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

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright, we are
5 going to begin the ceremonials. [background
6 comments] Thank you all. Hello. I am Majority
7 Leader Laurie Cumbo, and I am proud to present
8 today's ceremonials. We are going to begin with
9 Council Member Grodenchik, and he's going to come
10 over, and we're going to recognize his very, very
11 prestigious guest today. It is an honor to have you
12 here today, and as a member of the Women's Caucus we
13 are super thrilled to have you here today as well.
14 So, if all of the members that are here could
15 currently join us. Today the New York City Council
16 is honoring Diane B. Call for her service after 47
17 years to Queensborough Community College. Give it up
18 for that. [applause] Who does anything for 47 years
19 nowadays, and this is so incredible and she's only 48
20 years old, which is wonderful, and let me explain
21 something to you. Eight of those years she served as
22 the first female president. [applause] So, we are
23 very proud of that distinction because you area
24 trailblazer and you are making herstory ever single
25 day. So, thank you for opening up those channels so

2 that more women can know that they can lead, and that
3 women can hold all offices and all positions
4 throughout this city and the world. She devoted her
5 career making Queensborough Community College into a
6 renowned and exemplary part of the CUNY system, and
7 not only is she a trailblazer as the first female
8 president, but she also created a student centered
9 learning environment, which emphasized on
10 collaboration making it a nationally renowned model
11 for student success. Women leaders are all about
12 collaboration. So, please gather around to help me
13 wish Diane B. Call a big congratulations and huge
14 thank you for her legacy of service, which has had an
15 enormous impact not only to Queensborough, but to the
16 students whose lives she's influenced.
17 Congratulations and thank you so much for the
18 extraordinary work that you have done for the city of
19 New York and, of course, the Borough of Queens. I
20 see you're well represented by many of your
21 colleagues here today.

22 MALE SPEAKER: She's an honorary Queens
23 member.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Honorary Queens
3 member, and now I will turn it over to Council Member
4 Grodenchik who will make remarks.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you,
6 Majority Cumbo. Thank you to my colleagues and to
7 everybody who is here today. I'm a numbers person. I
8 am married to a math professor. She doesn't teach a
9 Queensborough, but she does teach. She's a full
10 professor with tenure at Nassau Community College.
11 So, it's in our blood and, you know, when you think
12 about 47 years at any school, but let alone one as
13 prestigious as Queensborough where we have close to
14 20,000 students. So, it's fair to say that Dr. Call
15 through 47 years and various in the last eight years
16 as Majority Leader Cumbo stated as the president of
17 the school has impacted the lives of well over half a
18 million people, and that is quite an achievement for
19 an educator. Most educators have—you know, if
20 you're—if you're a school teacher in the City of New
21 York you might have 25 or 30 students a year, and
22 over the course a career you might impact a thousand
23 or two thousand, but when you impact a half a million
24 to a million people's lives, it's really something
25 special, and the programs that we have there are

2 magnificent. I'm always a little wistful when I go
3 to school because it used to be golf course, but, you
4 know, [laughter] progress and we move on. I have to
5 throw that in as the Parks chair, but I really, Dr.
6 Cole on behalf of my colleagues here, the 165,000
7 people who I represent in the community, and really
8 everybody in the city of New York today. We're so
9 happy that you're here. We wish you well. We know
10 that you're not going to disappear and I've got to
11 say this: Since we all have institutions in our
12 district, and as Council Members we all get
13 complaints, and I can count on one hand the number
14 that we've gotten about Queensborough in the three
15 years I've been in the Council because they are
16 concerned about the community, and they work with it
17 and they're in the middle of the community. It's not
18 like, you know, they're not a highway, they're not on
19 a major mass transit route. So, it's not as easy to
20 get to as say Queens College or CCNY or Baruch would
21 be to get to. So, we're really happy that you're
22 here today, and this is just a small token of
23 affection that we have for you and for the work that
24 you have done for almost a half a century for the
25 kids, for the young people and the older people

2 because we have continuing education there as well,
3 general education. So, thank you, and I guess now
4 I'm going to turn it back to our mistress of
5 ceremonies.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: And my two
8 mentors are both women, Claire Schulman and Nettie
9 Mare. (sic) So just for the record, okay, Madam
10 Chair.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughs] And now
12 we will turn it over to the clerk who will read the
13 proclamation.

14 CLERK: Council City of New York
15 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
16 honor Dr. Diane B. Call upon her retirement in
17 recognition of her incredible 47 years of service to
18 Queensborough Community College including 8 years as
19 its first woman president; and

20 Whereas, with students with roots in 140
21 countries and speaking 84 different languages, Queens
22 Borough Community College of the City University of
23 New York, CUNY, proudly reflects the local Queens
24 community, and is among the most diverse campuses in
25 the nation. It also takes great pride in its open

2 admissions policy and its role as a critical gateway
3 into higher education for the many students who are
4 first in their families to attend college. Guiding
5 such an important institution requires a leader with
6 unwavering dedication, vision and integrity. Dr.
7 Call has been such a leader; and

8 Whereas, Dr. Call devoted here career to
9 building Queensborough into an exemplary part of the
10 CUNY system. Over the course of her remarkable
11 tenure, she honed her expertise in virtually all
12 major arenas of administration and academics of
13 Queensborough, and blazed the trail not only as its
14 first woman president and provost, but also as an
15 innovator who launched a wide range of educational
16 programs to increase student's success; and

17 Whereas, as the Provost, Dr. Call led the
18 Academic Affairs Division in creating a student
19 centered learning environment that emphasizes the
20 value of collaboration. She worked with faculty and
21 Student Affairs on curriculum and pedagogical
22 innovations and enrichment activities including
23 undergraduate research, instructional support and
24 student services programs. Today, Queensborough is
25 nationally recognized for the student-centered

2 learning environment as well as for its rigorous
3 academic programs, strong faculty and community
4 partnerships that led to internships and jobs for
5 students; and

6 Whereas, Dr. Call also garnered a claim
7 for developing the Queensborough Academies, which
8 serve all full-time degree students from admission to
9 graduation. This innovative program is a model for
10 student success and has received national recognition
11 for raising graduation and retention rates including
12 college wide initiatives that integrate curriculum
13 pedagogy advisement and co-curricular-co-curricular
14 activities. This provides a cohesive undergraduate
15 learning experience. Queensborough is one of the few
16 community colleges in the country offering such a
17 program on this scale; and

18 Whereas, under Dr. Call's leadership,
19 Queensborough has also implemented high impact
20 practices which made it possible to effectively
21 assess students' cumulative learning. The college
22 has received numerous grants including a historic
23 \$11.5 million grant from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's
24 New York CUNY 2020 geared toward connecting academic
25 excellence with entrepreneurship, and local economic

2 development. Dr. Call also spearheaded an effort to
3 increase the number of full-time faculty. Today,
4 there are—there are more than 400 full-time faculty
5 and 83% of the college's faculty hold terminal
6 degrees three times the national average for
7 community colleges; and

8 Whereas, upon her retirement, Dr. Call
9 can be proud and know that her great legacy of
10 service will continue to resonate not only within the
11 walls of a prestigious institution, but also within
12 the minds of countless students, alumni and
13 colleagues throughout our city and beyond.

14 Now, therefore, be it known that the New
15 York City Council gratefully honors Dr. Diane B. Call
16 for her extraordinary career of service to and
17 leadership to Queensborough Community College.

18 Corey Johnson, Speaker for the Entire
19 Council; Laurie A. Cumbo, Majority Leader; Barry S.
20 Grodenchik, Council Member 23rd District Queens.

21 [applause]

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow. Now that's
23 a proclamation. Sometimes you have to beef up a
24 proclamation, but I'm sure they had to edit yours

2 down. [laughter] We would love to have remarks from
3 you. Forty-seven years. We have to hear from you.

