. Greenfield	Annabel Palma
Margaret S. Chin	Vincent M. Ignizio	Antonio Reynoso
Andrew Cohen	Corey D. Johnson	Donovan J. Richards
Costa G. Constantinides	Ben Kallos	Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.	Andy L. King	Deborah L. Rose
Elizabeth S. Crowley	Peter A. Koo	Helen K. Rosenthal
Laurie A. Cumbo	Karen Koslowitz	Ritchie J. Torres
Chaim M. Deutsch	Rory I. Lancman	Mark Treyger
Inez E. Dickens	Bradford S. Lander	Eric A. Ulrich
Daniel Dromm	Stephen T. Levin	James Vacca
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.	Mark Levine	Paul A. Vallone
Mathieu Eugene	Alan N. Maisel	James G. Van Bramer
Julissa Ferreras	Steven Matteo	Mark S. Weprin
Daniel R. Garodnick	Carlos Menchaca	Jumaane D. Williams
Vincent J. Gentile	Rosie Mendez	Ruben Wills

Although absent from the Roll Call for Attendance shown above, Council Members Cabrera and Mealy are considered Present but Not Voting for this Recessed Charter Meeting held on January 22, 2014 due to their appearance at the Charter Meeting held previously on January 8, 2014 (\*please see Editor's Note re: Attendance for the Charter and Recessed Charter Meetings below).

The Public Advocate (Ms. James) assumed the Chair as the designated Acting President Pro Tempore and Presiding Officer.

After consulting with the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council (Mr. McSweeney), the presence of a quorum was announced by the Public Advocate (Ms. James).

*There were 49 Council Members marked present at this Recessed Charter Meeting of January 8, 2014 held on January 22, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, New York, N.Y. (\*but please see Editor's Note immediately below):*

*\*Editor's Note re: Attendance for the Charter Meeting held on January 8, 2014 and the Recessed Charter Meeting held on January 22, 2014: This Recessed Charter Meeting held on January 22, 2014 is considered the continuation and conclusion of the Charter Meeting that opened on January 8, 2014. For attendance purposes, therefore, any Council Member who was present at either one of these two proceedings will be considered present for the meeting collectively known as the Charter Meeting of January 8, 2014. Though absent on January 22, 2014, Council Members Cabrera and Mealy were marked present for the Charter Meeting held on January 8, 2014, and therefore, for attendance purposes, are considered Present but Not Voting for this Recessed Charter Meeting held on January 22, 2014.*

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES****Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections**

Report for Res. No. 1

**Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections in favor of approving a Resolution making certain amendments to Rule 7.00 a., 7.10, and 7.50 c. of the Rules of the Council in relation to Committees, Subcommittees, Ex-Officio Members and Meetings.**

The Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections, to which the annexed communication was referred on January 22, 2014, respectfully

**REPORTS:**

**RESO. 1: Resolution approving Changes to Committees, Subcommittees, Ex-Officio Members and Meetings.**

**ANALYSIS:** Before the Committee for its consideration are proposed changes to Rule 7.00 a., 7.10, and 7.50 c. of the Rules of the Council in relation to Committees, Subcommittees, Ex-Officio Members and Meetings. See the Resolution for each of the specific changes.

*Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.*

**(The following is the text of Res. No. 1:)**

Res. No. 1

**Resolution making certain amendments to Rule 7.00 a., 7.10, and 7.50 c. of the Rules of the Council in relation to Committees, Subcommittees, Ex-Officio Members and Meetings.**

By Council Member Lander:

7.00. Appointment a. Prior to the establishment of the membership of any other committee, and after the selection of the Speaker, the Council shall elect the membership of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. All other committees and appointments thereto shall be recommended by the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, approved by the Council and published in the Calendar. All standing committee chairpersons shall be elected by the Council as a whole. The standing committees of the Council shall bear the following titles and possess the following substantive matter jurisdictions:

**AGING** - Department for the Aging and all federal, state and municipal programs pertinent to senior citizens.

**CIVIL RIGHTS** – Human Rights Commission, Equal Employment Practices Commission and Equal Employment Opportunity.

**CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR** - Municipal Officers and Employees, Office of Labor Relations, Office of Collective Bargaining, Office of Labor Services, and Municipal Pension and Retirement Systems.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** - Issues relating to poverty and its reduction especially in low income neighborhoods.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS** - Department of Consumer Affairs [and Business Integrity Commission].

