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December 6, 2023  
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala  
Shaun Abreu  
Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
Charles Barron  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farías  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez  
Shahana Hanif  
Kamillah Hanks

COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED):

Robert F. Holden  
Crystal Hudson  
Kristin Richardson Jordan  
Rita C. Joseph  
Ari Kagan  
Shekar Krishnan  
Farrah N. Louis  
Christopher Marte  
Julie Menin  
Francisco P. Moya  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Sandy Nurse  
Chi A. Ossé  
Vickie Paladino  
Keith Powers  
Lincoln Restler  
Kevin C. Riley  
Carlina Rivera  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Pierina Ana Sanchez  
Lynn C. Schulman  
Althea V. Stevens  
Sandra Ung  
Inna Vernikov  
Nantasha M. Williams  
Julie Won  
Kalman Yeger

A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION: Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, Temple Shaaray  
Tefila on the Upper East Side located at 250 East  
79th Street in Manhattan

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Stated Meeting located in Chambers,  
4 recorded on December 6, 2023, by Nazly Paytuvi.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet on the floor,  
6 please.

7 At this time, please place all electronic  
8 devices, all electronic devices to vibrate.

9 Mr. Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: [GAVEL] Good  
11 afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of  
12 December 6, 2023. I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers.  
13 I'd like to thank everyone for joining us here today.

14 If you'd like to follow along, the agenda  
15 for today's meeting is posted on the City Council  
16 website.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Please  
18 join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise!

20 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

22 CITY CLERK: Abreu.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

24 CITY CLERK: Ariola.

25 Avilés.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

3 CITY CLERK: Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Barron.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

7 CITY CLERK: Bottcher.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Here.

9 CITY CLERK: Brannan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

11 CITY CLERK: Brewer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

13 CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: Cabán.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Carr. De La Rosa

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20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

21 CITY CLERK: Dinowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

23 CITY CLERK: Farías.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Present.

25 CITY CLERK: Feliz.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente.

3 CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Gutiérrez.

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7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

8 CITY CLERK: Ariola.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

10 CITY CLERK: Hanif.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Hanks.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Holden.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: Hudson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Joseph.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

20 CITY CLERK: Kagan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Present.

22 CITY CLERK: Krishnan.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Lee. Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

3 CITY CLERK: Marte.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Mealy. Menin.

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7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

8 CITY CLERK: Moya.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

10 CITY CLERK: Narcisse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

12 CITY CLERK: Nurse.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Ossé.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

16 CITY CLERK: Paladino. Restler.

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18 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

19 CITY CLERK: Richardson Jordan.

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21 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:

22 Present

23 CITY CLERK: Riley.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

25 CITY CLERK: Rivera.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

3 CITY CLERK: Salamanca.

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5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

6 CITY CLERK: Sanchez.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

8 CITY CLERK: Schulman.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

10 CITY CLERK: Stevens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Ung.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Velázquez. Vernikov.

15 Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

17 CITY CLERK: Won.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

19 CITY CLERK: Yeger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

21 CITY CLERK: Borelli. Powers.

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23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams.

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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

3 CITY CLERK: Mr. Majority Leader, we have  
4 a quorum.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We  
6 will now have today's invocation, which will be  
7 delivered by Rabbi Joel Mosbacher, Temple Shaaray  
8 Tefila on the Upper East Side located at 250 East  
9 79th Street in Manhattan. Welcome.

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise!

11 RABBI JOEL MOSBACHER: Holy One of  
12 Blessing, we call you by many names. Jews call you  
13 the one who created all of us in your image. May you  
14 inspire this Council to carry out its deliberations  
15 and make its decisions with that oneness in mind.  
16 Ours is a city made up of many languages, races,  
17 ethnicities, genders, sexualities, and faiths. Ours  
18 is a city made up of people who were born here and of  
19 people who came here yesterday. Ours is a city made  
20 up of people who have everything they need and of  
21 people who have barely enough to survive. May this  
22 Council remember and act with the awareness that  
23 every one of us was created in the image of the  
24 divine. Oh God, you must have a huge heart because  
25 you have created us with huge hearts. Having just

2 returned from Israel on a mission with our Reform  
3 Jewish Movement, I was reminded of just how big our  
4 hearts can be. We can have compassion for innocent  
5 Israelis and for innocent Palestinians at the same  
6 time. Our hearts are big, and we can have compassion  
7 for more than one thing, for more than one group of  
8 people at a time. As we approach Hannukah, the Jewish  
9 Festival of Light, may this Council ensure that while  
10 the hearts of New Yorkers are big that there is no  
11 room in the heart of New York for the kind of anti-  
12 Semitism, the kind of Islamophobia we have seen in  
13 our city in recent weeks. The hearts of the people  
14 who serve this city and this Body are big. God,  
15 please help them remember that. As they do their  
16 civic duty, help them have strong backs and open  
17 hearts that they might make this city a beacon of  
18 justice, of compassion, and of safety for all. Amen.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I'm  
20 now going to call on Council Member Julie Menin to  
21 spread the invocation on the record.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much,  
23 Majority Leader. I'm thrilled to be able to welcome a  
24 distinguished Rabbi from my District who has served  
25 our community for many years. Rabbi Joel Mosbacher is

2 the Senior Rabbi of Temple Shaaray Tefila here in  
3 Manhattan. Unfortunately, like so many of our houses  
4 of worship, in mid-August this summer, the Temple was  
5 one of many in my District that was victimized by  
6 anti-Semitic vandalism. Yet the work of the Temple  
7 continues and is embedded with Reform Jewish values  
8 and with a real focus on social justice. The Temple  
9 has worked nationwide on voter suppression efforts,  
10 civic engagement, fighting food insecurity, racial  
11 justice, and LGBTQ rights. As we approach the first  
12 night of Hannukah later this week, I want to wish  
13 light in this world and a happy Hannukah to all who  
14 are celebrating this Festival of Lights.

15           Once again, I want to thank you, Rabbi,  
16 for joining us today, and I make a motion for  
17 unanimous consent to spread the invocation in full  
18 upon the record. Thank you.

19           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
20 now have the Adoption of the Minutes from Council  
21 Member Charles Barron.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I had informed the  
23 Clerk that someone else has to adopt these minutes. I  
24 haven't seen them, and I'm sure I disagree with a

2 large portion of them so you have to find somebody  
3 else to adopt the minutes. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay. I will make  
5 a motion that the minutes of the Stated Meetings of  
6 November 2, 2023, and November 15, 2023, be adopted  
7 as printed.

8 We'll now go to Messages and Papers from  
9 the Mayor.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communication  
12 from City, County, and Borough Offices.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: M181, Comptroller's  
14 Report.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered,  
16 printed, and filed.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and  
18 Communications.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use Call-  
21 Ups.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
24 now have Communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority  
3 Leader. Before we begin, I want to acknowledge the  
4 lives of New Yorkers we lost over these past few  
5 weeks, whether it was due to fires, traffic  
6 incidents, or other forms of violence. We must  
7 confront with real solutions that make our  
8 communities safer and allow those who experience  
9 tragedy to heal. Safety and access to services to  
10 support New Yorkers remains a priority for the  
11 Council, and it is imperative that action continues  
12 to be taken to achieve the progress and safety that  
13 New Yorkers deserve.

14 November 30th was Barbados National Day,  
15 which celebrates the country's independence from  
16 Britain after over 360 years as a British colony. The  
17 Bajan community has contributed so much life and  
18 culture to New York City, and I wish Bajans across  
19 our city a wonderful day of celebration.

20 We observed World AIDS Day on December  
21 1st. This day is an opportunity for us to reaffirm  
22 our steadfast commitment to people living with  
23 HIV/AIDS and remember those we have lost to AIDS-  
24 related illnesses. Established in 1988, World AIDS  
25 Day serves as an important reminder about the

2 importance of our united mission to eradicate  
3 HIV/AIDS.

4 November 2nd was Special Education Day,  
5 which commemorates the signing of the Individuals  
6 with Disabilities Education Act into law in 1975. It  
7 is critical that we provide our most vulnerable  
8 students with the effective and sustained services  
9 they need to succeed. Nearly five decades after the  
10 passage of this crucial law, we remain focused and  
11 committed to supporting all students with  
12 disabilities.

13 Additionally, December 3rd was  
14 International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day  
15 to honor our disability community and advocate for  
16 further accessibility. Approximately one in four  
17 people in New York have a disability. To access our  
18 full potential as a society, it's imperative that we  
19 push for increased accessibility and prioritize  
20 inclusion so that people with disabilities can  
21 participate fully in our society and lead independent  
22 lives with dignity and respect.

23 Tomorrow night marks the first night of  
24 Hannukah. As Jewish families across New York City and  
25 around the world gather to celebrate, I want to

2 extend my warmest wishes for peace and joy during  
3 this season. On behalf of the New York City Council,  
4 Chag Hannukah Sameach.

5           On December 16th, we will observe the  
6 52nd anniversary of Bangladesh Victory Day, which  
7 commemorates the independence of Bangladesh. I'm  
8 proud to represent a District in Queens that is home  
9 to a flourishing Bangladeshi community, and we are  
10 grateful for their contributions to our city. I hope  
11 everyone has a meaningful Bangladesh Victory Day.

12           Before we continue, I want to acknowledge  
13 that Samara Swanston will be leaving the Council  
14 after 16 years of service as Counsel to the Committee  
15 on Environmental Protection. Samara, I want to thank  
16 you for your many years of dedicated public service,  
17 and we wish you the very best as you move on to your  
18 next chapter. [APPLAUSE]

19           Now, let's move on to our Stated Agenda.  
20 First, we'll vote on the following Finance items. A  
21 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member  
22 Justin Brannan authorizing a full 40-year Article XI  
23 tax exemption for one new building in Council Member  
24 Nurse's District, a Preconsidered Resolution  
25 sponsored by Council Member Brannan authorizing a

2 partial 40-year Article V tax exemption for 12  
3 buildings in Council Member Gutiérrez's District, a  
4 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member  
5 Brannan authorizing a full 40-year Article XI  
6 exemption for two buildings in Council Member Abreu's  
7 District and Council Member De La Rosa's District, a  
8 Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member  
9 Brannan authorizing a partial 40-year Article V  
10 exemption for three buildings in Council Member  
11 Richardson Jordan's District.

12               Next, we'll vote on the following Land  
13 Use items. Zoning for Carbon Neutrality, a citywide  
14 text amendment proposed by the Department of City  
15 Planning and the Mayor's Office of Climate and  
16 Environmental Justice to implement changes to the  
17 City's Zoning Resolution to expand opportunities for  
18 decarbonization and sustainability projects within  
19 all zoning districts and across all of the City's  
20 community districts. The proposal focused on 17  
21 initiatives to facilitate climate action, clean  
22 energy, and resiliency by removing barriers to  
23 greener and more efficient energy systems, buildings,  
24 transportation, and water and waste systems.