4 CHAIRPERSON GRODENCHIK: One second per
5 year.

6 DR. DIANE CALL: One second per year. I
7 want to thank the City Council—New York City Council
8 and especially the Queens Delegation because in all
9 my 47 years they were there right beside us, helping
10 us and I think Queensborough gives a great
11 opportunity to students from all over the world
12 especially New York City to gain access to a better
13 life through education, and this is a team effort. We
14 see many of the members right here, and I'm so very
15 proud to have served the City University of New York
16 at Queensborough Community College, and to have
17 worked with so many amazing legislators. So, I thank
18 you, and I really from the bottom of my heart
19 appreciate this. [cheers/applause]

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. It's
21 an honor to have you here today. Let's take a group
22 photo. [pause for photo] [background comments]
23 Alright, thank you so much Council Member Grodenchik,
24 and now we're going to bring forward Council Member
25 Chin. Can everyone from the Washington Square Music

2 Festival please join us. [cheers/applause] As they
3 say on the TV show, come on down. Tish James is in
4 the house. I felt some power behind me. I was
5 feeling a bit overwhelmed for some reason, I was kind
6 of struggling to keep my shoulders arched back the
7 correct way. Please come and join us. We are so
8 honored to have everyone from the Washington Square
9 Music Festival. Council Member Chin is very excited
10 to have you all come to City Hall today. What an
11 honor to have you here today. Even us out a little
12 bit. [background comments, pause] Thank you. Today
13 the New York City Council is proud to recognize the
14 Washington Square Music Festival for the past six
15 decades, wow of just stellar performances. Give it up
16 for that. Six decades [applause] of stellar
17 performances outdoors in historic Washington Square
18 in its 60th season of free concerts and they've kept
19 them free. They are continuing its mission providing
20 free concerts and has helped elevate emerging music
21 stars. Now, I want to recognize some of the members
22 of this great organization who are accepting this
23 proclamation to day. Peggy Friedman, the Executive
24 Director; Lutz Rath, the Music Director, Jean Lyman
25 Goetz, the Festival Manager; Laima Hood the Board

2 Chair; Sugarberry Board Member; Lois Rakoff, Board
3 Member; and George Vellonakis, Washington Square
4 Administrator. I want to thank you all for your
5 incredible service to New York City and increasing
6 the cultural vitality of New York City by providing
7 free concerts are accessible to all. I will now turn
8 it over to Council Member Chin who will also bring
9 greetings to this phenomenal organization. Thank you
10 for bringing them to the New York City Council.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. Thank
12 you, Majority Leader Cumbo.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: What an honor for
15 me. I waited, I waited. [laughs] Because when I
16 first started in the City Council, I think it was
17 your 51st season. So, I'm glad I'm still here to
18 celebrate the 60th. [cheers/applause]

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You've grown up
20 with them.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes, and they're in
22 District 1 and one of the pleasures of being the City
23 Council Member that represent the district oh, I get
24 to go to the festival every year.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, that's right.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: And I enjoy myself.
3 Of course, I stay as much as I can because I get to
4 hear wonderful music and its amazing space that you
5 sit outdoors with the trees, with the wind blowing,
6 and you have beautiful music. This—you can only get
7 that in New York City and in District 1 and in the
8 Village. So, It's my honor to be able to present you
9 the proclamation to celebrate the 60th Season and
10 many, many more to come right.

11 PEGGY FRIEDMAN: You know it's yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes and in the
13 beautiful park.

14 PEGGY FRIEDMAN: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: And thank you to
16 all the board members, all the volunteer. It's just
17 wonderful to see you all today to celebrate this
18 wonderful anniversary, and I am going to ask to read
19 the proclamation.

20 CLERK: Council City of New York
21 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
22 honor and recognize the Washington Square Music
23 Festival for 60 years of stellar performances; and

24 Whereas, founded in 1953 by a civic
25 organization the Washington Square Association. The

2 Washington Square Music Festival is the second oldest
3 free outdoor concert series in New York city.
4 Greenwich Village and Washington Square have long
5 been recognize as major hubs of artistic expression
6 of all kinds. The Washington Square Festival has
7 helped cement that reputation with excellent
8 performances for a diverse audience that transcends
9 geographic and cultural boundaries. It's programming
10 ranges from classical and Baroque to new music, free
11 from jazz and everything in between offer—often
12 featuring world premiers of works especially composed
13 for the occasion; and

14 Whereas, now in its 60th season of free
15 concert the Washington Square Music Festival is
16 continuing its mission to provide free evening
17 concerns of high artistic quality with adventurous
18 programming and unique instrumentation performed by
19 critically acclaimed instrumentalists, and singers
20 outdoors in Washington Square and nearby indoor
21 spaces. The festival began in front of the Holly
22 Statue and now performs on the main stage in
23 Garibaldi Plaza; and

24 Whereas, the Washington Square Music
25 Festival has established a reputation as venerable

2 cultural icon providing generations of loyal
3 supporters an opportunity to be outdoors in historic
4 Washington Square on summers evening and experience
5 unforgettable musical performances by often
6 highlighting young artists to go onto international
7 fame such as trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and soprano
8 Marilyn Horne. This event has helped elevate
9 emerging musical stars while continuing to entertain,
10 enlighten and educate the public.

11 Now, therefore, be it known that the New
12 York City Council is proud to honor the Washington
13 Square Music Festival in celebration of its 60th
14 Anniversary Season for fostering greater harmony in
15 New York City. Corey Johnson, Speake for the Entire
16 Council; Laurie A. Cumbo, Majority Leader; Margaret
17 S. Chin Council Member First District Manhattan;
18 Carlina Rivera, Council Member Second District
19 Manhattan.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

22 [applause]

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Wow.

24 That's phenomenal. Who would like to speak on behalf
25 of the organization?

2 PEGGY FRIEDMAN: Hi. I'm Peggy Friedman,
3 the Executive Director. I'm be brief. I just wanted
4 to thank the City of New York first for helping us
5 reach the 60th milestone to the City Council, and
6 especially to Margaret Chin for this wonderful
7 proclamation and to all the members of our team that
8 are here because it really takes a village to put on
9 musical festival, and I hope everybody who would like
10 will come Tuesdays in June this summer. God willing,
11 we should have some great music for you. Thank you
12 so much.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Thank
14 you so very much and so now we will all be in
15 District 1 for these incredible free performances.
16 Thank you again so much for your service. Sixty
17 years is an incredible accomplishment and we are so
18 happy to have you here in the City Council today.
19 Oh, I'll call you for sure. Thank you. Thank you
20 all so much. Thank you Ellen and Joy. Thank you.
21 Let's take a group photo. [background comments,
22 pause] Thank you all. Thank you so very much. Thank
23 you all for being here. Thank you.

24 PEGGY FRIEDMAN: A pleasure.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

2 MALE SPEAKER: I have to make sure I
3 start going there on Tuesday in June.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Tuesdays in June.

5 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. [background
6 comments, pause]

7 MALE SPEAKER: Willis will get me there.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Danny, you've got
9 a date, Danny. [laughter] Thank you all so much for
10 coming. Thank you all so much for coming. Thank
11 you.

12 MALE SPEAKER: Okay, and I think the name
13 is—I think one—your mother is saying it's the Bronx
14 Southwest.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, yes, that's
16 my mom.

17 MALE SPEAKER: You can go over there.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, that's my
19 mom.

20 MALE SPEAKER: I'm—I'm the President or
21 happen to be the President of the board of the Bronx
22 Southwest--

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [interposing] Oh,
24 my goodness.

2 MALE SPEAKER: --aside from being a
3 friend of Peggy--

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [interposing] Oh,
5 wow.

6 MALE SPEAKER: --for many years, but-but
7 I heard that there was this connection there.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [interposing] Oh,
9 her and Michael go way back.

10 MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And so, it's she-
12 they're reconnecting and so now they're reconnecting
13 me as well.

14 MALE SPEAKER: It's a small world
15 basically.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Such a small
17 world. Oh, that's phenomenal.

18 MALE SPEAKER: There's another
19 organization that's managed to stay-stay afloat,
20 which is nice to know they'll be there.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [interposing] For
22 60 years, right, to go through all of the
23 administrations, all the ups and down, the
24 challenges, and I know that doing outdoor concerts
25 the weather [laughs].