**CONTRACTS** - Procurement Policy Board, review of City procurement policies and procedures, oversight over government contracts, Mayor's Office of Contracts and collection agency contracts.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS** - Department of Cultural Affairs, Libraries, Museums, Art Commission, New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and International Business, Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events, and to encourage harmony among the citizens of New York City, to promote the image of New York City and enhance the relationship of its citizens with the international community.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Economic Development Corporation and Department of Small Business Services.

**EDUCATION** - Department of Education, School Construction Authority and charter schools.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** - Department of Environmental Protection.

**FINANCE** - Executive Budget review and Budget modification, Banking Commission, Comptroller's Office, Department of Design and Construction, Department of Finance, Independent Budget Office and fiscal policy and revenue from any source.

**FIRE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES** - Fire/EMS (non-health-related issues), Legal Aid, Department of Probation, Department of Correction, and Emergency Management Department (OEM).

**GENERAL WELFARE** - Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services, Administration for Children's Services, Department of Homeless Services, Office of Immigrant Affairs and charitable institutions.

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS** - Municipal governmental structure and organization, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Community Boards, Tax Commission, Board of Standards and Appeals, Campaign Finance Board, Board of Elections, Voter Assistance Commission, Commission on Public Information and Communication, Department of Records and Information Services, Financial Information Services Agency and Law Department.

**HEALTH** - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Health and Hospitals Corporation and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and EMS (health-related issues).

**HIGHER EDUCATION** - City University of New York.

**HOUSING AND BUILDINGS** - Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Department of Buildings and rent regulation.

**IMMIGRATION** - Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and other matters affecting immigration.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE** - Department of Juvenile Justice.

**LAND USE** - City Planning Commission, Department of City Planning, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Landmarks Preservation Commission, land use and landmarks review.

**[LOWER MANHATTAN REDEVELOPMENT** - Issues related to the redevelopment of lower Manhattan and the World Trade Center Site.]

**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE AND DISABILITY SERVICES** - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (issues of mental health, developmental disability and alcoholism services) and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.

**OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS** - To investigate any matters within the jurisdiction of the Council relating to property, affairs, or government of New York City and the Department of Investigation.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** - Department of Parks and Recreation.

**PUBLIC HOUSING** - NYC Housing Authority.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - Police Department, Courts, District Attorneys, Special Narcotics Prosecutor, Civilian Complaint Review Board, and Criminal Justice Coordinator [and Emergency Management Department (OEM)].

**RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY** - Issues relating to recovery in Hurricane Sandy-affected communities, efforts to make New York City more resilient in the face of climate change, and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies.

**RULES, PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS** - Council structure and organization and appointments.

**SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** - Department of Sanitation and the Business Integrity Commission.

**SMALL BUSINESS** - Matters relating to retail business and emerging industries.

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS** - Conflicts of Interest Board and Council Ethics.

**STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION** - Federal legislation, State legislation and Home Rule requests.

**TECHNOLOGY** - Technology in New York City, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (non-land use-related issues), Mayor's Office of [Film, Theatre and Broadcasting,] Media & Entertainment, NYC TV and dissemination of public information through the use of technology.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Mass Transportation Agencies and facilities, Department of Transportation, New York City Transit Authority and Taxi and Limousine Commission.

**VETERANS** - Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs and other veteran related issues.

**WATERFRONTS** - Matters relating to the waterfront.

**WOMEN'S ISSUES** - Issues relating to public policy concerns of women, domestic violence, Office to Combat Domestic Violence and Agency for Child Development.

**YOUTH SERVICES** - Youth Board, Department of Youth and Community Development, Interagency Coordinating Council and youth related programs.

7.10. Ex-Officio Members. The Public Advocate, Speaker, Majority Leader, [and] Minority Leader, and the Deputy Leader for Policy shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

7.50. Meetings c. Each standing committee, except for the Committees on State Legislation, Standards and Ethics, Oversight and Investigations, and Rules, Privileges and Elections, beginning in the month subsequent to the first appointment of members to committees at the beginning of the Council term, shall meet no less than once a month except during the months of July and August. Subcommittees or special committees shall meet as needed to complete their work.