2 Belmont Osborn Rezoning will facilitate  
3 the development of one new seven-story mixed-use  
4 building. It will include approximately 100  
5 affordable housing units, ground floor retail, and 10  
6 accessory off-street parking spaces in Council Member  
7 Mealy's District. The Council will be modifying the  
8 proposal to strike MIH Option 2 and add the Deep  
9 Affordability Option and modify the rezoning area  
10 boundaries to include only the sites between Osborn  
11 and Watkins Streets.

12 534 Coney Island Rezoning will facilitate  
13 the development of a new 11-story mixed-use building.  
14 It will include approximately 43 housing units  
15 including 11 affordable units and 19 accessory off-  
16 street parking spaces in Council Member Joseph's  
17 District. The Council is modifying the application to  
18 strike MIH Option 2 and add the deep affordability  
19 option resulting in MIH Option 1 and Deep  
20 Affordability Option as the applicable MIH Options.

21 We will also vote on the following  
22 resolutions. Resolution 813 sponsored by Council  
23 Member Amanda Fariás would recognize April 13th  
24 annually as Borinqueneers Day in the City of New York  
25 in honor of the courage and wartime contributions of

2 the U.S. Army 65th Infantry Regiment and their  
3 legacy. We thank our Staff Member, Regina Paul.

4 Resolution 568 sponsored by Council  
5 Member Nantasha Williams would designate May 10th  
6 annually as National Pan-Hellenic Council Day in the  
7 City of New York to recognize the contributions made  
8 to social change by members of nine black sororities  
9 and fraternities known as the Divine Nine. Thank you,  
10 again, to our Staff Member, Regina Paul.

11 Resolution 547 sponsored by Council  
12 Member Carmen De La Rosa would call on the School  
13 Construction Authority and the Department of Design  
14 and Construction to reconsider their decision to  
15 substitute precast concrete wall panels in place of  
16 traditional handset brick and block walls on public  
17 projects in New York City. Thank you to our Staff  
18 Members, Elizabeth Arzt.

19 Resolution 579 sponsored by Council  
20 Member Eric Dinowitz would call on the Department of  
21 Education to ensure that the New York State Seal of  
22 Biliteracy is awarded in all New York City public  
23 high schools to eligible students.

24 Resolution 580 also sponsored by Council  
25 Member Dinowitz would call on CUNY to ensure that all

2 campuses award an appropriate number of college  
3 credits to students who earned a New York City Seal  
4 of Biliteracy in high school and, where required,  
5 accept that Seal as fulfillment of any foreign  
6 language requirement. Thank you, once again, to our  
7 Staff Member, Regina Paul.

8                   Resolution 742 sponsored by Council  
9 Member Shaun Abreu would call on the Department of  
10 Education to develop curriculum on machine learning  
11 and adapt their current curriculum and policies to  
12 account for the safe use of generative artificial  
13 intelligence.

14                   Resolution 767 sponsored by Council  
15 Member Rita Joseph calls on the Department of  
16 Education to mandate training on generative  
17 artificial intelligence tools including for potential  
18 classroom implementation for all educators.

19                   Resolution 766 also sponsored by Council  
20 Member Joseph would call on the Department of  
21 Education to update its Computer Science for All  
22 initiatives to increase access to CS4ALL professional  
23 development for educators and administrators,  
24 particularly for those in underserved schools and to  
25 increase training for all teachers.

2 Resolution 534 also sponsored by Council  
3 Member Joseph would call on the New York State  
4 Legislature to pass and the New York State Governor  
5 to sign A3723/S759 and A816/S879 which would extend  
6 the hours of use for student Metro Cards in New York  
7 City and would prohibit MTA from promulgating rules  
8 or regulations that penalize the student for using a  
9 student Metro Card when school is not in session.  
10 Thank you to our Staff Members, Chloe Rivera and  
11 Kevin Kotowski.

12 Resolution 345-B sponsored by Council  
13 Member Pierina Sanchez would call on the New York  
14 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
15 A1493 and S2721 in relation to establishing a New  
16 York State Office of Civil Representation to provide  
17 access to legal services in eviction proceedings.  
18 Thank you to our Staff Members, Taylor Zelony, Claire  
19 MacLachlan, Jose Conde, and Andrew Bourne.

20 Resolution 499-B sponsored by Council  
21 Member Shaun Abreu would call on the New York State  
22 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
23 A4993/S3254 requiring that any party eligible under  
24 Local Law for free legal counseling for an eviction  
25 proceeding may be granted an adjournment by the court

2 for additional time to secure counsel. Thank you,  
3 once again, to our Staff Members, Taylor Zelony,  
4 Claire MacLachlan, Jose Conde, and Andrew Bourne.

5 Resolution 165-A sponsored by Council  
6 Member Farrah Louis would call on the State to enact  
7 legislation to authorize certain shelters for victims  
8 of domestic violence to be reimbursed for any payment  
9 differential for housing a single individual in a  
10 room intended for double occupancy. Thank you to our  
11 Staff Member, Cristy Dwyer.

12 Today, we will also vote on the following  
13 pieces of legislation. Introduction 1184-A sponsored  
14 by Council Member Chi Ossé would require DCLA to  
15 provide additional details relating to ZIP code,  
16 Community Board, and Council District in its annual  
17 report on the arts and cultural organizations that  
18 receive City funding. This report is submitted to the  
19 Council and posted on the DCLA website. Thank you to  
20 our Staff Member, Christina Yellamaty.

21 Introduction 198 sponsored by Council  
22 Member Rafael Salamanca would mandate DOE to stock  
23 naloxone in all school buildings. Opioid-involved  
24 death rates have increased significantly since the  
25 beginning of the pandemic. According to the CDC, in

2 2019, nearly one in seven students reported misusing  
3 prescription opioids. Extending the availability of  
4 naloxone to all DOE schools furthers existing efforts  
5 to address the opioid epidemic and save lives. Thank  
6 you to our Staff Members, Malcolm Butehorn and Nadia  
7 Jean-Francois.

8 Introduction 417-B sponsored by Lincoln  
9 Restler would consolidate the Community Board notice  
10 requirement for bike lanes with the notice process in  
11 place for major transportation projects and would  
12 repeal the existing standalone process for bike  
13 lanes. This bill would also grant Council Members and  
14 Community Boards additional time during the summer to  
15 submit comments about a proposal or to add or remove  
16 a bike lane. Finally, the bill would eliminate a 14-  
17 day waiting period for major transportation projects.  
18 We thank our Staff Members, Mark Chen, Connor Mealey,  
19 Kevin Kotowski, John Basile, and Elliott Lynn.

20 Next, Introduction 1101-A sponsored by  
21 Council Member Amanda Fariás would require the Chief  
22 Equity Officer to create an interactive anti-racism  
23 training for employees of human services contractors.  
24 The training would be an annual requirement for all  
25 employees of human services contractors who deliver

2 direct services to the public and their supervisors.  
3 Alternatively, a human services contractor would be  
4 able to develop and administer its own training as  
5 long as it meets the same legal standard.

6 Introduction 1118-A sponsored by Council  
7 Member Nantasha Williams would require the Department  
8 of Citywide Administrative Services in consultation  
9 with the Office of Racial Equity and the Commission  
10 on Human Rights to create an interactive anti-racism  
11 and anti-racial discrimination training for City  
12 agency employees. City employees including  
13 independent contractors, interns, and volunteers  
14 would be required to complete the training annually.  
15 Thank you to our Staff Members, Rachel Cordero,  
16 Jessica Boulet, and Wiam Diouri.

17 Introduction 195-B sponsored by Council  
18 Member Carlina Rivera would provide a mechanism for  
19 occupants of multiple dwelling buildings to report  
20 potential Housing Maintenance Code violations in  
21 unoccupied units. Currently, the Department of  
22 Housing Preservation and Development is not required  
23 to inspect unoccupied units and may not be able to  
24 obtain access to conduct an inspection. This bill  
25 would allow tenants to call 3-1-1 to have HPD inspect

2 the unoccupied unit and issue violations for  
3 hazardous or immediately hazardous conditions. HPD  
4 would also publish these violations on its website.  
5 Thank you, again, to our Staff Members, Taylor  
6 Zelony, Claire MacLachlan, Jose Conde, and Andrew  
7 Bourne.

8           Next, we will vote on a package of  
9 legislation to address and curb noise pollution, a  
10 major issue that impacts the quality of life of  
11 residents across this city. Introduction 774-A  
12 sponsored by Majority Leader Keith Powers would  
13 require DEP to measure sound levels within dwelling  
14 units on request when the sound is related to  
15 construction activities. DEP would be required to  
16 measure the sound level at any point within the unit  
17 with windows and doors that may affect the  
18 measurement closed.

19           Introduction 775-A sponsored by Majority  
20 Leader Powers would mandate DEP to publish the  
21 results of noise inspections online within five  
22 business days after they've been completed.

23           Introduction 776-A sponsored by Majority  
24 Leader Powers would require DEP and the NYPD to give  
25 a copy of the report created after a 3-1-1 noise



2 complaint to anyone who requests it and provide the  
3 3-1-1 tracking number within 14 days after receiving  
4 the request.

5 Introduction 770-A sponsored by Majority  
6 Leader Powers would codify and expand DEP's Noise  
7 Camera program which pairs decibel readers or other  
8 noise monitoring equipment with cameras capable of  
9 taking a series of photos, videos, or other recorded  
10 images to detect motor vehicles exceeding the noise  
11 limit under City law. Subject to appropriation, DEP  
12 would be required to ensure that there are no less  
13 than five noise cameras per borough and to consider  
14 input from elected officials and Community Boards in  
15 selecting noise camera locations. DEP would also be  
16 required to submit an annual report on the program to  
17 the Mayor and the Council and to post it online.

18 Introduction 1194-A sponsored by Council  
19 Member Jim Gennaro would cap the compensation a  
20 citizen complainant can receive from a noise  
21 complaint at 5 or 10 dollars depending on whether DEP  
22 or the citizen complainant prosecutes the proceeding.  
23 For citizen complaint proceedings commenced prior to  
24 the effective date of the bill, the maximum penalty  
25 would be capped at 50 dollars. This would reduce the

2 financial incentive for serial complainants to file  
3 multiple harassing complaints against businesses for  
4 the purpose of collecting the award money. Thank you  
5 to our Staff Members, Samara Swanston, Claire  
6 MacLachlan, Ricky Chawla, and Andrew Bourne.