2 MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughter]

4 You're like nail biting every summer.

5 MALE SPEAKER: Right.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: What's going to
7 happen this day and who's the best reader of the
8 weather?

9 MALE SPEAKER: Well, we've been—we've
10 been occasionally slow down for those, but it's not
11 important with out that that language [background
12 comments]

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: It's something we
14 look forward to in the summer right?

15 FEMALE SPEAKER: oh, you're wonderful.
16 You're wonderful--

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, thank you.

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: --at your job.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, thank you.

20 FEMALE SPEAKER: You're so wise.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I love my job.

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: It's clear.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: Maybe we'll see you on
25 TV one day.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, I hope so.

3 FEMALE SPEAKER: You can use some it
4 within these days.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughs] Thank
6 you. Thank you so much. Thank you. Yes. [background
7 comments]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
9 Cornegy I don't see you. Come on down. Where are
10 you? [background comments, laughter] Will everybody
11 that is here for the ceremonial with Council Member
12 Robert Cornegy please come forward. We are honoring
13 Bob Beamon an incredible Olympian champion, legend in
14 our time. For all that are here today please come on
15 down. [applause] [background comments, pause]

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Hi. How are you?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: She's the
19 Majority Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Nice to meet you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Laurie Cumbo.
22 [background comments, pause] Representing the Bronx.

23 MALE SPEAKER: Alright, that's good.
24 Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Margaret Chin
3 represents where you're standing. [laughter,
4 background comments, pause] She won't let us forget
5 it.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow, it's a--it's
7 a royal processing coming on down.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Oh, yeah, oh,
9 year. We don't play no games. Not playing no games.
10 We're going to be--

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [interposing]
12 Wow, what an honor. Royalty has arrived.
13 [background comments, laughter]

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, thank you.
15 Oh, thank you. I enjoyed that. I enjoyed that. I
16 enjoyed that. [background comments, pause]
17 [laughter] I wish I was bold enough to say that, you
18 know, but I'm not quite bold enough to say that.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Or tall enough.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That's--that's
21 what I mean. [laughter] That's what I mean.

22 MALE SPEAKER: As long as you all stand
23 behind me, you're alright.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow, this might
3 be one of the largest ceremonials we might have had.
4 [laughter]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: And one of the
6 largest that we've had. Come on family. Let's go
7 now.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: It looks like the
9 whole Council came. [background comments, pause]
10 Congressman, Congressman Towns please come forward,
11 Congressman Towns.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: That's got
13 Southeast Queens right there. [background comments,
14 pause]

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Well, I'm just
16 going to have to move forward a little bit right
17 here. Yes. Rob, you stay where you're at because you
18 can be seen—

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'm good.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: and I'll pull you
21 forward at the right time.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Alright.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay.

24 MALE SPEAKER: Alright, pull him forward.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright.

3 [background comments, pause] I'll just kind of stay
4 up forward right here. Are we all positioned. Wow.
5 I can just feel the energy right here. Today, the
6 New York City Council. Today, the New York City
7 Council is proud to honor an Olympian who has set the
8 record 50 years ago on the long jump, Bob Beamon,
9 right. [cheers/applause] [background comments,
10 pause] A native resident of Brooklyn, New York. No,
11 I can't claim him. [laughter] He saw me trying to
12 bring him back to Brooklyn, right? A native resident
13 of Jamaica, Queens. He's out playing today. A
14 native resident of Jamaica, Queens. Always felt he
15 had a knack for track and field, which he discovered
16 in high school, and honed those skills, which led him
17 to the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City at 22 years
18 of age. [cheers/applause] At just 22 years old he
19 landed a 29-foot and 2-1/2 inches jump breaking the
20 Olympic record, which remains unbroken even today in
21 2018. [cheers/applause] When we hear about the 1968
22 Olympics I think everybody in this room wishes they
23 were there because history was made at that 1968
24 Olympics. Shortly after the Olympics, Bob was
25 dedicated to various roles to promote youth athletic

2 programs. So following the Olympics he took his
3 skillset back to the community and continued to feed
4 and inspire a generation of young people that are
5 continuing to play and to do the work that was set
6 forward. So, join me in celebrating Bob Beacon and
7 this amazing achievement [cheers/applause] here at
8 the New York City Council. Give it up.
9 [cheers/applause] Wow. I am now going to bring
10 forward Council Member Rob Cornegy who is responsible
11 for making today possible. [cheers/applause] He is
12 a great athlete in his own right who has done many
13 incredible things following his athletic career. So,
14 Council Member Cornegy, please bring us greeting.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, part-part of
16 what she said is true, and the part that is-it has to
17 be mentioned is the person really responsible for
18 today is Congress Member Ed Towns. [cheers/applause]
19 This is Congress Member Towns. [cheers/applause]

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Now, come on up.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, while I can
22 talk about Bob Beamon in a way that's a little bit
23 visceral, somebody in here, the Congress Member has a
24 real intimate relationship and a long-term

2 relationship. So, I'm going to relinquish my time on
3 the floor to Congress Member Towns.

4 CONGRESS MEMBER TOWNS: Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

6 CONGRESS MEMBER TOWNS: [applause] Thank
7 you very much. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

8 What a great day, you know, and we have to celebrate
9 this because this is a positive thing that happened
10 50 years ago that still stands.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: That's right.

12 [cheers/applause]

13 CONGRESS MEMBER TOWNS: And I think the
14 other thing that we want to talk about aside from him
15 setting that record in 1968 in Mexico, is that the
16 life that he's lived, and the things that he's done
17 on behalf of young people since that day is something
18 that we should never, never forget. Bob Beamon has
19 been a role model. I mean he has been there with
20 young people provide support in every way. He's done
21 it in Florida, he's done it in Vegas. He's done it
22 in New York City. He just—everywhere he's gone he
23 has done that. He has raised funds for young people
24 to able to get them into schools throughout this
25 nation. Bob Beamon did not set a record and then go

2 home and go to bed. He got up and start doing things
3 on behalf of other people. So, we want to thank him
4 and his wife Rhonda for all, and his family that's
5 here, and to day to the world: Bob Beamon has made a
6 difference, and as I said outside, that I think that
7 if we look at his life and the things that he's
8 doing, and we yelled his name big enough and long
9 enough that maybe our young people will be pulling
10 their pants back up. Who knows. I think they will.
11 [laughter] Let's see if we do it. [applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, the only—the
13 only thing I'd like add to that is what you don't
14 know is the number of athletes who have transitioned
15 to normal life, and made a difference, that list is
16 very small. So, while his accomplishments like the
17 Congress Member mentioned are vast as it relates to
18 athletics, what he's done since then quadruples what
19 he did on track and field, and there are very few of
20 us who have been able to have the support systems
21 necessary to transfer from a life in the hot—in the—
22 in the limelight of athletics to serving, and that's
23 exactly what he's done, and he, therefore is a mentor
24 to me and to athletes like me who—who are—who want to
25 do big thing within their communities. He came back

2 home, and then spread himself abroad and has gone
3 throughout this country making a difference for young
4 people, and for that, I applaud you, Mr. Beamon.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

6 [cheers/applause]. Every time we think we are big
7 and bad as legislators Congressman Towns comes in and
8 gives one of those fiery speeches. [laughter] Thank
9 you. We are now going to turn it over to the Clerk
10 to read this very prestigious proclamation.