BRADFORD S. LANDER, Chairperson; YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ, MARGARET S. CHIN, DEBORAH L. ROSE, DONOVAN J. RICHARDS, RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, Jr., MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO; Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, January 22, 2014. Other Council Members Attending: Johnson, Weprin, Mendez, Ferreras, Ignizio.

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

Report for M-13

**Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections in favor of approving a Council Communication M approving changes to Chairpersons and Members of the Committees of the Council, Allowances of Chairpersons and Officers of the Council and the creation of new committees and subcommittees of the Council.**

The Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections, to which the annexed communication was referred on January 22, 2014, respectfully

**REPORTS:**

M-13

**M 13: Message approving changes to Chairpersons and Members of the Committees of the Council, Allowances of Chairpersons and Officers of the Council and the creation of new committees and subcommittees of the Council.**

**ANALYSIS:** Before the Committee for its consideration are proposed changes to Committee Assignments and Allowances and Officers of the Council and the creation of new committees and subcommittees.

*Accordingly, this Committee recommends its adoption.*

**(The following is the text of M-13:)**

M-13

**Message approving changes to Committee Assignments and Allowances.**

By Council Member Lander:

Chairpersons and Members of the Committees of the Council, Allowances of Chairpersons and Officers of the Council and the creation of new committees and subcommittees of the Council.

The Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections respectfully Reports:

That it recommends favorable consideration by the Council of the election of the chairpersons and members of the Committees on *Aging, Civil Rights, Civil Service and Labor, Community Development, Consumer Affairs, Contracts, Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations, Economic Development, Education, Environmental Protection, Finance, Fire and Criminal Justice Services, General Welfare, Governmental Operations, Health, Higher Education, Housing and Buildings, Immigration, Juvenile Justice, Land Use, Mental Health, Developmental Disability, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse & Disabilities Services, Oversight and Investigations, Parks and Recreation, Public Housing, Public Safety, Recovery & Resiliency, Rules, Privileges & Elections, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Small Business, Standards and Ethics, State and Federal Legislation, Technology, Transportation, Veterans, Waterfronts, Women's Issues, and Youth Services*; and Chairpersons and members of the Subcommittees on, *Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses, Planning Dispositions and Concessions, Zoning and Franchises, Drug Abuse, Libraries, Non-Public Schools, and Senior Centers*, as specified in the following: and of the allowance, in addition to the salary for Council members serving as committee chairpersons or other officers of the Council pursuant to Section 26.b of the New York City Charter, as specified below:

**AGING**  
Chin, Chair  
Arroyo  
Koslowitz  
Rose  
Deutsch  
Treyger  
Vallone

**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
Mealy, Chair  
Eugene  
Dromm  
Rose  
King

**CIVIL SERVICE & LABOR**  
Miller, Chair  
Crowley  
Dromm  
Constantinides  
Cornegy

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Arroyo, Chair  
Palma  
Crowley  
King  
Gibson  
Maisel  
Rosenthal

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
Espinal, Chair  
Gentile  
Ferrerias  
Koslowitz  
Lancman

**CONTRACTS**  
Rosenthal, Chair  
Koo  
Wills  
Constantinides

Deutsch  
Johnson  
Miller

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
LIBRARIES & INTERNATIONAL  
INTERGROUP RELATIONS**  
Van Bramer, Chair  
Crowley  
Ferrerias  
Koo  
Levin  
King  
Constantinides  
Cumbo  
Rosenthal

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
Garodnick, Chair  
Gentile  
Ferrerias  
Koslowitz  
Weprin  
Wills  
Richards  
Barron  
Miller

**EDUCATION**  
Dromm, Chair  
Gentile  
Garodnick  
Chin  
Levin  
Rose  
Weprin  
Williams  
King  
Barron  
Deutsch  
Levine  
Maisel  
Reynoso  
Treyger

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
Richards, Chair  
Levin  
Constantinides  
Lancman  
Ulrich