7 Finally, we will vote on a comprehensive  
8 menstrual equity package that expands access to  
9 menstrual products in City facilities. From  
10 reproductive and maternal health to expanding  
11 economic opportunities, this Council has championed  
12 policies that ensure access to resources and support  
13 needed to succeed. Today's menstrual equity  
14 legislation furthers our commitment to that goal.  
15 Introduction 1059-A sponsored by Council Member  
16 Amanda Fariás would expand the definition of  
17 menstrual products to include menstrual cups. This  
18 bill would also require DCAS to include them in the  
19 provision of menstrual products to agencies,  
20 temporary shelters, and youth detention or congregate  
21 care facilities in DOC to provide all people in  
22 custody who menstruate with access to reusable or  
23 single-use menstrual cups.

24 Introduction 1057-A sponsored by Council  
25 Member Fariás would require DOC to produce an annual

2 report specifying the amount of menstrual products  
3 ordered by the Department disaggregated by product  
4 type, the amount of such product distributed to  
5 correctional facilities, and the number of products  
6 distributed to individuals in custody.

7 Introduction 1058-A also sponsored by  
8 Council Member Fariás would require DOE to develop in  
9 collaboration with the Commission on Gender Equity  
10 informational materials about menstrual products to  
11 be shared with every student in grades 4 through 12.  
12 This bill would also require DOE to submit to the  
13 Mayor and the Speaker and publish on its website an  
14 annual report regarding the distribution of such  
15 informational materials.

16 Introduction 1056-A sponsored by Council  
17 Member Carmen De La Rosa would expand the age group  
18 of students to whom the Department of Education is  
19 mandated to provide menstrual products from beginning  
20 at grade 6 to beginning at grade 4. Despite the 2016  
21 menstrual equity package, many girls still do not  
22 have access to menstrual products because many begin  
23 menstruation before the 6th grade. This bill, which I  
24 refer to as Sidney's Law, will rectify that issue.  
25 Sidney is a Southeast Queens school-aged child 4th-

2 grader who noticed this inconvenience, inequity in  
3 her own school, and I want to stand here and say  
4 thank you, Sidney, for bringing this to my attention.  
5 Your law will be passed today. [APPLAUSE]

6 Introduction 1055-A sponsored by Council  
7 Member Tiffany Cabán would require all materials  
8 generated by the City to use the terminology  
9 menstrual product rather than the phrase "feminine  
10 hygiene product" when referring to products for use  
11 in connection with the menstrual cycle. This  
12 legislation would also the Department of Education to  
13 report on the provision of menstrual products in  
14 schools to raise awareness about what is available to  
15 students as well as to monitor the DOE's compliance  
16 with the law. We thank our Staff Member, Sahar  
17 Moazami.

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

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you,  
21 Speaker Adams.

22 We're now going to move into the  
23 Discussion of General Orders. We currently have 10  
24 individuals signed up. We are starting with Council  
25 Member Gennaro followed by Council Member Avilés.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Majority Leader. I want to thank you on your package  
4 of bills that are part of the noise package that  
5 we're doing today. The Speaker went through all the  
6 bills. I want to call people's attention to your  
7 bill, which is Intro. 770-A, with regards to the  
8 noise cameras. That's going to be a real gamechanger.

9 With regard to my bill about the so-  
10 called civilian enforcement, this is something that's  
11 been poorly understood. It's been in the media a lot,  
12 but there have been people who have been abusing that  
13 process without going into a long-winded talk about  
14 it. Through this, if this passes, we would make sure  
15 that the compensation for people who bring these  
16 kinds of violations forward, they bring them to DEP  
17 and if DEP acts on it, then they get a 5-dollar  
18 bounty. If DEP takes a pass and they have to go to  
19 OATH in order to prosecute the case, they would get a  
20 10-dollar bounty. This completely keeps in place the  
21 ability of local residents to do enforcement so that  
22 doesn't go away, that stays, but what goes away is  
23 the profit incentive and people who game the system  
24 and give 5, 10, 15 violations to the same business  
25 without them knowing so the business will still be

2 held to account, both by the City enforcement and by  
3 civilians, but the profiteers will be out of  
4 business. I think that's important.

5 I want to thank the Staff. This is kind  
6 of a poignant moment for me because I'll be thanking  
7 for the last time on the Council, the great Samara  
8 Swanston for all of her 16 years of service. Going to  
9 miss her very much. I was here when she was brought  
10 on, I actually had something to do with that, and  
11 she's been great for the Council. Other people need  
12 to be thanked, but they've already been thanked, and  
13 we can't thank Samara enough. Thank you very much,  
14 Mr. Majority Leader.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.  
16 Council Member Avilés has deferred her time so we're  
17 going to go to Council Member Crystal Hudson followed  
18 by Council Member Cabán.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.  
20 As this is the penultimate Stated Meeting before this  
21 session ends, I'd like to just take a moment to  
22 congratulate my Colleagues on an already historic  
23 session. We've passed more than 230 bills, outpacing  
24 the last two year sessions in 2001 and 2003 including  
25 legislation to address the black maternal mortality

2 crisis, bolster the CityFHEPS program, expand  
3 childcare access, enhance mental health supports, and  
4 protect LGBTQIA+ folks receiving gender-affirming  
5 care, or birthing people seeking abortions in New  
6 York City from retaliation. Of the nearly 60 Land Use  
7 projects we've passed, almost two-thirds of all new  
8 housing we've approved will be affordable including  
9 projects deeply affordable for our lowest-income  
10 neighbors like the two Atlantic Avenue projects in my  
11 District, and we've held crucial oversight hearings  
12 on everything from the City's contracting process for  
13 migrants to e-bike safety to better understand the  
14 issues facing our city and highlight the  
15 Administration shortcomings and negligence. In this  
16 job, it can be tough to take a step back and survey  
17 the work that we've done when we're busy juggling  
18 myriad issues and challenges. Suffice to say we've  
19 all been pretty busy, and this work will undoubtedly  
20 improve the lives of nearly 8.5 million folks who  
21 call New York their home.

22 I want to give a shoutout to the Speaker  
23 and the entire Council team for their tireless work  
24 advancing a progressive agenda that centers the needs  
25 of historically marginalized communities.

2 I would like to also quickly congratulate  
3 my Colleagues, specifically Council Members De La  
4 Rosa, Krishnan, Sanchez, and Public Advocate  
5 Williams, on the Street Vendor legislative package  
6 introduced today. Our city's street vendors reflect  
7 the vibrant diverse nature of our communities, but  
8 right now vendors, many of whom are older adults,  
9 face an inadequate system that subjects them to  
10 unfair harassment and arrests. These bills will  
11 ensure all street vendors can thrive in our city by  
12 establishing a regulated enforceable system and, for  
13 those who are older adults, these bills will ensure  
14 they can continue to build wealth and age in place in  
15 the city they now call home. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
17 now hear from Council Member Cabán followed by  
18 Council Member Farías.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I'm  
20 proud today to be passing Intro. 1055 as part of this  
21 landmark menstrual equity package. 1055 will help our  
22 City be more responsive to the needs of students who  
23 menstruate and will rid our City's documents and  
24 materials of sexist and queer-phobic euphemisms to  
25



2 describe menstrual cups, tampons, and pads in favor  
3 of clear, inclusive language.

4           For the remainder of my time, I want to  
5 honor someone for whom this accomplishment is a  
6 capstone on two years of organizing, strategizing,  
7 visioning, scraping, scrounging, sometimes cajoling,  
8 sometimes accommodating, and always relentlessly  
9 nagging resulting in a legislative record to be very  
10 proud of. I'm talking about my Legislative Director,  
11 Madhuri Shukla, who today is taking action with the  
12 ALE Council Staff Union who has called for a fair  
13 contract. I wholeheartedly support. After several  
14 years at the Council, she will bring her formidable  
15 efforts to other endeavors at the end of this term.  
16 Today's passage is her 10th this session. That  
17 quantity would be impressive enough, but Madhuri's  
18 bills have been high quality as well not to mention  
19 high impact. Check out her record. A first-of-its-  
20 kind fund for urgently accessible micro-grants for  
21 survivors of domestic and gender-based violence,  
22 creation of an online portal and guide to all  
23 services for survivors of domestic and gender-based  
24 violence, a prohibition on the use of City resources  
25 to punish anyone involved in abortion care legally

2 sought and/or performed here, reporting on the gaps  
3 in reproductive care in New York City and  
4 recommendations on how to close them, removal of the  
5 utility deduction from housing vouchers to move New  
6 Yorkers from shelters into permanent housing more  
7 efficiently which prevailed in the face of a Mayoral  
8 veto, and, most recently, a commission to help the  
9 City improve life for queer elders. To top it all  
10 off, she's passed resolutions calling to cancel  
11 Puerto Rico's contract with Luma Energy, declaring  
12 New York City a safe city for all those in need of  
13 abortion-related care, and calling on Albany to pass  
14 a measure providing paid sick leave to domestic  
15 violence survivors and all their families.  
16 Congratulations on an incredible tenure in the  
17 Council, Madhuri. Thank you so much for your service.  
18 I speak for the whole District 22 Team when I say  
19 that we are sad to lose you but excited to see what  
20 you do next. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
22 now hear from Council Member Farías followed by  
23 Council Member Joseph.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: Thank you,  
25 Majority Leader. In New York City and in this Body,

2 we are leading the way in menstrual equity with  
3 today's passage of 5 of the 10 bills in our menstrual  
4 equity package for the Women's Caucus. Menstruation  
5 is a natural and normal part of life for millions of  
6 people. Yet, for far too many, it is accompanied by  
7 challenges, inequalities, and feelings of shame and  
8 embarrassment. Access to pads, tampons, and menstrual  
9 cups is not a luxury; it is a necessity. As  
10 legislators in Florida, Idaho, and more across the  
11 nation continue to legislate against menstrual  
12 equity, New York City is sending a clear message.  
13 Periods must not be turned into a political weapon.  
14 By censoring discussion about menstruation, refuting  
15 the need for freely accessible products, and  
16 dismissing this growing movement, you only reinforce  
17 stigma and shame and fail to meet people's basic  
18 needs. Today, with our supermajority on these bills,  
19 this Body is showing legislators across the nation  
20 that menstrual equity is not the crusade of "wokeism"  
21 as many are attempting to make it, but rather a  
22 medical and societal necessity that deserves  
23 expansion. In New York City, we will continue to  
24 reinforce our commitment to codify in protections  
25 that ensure menstrual equity for all New Yorkers.

2           Lastly, I just want to say thank you to  
3 everyone for their work on this and to all my  
4 Colleagues for their support.

5           MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
6 now go to Council Member Joseph followed by Council  
7 Member Barron.