11 CLERK: Council City of New York
12 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
13 honor Bob Beamon on the 50th Anniversary of his
14 Olympic record setting long jump; and

15 Whereas, Bob Beamon grew up in South
16 Jamaica, Queens, New York. While attending Jamaica
17 High School he discovered his aptitude for track and
18 field, the catalyst for him to achieve his full
19 potential. In 1965, he won National High School
20 Triple Jump and High Jump Awards. Two years later he
21 won the Indoor AAU Long Jump Championship as well as
22 the Silver Medal at the Pan American Games Outdoor
23 Long Jump Championships. These early feats put him
24 on the path to the Olympics; and

2 Whereas, at the 1968 Olympic Games in
3 Mexico City Mr. Beamon competed in 23 events and won
4 22. At just 22 years old he landed a jump of 29
5 feet, 2-1/2 inches breaking the existing Olympic
6 record and world record by 1.8 feet. [cheers/
7 applause] This incredible Olympic record remains
8 unbroken even today; and

9 Whereas, after the Olympic games, Mr.
10 Beamon graduated from Adelphi University in 1972. He
11 was Associate Commissioner of Parks in Miami, Dade
12 County along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, and
13 organized the South Florida Intercity Games. He was
14 also Chair of the Bob Beamon United Way Golf Classic
15 to benefit youth related programs and develop the
16 motivation program, The Champion in You. His life
17 story continues to inspire generations of athletes of
18 athletic youth from South Jamaica, Queens for he is
19 living proof of what can be achieved through hard
20 work and perseverance.

21 Now, therefore, be it know that the New
22 York City proudly honors and congratulates Bob Beamon
23 for 50 years of inspiration to others through his
24 athletic excellence and community service. Corey
25 Johnson, Speaker for the Entire Council; Robert

2 Cornegy, Council Member 36th District Brooklyn; I.
3 Daneek Miller, Council Member 27th District, Queens;
4 Adrienne Adams, Council Member 28th District, Queens;
5 Laurie A. Cumbo, Majority Leader and the entire
6 membership of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus of
7 the New York City Council. [cheers/applause]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes. Whoo, I'm
9 feeling very prestigious today. So they say--and
10 we'll change it up--beside every dynamic man is an
11 incredible, awesome and powerful woman, and so we're
12 going to switch it up today because we know that so
13 much of this work happens through the spot--the
14 support of an incredible woman. So, we're going to
15 turn it over first to Mrs. Beamon who is then going
16 to turn it over to her husband who is going to give
17 us closing words. [cheers/applause]

18 MRS. BEAMON: Hi, everybody. I'm so
19 happy to be here. I'm so proud of Bob as I know all
20 of the help--all of Jamaica, Queens all over the world
21 is so proud of our guy. He's just as humble and
22 sweet as you see him here. He's like that all the
23 time. I love him forever from the bottom of my
24 heart. We were high school sweethearts. [background

2 comments] We lost touch for 36 years. He found me,
3 and now we've been married for 15 years.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Okay.

5 [cheers/applause]

6 MRS. BEAMON: So, this is a real love
7 story.

8 BOB BEAMON: Yes, yes. [cheers/applause]
9 Well, first, I want to thank all of you for coming
10 out and celebrating my 50th Anniversary—my 50th
11 Anniversary. [background comments] My 50th
12 Anniversary of holding the oldest Olympic record in
13 the history of the Olympics. So, I'm just trying to
14 represent New York, you know. [laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: You got that
16 right.

17 BOB BEAMON: But I—I'd like to say that
18 just before I put the mic down, is that, you know, I
19 have a lot of family here, and my sister, my
20 daughter, and her husband, but also the people that
21 grew up with me in the projects. I'm talking about
22 Diane. [laughter] Wait a minute, wait a minute. Just
23 one interesting thing about being in the projects is
24 it's a, you know, we used to borrow things. Well, we
25 come over to Diane's house: "I want to borrow some

2 sugar until this Friday coming up [laughter] two
3 eggs and I'll give them back to you on Friday."
4 [laughter] But as I say, you know, this has been a
5 wonderful spiritual journey, and I—I tell you it is—
6 it is an incredible opportunity to stand before you.
7 But I also want to recognize my first cousin here.
8 This is my first cousin who really put it in my mind,
9 and put it in our family mind that hopefully there
10 will be that street named Bob Beamon Street where I
11 grew up. So, I'm looking forward to that because—
12 Secondly--[applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [interposing] I
14 just got—I just got a thumbs up from your Council
15 Member over there. Adrienne—Adrienne Adams gave the
16 thumbs up so looking for that. [applause]

17 BOB BEAMON: And I—I'd like to recognize
18 a wonderful gentleman and he—he is family, but also
19 he—I can call him at 3:00 in the morning, and—and
20 just say, you know, I need something or did you—did
21 you get the message and the email? We got to go over
22 to Europe somewhere, and so he's the guy that keeps
23 me alive, and—and makes the biggest deals for Bob
24 Beamon. I'd like to just say I love you, Mr. Frank
25 Weedon. Love you. [cheers/applause] What's so

2 interesting about Frank is that he represented Strom
3 Thurmond's African-American daughter. The most
4 interesting experience that you could ever hear on
5 radio or TV. It was almost six months that they
6 couldn't believe the Strom Thurmond had an African-
7 American daughter that he's the one that made it
8 happen. So, I take my hat off to you, my brother
9 again [applause] And in ending, I'd just like to-to
10 say to you my strength my love and all the wonderful
11 things I always remember where I came from.

12 [background comments] I tried to give back ad much
13 as possible. I can't play basketball any more, but I
14 can [laughs] I control--[background comments,
15 laughter] But anyway, anyway, I'm-I'm going to put
16 this down in a minute here, but I'd like to recognize
17 my baby sister here, and my daughter and my cousins
18 back there Yolanda and Al who Janice-Janice Gibson
19 lived in the projects with us, too, and I used to-I
20 used to have a crush on Janice. [laughter] I used to
21 come over there, you know, and then my nieces and my
22 cousins, my other cousins, and I mean it's just been-
23 this is-this-this is unbelievable. Allen Cox and
24 there is June Montero who is the original choice.
25 The original choice who went to school and sang. We

2 sand do doobop on-on the step, you know, playing
3 there. So, anyway, anyway and then finally, I'd just
4 like to say to Congressman Towns just a moment just
5 to tell you saved me. Thank you for driving me
6 [laughter] 500 miles. I've never been out of New
7 York and he took me. [laughter] He took me down and
8 he said, "You getting out of New York. You're all
9 American and we got to protect you, and he gave me my
10 second life." So thank you, and I love it.
11 [cheers/applause]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So, this is--this
13 is the--this is the part where we hand over this
14 proclamation?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Well, we--we
16 should do this in two ways. We should do one with
17 you and your family, and then every elected official
18 in this room is dying to take a photo with you. So,
19 we'll let you do it with your family first, and then
20 we'll jump into the second one.

21 BOB BEAMON: Well, I'd just like to make
22 mention I have one more comment. In 1968--in 1968, I
23 had my team mate from college who represented the
24 Dominican Republic in the 1968 Olympics, Jose
25 L'Oficial. Where's Jose.

2 JOSE L'OFICIAL: [off mic] I'm here.

3 BOB BEAMON: Well, Jose, stand please.

4 [cheers/applause] He represented the Dominican
5 Republic yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Yes as a
7 reminder that we come in all flavors.

8 BOB BEAMON: And then my tag buddy here
9 Dewitt Clinton boy in the Bronx, Kenny Anderson.

10 [cheers/applause] I got so many. Jose.

11 JOSE L'OFICIAL: What was the question?

12 BOB BEAMON: Jose and I took a stand and
13 we protested in 1968, and we lost our scholarships at
14 the University of Texas, El Paso.

15 JOSE L'OFICIAL: Right,

16 BOB BEAMON: But what happened was it
17 made it an awareness in the conference of Texas and
18 everyone followed suit to follow us and so it was a
19 big, big, big, big day and so [applause] but I just
20 want you to know that, thank you my brother.

21 JOSE L'OFICIAL: Than you, my brother.

22 [cheers/applause]

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: So, what a
24 history lesson we've gotten today. We could go on

25

2 and on and learn so much. So, let's you and your
3 family-

4 BOB BEAMON: Yes, what you said.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: --and Mrs. Beamon
6 come together, and everybody surround it, and then
7 we'll jump--and then we'll jump in the next one.