**FINANCE**  
Ferrerias, Chair  
Rodriguez  
Van Bramer  
Gibson  
Cornegy  
Cumbo  
Johnson  
Levine  
Miller  
Rosenthal  
Ignizio

**FIRE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SERVICES**  
Crowley, Chair  
Eugene  
Cabrera  
Lancman  
Vallone

**GENERAL WELFARE**  
Levin, Chair  
Palma  
Cabrera  
Wills  
Richards  
Gibson  
Johnson  
Menchaca  
Torres

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
Kallos, Chair  
Greenfield  
Levine

Torres  
Matteo

**HEALTH**  
Johnson, Chair  
Arroyo  
Mendez  
Eugene  
Koo  
Van Bramer  
Barron  
Cornegy  
Espinal

**HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Barron, Chair  
Vacca  
Cabrera  
Williams  
Cumbo

**HOUSING & BUILDINGS**  
Williams, Chair  
Mendez  
Rodriguez  
Koslowitz  
Cornegy  
Espinal  
Levine  
Reynoso  
Rosenthal  
Torres  
Ulrich

**IMMIGRATION**  
Menchaca, Chair  
Eugene  
Dromm  
Koo  
Espinal

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**  
Cabrera, Chair  
Arroyo

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Vacca  
Barron  
Lancman

**LAND USE**  
Greenfield, Chair  
Palma  
Arroyo  
Dickens  
Garodnick  
Mealy  
Mendez  
Rodriguez  
Koo  
Lander  
Levin  
Weprin  
Williams  
Richards  
Barron  
Cohen  
Kallos  
Reynoso  
Torres  
Treyger  
Ignizio

**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE & DISABILITY SERVICES**  
Cohen, Chair  
Crowley  
Wills  
Johnson  
Vallone

**OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS**  
Gentile, Chair  
Dickens  
Dromm  
Constantinides  
Deutsch  
Lancman

Rosenthal

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
Levine, Chair  
Mealy  
Cabrera  
Van Bramer  
Cohen  
Maisel  
Treyger

**PUBLIC HOUSING**  
Torres, Chair  
Mendez  
Van Bramer  
Richards  
Cumbo

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
Gibson, Chair  
Gentile  
Vacca  
Ferrerias  
Williams  
Cornegy  
Deutsch  
Espinal  
Lancman  
Torres  
Matteo

**RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY**  
Treyger, Chair  
Mendez  
Chin  
Richards  
Menchaca  
Ulrich  
Matteo

**RULES, PRIVILEGES, & ELECTIONS**  
Lander, Chair  
Dickens

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Garodnick  
Rodriguez  
Chin  
Rose  
Williams  
Espinal  
Levine  
Ignizio  
Mark-Viverito

**SANITATION & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
Reynoso, Chair  
King  
Gibson  
Constantinides  
Matteo

**SMALL BUSINESS**  
Cornegy, Chair  
Dickens  
Eugene  
Koo  
Koslowitz  
Wills  
Menchaca  
Vallone  
Ulrich

**STANDARDS & ETHICS**  
Maisel, Chair  
Ferrerias  
Lander  
Menchaca  
Ignizio

**STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION**  
Koslowitz, Chair  
Dickens  
Lander  
Espinal  
Kallos  
Maisel

Reynoso

**TECHNOLOGY**  
Vacca, Chair  
Palma  
Weprin  
Greenfield  
Matteo

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Rodriguez, Chair  
Garodnick  
Vacca  
Chin  
Levin  
Rose  
Van Bramer  
Weprin  
Greenfield  
Constantinides  
Menchaca  
Miller  
Reynoso

**VETERANS**  
Ulrich, Chair  
Cabrera  
Cohen  
Maisel  
Vallone

**WATERFRONTS**  
Rose, Chair  
Garodnick  
Deutsch  
Johnson  
Vallone

**WOMEN'S ISSUES**  
Cumbo, Chair  
Mealy  
Crowley  
Koslowitz  
Kallos

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**YOUTH SERVICES**  
Eugene, Chair  
Palma  
Mealy  
Chin  
Greenfield  
King  
Cumbo