8           COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,  
9 Majority Leader and Madam Speaker. Today, I urge my  
10 Colleagues to approve the 534 Coney Island Avenue  
11 Rezoning located in my District. This rezoning will  
12 facilitate the development of a nine-story mixed  
13 building with 40 units of housing, 11 of which are  
14 affordable. I'm proud to have negotiated for deeper  
15 affordability for the proposed residential units and  
16 for the ground floor space retail or community  
17 facility that will benefit the community. While this  
18 proposal is just one portion of one block, it has  
19 become clear that Coney Island Avenue corridor needs  
20 comprehensive planning. The current zoning has not  
21 been updated for decades and fosters a landscape of  
22 self-storage, gas station, and fast food. We've seen  
23 individual rezoning, but we need a more comprehensive  
24 and community-led approach that facilitates  
25 affordable housing, street improvements,

2 infrastructure investments, and economic development.  
3 This is my first Land Use application I've worked on  
4 since becoming a Council Member for the 40th  
5 District.

6 I would like to thank Community Board 12,  
7 the Borough President, the City Planning Commission,  
8 and my Colleagues on the Zoning Subcommittee and in  
9 the Council. Thanks to everyone's thoughtful  
10 evaluation of this proposal, we were able to achieve  
11 a housing win for this community. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
13 go to Council Member Barron followed by Council  
14 Member Rivera.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: My Colleagues, I  
16 know how you like bike lanes, but when it comes to my  
17 beloved East New York, the disrespect of the  
18 Commissioner of Transportation, Ydanis Rodriguez, and  
19 the Mayor, came into our community, the Board said  
20 no, the elected officials said no, how are you going  
21 to put bike lanes on New Lots Avenue, a two-way  
22 narrow street, buses coming both ways, and you have a  
23 shared bike lane, and then right in our housing  
24 development, Boulevard Houses and Linden Houses, they  
25 eliminated 200 parking spaces. I know...

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member,  
3 is this on today's agenda?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Excuse me?

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Is this on  
6 today's agenda?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, it is. The  
8 417. See, you like interrupting me every time.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Just wanted to  
10 know. You take us on some adventures some times. I  
11 want to know where we're headed.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Is 417 on the  
13 agenda? Is it about bike lanes, shortening the  
14 process?

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. Could  
17 you change the clock, add a few minutes?

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I'm keeping  
19 track.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay, I think  
21 we're about 30, 40 seconds so you have to add that  
22 on.

23 As I was saying before I was rudely  
24 interrupted, the bike lanes are not working in East  
25 New York. You eliminated too many parking spaces. For

2 all of you who love riding bikes, you ride on, but  
3 East New York, we're still in cars, and we need to  
4 eliminate those bike lanes. On a very serious note,  
5 it can cause accidents. We've had very near accidents  
6 because it's so ridiculously planned that the bike  
7 lanes are causing problems. We have our fair share of  
8 bike lanes so we don't need to be oversaturated with  
9 bike lanes in the black community. For the white  
10 community that loves bike lanes, y'all can have ours.  
11 Take all the bike lanes, but when it comes to East  
12 New York, it's a major, major problem, and I want you  
13 to join me in getting them to undo the bike lanes in  
14 my beloved East New York community. Thank you so  
15 much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You still had  
17 time left. There you go. We'll now go to..

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: As I was saying,  
19 before I was, and furthermore, y'all get on my last  
20 nerve. On the record.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now go to  
22 Council Member Rivera followed by Council Member  
23 Salamanca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I'm going to be  
25 brief. It's been a long afternoon. Today, we're

2 voting on Intro. 195, my bill. I hope for support  
3 because this bill not only does it change the Housing  
4 Maintenance Code in a way that requires HPD marshal  
5 resources toward the inspection of unoccupied units,  
6 but it also collects data that could help demonstrate  
7 patterns of warehousing and neglect. This bill will  
8 help address the symptoms of apartment warehousing  
9 and increase safety and security for residents. I  
10 think we all agree that New Yorkers deserve healthy  
11 homes, and this legislation further empowers HPD to  
12 guarantee that.

13 I want to thank all the advocates,  
14 attorneys, tenants, my Staff, Central Staff, my  
15 partner here, Gale Brewer, and the End Warehousing  
16 Coalition for their work. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
18 now go to Council Member Salamanca followed by  
19 Council Member Restler.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you, Mr.  
21 Majority Leader. Today, we'll be voting on Intro.  
22 198. Today is a significant win for the South Bronx  
23 and New York City, a win over six years in the  
24 making. Intro. 198 will require every school in New  
25 York City to carry naloxone kits. Inspired by a rise



2 in teen drug deaths as well as an overdose from a  
3 teacher at a school in my District, passage of this  
4 bill now makes New York City the largest school  
5 district in the country to have such a preventative  
6 measure in place. Now, following years of inaction,  
7 excuses, and roadblocks, our City's communities that  
8 have been most negatively impacted by fentanyl use  
9 will finally receive some reprieve. With the passage  
10 of Intro. 198, we are mandating the Department of  
11 Education to take preventative steps against fentanyl  
12 overdoses that occur near educational institutions by  
13 keeping naloxone kits in every single school in our  
14 city. Our communities have been ravaged by the  
15 effects of fentanyl introduction in our city. In my  
16 District, we have seen these consequences befall our  
17 most innocent, our children. For far too long, Bronx  
18 children have been forced to tiptoe their way into  
19 their schools because needles laced with fentanyl are  
20 carelessly thrown on sidewalks and green spaces  
21 surrounding the school entrances. For far too long,  
22 Bronx parents have had to fear whether one of these  
23 needles will harm their children, forcing them to  
24 become yet another statistic of our war against the  
25 opiate crisis. Now, thanks to the passage of Intro.

2 198, we are ensuring that preventative measures are  
3 in existence to protect our children and our teachers  
4 and our parents. Facts are undisputed, and the fact  
5 of this matter is that the increase in availability  
6 of naloxone kits in our city schools as a result of  
7 the passage of Intro. 198 will help save lives. Thank  
8 you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
10 now hear from Council Member Restler followed by  
11 Council Member Ossé.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you,  
13 Majority Leader. I want to especially thank the  
14 Speaker and Majority Whip, Chair Brooks-Powers, for  
15 their leadership and support in bringing Intro. 417-B  
16 to the floor today. This has been a particularly  
17 deadly year for cyclists in the City of New York. In  
18 fact, 26 people are dead, and we're on pace for the  
19 deadliest year for cyclists in decades. 94 percent of  
20 those cyclists who have died have died riding outside  
21 without a protected bike lane. We know what saves  
22 lives. We need a network of truly protected bike  
23 lanes to ensure that people can get around our city  
24 safely. 550,000 cycling rides happen every single day  
25 in New York City, but there would be so many more if

2 cycling was safer. With Intro. 417-B streamlining the  
3 process to install bike lanes around the City of New  
4 York, we will get potentially on track to achieve the  
5 goals of the Streets Master Plan, which requires us  
6 to build 250 miles of bike lanes by the end of 2025.  
7 We've only done 35 miles so far so we've got a long  
8 way to go, but, with the passage of this bill, we've  
9 got a shot of getting it done and making it safer for  
10 cyclists all across the city so I hope you'll  
11 consider supporting this bill today.

12 I really want to thank everybody who's  
13 worked on it to help make it possible. Committee  
14 Counsel Mark Chen, (INAUDIBLE) from the Speaker's  
15 team for their help and leadership, and especially my  
16 Chief-of-Staff Molly Haley, and all of the advocates  
17 who have pushed on this bill from StreetsPAC to Trans  
18 Alt to League of Conservation Voters, Open Plans New  
19 York, and many others. Appreciate all your support.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
21 hear from Council Member Ossé followed by Council  
22 Member De La Rosa.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you, Majority  
24 Leader. I'm so excited to be voting on Intro. 1184-A  
25 today. I have proudly my first term as Chair of the

2 Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and  
3 International Intergroup Relations, standing as the  
4 cultural community's advocate and champion. For  
5 years, the cultural community has sought this  
6 legislation which will provide much-needed  
7 transparency into the process of distributing the  
8 cultural development funds. I extend a special thanks  
9 to Culture at 3 for their advocacy and help in  
10 perfecting the bill. Tax dollars belong to all of us.  
11 The cultural organizations that represent all of us  
12 should each have a fair shot at getting them. We know  
13 there are too often demographic disparities in who  
14 receives CDF funding and, with Intro. 1184-A, we will  
15 be able to determine specific problems and uproot  
16 them. New York's diversity is to thank for our  
17 undisputed role as cultural capital of the world.  
18 Today, we deliver for all New Yorkers.

19 I want to thank Madam Speaker as well as  
20 all of the Committee Staff who worked on this. Also,  
21 as the year draws to a close, I also want to take  
22 this opportunity to thank my Staff for everything  
23 they've contributed to my office and our  
24 constituents, my Chief-of-Staff Naomi Hopkins, my  
25 Legislative Director May Vutrapongvatana, my

2 Communications Director Elijah Fox, my Director of  
3 Strategic and Community Partnerships Arlean Gillin,  
4 my Scheduler and Officer Manager Christina Serrano,  
5 my Constituent Services Liaison Tasheika Gordon, my  
6 photographer Jordan Masey (phonetic), and my  
7 videographer Evan Reed (phonetic). Thank you so much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
9 now hear from Council Member De La Rosa followed by  
10 Council Member Williams.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you. At  
12 today's Stated, we are voting to pass Intro. 1056-A,  
13 which our Speaker has appropriately named Sidney's  
14 Law, which would expand the schools in which the  
15 Department of Education is required to provide  
16 menstrual products to include schools serving  
17 students in any combination of grades 4 through 12.  
18 Many people with periods can attest to their first  
19 experience in getting their period, possibly having  
20 difficulty knowing who to turn to for help or knowing  
21 what to do in the situation. The experience often  
22 comes with shame and confusion, but we are working to  
23 educate New York City about menstrual products. We  
24 simultaneously seek to expand access to those who are  
25 left on the margins like our youngest school

2 children. This legislation is one piece of a larger  
3 package that we will vote on today, and it will  
4 expand access to menstrual products for correctional  
5 facilities and to a larger set of students in our  
6 school system. I am proud to stand alongside this  
7 woman-led majority City Council and, as a mother of a  
8 public school child, I am proud of the package that  
9 we are passing today.