8 [background comments]

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: It would make a fight
10 with one of us amazing. [background comments]

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'm going to go
12 jump in the next one. Alright, everybody, the
13 Council photographer is right here. Come Mr. Towns.
14 [background comments] Public Advocate come on down.
15 We're going to jump in the next one. [background
16 comments]

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay, now all of
18 the Council Members the family everybody stay right
19 where you are. Council Members come up front now,
20 and we're going to take a photo. I just didn't want
21 you to compete with us because we have fought
22 aggressively for five years to get our position here.
23 Our elbows are very sharp, very sharp, very sharp.
24 Vanessa, Vanessa come on up, Council Member Barron,
25 Council Member--[background comments] Congress

2 Member Towns, please come over here by Council Member
3 Cabrera. Public Advocate Letitia James. [background
4 comments, laughter] Come in front of me. Tom. We
5 going—we gonna get close. We gonna get real family
6 going on. [background comments] Council Member
7 Adrienne Adams very good. Where's Council Member
8 Daneek Miller. We got to have Queens represented
9 well.

10 FEMALE SPEAKER: That's right.

11 [background comments]

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [background
13 comments] Alright, thank you. Thank you. Can we
14 get—can you get a photo with Tish James. Tish, Tish.
15 [background comments] The staff photographer. Hi,
16 Love. [background comment] Public Advocate. Tish.
17 Tish, Attorney General.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We want you in—in
20 a photo. Okay, okay, okay, okay. You could have
21 told me that. [laughter] [background comments]

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay, we have our
23 next ceremonial coming forward. [background comments]

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Oh, I'm sorry.
3 Thank you.

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: You know, I like you
5 immensely.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Corey, you should
7 be in one. [background comments] Alright, everyone
8 please clear the floor for the next ceremonial. We
9 have one more. We have another ceremonial. Council
10 Member Moya, will you please come forward?

11 [background comments] Council Member Moya is going
12 to get ready for the next ceremonial. Council Member
13 Cornegy. [background comments] That's right. Oh,
14 that was great right. That was wonderful.

15 Everybody. We have another ceremonial. [background
16 comments]

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: Please clear the front
18 area for the next ceremonial. Please clear the area
19 for the next ceremonial.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Everybody that's
21 here please follow Council Member Cornegy outside in
22 the lobby.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: We're going
24 downstairs, everybody. That why I told-

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'm doing the
3 best I can.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'm sorry.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Alright,
6 everybody. Thank you. We are going to begin our
7 final ceremonial. [background comments] [shushing
8 for quiet] Everyone that is here for the
9 Proclamation for Jorge Ramos, please come forward.
10 Everyone that's here for Mr. Jorge Ramos, please come
11 forward. Council Member Cornegy, please continue to
12 move forward. Council Member Cornegy, please move
13 forward.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.
15 Keep it down please. [background comments]

16 JORGE RAMOS: How are you, sir. Welcome.
17 It's a pleasure and thank you so much.

18 MALE SPEAKER: With the Speaker. Thank
19 you so much.

20 JORGE RAMOS: thank you.

21 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

22 JORGE RAMOS: Than you. Thank you for
23 being here. No.

24 MALE SPEAKER: Absolutely. Thank you so
25 much.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Okay, one last time.
3 If folks could please exit. If everyone could please
4 exit. We need to get on with the next ceremonial.
5 If people could shuffle out quietly, we would really,
6 really appreciate it. If folks could please exit
7 out, and the sergeant you need to check the door on
8 the outside, and put everyone out in the rotunda so
9 we can start this. Okay, great. So we are very,
10 very excited, of course, for all of our ceremonials
11 that we are really honored today because Council
12 Member Moya and the City Council we are proud to
13 honor a TV news icon, a legend [cheers/applause] in
14 the Latino community, a gift to our country, an
15 important, important person Jorge Ramos, the long
16 time [cheers/applause] anchor of Telemundo 47. He is
17 celebrating his retirement after 50 years of service
18 [cheers/applause] Who is your dermatologist?
19 [laughter] Jorge Ramos' career in journalism started
20 as a radio reporter in Puerto Rico before becoming a
21 reporter at Telemundo in 1972 and eventually becoming
22 an anchor. He has earned seven Emmy Awards. [
23 [cheers/applause] along with special recognition from
24 the NYPD for reporting and assisting and resolving a
25 10-year-old cold case in broadcast segment crimes,

2 and in addition to his work in journalism he has
3 provided a public service to the Latino community,
4 but not just the Latino community. Really to
5 everyone working with several non-profits. As a
6 father for a former Marine he advocates for Hispanic
7 veterans supporting their return to civilian life.
8 So, we are so honored by everything that you've done
9 and we are so honored you are here today, and before
10 I turn it over to Council Member Moya and then you, I
11 want to ask our City Clerk to please read the
12 Proclamation in honor of Jorge Ramos. [shushing for
13 quiet]

14 CLERK: Council City of New York
15 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
16 honor Jorge Ramos in recognition of his nearly 50
17 years of service to the Tri-State Spanish speaking
18 community as the senior anchor of Telemundo 47 for
19 his invaluable contributions to the public discourse;
20 and

21 Whereas, Jorge Ramos is a native of
22 Puerto Rico and graduate of the University of Puerto
23 Rico. He earned his status as a staple of the Tri-
24 State's Latino community by providing news and
25 analysis of local and world events for nearly half a

2 century educating the public so that residents could
3 make informed decisions about the issues affecting
4 their lives and meaningfully participate in the
5 practices of this Democratic republic; and

6 Whereas, Mr. Ramos was an original
7 founding member of Telemundo 47's news operations, is
8 a member of the Silver Circle of the National Academy
9 of Television Arts and Sciences New York Chapter and
10 is a member of the National Association of Hispanic
11 journalists; and

12 Whereas, Jorge Ramos earned seven Emmy
13 Awards along with a collection of local honors over
14 the course of his distinguished career. His voice
15 was critical in establishing Telemundo 47 as New York
16 market area's most watched network in either Spanish
17 or English; and

18 Whereas, Mr. Ramos' reporting career
19 began at radio station WKVN in San Dorsett (sp?)
20 Puerto Rico in 1972 before becoming Telemundo 47's
21 first field reporter in 1979. Since 1992 his
22 {speaking Spanish} broadcast segments have led to the
23 arrest of several suspects wanted in various criminal
24 acts. In 2003, his reporting and assistance helped
25 resolve a 10-year-old cold case and earned him—earned

2 him official recognition from the New York City
3 Police Department and its Crime Stoppers Program.
4 Former NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly also awarded
5 Mr. Ramos with a plaque in recognition of his
6 contributions as a journalist; and

7 Whereas, in addition to his stellar work
8 as a reporter and news anchor, Jorge Ramos has
9 provided great public service within the Tri-State's
10 Hispanic community for more than 35 years working
11 with several not-for-profit organizations and
12 charities. Over the years he has served as the Grand
13 Marshal and Godfather of several—several parades
14 throughout the area. A proud father of a former
15 Marine, Mr. Ramos also advocates for—advocates for
16 Hispanic veterans and supports their return to
17 civilian life; and

18 Whereas, Jorge Ramos' unparalleled career
19 and public service has made him an internationally
20 known, respected and trusted source for news that can
21 go unreported or under-reported by other media
22 organizations, yet, is critical to Spanish speaking
23 communities.

24 Now, therefore, be it known the New York
25 City Council is proud to honor Jorge Ramos for his

2 outstanding career and contributions to New York City
3 and beyond. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the Entire
4 Council, Francisco P. Moya, Council Member 21st
5 District Queens.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [cheers/applause]

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And I want to—I want to
8 hand it over Council Member Moya, and then we want to
9 hear from the honoree himself.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Thank
11 you, Mr. Speaker. I had some notes there, but I'm
12 going to speak more from the heart than I will from—
13 from my notes. [speaking Spanish] A number one show
14 in all of the country this man has been able to
15 really come into our homes. New York City is
16 grateful for everything that you have done for the
17 Latino community to build your career here, and it
18 makes us feel proud of what you've been able to do.
19 That young Latinos who are trying to get into
20 journalism right now will look to you as that icon
21 who broke down those barriers so that people can
22 succeed here in this country. And for that on behalf
23 of myself, the Speaker and all of my colleagues here,
24 we are a grateful city, and we lucky and fortunate to

2 have had you this long in our homes.