**LAND USE SUB COMMITTEES**

**LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITING & MARITIME USES**  
Koo, Chair  
Palma  
Arroyo  
Mendez  
Levin  
Barron  
Kallos

**PLANNING, DISPOSITIONS & CONCESSIONS**  
Dickens, Chair  
Mealy  
Rodriguez  
Cohen  
Treyger

**ZONING & FRANCHISES**  
Weprin, Chair  
Garodnick  
Williams  
Richards  
Reynoso  
Torres  
Ignizio

**SUB COMMITTEES**

**DRUG ABUSE (MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE & DISABILITY SERVICES)**  
Wills, Chair

**LIBRARIES (CULTURAL AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND INTERNATIONAL INTERGROUP RELATIONS)**  
Constantinides, Chair

**NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EDUCATION)**  
Deutsch, Chair

**SENIOR CENTERS (AGING)**  
Vallone, Chair

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Speaker	Mark-Viverito	\$25,000
Majority Leader / Cultural Affairs	Van Bramer	\$20,000
Minority Leader	Ignizio	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Economic Development	Garodnick	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Oversight and Investigation	Gentile	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Waterfronts	Rose	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Public Housing	Torres	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Technology	Vacca	\$15,000
Deputy Leader / Housing and Buildings	Williams	\$15,000
Deputy Leader for Policy / Rules, Privileges and Elections	Lander	\$15,000
Minority Whip	Matteo	\$5,000
<b>Standing Committees</b>		
Finance	Ferrerias	\$15,000
Land Use	Greenfield	\$15,000
Aging	Chin	\$8,000
Civil Rights	Mealy	\$8,000
Civil Service and Labor	Miller	\$8,000
Community Development	Arroyo	\$8,000
Consumer Affairs	Espinal	\$8,000
Contracts	Rosenthal	\$8,000
Education	Dromm	\$8,000
Environmental Protection	Richards	\$8,000
Fire and Criminal Justice Services	Crowley	\$8,000
General Welfare	Levin	\$8,000
Governmental Operations	Kallos	\$8,000
Health	Johnson	\$8,000
Higher Education	Barron	\$8,000
Immigration	Menchaca	\$8,000
Juvenile Justice	Cabrera	\$8,000
Mental Health, Developmental Disability, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services	Cohen	\$8,000
Parks and Recreation	Levine	\$8,000
Public Safety	Gibson	\$8,000
Recovery and Resiliency	Treyger	\$8,000
Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Reynoso	\$8,000
Small Business	Cornegy	\$8,000
Standards and Ethics	Maisel	\$8,000
State and Federal Legislation	Koslowitz	\$8,000
Transportation	Rodriguez	\$8,000
Veterans	Ulrich	\$8,000

Women's Issues	Cumbo	\$8,000
Youth Services	Eugene	\$8,000
<b>Subcommittees</b>		
Zoning and Franchises (Land Use)	Weprin	\$8,000
Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses (Land Use)	Koo	\$8,000
Planning, Dispositions and Concessions (Land Use)	Dickens	\$8,000
Drug Abuse (Mental Health)	Wills	\$8,000
Libraries (Cultural Affairs)	Constantinides	\$8,000
Non-Public Schools (Education)	Deutsch	\$8,000
Senior Centers (Aging)	Vallone	\$8,000

BRADFORD S. LANDER, Chairperson; YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ, MARGARET S. CHIN, DEBORAH L. ROSE, DONOVAN J. RICHARDS, RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, Jr., MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO; Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, January 22, 2014. *Other Council Members Attending: Johnson, Weprin, Mendez, Ferreras, Ignizio.*

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

**SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL ORDER CALENDAR**

**Resolution approving various persons Commissioners of Deeds**

**By the Presiding Officer –**

**Resolved**, that the following named persons be and hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds for a term of two years:

*Approved New Applicant's Report*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>District #</u>
Sigris Medina	2850 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue #8C New York, N.Y. 10039	9
Kisha Vice	2220 Wallace Avenue #3A Bronx, N.Y. 10467	13
Anna Mendez	207 Hosmer Avenue #1 Bronx, N.Y. 10465	13
Lisa Kaplan	2822 Wellman Avenue Bronx, N.Y. 10461	13
Messan C. Greaves	2757 Hering Avenue Bronx, N.Y. 10469	13
Joe Vasquez	87-31 1116 <sup>th</sup> Street Queens, N.Y. 11418	29
April Jetter	69-06 Cooper Avenue Glendale, N.Y. 11385	30
Elizabeth Marzan	1529 39 <sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218	39
Mary Vouzonis-Lauriello	93 Rapelye Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231	39

*Approved New Applicants and Reapplicants*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>District #</u>
Sharron Blake	344 East 28 <sup>th</sup> Street #13E New York, N.Y. 10016	2
Richard A. Chipman	657 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, N.Y. 10036	3
Arnold M. Wachtel	244 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue #2940 New York, N.Y. 10001	3
Verne Grey	10 East 116 <sup>th</sup> Street #2A New York, N.Y. 10029	8
Cassandra Harris	275 West 118 <sup>th</sup> Street #2B New York, N.Y. 10026	9
Omayra Nunez	146 West 111 <sup>th</sup> Street #5B New York, N.Y. 10026	9
Albertha L. Sears	45 East 135 <sup>th</sup> Street #12E	9

Leonard Abraham	New York, N.Y. 10037 4705 Henry Hudson Parkway #7F Bronx, N.Y. 10471	11
Rashann Melton	40-12D West Mosholu Parkway South Bronx, N.Y. 10468	11
Lilia Dwyer	3309 Hunter Avenue Bronx, N.Y. 10475	12
Maureen Hinds	120 Aldrich Street Bronx, N.Y. 10475	12
Rosary Graniela	1330 Vreeland Avenue Bronx, N.Y. 10461	13
Rena Broome	599 Morris Avenue Bronx, N.Y. 10451	17
Lourdaz Garcia	637 East 139 <sup>th</sup> Street Bronx, N.Y. 10454	17
Millicent A. Johnson	880 Thieriot Avenue #2A Bronx, N.Y. 10473	18
Yelena Aronova	153-07 77 <sup>th</sup> Road Flushing, N.Y. 11367	24
Jeraldine Baichoo	80-08 168 <sup>th</sup> Street Queens, N.Y. 11432	24
Maria M. Rivera Cruz	61-39 172 <sup>nd</sup> Street Flushing, N.Y. 11365	24
Diane E. Thomas	65-94 162 <sup>nd</sup> Street #3A Flushing, N.Y. 11365	24
Vinodkumar C. Shingwani	36-39 30 <sup>th</sup> Street #2 Long Island City, N.Y. 11106	26
Debra Henderson	164-17 104 <sup>th</sup> Road Jamaica, N.Y. 11433	27
Noemi Quesada-Santos	91-47 195 <sup>th</sup> Street Bstm Hollis, N.Y. 11423	27
Lynn C. Schulman	104-40 Queens Blvd Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375	29
Carmen Standish	90-02 63 <sup>rd</sup> Drive #2K Queens, N.Y. 11374	29
Raymond E. Gazer	64-04 Hull Avenue #2 Maspeth, N.Y. 11378	30
Plinio Mateo	78-40 64 <sup>th</sup> Street Glendale, N.Y. 11385	30
Ella Caynes	131-78 231 <sup>st</sup> Street Queens, N.Y. 11413	31
Glenda Hicks	171-05 143 <sup>rd</sup> Road Jamaica, N.Y. 11434	31
Edmund H. Hunte	69-30 DaCosta Avenue Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11692	31
Angelina Agosto	38 Clay Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11222	33
Antonio Aguilar	163 Scholes Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11206	34
Gerald A. Esposito	152 Conselyea Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211	34
Wendy Irizarry-Lopez	50 Manhattan Avenue #3E Brooklyn, N.Y. 11206	34
Zalmon Liberow	665 Crown Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213	35
Susan J. Murrain	21 St. James Place #11J Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205	35
Retoria Estaphan	876 Greene Avenue #4R Brooklyn, N.Y. 11221	36
Eunice Mateo	785 Marcy Avenue #3A Brooklyn, N.Y. 11221	36
Germain Tillery	642 Monroe Street #2 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11221	36
Quinton Waters	1462 Dean Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213	36
Stan Charles	873 Liberty Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11208	37
Thomasina White	296 Jerome Street #1 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207	37
Hui Z. Li	6214 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue #1 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219	38
Hector P. Molina	306 10 <sup>th</sup> Street #1 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215	39