10 I also want to take the opportunity to  
11 thank Speaker Adams for her leadership, our Chairs of  
12 the Women's Caucus as well as our Chair for the  
13 Committee of Women and Gender Equity. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.  
15 Finally, we'll hear from Council Member Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so  
17 much, Majority Leader. I am looking forward to the  
18 swift passing of Intro. 1118-A and Reso. 568. 1118-A  
19 requires DCAS in consultation with the Office of  
20 Racial Equity and the Commission on Human Rights to  
21 create an anti-racism and anti-racial discrimination  
22 training for City agency employees including agency  
23 interns, independent contractors, and volunteers.  
24 This is critical in dismantling the longstanding  
25 systems of oppression that perpetuate discrimination

2 and racial inequity, and of the best tools we have at  
3 our disposal is education. I am proud that both my  
4 bill and Council Member Fariás' bill, which are part  
5 of the Juneteenth package, will be passing today.  
6 Both bills are aimed at educating and training the  
7 City's workforce and the human service sector. These  
8 bills will aid in our ongoing work toward creating a  
9 safer and more equitable environment for all New  
10 Yorkers.

11           Lastly, I'm thrilled to recognize the  
12 National Pan-Hellenic Council by designating May 10th  
13 as NPHC Day. As a member of one of the Divine Nine  
14 organizations, we are more than an affiliation. It's  
15 a profound connection to a legacy of excellence,  
16 unity, and service. This Day celebrates the rich  
17 tapestry of experiences and impactful contributions  
18 woven by members like myself, Speaker Adams, Council  
19 Member Fariás, and Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-  
20 Powers as well as Council Member Kevin Riley into the  
21 fabric of our community.

22           As always, I'd like to thank Committee  
23 Staff and bill drafters, Jessica, Wiam, and Regina  
24 and my Staff for their work leading up to this vote  
25

2 and the Speaker for her leadership and to all my  
3 Colleagues for your support. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Any  
5 other Members signed up to speak?

6 Seeing none, we'll move into the Report  
7 of Special Committees.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Report of  
10 Standing Committees.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
12 Civil and Human Rights, Intros 1101-A and 1118-A,  
13 Anti-Racism Training.

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

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
17 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
18 Intergroup Relations, Intro. 1184-A, DCLA Annual  
19 Reporting.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
21 General Orders.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
23 Education, Intro. 198-A, Opioid Antagonists in School  
24 Buildings.



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

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
5 Environmental Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts,  
6 Intros 774-A through 1194-A on page 3, Noise  
7 Complaints, Inspections, and Violations.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
9 General Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
11 Finance, Preconsidered LU 288 and Reso. 854 through  
12 Preconsidered LU 291 and Reso. 857, Tax Exemptions.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
14 General Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
16 Housing and Buildings, Intro. 195-B, Unoccupied  
17 Dwelling Units.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on  
19 General Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
21 Land Use, LU 277 through LU 285 on page 5, Zoning  
22 Amendments.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Approved with  
24 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
25

2 Commission pursuant to Section 197 of the New York  
3 City Charter.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
5 Transportation and Infrastructure, Intro. 417-B,  
6 Notice Requirements for Transportation Projects.

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

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
10 Women and Gender Equity, Intros 1055-A through 1059-  
11 A, Menstrual Equity Package.

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

14 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar,  
15 LU 277 and Reso. 858, City of Yes for Carbon  
16 Neutrality.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 278 and Reso. 859 and  
19 LU 279 and Reso. 860, Belmont Osborn Rezoning.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 281 and Reso. 861 and  
22 LU 285 and Reso. 862, 534 Coney Island Avenue.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing  
25 various persons, Commission of Deeds.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on all  
4 of the items coupled on today's General Orders  
5 Calendar.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.

9 Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
12 you. Abreu.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all with  
16 the exception of Land Use item 277 and accompanying  
17 Resolution 858 as well as Intros 417-B, 195-B, 1101-  
18 A, 118-A, and Intro. 1055-A. Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Permission to  
21 explain my vote.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all with  
24 the exception of 1194-A and 778-A. While I'm voting  
25 yes today on Carbon Neutrality, I want to express my

2 deep disappointment that the concerns of our  
3 environmental justice community were not taken  
4 seriously during the conversations in this text  
5 amendment. Among the concerns expressed by advocates  
6 and community members are the lack of attention paid  
7 to last mile facilities and their detrimental effect  
8 on any carbon neutrality goals as well as how  
9 unintended technology such as carbon capture will be  
10 swept up in overly broad definitions that are  
11 intended to only allow for the expansion of solar  
12 technologies across our city. While DCP's response  
13 was that these concerns were not within scope, what  
14 I'd like to hear from them instead is how can we  
15 address these very real concerns that pose an  
16 existential threat to our communities and still be  
17 within scope. I look forward to such a conversational  
18 approach as we explore the upcoming text amendment,  
19 Zoning for Economic Opportunity.

20 In terms of Intro. 1194, I'm voting no  
21 because I'm concerned about the impacts that changes  
22 will have on our neighborhoods and implications that  
23 it may have for areas where we have citizen  
24 enforcement, especially as it relates to idling in  
25 the community. At times where DEP lacks the capacity

2 for fully enforcing existing environmental laws and  
3 when we would like the NYPD to have fewer civilian  
4 encounters, making sure our communities are livable  
5 with regards to environmental concerns is at least in  
6 part left to our communities. While I agree that no  
7 individual should be excessively profiting off of  
8 civilian complaints or using the complaint portal as  
9 a tool to harass buildings, we shouldn't  
10 disincentivize the submission of complaints which  
11 could improve our communities but rather we should be  
12 targeting the specific type of behavior we wish to  
13 see curbed. Thank you very much.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on 417-

18 B. I believe that the very intent of safety is  
19 compromised by the incompetent way that they are  
20 doing the bike lanes. It'll create more problems so I  
21 vote no on that.

22 I also vote no on 1194-A for the reasons  
23 my Colleague mentioned, Council Member Alexa Avilés  
24 (INAUDIBLE) the same position that she has on that.

2 I also am voting no on LU 284 with Reso.  
3 861 and LU 285, Reso. 862. I want to be consistent in  
4 voting for housing projects that are 60 percent  
5 affordable and more.

6 I abstain from LU 277, Reso. 858. I want  
7 to know more about this entire City of Yes. Could be  
8 a City of No unless we examine the whole plan and not  
9 piecemeal it so I just want to see the whole plan  
10 with the Carbon Neutrality included in it and not  
11 piecemeal it and we wind up voting for something  
12 piece by piece instead of what the whole City of Yes  
13 plan is going to mean for affordable housing and the  
14 environment so I abstain from that.

15 Aye on all the rest.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
17 you. Bottcher.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all with  
19 the exception of Intro. 1194-A.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye. I do  
24 want to, along with Council Member Rivera, say the  
25 good thing about 195-B, which on this vacancy for

2 warehoused apartments. Just to give you an example  
3 how many are vacant, IBO said 13,000 over the last  
4 two years that are rent-stabilized, and the 2021 New  
5 York City Housing and Vacancy Survey said of the  
6 stabilized almost 43,000. We don't have the data, and  
7 so we need to get that. This bill will help do that  
8 and obviously it'll also help making sure that those  
9 who live next door to a vacant apartment are not  
10 dealing with leaks and pests and rubbish and all the  
11 other things that come when you have a vacant because  
12 between the courts and HPD, that apartment should be  
13 inspected and dealt with as it should be in terms of  
14 making it safe so I vote aye on all. We cannot get  
15 rid of vacancies in the City of New York. That has to  
16 be done by the State, but this is a good beginning.  
17 Thank you very much.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
19 you. Brooks-Powers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Cabán.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'll be voting no on

25 LU 277 with accompanying Resolution 858 as well as

2 Introductions 195-B, 417-B, 1055-A, 1101-A, and 1118-  
3 A, and aye on the rest. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
5 you. One moment. De La Rosa.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all  
9 except 417-B.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Permission to  
14 explain my vote.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I vote aye on all,  
17 and I want to congratulate all Colleagues that are  
18 passing bills today.

19 I also want to reiterate some of the  
20 concerns that were mentioned earlier about 417-B. Not  
21 even the bill but just the Department of  
22 Transportation. I've been in office for three years  
23 working very closely with every single agency in the  
24 City of New York, and I'm concerned about the  
25 Department of Transportation, a department that has



2 shown time and time again that they have very little,  
3 if no, interest in actually listening to communities.  
4 This is a city of people, not a city of bureaucrats.  
5 This is a city of people, a city of communities, and  
6 it is important that every agency listen to community  
7 feedback. This is what they're there for. When I say  
8 listening, I mean real listening, not scheduling a  
9 meeting to smile and pretend like you're listening  
10 but truly listening to the real concerns of a  
11 community. I vote aye on all. It is a great bill, but  
12 I hope that the agency in charge of enforcing this  
13 bill or working this bill can do a better job at  
14 listening to communities. Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
16 you. Gennaro.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

19 Gutiérrez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

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

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye on all  
4 with the exception of Intro. 417-B, in which I'm a  
5 no, and I would like everyone to join me in wishing  
6 our illustrious Speaker an early happy birthday.

7 [APPLAUSE] You didn't think you were going to get  
8 away with that one? Thank you.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
10 you. Holden.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except  
12 LU 277 and Reso. 858 and Intros 417-B and 195-B. Aye  
13 on the rest.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
15 you. Hudson.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all with  
17 the exception of Intro. 1194-A for which I abstain.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
19 you. Joseph.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I vote no on Land  
23 Use 277 and accompanying Resolution 858.

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2 I'm voting no on Intro. 417-B. Basically  
3 more bike lanes, there's no questions asked by  
4 anybody.

5 Also against Intros 195-B, 1101-A, and  
6 1118-A.

7 I vote yes on everything else.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
9 you. Krishnan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.  
12 Louis.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to  
14 explain my vote.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you. I want  
17 to thank all bill sponsors as well as Council Member  
18 Cabán and Cristy Dwyer for their help with Reso. 165-  
19 A, a bill that reforms policies that would modify  
20 funding strategies and offer DV survivors a safe and  
21 suitable and accessible shelter regardless of family  
22 size so I want to thank you all for your support on  
23 that.

24 I vote aye on all except for Intro. 417-A  
25 (sic).

2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy.  
3 Menin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Narcisse.

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

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you,  
11 Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

12 Today, as we consider the City of Yes  
13 Carbon Neutrality initiative, I stand in solidarity  
14 with the urgent needs to address the climate crisis  
15 affecting all our communities. The goal outlined is a  
16 great one, but, however, I must voice a critical  
17 concern that echoes for our Community Boards and many  
18 residents, the financial implication. That's what I  
19 want to talk about. Therefore, as I cast my vote, I  
20 urge a commitment to working closely with the  
21 Administration. Our focus should be on securing  
22 funding, carefully managing the implementation of  
23 this initiative, and most importantly maintaining  
24 active and meaningful engagement with our communities  
25 throughout this process. Let us ensure a future that

2 is not only environmentally sound but also equitable  
3 and inclusive for all our residents. I say that for  
4 417, as our Community Board recommended, is not  
5 suitable for the time right now, but I will work  
6 closely again to making sure that whatever we do in  
7 our community, everyone is engaged. On that note, I  
8 will say no to that, and I'm looking forward to work  
9 to make sure that our children are included in  
10 cycling and they make access for bicycles for our  
11 children and implement them in schools as well,  
12 making sure they have helmets and the bike because  
13 most of our communities right now the children cannot  
14 afford those bikes and they cannot afford helmets so  
15 that's what I'm saying.