3 [cheers/applause] Thank you.

4 JORGE RAMOS: Thank you, sir. [speaking
5 Spanish] Thank you so much, Speaker Johnson. First,
6 I would like to say some words in Spanish if you will
7 allow me. [speaking Spanish] Thank you, Speaker
8 Corey Johnson and Council Member Francisco Moya. It
9 is an honor to be here today, and I thank you for
10 this very moving recognition. As my years as Senior
11 News Anchor at Telemundo 47 comes to a close, I am
12 overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude. While my job
13 on television has always required that I remain
14 composed, through difficult stories, those who know
15 me best they know that once the cameras roll, I am
16 easily overcome with emotion. In these past couple
17 of weeks, I have reflected on my decades of work, and
18 I look to the changes ahead have been particularly
19 emotional. For nearly 40 years I had my dream job.
20 It's a role that afforded me incredible opportunities
21 to witness and take part in historic moments here in
22 the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean.
23 I attended parades like the national Puerto Rican Day
24 Parade every year, inaugurations and celebrations
25 both big and small. I was able to meet and interview

2 remarkable people from all walks of life including
3 world leaders, musicians, athletes and every day men
4 and woman who are inspiriting stories to tell free.
5 (sic) I was able to work side-by-side with some of
6 the most talented and committed journalists and
7 broadcasters in the industry, my colleagues at
8 Telemundo 47, and our sister station NBC 4 New York,
9 but beyond the accolades and opportunities the thing
10 that I am now and I have always been truly the most
11 grateful for has been the privilege of serving the
12 Latino community here in the city of New York. When
13 I came here from Puerto Rico as a young man in 1976,
14 the Latinos who call New York their home were the
15 first ones to welcome me with open arms. Though I
16 was here on my own far from island and my family,
17 this community became like an extended family, ready
18 at a moment's notice to offer love and support. As
19 my career grew, they cheered on me. They treated me
20 like a brother, a son, a cousin, a father, maybe a
21 grandfather. [laughter] Though I chose to make my
22 life away from the land of birth, I have never lacked
23 for the want of home. Over the years, I have watched
24 as our Latino community has fought and grown and
25 thrived in this great city, and it has been my honor

2 to share their stories of survival and joy. It
3 happens that we are in the middle of Hispanic
4 Heritage Month, the time of year when we honor the
5 history and contributions of Hispanics here in the
6 United States. This time in it fitting to me because
7 I am aware that my success would not have been
8 possible without the support of the rich and diverse
9 New York Hispanic community. I have treasured the
10 years I have spent on the air at Telemundo 47, and I
11 will forever be grateful to the viewers who welcomed
12 me into their homes and their hearts. I can honestly
13 say that I have been blessed by God not only with
14 having the best job in the world, but by granting me
15 a lovely family, my beautiful wife that I'm--
16 [cheers/applause] Yolanda has given me--[laughter]

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: No wrinkles.

18 JORGE RAMOS: Okay. Yolanda has given me
19 her unconditional love and support, always with a
20 sound and wise advice, and two treasures, my children
21 Alejandra whose here [cheers/applause] and my son
22 Gabriel. He couldn't be here, but Gabriel is the
23 former Marine that I am proud of. Both of them
24 brought happiness to our home, and made me feel a
25 proud, proud father. So, once again, Mr. Speaker,

2 thank you for this honor. [applause] Thank you so
3 much. [cheers/applause]

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Can we hear it for
5 Jorge Ramos [cheers/applause] and his beautiful wife
6 and daughter for being here. Congratulations. Let's
7 get a photo together. [background comments, applause]

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Okay, can we clear the
9 floor, please? Can we please clear the floor,
10 please? Can we clear the floor, please? [pause]
11 Ladies and gentlemen, can I have your attention
12 please. Can I please have your attention? At this
13 time, please place all electronic devices—all
14 electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-Council
15 employees, non-Council employees please leave the
16 main floor of the chambers. There is additional
17 seating upstairs in the Chambers. Madam Public
18 Advocate.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
20 Chambers please. Please close the doors. Everyone
21 please be seated. Those in the Rostrum please have a
22 seat. Please find a seat. All rise for the Pledge
23 of Allegiance.

24 CLERK: All rise,
25 [Pledge of Allegiance]

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [off mic] Please
3 be seated. Roll call.

4 CLERK: Adams.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: To the next
6 Attorney-General of the State of New York, I say
7 congratulations, I told you so and aye

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: And I am here.

10 [laughter]

11 CLERK: Thank you. Ampry-Samuel.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

13 CLERK: Ayala.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

15 CLERK: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

17 CLERK: Borelli.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

19 CLERK: Brannan.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

23 CLERK: Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

25 CLERK: Cohen.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

3 CLERK: Constantinides.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

5 CLERK: Cornegy, Deutsch. Diaz.

6 CLERK: Diaz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

8 CLERK: Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

10 CLERK: Espinal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

12 CLERK: Eugene.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

14 CLERK: Gibson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I'm here.

16 CLERK: Gjonaj.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

18 CLERK: Grodenchik. Holden.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

20 CLERK: Kallos. King. Koo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

22 CLERK: Koslowitz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

24 CLERK: Lancman. Lander.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

2 CLERK: Levin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

4 CLERK: Levine.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

6 CLERK: Maisel. Menchaca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

8 CLERK: Miller. Moya. Perkins.

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

11 COUNCIL MEMBER: Not right now. That's
12 not--

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Oh, present.

14 CLERK: Thank you. [laughter] Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

16 CLERK: Reynoso.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

18 CLERK: Richards.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

20 CLERK: Grodenchik.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

22 CLERK: Rivera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

24 CLERK: Rodriguez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I'm here.

2 CLERK: Rose.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

4 CLERK: Rosenthal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I don't think
6 she's here.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

8 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

10 CLERK: Ulrich.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Still here.

12 CLERK: Vallone.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

14 CLERK: Van Bramer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

16 CLERK: Maisel.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

18 CLERK: Williams.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sadly, still
20 here. [applause]

21 CLERK: [laughs] Yeger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

23 CLERK: Matteo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

25 CLERK: Cumbo.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

3 CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quite in the
6 Chambers, please. All rise for the invocation.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The Invocation
9 will be delivered by Pastor Ann Tiemyer. Pastor Ann
10 is the Pastor of Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran
11 Church located at 602 East 9th Street in the Borough
12 of Manhattan. Quiet in the Chambers.

13 PASTOR ANN TIEMYER: This invocation is
14 inspired by one of my favorite writer Annie Lamotte
15 who says his favorite prayer is help me, help me,
16 help me and thank you, thank you, thank you. Let is
17 pray. We take—we pray today saying help me, help me,
18 help me, help us, help these elected officials who
19 gather in this place to take on the awesome
20 responsibility of governance. Help them to govern
21 with justice, peace, joy and open hearts, Help me,
22 help me, help me, help us to have open eyes to always
23 see those in need in our city, the homeless, the
24 hungry. Those who struggle with physical or mental
25 illness. Help us to seek systems of support that

2 honor people's integrity and recognize their strength
3 in the face life's challenges. Help me, help me,
4 help me, help us to listen with open ears to all
5 survivors of sexual harassment and assault. Help me,
6 help me, help me, help us to seek answers that lift
7 up all people in our city regardless of race, age,
8 sexual orientation, identity or gender, physical
9 ability, immigration or economic status. Help us
10 empower all people in our city, honoring the great
11 diversity of this community, recognizing the value of
12 difference to enhance the whole community. Help me,
13 help me, help me, help us to follow your ways,
14 respect our life, and all creation. Thank you, thank
15 you, thank you, God for those who stepped forward and
16 ran for office, for those who voted and called forth
17 leaders, for those who work beside our elected
18 leaders to support their service. Thank you, thank
19 you, thank you, God for all in this place that they
20 will be—that they will call upon your goodness, call
21 for your help, value all in the city that we may be a
22 shining light on a hill showing forth justice and
23 love to all the world. Help me, help me, help me,
24 help us. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.
25 Amen.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen. Please be
3 seated. A motion to spread the invocation. Council
4 Member Rivera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, Madam
6 Public Advocate for the opportunity to spread this
7 invocation upon the record and before I do—

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
9 Excuse me, Council Member. May we have quiet in the
10 Chambers here.