Janice L. Mann	630 Ocean Avenue #11B Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226	40
Samuel J. Holiday Jr.	974 Williams Avenue #B Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207	42
Ronald Murphy	9110 Ridge Blvd. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209	43
Kristel Lynn Simmonds-Cobb	3845 Shore Parkway #2E Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235	46
Jeffrey C. Feldman	2650 Ocean Parkway #5G Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235	47
Yuliya Slavinskaya	435 Neptune Avenue #19B Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224	47
Olga Tverskaya	1485 East 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210	48
Zhanna Zak	1620 Ocean Avenue #5H Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230	48
Janice Cook	11 Silver Lake Road Staten Island, N.Y. 10301	49
Mason R. Logie, Jr.	20 Sylva Lane #20 Staten Island, N.Y. 10305	49
Constance R. Raia	63 Carol Place Staten Island, N.Y. 10303	49
Robert O. Reeves	260 Park Hill Avenue #5.I Staten Island, N.Y. 10304	49
Melinda Colon	120 Quinlan Avenue #2 Staten Island, N.Y. 10314	50
Ana I. Cruzado	3534 Amboy Road #A1 Staten Island, N.Y. 10306	50
Elizabeth Talarico	691 Ionia Avenue Staten Island, N.Y. 10312	51
Michael D. Theodorakis	244 Woehrle Avenue Staten Island, N.Y. 10312	51

Rose, Rosenthal, Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone, Van Bramer, Weprin, Williams, Wills, Ignizio, and the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) – **47**.

**Negative** – Arroyo and Palma – **2**.

(Present but Not Voting\* - Cabrera and Mealy)

*\*Please see the Editor’s Note re: Attendance for this Recessed Charter Meeting of January 8, 2014 held on January 22, 2014 printed after the Roll Call for Attendance in these Minutes.*

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), the Public Advocate (Ms. James) adjourned these recessed proceedings to meet again and immediately open the scheduled Stated Meeting of January 22, 2014.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk  
Clerk of the Council

On motion of the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito), and adopted, the foregoing matter was coupled as a General Order for the day (see ROLL CALL ON GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY).

**ROLL CALL ON SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE DAY**  
**(Items Coupled on Supplemental General Order Calendar)**

- (4) **M-13** - Chairpersons and Members of the Committees of the Council, Allowances of Chairpersons and Officers of the Council and the creation of new committees and subcommittees of the Council.
- (5) **Res 1** - Making certain amendments to Rule 7.00 a., 7.10, and 7.50 c. of the Rules of the Council in relation to Committees, Subcommittees, Ex-Officio Members and Meetings.
- (6) **Resolution approving various persons Commissioners of Deeds.**

The Public Advocate (Ms. James) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such reports which were decided in the **affirmative** by the following vote:

**Affirmative** – Arroyo, Barron, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy, Crowley, Cumbo, Deutsch, Dickens, Dromm, Espinal, Eugene, Ferreras, Garodnick, Gentile, Gibson, Greenfield, Johnson, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Mendez, Miller, Palma, Reynoso, Richards, Rodriguez, Rose, Rosenthal, Torres, Treyger, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone, Van Bramer, Weprin, Williams, Wills, Ignizio, and the Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) – **49**.

(Present but Not Voting\* - Cabrera and Mealy)

**The General Order vote recorded for this Stated Meeting was 49-0-0 as shown above with the exception of the votes for the following legislative items:**

The following was the vote recorded for **M-13**:

**Affirmative** – Barron, Chin, Cohen, Constantinides, Cornegy, Crowley, Cumbo, Deutsch, Dickens, Dromm, Espinal, Eugene, Ferreras, Garodnick, Gentile, Gibson, Greenfield, Johnson, Kallos, King, Koo, Koslowitz, Lancman, Lander, Levin, Levine, Maisel, Matteo, Menchaca, Mendez, Miller, Reynoso, Richards, Rodriguez,