16 Thank you so much for your time, and I  
17 will say thank you for my Council Member De La Rosa,  
18 547. I know a lot of folks calling. They're losing  
19 their jobs so thank you on that.

20 On that note, I will vote aye on all the  
21 rest and happy, happy early birthday for Madam  
22 Speaker. Thank you so much.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council  
24 Member Narcisse, my apologies. Could you clarify your  
25 vote for me, please? My apologies.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Clarify the  
3 vote?

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I say aye on all  
6 except 417-B.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Okay.

8 Thank you. My apologies. Thank you. Nurse.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye on all,  
10 and congratulations to Council Member Amanda Fariás  
11 for this amazing package for menstruation equity.  
12 Congratulations.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote no on LU  
17 277 with Reso. 858.

18 I vote no on Intros 417-B, 195-B, 1101-A,  
19 1118-A, and 1055-A. Thank you. Aye on all the rest.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
21 you. Restler.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

24 Richardson Jordan.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye on  
3 all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

7 Salamanca.

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. As a  
12 former District Manager of a Community Board, I've  
13 experienced firsthand the disrespect the DOT has  
14 shown my community throughout the years with a group  
15 of individuals who are not from our communities  
16 making changes as they see fit. Removing checks and  
17 balances would just further their behavior and  
18 empower the Department of Transportation. Therefore,  
19 I will be voting no on Intro. 417-B and aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Permission to  
22 explain my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you. I just  
25 want to join in Council Member Avilés' concerns with

2 respect to the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality and  
3 the reality that the many concerns of the  
4 environmental justice community and advocacy  
5 organizations were not addressed and hope that in the  
6 future conversations, discussions, and policy changes  
7 around the City's decarbonization and climate  
8 mobilization policies, we are able to account for  
9 their concerns.

10 With that, I vote aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
12 you. Stevens.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I vote aye on  
14 all, and I would like to be associated with the  
15 remarks of Council Member Oswald Feliz of making sure  
16 that agencies are listening to communities and taking  
17 their actual feedback into consideration and DOT is a  
18 habitual agency that does not listen to the requests  
19 and demands of communities. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I vote aye on all  
22 except for Intro. 417-B which I vote no. Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all  
25 except no on Land Use item 277, no on Intros 417-B,



2 195-B, 1101-A, 1118-A with accompanying Resolutions  
3 345 and 499, and no on 1055-A. Thank you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
5 you. One moment. Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on  
7 all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the  
12 exception of LU 277, Resolution 858, Introductions  
13 417, 1101, 195, and 1118.

14 Mr. President, may I be excused to  
15 briefly explain my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you. Just  
18 very quickly on 417, I'm not going to echo what the  
19 good Colleagues here have mentioned earlier and you  
20 see that it's from across the spectrum. People who  
21 represent the regular neighborhoods of New York know  
22 what it means to have to deal with DOT. They get to  
23 do anything they want anyway, and what this bill does  
24 is it repeals a law by a very wise gentleman who once  
25 walked these halls, former Councilman Lew Fiddler.

2 When he did this law, the idea was to give  
3 communities an opportunity not just to opine on their  
4 on destiny and what their neighborhoods ought to look  
5 like but to have an opportunity to work with the  
6 other side of the building in charting that course  
7 and charting that destiny, and what this bill does no  
8 matter how it's framed is it takes that away. It  
9 takes it away from the communities. It ought to be  
10 the case that communities can decide what their  
11 neighborhoods should look like. After all,  
12 communities are the ones that pay for their  
13 neighborhoods. They pay the taxes on it, and  
14 outsourcing the decision of what a neighborhood ought  
15 to look like by a bunch of bureaucrats who have never  
16 even set foot in the neighborhood in most cases is  
17 incredibly, I think, shortsighted. I'd also just  
18 point out as I've pointed out many times on this  
19 floor that God bless you if you want to get a stop  
20 sign, if you want to get a traffic signal, if you  
21 want to get a speed hump, if you want to get anything  
22 out of DOT in less than three years, four years, five  
23 years before they tell you we just studied it five  
24 years after you asked for it and no. In my first  
25 several years in office, I was still getting

2 responses back from things that my predecessor had  
3 asked for so the idea that we want to give more power  
4 to DOT to do whatever they want to our neighborhoods  
5 I just think is shortsighted. I think that we will  
6 hear from our neighbors when they see the  
7 ramifications or repercussions of what it is that  
8 we've done here today, but at least I'll be able to  
9 tell them that I was a no vote. Thank you very much.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to  
12 explain.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Go ahead.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: At the risk of  
15 sounding like a parrot, I also want to speak on 417-  
16 B. The one thing that unites so many of us and I've  
17 gotten to speak to just about every one of you on a  
18 host of different issues, the one thing that unites  
19 us all and brings us all together is our anger and  
20 frustration with one agency oftentimes above all, and  
21 it's DOT. Whether it's bike lanes, speed bumps, stop  
22 signs, traffic lanes, pedestrian ramps, whatever it  
23 is, I know that most of you have gone to them and  
24 said I represent this community, things should be  
25 this way and instead they're that way, and the answer

2 has been no. The law we're repealing was passed by  
3 this Council in order to give voice to the  
4 communities, to the Community Boards, the people who  
5 live there, and now we're voting to repeal that, and  
6 that's wrong, but to vote to voluntarily give our own  
7 power over to DOT, to have meaningful weight on  
8 decisions that affect our community is I think the  
9 bigger problem than simply just bypassing some  
10 Community Boards, etc., so with that, I will vote aye  
11 on all except Land Use 277 and Reso. 855, Intros 417-  
12 B, 195-B, 1101-A, and 1118-A. Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
14 you. Powers.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker  
17 Adams.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on  
20 today's General Orders Calendar are adopted by a vote  
21 of 47 in the affirmative, zero negative, zero  
22 abstentions with the exceptions of Land Use items 284  
23 and 285 and accompanying Resolutions adopted by a  
24 vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1 negative, zero  
25 abstentions, Land Use 277 and Resolution 858 adopted

2 by a vote of 38 in the affirmative, 8 negative, and 1  
3 abstention, Introduction 417-B adopted by a vote of  
4 32 in the affirmative, 15 negative, and zero  
5 abstentions, Introduction 195-B adopted by a vote of  
6 39 in the affirmative, 8 negative, and zero  
7 abstentions, Introduction 1101-A adopted by a vote of  
8 40 in the affirmative, 7 negative and zero  
9 abstentions, Introduction 1118-A adopted by a vote of  
10 40 in the affirmative, 7 negative, and zero  
11 abstentions, Introduction 1055-A adopted by a vote of  
12 42 in the affirmative, 5 negative, and zero  
13 abstentions, Introduction 1194-A adopted by a vote of  
14 43 in the affirmative, 3 negative, and 1 abstention,  
15 and Introduction 778-A adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
16 affirmative, 1 negative, and zero abstentions.

17 I want to give a shoutout to Billy Martin  
18 for keeping track of all that.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
20 you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will now move  
22 into the Introduction and Reading of Bills.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
24 referred to Committees as indicated on today's  
25 Agenda.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're  
3 now going to move into the Discussion of Resolutions.  
4 We first will hear from Council Member Dinowitz  
5 followed by Council Member De La Rosa.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Good afternoon.  
7 I am excited that we're voting on two resolutions  
8 today, Resolution 580 calling on the City University  
9 of New York to ensure that all campuses award an  
10 appropriate number of college credits to students who  
11 earn a New York State Seal of Biliteracy in high  
12 school and, where required, accept that Seal as  
13 fulfillment of any foreign language requirement and  
14 its companion, Resolution 579, calling on the DOE to  
15 ensure that the Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to all  
16 New York City public high school eligible students.  
17 This Seal offers students the opportunity to  
18 demonstrate their biliteracy in English and any other  
19 world language without the confines of a single high-  
20 stakes exam, but I am excited not just because I  
21 introduced these resolutions but because we have two  
22 very special guests here today. Two Hunter College  
23 students I had the honor of working with last  
24 semester, Ariadna Pavlidis Sanchez and Isabella  
25 Grullon who are in the back here today. If we can

2 give them a round of applause because it's through  
3 their research and advocacy that these resolutions  
4 are passing. [APPLAUSE] Our diverse body of bilingual  
5 students deserve to have their skills and their hard  
6 work recognized, and these Resolutions will help do  
7 that. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
9 now hear from Council Member De La Rosa followed by  
10 Council Member Sanchez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you. We  
12 are voting to pass Resolution 547 calling upon the  
13 New York City School Construction Authority and the  
14 New York City Department of Design and Construction  
15 to reconsider their decision to substitute precast  
16 concrete wall panels in place of traditional handset  
17 brick and block walls in public projects in New York  
18 City. The use of precast concrete wall panels  
19 undercuts city industry, harms the environment, harms  
20 our health, and increases the cost of City projects.  
21 I am proud to have worked alongside the Bricklayers  
22 and Allied Craft Workers Local Union number 1, the  
23 Mason Tenders District Council, and the New York  
24 State Concrete Masonry Association to address the  
25 harms within our City's construction projects, and I

2 ask my Colleagues to vote in favor of this  
3 Resolution. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. I just  
5 want to announce one revision to that tally from  
6 other. Introduction 1055-A adopted by a vote of 43 in  
7 the affirmative, 4 negative, zero abstentions.

8 We'll now hear from Council Member  
9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,  
11 Majority Leader. The Right-to-Counsel not only  
12 enables tenants to fight frivolous evictions, but it  
13 ensures that tenants are better able to navigate  
14 systems and access stabilization programs like  
15 housing vouchers which we here at the Council have  
16 worked to expand. These programs that help them to  
17 stabilize themselves in their homes with their  
18 families for the long-term. That is why I am hopeful  
19 that my Colleagues will join in supporting Reso. 345  
20 today which calls on the State Legislature to pass  
21 and the Governor to sign legislation that would  
22 expand the Right-to-Counsel across municipalities in  
23 the State and would require adjournments until a  
24 tenant has been able to secure an attorney, which  
25 would then help address the burden on legal service



2 providers that could be beyond capacity. Thank you,  
3 Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Do we  
5 have anyone else signed up for resolutions?