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

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
14 [shushing for quiet] Council Member Rivera has the
15 floor.

16 CLERK: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.
17 I want to thank Pastor Ann for that beautiful
18 invocation and in the Trinity Lower East Side
19 Lutheran Parish epitomize the selfless, dedication
20 and activism that the Lower East Side is proudly
21 known for. Pastor Ann has been a dedicated leader in
22 New York City for years serving as a specialized
23 minister in disaster response in our city following
24 the September 11th Attacks and in a number of
25 churches and religious organizations throughout the

2 five boroughs in the years since. She has used her
3 position in the community to highlight important
4 issues including mass incarceration, domestic
5 violence, human trafficking, poverty and language
6 inclusivity. Ann and the staff of Trinity Lower East
7 Side Lutheran Parish have worked for 175 years on the
8 Lower East Side to provide a community for those who
9 face persecution and to fight for those less
10 fortunate whether it is our brothers and sisters in
11 the LGBT community or the poor and the hungry.
12 Trinity services and Food for the Homeless Program is
13 a pioneering food program that serves up to 300
14 people every single day, and highlights the struggle
15 that so many New Yorkers face today with rapidly
16 increasing gentrification and the cost of living.
17 They are always there for the people of this city,
18 and one of—were one of the first houses of worship
19 that I noticed in this troubling political climate to
20 proudly hang a banner outside their parish that said:
21 *Immigrants are Welcomed Here*. So thank you, Pastor
22 again, and with that, thank you for your words and
23 service and I motion to spread the invocation in full
24 upon the record.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: So moved. Thank
3 you. Adoption of minutes. Council Member Cabrera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Motion that the
5 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 8, 2018 be
6 adopted.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
8 Messages and papers from the Mayor.

9 CLERK: Preconsidered M100, submitting
10 Sarah Carroll for appointment to the Landmarks
11 Preservation Commission.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, Privileges and
13 Elections.

14 CLERK: M-excuse me. M101, the Mayor's
15 Management Report.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
17 printed and filed.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
19 from city, county and borough offices.

20 CLERK: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
22 communications.

23 CLERK: None.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
25 ups.

2 CLERK: M102 and M103.

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call-up
4 vote. At this time I would ask for a roll call vote
5 on all of today's Land Use Call-ups.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
7 Chambers. *

8 CLERK: Adams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Ayala.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Barron.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

16 CLERK: Borelli.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

18 CLERK: Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye .

20 CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Cohen.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Constantinides.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
4 all.

5 CLERK: Cornegy, Deutsch

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [off mic] Aye on
7 all.

8 CLERK: Diaz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present. Permission
10 to explain my vote. After listening to the Pastor's
11 invocation, Pastor Ann here, I would like to join
12 that invocation by stating that this is a progressive
13 city, even though I'm not progressive, but the
14 majority of my colleagues are progressive, and when
15 we vote for Introduction 959-A, and 969-A, that is
16 not progressive, and we should listen to the words of
17 Pastor Ann Tiemyer: Help me, help me, help me help
18 others. So, that's why I'm voting no on this. Yes
19 on all except those two. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And Council
21 Member on the Land Use Call-ups, how do you vote? On
22 the two Land Use Call-ups?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes on all.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 CLERK: Dromm.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

3 CLERK: Espinal. Eugene.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I would like to
5 ask permission to vote on the Land Use Call-Ups and
6 all that are on today's agenda.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: And I want to
9 vote aye on all.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 CLERK: Gibson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye

13 CLERK: Gjonaj.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I also request to
15 vote on the Land Use and all General Orders and I
16 vote aye on all.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

20 CLERK: Grodenchik.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: [off mic] Aye.

22 CLERK: Holden.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Kallos.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

2 CLERK: King. Koo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

4 CLERK: Koslowitz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

6 CLERK: Lancman.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye

8 Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

10 CLERK: Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

12 CLERK: Levine.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Maisel.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

16 CLERK: Menchaca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all. .

18 CLERK: Miller.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all except
20 for 151. We abstain.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,

22 are you voting on the Land Call-Ups. We're at the

23 Land Use-Call-Ups to vote strictly the Land Use Call-

24 Ups.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Cornegy.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

6 CLERK: Moya.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Perkins.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

10 CLERK: Perkins/

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

12 CLERK: Powers.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Reynoso.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on

16 all.

17 CLERK: Richards.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Rivera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Rodriguez.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Rodriguez.

23 CLERK: Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rosenthal.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Salamanca

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on
5 all Land Use Call-Ups and with permission I would
6 like to vote aye on all items on the General Order
7 Calendar and all resolutions.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye

12 CLERK: Ulrich.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

14 CLERK: Vallone.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [off mic] Aye on
16 all.

17 CLERK: Van Bramer.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Williams.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Williams.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

22 CLERK: Maisel.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

24 CLERK: Williams.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sadly, still
3 here. [applause]

4 CLERK: Yeger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

6 CLERK: Matteo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

8 CLERK: Cumbo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

10 CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Aye.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's Land Use
13 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
14 affirmative, 0 in the negative-negative. Quiet in
15 the Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker, Speaker
16 Corey Johnson.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon. Before
18 I get to my prepared remarks today, Madam Public
19 Advocate.

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

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Public Advocate
23 and Councilman Williams, today is not a political
24 occasion. It's a governmental occasion, but I want
25 to just really let you both know that I think I speak

2 on behalf of all of the members here and the staff
3 and people who have had the opportunity to work with
4 you in the City Council and in the Public Advocate's
5 Office. We are also incredibly proud by the history
6 that you all achieved a couple of weeks ago, and I
7 wanted to really tell you how grateful we are for
8 your service and for your courage and for everything
9 that you will have done, and we look forward to
10 supporting you, and continuing to watch you in the
11 spirit [coughs] of advocacy and service of how you've
12 served our great city and state, and so I want to
13 thank both of you for everything that you all have
14 done.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, Mr.
16 Speaker. Thank you. [cheers/applause] So, first, I
17 want to extend-[pause]-I want to extend my best
18 wishes to my Jewish colleagues and to all Jewish New
19 Yorkers on a wonderful holiday season. I hope each
20 and every one of you had a safe and blessed Yom
21 Kippur and are having a safe and blesse Sukkot.
22 [coughs] Now, I would like to remember John Elges, a
23 retired FDNY firefighter who succumbed to 9/11
24 related cancer. He was only 60 years old. John was
25 cited three times for bravery throughout his career

2 and a loving family man who leaves behind his wife,
3 four children and six grandchildren with another
4 grandchild on the way. Our thoughts and prayers are
5 with John's wife Nola, their children and
6 grandchildren and John's FDNY family. Let us take a
7 moment of silence in John's honor. If everyone could
8 please rise.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

10 [background comments] [moment of silence observed]

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We are also losing a
14 dear member of the Council staff this week, Tiffany
15 Townsend. Tiffany is a rock star and has become a
16 vital member of our team here at the Council.

17 Tiffany's next step in her career will be at the
18 Brooklyn Nave Yard where she will serve—she will
19 serve a Vice President of External Affairs at the
20 Navy Yard. We wish Tiffany the best of luck in her
21 endeavors, and we will miss her. If we could please
22 give Tiffany a big round of applause.