6 Seeing none, we are going to have a voice  
7 vote on today's resolutions. If you wish to vote  
8 against or abstain from any of the resolutions,  
9 please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email  
10 or by approaching the dais.

11 I'll now read today's resolutions into  
12 the record.

13 Resolution 165-A calls on the New York  
14 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
15 Assembly Bill 2583 and Senate Bill 15 authorizing  
16 certain shelters for victims of domestic violence to  
17 be reimbursed for any payment differential for  
18 housing a single individual in a room intended for  
19 double occupancy. Will all those in favor please say  
20 aye?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
23 nay.

24 ALL: [SILENT]

25 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

2 ALL: [SILENT]

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

4 Resolution 345-B calls on the New York  
5 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
6 Assembly Bill 1493 and Senate Bill 2721 in relation  
7 to establishing a New York State Office of Civil  
8 Representation to provide access to legal services in  
9 eviction proceedings. Will all those in favor please  
10 say aye?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
13 nay.

14 ALL: [SILENT]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

16 ALL: [SILENT]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

18 Resolution 499-B calls on the New York  
19 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
20 Assembly Bill 4993 and Senate Bill 3254 requiring  
21 that any party eligible under Local Law for free  
22 legal counsel for an eviction proceeding may be  
23 granted an adjournment by the court for additional  
24 time to secure counsel access to legal services in  
25

2 eviction proceedings. Will all those in favor please  
3 say aye?

4 ALL: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
6 nay.

7 ALL: [SILENT]

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

9 ALL: [SILENT]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

11 Resolution 534-A calls on the New York  
12 State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign  
13 Assembly Bills 3723 and 816 and Senate Bills 759 and  
14 879 which would extend the hours of use for student  
15 Metro Cards in New York City and prohibit the  
16 Metropolitan Transportation Authority from creating  
17 rules and regulations that penalize a student for  
18 using a student Metro Card when school is not in  
19 session. Will all those in favor please say aye?

20 ALL: Aye.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
22 nay.

23 ALL: [SILENT]

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

25 ALL: [SILENT]

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

3 Resolution 547 calls on the New York City  
4 School Construction Authority and New York City  
5 Department of Design and Construction to reconsider  
6 their decision to substitute precast concrete wall  
7 panels in place of traditional handset brick and  
8 block walls in public projects in New York City. Will  
9 all those in favor please say aye?

10 ALL: Aye.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
12 nay.

13 ALL: [SILENT]

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

15 ALL: [SILENT]

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

17 Resolution 568 designates May 10th  
18 annually as National Pan-Hellenic Council Day in the  
19 City of New York to recognize the contributions made  
20 to social change by members of nine black sororities  
21 and fraternities known as the Divine Nine. Will all  
22 those in favor please say aye?

23 ALL: Aye.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
25 nay.

2 ALL: [SILENT]

3 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

4 ALL: [SILENT]

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

6 Resolution 579 calls on the New York City  
7 Department of Education to ensure the New York State  
8 Seal of Biliteracy is awarded in all New York City  
9 public high schools to eligible students. Will all  
10 those in favor please say aye?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
13 nay.

14 ALL: [SILENT]

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

16 ALL: [SILENT]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

18 Resolution 580 calls on the City  
19 University of New York to ensure that all campuses  
20 award an appropriate number of college credits to  
21 students who earned a New York State Seal of  
22 Biliteracy in high school where required and accept  
23 that Seal as fulfillment of any foreign language  
24 requirement. Will all those in favor please say aye?

25 ALL: Aye.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
3 nay.

4 ALL: [SILENT]

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

6 ALL: [SILENT]

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

8 Resolution 742 calls on the New York City  
9 Department of Education to develop curriculum on  
10 machine learning and adapt their current curriculum  
11 policies to account for the safe use of generative  
12 AI. Will all those in favor please say aye?

13 ALL: Aye.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
15 nay.

16 ALL: [SILENT]

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

18 ALL: [SILENT]

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

20 Resolution 766 calls on the New York City  
21 Department of Education to update its Computer  
22 Science for All initiative to increase access to  
23 professional development for educators and  
24 administrators, particularly for those in underserved  
25

2 schools and to increase training for all teachers.

3 Will all those in favor please say aye?

4 ALL: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed.

6 ALL: [SILENT]

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

8 ALL: [SILENT]

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

10 Resolution 767 calls on New York City

11 Department of Education to mandate training on

12 generative artificial intelligence including for

13 potential classroom implementation and for all

14 educators. Will all those in favor please say aye?

15 ALL: Aye.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say

17 nay.

18 ALL: [SILENT]

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

20 ALL: [SILENT]

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

22 Resolution 813 recognizes April 13th

23 annually as Borinqueneers Day in the City of New York

24 in honor of the courage and wartime contributions of

25 the U.S. Army 65th Infantry Regiment and their

2 lasting legacy. Will all those in favor please say  
3 aye?

4 ALL: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say  
6 nay.

7 ALL: [SILENT]

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

9 ALL: [SILENT]

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: The ayes have it.

11 That concludes the resolutions for today.

12 Congratulations.

13 We'll now move into General Discussion.

14 We'll first hear from Council Member Vernikov.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you, Chair

16 Powers.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Quiet in the

18 Chambers, please.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Thank you, Chair

20 Powers. Today, Council Member Holden and I are

21 introducing Intro. 1273 which would create a public

22 database to track the expenditure of funds in

23 connection with government spending on the migrant

24 crisis. Just over a decade over, Hurricane Sandy's

25 devastation in the New York City area led to the



2 creation of Sandy Funding Tracker, which tracked the  
3 spending on the considerable relief efforts related  
4 to the Hurricane. Some of this money is still being  
5 spent today. Unfortunately, the migrant crisis is  
6 largely induced by the failures of the federal  
7 government to implement and enforce...

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please keep it  
9 down.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: And uphold its  
11 laws and worsened by their adamant refusal to send  
12 aid to New York City. While no level of government is  
13 exempt from their share of blame for this crisis,  
14 there is no doubt it has hit our city especially  
15 hard. Every dollar we spend to deal with the migrant  
16 crisis is a dollar we take away from important  
17 services intended for New Yorkers. Taxpayers deserve  
18 transparency. With an estimated 12-billion-dollar  
19 price tag which continues to increase, we must  
20 account and justify every dollar, where it's coming  
21 from, what it's for, and exactly how it is being  
22 spent. This is a matter of profound public interest,  
23 and we must come together to bring more transparency  
24 to our constituents.

2 I'd like to thank Speaker Adams,  
3 (INAUDIBLE) Nicholes, Elliott Lynn, and the  
4 Legislative Division for their work in drafting this  
5 legislation; Council Member Holden for joining me in  
6 this effort; our Legislative Staff, Troy Olson and  
7 Daniel Kurzyna; and I hope to see every Council  
8 Member sign on. Thank you in advance.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're  
10 going to now hear from Council Member Louis followed  
11 by Council Member Brooks-Powers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Majority  
13 Leader and Speaker Adams, for the opportunity to  
14 briefly discuss three pieces of legislation I am  
15 introducing alongside Council Members Riley, Ossé,  
16 and Narcisse.

17 The first, Reso. 849, a resolution  
18 designating December 4th annually as Jay-Z Day in New  
19 York City and celebrating his legendary status as a  
20 masterful emcee, lyricist, and innovative  
21 entrepreneur. The global phenomenon that is Jay-Z,  
22 born Shawn Carter, is widely known as an artist,  
23 mogul, husband and father, wealth builder, and  
24 supportive economic development and community causes.  
25 Both his career and success have spanned decades. The

2 accolades for Mr. Carter are filling museums,  
3 magazines, and libraries. TV shows and radio programs  
4 clamor to provide content dedicated to his masterful  
5 work that has inspired many. December 4th, as Jay-Z  
6 Day, announces to the world how this Brooklyn son can  
7 be all things including loved by his community. In  
8 the spirit of celebrating hip-hop's 50th anniversary,  
9 establishing an annual celebration to recognize a  
10 homegrown hero while proclaiming our municipal  
11 support is fitting to designate. Our resolution is an  
12 emotional, practical banner raised. Jay-Z has shown  
13 the resilience to beat the odds, self-admitted  
14 errors, and has developed mechanisms to create  
15 opportunities for others. As always, he has done this  
16 work wearing Brooklyn and NYC on his heart. December  
17 4th is definitely a day to offer flowers to Jay-Z. I  
18 urge my Colleagues to support Reso. 849 as well as  
19 Intros 1265 and 1269 that are co-primed by Council  
20 Members Riley and Narcisse which will significantly  
21 help improve the mental health and well-being of  
22 vulnerable New Yorkers by increasing mental health  
23 services through DOHMH during critical times and  
24 moments when people need it the most. Thank you.

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

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.  
6 First, I would like to take a moment to recognize a  
7 group of young students from Queens Prep Academy that  
8 I was able to visit this week, and I promised them  
9 that I would give them a shoutout from the Chambers  
10 today.

11 I am so proud today to speak on a bill  
12 that's being introduced. JFK Airport is an economic  
13 engine for the City creating and supporting hundreds  
14 of thousands of jobs and generating tens of billions  
15 in annual sales and wages, but it also places a  
16 significant burden on residents in my District as the  
17 airport produces pollution, noise, and truck traffic  
18 on nearby residential streets. The JFK Redevelopment  
19 Program, an 18-billion-dollar investment in JFK's  
20 future, is an enormous opportunity to ensure the  
21 airport provides long-term economic benefits for New  
22 York. It is also a chance to do right by communities  
23 nearby. That's why I'm proud to introduce Intro.  
24 1251, which would require EDC to generate regular  
25 reports on the redevelopment plans at JFK that would

2 be delivered directly to the Council for review.

3 These targeted reports would include updates  
4 regarding redevelopment progress and highlight any  
5 changes made to the scope of the project's work,  
6 timeline, or budget. The reports would also require  
7 an analysis of the impact of the redevelopment plan  
8 on communities around JFK Airport. These reports aim  
9 to help the Council hold the Port Authority  
10 accountable to the language in the existing lease  
11 agreement and protect community interests. The Port  
12 Authority and JFK's developers have an obligation to  
13 the City and its residents who deserve to benefit  
14 from the redevelopment. This bill will help both the  
15 Council and the Administration better hold the Port  
16 Authority and JFK's developers accountable to our  
17 communities. I encourage my Colleagues to sign on.

18 THANK YOU.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
20 now hear from Council Member Nurse followed by  
21 Council Member Fariás.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority  
23 Leader. I just wanted to express my support for the  
24 ALE Union and acknowledge them here today. I want to  
25 give a special shoutout to my Staff who I am

2 extremely grateful for, Carlos, Samori, Vanette  
3 (phonetic), Fran, Dom, Annelle (phonetic), and Ryan.  
4 I hope I didn't mess up and miss anyone. I don't  
5 think I did but just want to give my complete  
6 gratitude to them. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
8 now go to Council Member Fariás followed by Council  
9 Member Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Thank you, again,  
11 Majority Leader. I just wanted to take a quick moment  
12 to wish my community an early happy Bangladeshi  
13 Victory Day. The Bangladeshi community here is one of  
14 the largest in the northeast and has brought an  
15 incredibly resilient and vibrant culture to the  
16 Bronx. I'm proud to not only represent such a unique  
17 part of New York City but also be a product of the  
18 culturally rich and family-centered communities we  
19 have in Council District 18 so happy Victory Day.

20 Lastly, I'd like to encourage my  
21 Colleagues to check out some of the pretty dope bills  
22 I have introduced today and ask me any questions or  
23 concerns you might have in anticipation of our re-  
24 introductions next year. Thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
3 now hear from Council Member Barron followed by  
4 Council Member Riley.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very  
6 much. My Colleagues, I want to rise to support our  
7 Staff. It's a shame that the Staff is not given the  
8 respect and the support that they need. Overtime,  
9 higher wages, and security in their positions. I  
10 think it's time for us to support our Staff. We speak  
11 so fondly of them all the time, but, when it comes  
12 time to supporting their union, we act like we're  
13 managers. We are workers just like they are, and they  
14 should be highly respected.

15 I also stand with a lot of pain in my  
16 heart for the continued genocide of the people of  
17 Palestine. We are calling on a ceasefire in  
18 Palestine. 17,000 people were killed and 7,000 of  
19 them were children. While we continue to discuss, the  
20 media discusses October 7th as though that's when the  
21 war began with Hamas' attack on Israel, no, it  
22 started long before that. As a matter of fact,  
23 Benjamin Netanyahu, who is the Donald Trump of the  
24 Middle East, supported Hamas in 1987 against Fatah  
25 because they were manipulating to divide and conquer.

2 Too many babies are dying. I don't support the  
3 killing of any babies or innocent non-combatant,  
4 women or men, in theaters of war, but the silence  
5 from too many and the lopsided reporting when it  
6 comes to the killing of the Palestinians, this is not  
7 an Israeli-Hamas war. It's really Palestine war.  
8 Before the State of Israel in 1917, 80 percent of  
9 that land was for the Palestinians, and through  
10 terrorism they created the State of Israel so I say  
11 cease fire now, free Palestine.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now hear  
13 from Council Member Riley followed by Council Member  
14 Gutiérrez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority  
16 Leader. I'm proud to introduce a piece of  
17 legislation, an important one, in partnership with  
18 Council Member Louis and Council Member Farías, Co-  
19 Chair of the Women's Caucus. Intro. 1269 will require  
20 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to create  
21 and distribute pamphlets designed to provide  
22 information about potential mental health effects of  
23 experiencing pregnancy loss and the available  
24 resources for comprehensive support and recovery.  
25 Pregnancy loss is a deeply personal and often silent



2 struggle that impacts countless individuals and  
3 families in our communities. (INAUDIBLE) the physical  
4 and emotional challenges that come with such  
5 experiences, the toll on mental health is often  
6 overlooked, and the visuals dealing with pregnancy  
7 and infant loss often confront the shock, pain, and  
8 trauma of their loss without awareness of the network  
9 of professionals ready to assist them. It is crucial  
10 that we take meaningful measures to ensure that those  
11 contending with pregnancy loss can access the  
12 necessary mental health resources. Intro. 1269 calls  
13 on DOHMH to guarantee that these pamphlets are not  
14 only accessible to facilities operated or contracted  
15 by the Department but also ensure widespread  
16 distribution to all reproductive healthcare providers  
17 citywide. Additionally, this information will be  
18 published online in the 14 designated citywide  
19 languages with regular updates helping to close the  
20 information gap and serve all New Yorkers. This  
21 legislation is a crucial step in safeguarding the  
22 reproductive rights by recognizing the mental health  
23 factors of pregnancy loss and ensuring accessible and  
24 accurate information. It aims to foster a more  
25 inclusive and empowering healthcare environment. I

2 urge my Colleagues to join myself, Council Members  
3 Louis and Farías to positively impact the experiences  
4 of women, families, and individuals and healthcare  
5 providers dealing with pregnancy or infant loss.  
6 Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
8 now hear from Council Member Gutiérrez followed by  
9 Council Member Avilés.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you. I  
11 want to take a second to thank my incredible,  
12 incredible, hard-working Staff for an incredible  
13 first term. Your support to me, your expertise, your  
14 time for the District, Bushwick, Williamsburg, and  
15 Ridgewood is deeply, deeply appreciated, and I am  
16 also very proud to stand with them and support their  
17 efforts for a fair contract, and I just want to  
18 uplift their multiple actions at Stated and I just  
19 want to personally thank (INAUDIBLE), Joseph, Alex,  
20 Angelica, Juan, Anna, Anya, and (INAUDIBLE) Victoria.  
21 Thank you so much.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
23 now hear from Council Member Avilés followed by  
24 Council Member Hanif.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I too would also  
3 like to express my solidarity with our Staff union,  
4 ALE, and their fight for a fair contract and  
5 acknowledge all the workers who were here today and  
6 maybe some remain in the balcony, but I'd also like  
7 to comment between October and November, the conflict  
8 in Gaza has claimed at least 14,000 Palestinians and  
9 1,400 Israelis. The siege of Gaza continues to bring  
10 untold suffering to millions with an entire  
11 population of people unable to access housing, health  
12 services, and meet their basic needs. How does  
13 continuing a cycle of indiscriminate violence, mass  
14 bombings, and forced removals credibly contribute to  
15 national security and lasting peace? Violence is  
16 never a solution as is evidenced by this decades-old  
17 conflict, and I condemn the use of my taxpayer  
18 dollars being used to perpetuate this cycle of  
19 violence that will have lasting repercussions across  
20 our globe. We must create the safe space for  
21 meaningful dialogue, which is why I demand a return  
22 of all hostages and a permanent ceasefire. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now hear  
24 from Council Member Hanif followed by Council Member  
25 Sanchez.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you so much.  
3 Today, I'm proud to join eight of my Colleagues in  
4 supporting a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, release of  
5 all hostages, and end to the ongoing war. We have  
6 mourned the lives of far too many Palestinians and  
7 Israelis and uplift the call for a lasting peace.

8 I also want to thank my entire team, Nora  
9 Brickner, Alex Liao, Michael Whitesides, Mia Perez,  
10 Hannah Henderson-Charnow, Mus Lamia, Matt Malloy, and  
11 Ali Boivab for all they do for District 39 and New  
12 York City. Their dedication, talent, care, and  
13 responsiveness to this political moment is  
14 remarkable. They make our office run, and they  
15 deserve a fair union contract. As a former Council  
16 Staffer, I'm grateful ALE is fighting for just wages  
17 and working conditions. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thanks. We'll now  
19 hear from Council Member Sanchez followed by Council  
20 Member Yeger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,  
22 Majority Leader. I hope that my Colleagues will join  
23 in supporting a package of street vendor legislation  
24 that we introduced, several Members introduced today.  
25 Instead of effectively regulating street vendors

2 across the City of New York taking an education-  
3 first, we throw out the goods of street vendors. We  
4 cause them harm. We crush their hard work, causing  
5 families to fall further behind on rent, struggle  
6 with food insecurity, and not be able to integrate  
7 into U.S. society. Our current approach is unjust. It  
8 is heartbreaking. As the daughter and granddaughter  
9 of vendors, I am proud to join Colleagues who want a  
10 more realistic framework that brings vendors out of  
11 the shadows and into compliance so that all who want  
12 to make an honest living vending in our city can  
13 finally do so without fear. Please join us in  
14 supporting Intro. 1270, 1264, 1253, and 1268 for  
15 safer goods, cleaner streets, more organized New York  
16 City and a better New York City for all.

17 I also want to join my Colleagues in  
18 expressing so much gratitude to our Staff, my Chief-  
19 of-Staff, Sam Cardenas; my Legislative and  
20 Communications Director, Kadeem Robinson; Adrian  
21 (INAUDIBLE), Maria Villalobos, (INAUDIBLE), Gerard.  
22 They have worked so hard, and I wholeheartedly  
23 support their fight for a fair union contract. Thank  
24 you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Now,  
3 we'll hear from Council Member Yeger.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Mr.  
5 President. Sorry that I'm now at this time of day  
6 speaking to a most empty Chamber and those who spoke  
7 on this topic before have absented themselves here  
8 from. It's good to see people who care about life and  
9 wearing a sweatshirt or a sweater or a t-shirt to  
10 express their desire for a ceasefire. If you missed  
11 them wearing this sweatshirt saying ceasefire at any  
12 time when Hamas was raining daily missiles on Israel,  
13 at any time in the 22 months that they served in this  
14 Council prior to October 7th, I missed it too. If you  
15 missed them wearing a t-shirt that said free the  
16 hostages, don't rape women, don't cut open the  
17 stomach of a live woman and stab the baby to death  
18 while the woman is still alive, maybe those are too  
19 many words to put on one shirt. In honor of their  
20 opportunity to go to a costume shop and pick up a t-  
21 shirt and make their point standing with terrorists,  
22 standing with murderers, standing with people who  
23 want to decimate the Jewish people, because they want  
24 a ceasefire. Everybody wants a ceasefire. The people  
25 of Israel wanted a ceasefire from the thousands and

2 thousands of missiles that were raining upon them,  
3 some of the Members of this Council have seen those  
4 towns where they were rained on. Israel didn't cause  
5 that except by being alive, except by the Jewish  
6 people living. That's what brought those missiles on.  
7 They didn't have the time or the ability  
8 unfortunately to get t-shirts that said all those  
9 words on it so they picked three words and they put  
10 it on a t-shirt then we've had our performative art  
11 for the day, but I think it's important the truth be  
12 told, and I'm speaking the truth. The numbers that  
13 they're using are not truthful. Everybody knows that  
14 the Gaza Health Ministry is Hamas, and those are the  
15 numbers that are being used. I appreciate all the  
16 performative art of today, and I appreciate the  
17 opportunity to respond. Thank you, Mr. President.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Do we have anyone  
19 else signed up to speak?

20 Thank you. I'll now call on Speaker  
21 Adrienne Adams to close our today's Stated Meeting.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader  
23 and Colleagues. The Stated Meeting of December 6,  
24 2023, is hereby adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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