23 [cheers/applause] She's in the back of the room. So
24 jumping into our docket for the day, the Council will
25 vote on one Article XI property tax exemption at the

2 following location: Lakeview Apartments, which is in
3 the borough of Manhattan. The purpose of this
4 exemption located in Council Member Bill Perkins'
5 district. This is to preserve 446 units of
6 affordable housing. I want to thank Rebecca Chasan
7 from the Finance Division for her work on that. The
8 Council will vote on the following land use items:
9 The Central Harlem Historic District in Manhattan.
10 The Council will vote to affirm the designation of
11 the Central Harlem West 103rd Street to 132nd Street
12 Historic District in Council Member Perkins'
13 district, which consist of approximately 164
14 properties primarily row houses with a handful of
15 apartment institutional buildings located on the mid-
16 blocks West 130th, West 131st and West 132nd Streets
17 between Lenox and Seventh Avenue. We're going to
18 voting on a rezoning or a modification in Council
19 Member Menchaca's district. It's the NYPD Evidence
20 Storage in Erie Basin. The Council will vote with
21 modifications to approve the site selection of Erie
22 Basin on the Red Hook Waterfront in Council Member
23 Menchaca's district to enable the NYPD vehicle
24 storage facility to continue to locate on the site
25 for a maximum of ten more years. I know that the

2 Council Member worked very hard to make sure that the
3 NYPD could carry out its critical work while
4 simultaneously creating a process for finding it a
5 long-term in the future and I want to thank him for
6 his very hard work, and really honest work with the
7 NYPD in getting through this process. I know that it
8 wasn't easy. We're going to be voting on 640 and 644
9 Riverside Drive in Manhattan. These are two Article
10 XI property tax exemptions in Council Member Levine's
11 district to facilitate the preservation of 226 units
12 of affordable housing. We are voting on 80 Flatbush
13 Avenue in Brooklyn. The Council will vote to approve
14 with modifications the 80 Flatbush Avenue project in
15 Council Member Steven Levin's district. Council
16 Member Levin successfully pushed for reductions in
17 height and density, the proposal and important
18 changes to the design. These modifications will be
19 made while maintaining the promised two schools, two
20 new schools and approximately 200 units of affordable
21 housing. I know this was a difficult, contentious,
22 arduous process for Steve. So, I want to thank him,
23 and congratulate him on getting this done at the
24 finish line. I know it was very complicated. So,
25 congratulations Steve. We'll be voting on 205 Park

2 Avenue in Brooklyn. The Council will vote to approve
3 with modifications the 205 Park Avenue rezoning in
4 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's district. The
5 rezoning will facilitate the development of an 8-
6 story mixed-use building with 79 units including up
7 to 20 affordable units pursuant to Mandatory
8 Inclusionary Housing Option 1 and the deep
9 affordability option. We'll be voting on a rezoning
10 at 57 Caton Place in Brooklyn. The Council will be
11 voting to approve an application to facilitate the
12 development [coughs] of a nine-story mixed-use
13 building with 107 residential units including 27
14 affordable units at 57 Caton Place in Council Member
15 Brad Lander's district. We'll be voting on 1881 and
16 1883 McDonald Avenue in Brooklyn. This is to approve
17 the McDonald Avenue Rezoning facilitating the
18 development of an eight-story mixed-use building with
19 35 units including 11 affordable units in Council
20 Member Kalman Yeger's District. We'll be voting on
21 an application at 27 East Fourth Street. On this
22 application we'll be voting to approve-disapprove the
23 27 East Fourth Street application in Council Member
24 Carlina Rivera's district. The applicant was seeking
25 the zoning text amendment for a special permit under

2 74-712 of the Zoning Code to make the site eligible
3 for a special permit and seeking two additional
4 special permits allowing a transient hotel and retail
5 use and to modify bulk regulations. Our view is that
6 the text amendment and the special permits are not
7 appropriate for reasons that were articulated in
8 detail at the subcommittee and at the Committee vote.
9 I know that the Council Member looks forward to
10 continuing to work with her local community, and the
11 development team to see if an alternative is
12 possible. We'll be voting on the Victory Boulevard
13 Rezoning on Staten Island. We'll vote to approve
14 with modifications the Victory Boulevard rezoning in
15 Minority Leader Steve Matteo's district. The
16 rezoning would allow for the applicant to expand its
17 existing automotive repair facility. Our
18 modification at the Council will ensure that the
19 neighboring residences are not adversely affected by
20 the non-residential uses including illuminated
21 advertising signs. I know this was a complicated and
22 not an easy negotiation. So, congratulations Steve
23 on getting it done. We'll be voting on the O'Neill's
24 Rezoning in Queens. The Council will vote to approve
25 the O'Neill's rezoning to allow for a second floor

2 enlargement to a neighborhood establishment in
3 Council Member Bob Holden's district. We'll be
4 voting on HK Kitchen on Staten-HK Kitchen in the
5 Bronx. This is a sidewalk café in Council Member
6 Mark Gjonaj's district. The applicant has agreed to
7 reduce the number of tables and chairs. That is a
8 lot of land use, and a lot of the staff of the
9 Council were very hard on this. I want to thank
10 Brian Paul, Jeff Hume and John Douglas, Chelsea
11 Kelly, Amy Levitan, Julie Lubin and the Director of
12 Land Use Raju Mann as well as my Chief of staff Jason
13 Bulbin (sp?) for all this help on all these items.
14 Moving on, the Council will vote on the following
15 pieces of legislation. Introduction 713-A sponsored
16 by Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer will require that
17 prominent signage within all Runaway and Homeless
18 Youth services funded by the Department of Youth and
19 Community Development will [coughs] have a 24-hour
20 call-in line for questions and comments or complaints
21 regarding RHY services. I want to thank the staff
22 that worked on this, Paul Senegal, Kevin Katowski,
23 Smita Deshmukh and Andrea Vasquez. We'll also vote
24 on two education bills sponsored by our Education
25 Committee Chair Mark Treyger. Introduction 561-A

2 will require the Department of Education to submit
3 annual reports to the City Council regarding the
4 income and expenditures for parent and parent-teacher
5 associations. The data will be disaggregated by
6 school district and by school and the report will be
7 posted on the Department of Education's website.
8 Introduction 762-A will require the Department of
9 Citywide Administrative Services, DCAS to annually
10 provide the Department of Education with materials
11 related to civil service examinations and require DOE
12 to provide such materials to graduating seniors. I
13 want to thank the staff who worked on this: Beth
14 Golub, Kalima Johnson, Jan Atwell, Smita Deshmukh and
15 Andrea Vazquez. Next in recognition of climate week
16 this week we will vote on several Environment
17 Protection Bills sponsored by Environmental
18 Protection Committee Chair Costa Constantinides.
19 Introduction 628-A would require the City to create a
20 map of areas in the city that are most vulnerable to
21 flooding due to the anticipated impacts of climate
22 change and sea level rise. Introduction 749-A will
23 require the development of a pilot program in
24 Southeast Queens to use dewatering discharge as a
25 means of heating and cooling buildings and lastly

2 Introduction 750-A would require that the New York
3 City Jamaica Bay taskforce to provide advice and
4 recommendations to the city regarding the cleanup of
5 Jamaica Bay and Jamaica Bay resiliency. I want to
6 thank the staff who worked on this package of bills:
7 Samara Swanston, Nadia Johnson, Jonathan Seltzer,
8 Megan Chin, and Terzah Nasser. We'll also be voting
9 on Introduction 735-A, sponsored by Standards and
10 Ethic Committee Chair and Minority Leader Steven
11 Matteo. The bill would require the Conflict of
12 Interest Board to report on and initiate rule making
13 for advisory opinions that have interpretive value
14 in construing the provisions of the Conflict of
15 Interest Law, and that meet certain criteria. That
16 also requires the inclusion of certain informative
17 statements in future advisory opinions. I want to
18 thank the staff that worked on this bill Brad Reed,
19 Elizabeth Kronk, Rob Newman, Kenneth Grace and Serina
20 Longley. Next, the Council will vote on legislation
21 regulating vending zones. Introduction 959-A is
22 sponsored by Council Member Margaret Chin would
23 extend the Vending Exclusion Zone around the World
24 Trade Center to encapsulate security points.
25 Margaret, I want to thank you. I think you have done

2 an incredible job on this. You have spent an
3 enormous amount of time. You have been thoughtful.
4 You have been pragmatic. You have been sensitive to
5 concerns that were raised to you. You did not allow
6 a full expansion of the perimeter zone, and so, I am
7 extraordinary grateful for the hard work that you
8 have put on this, and I wholeheartedly support this
9 bill before us today. I—I also—we also are going to
10 be hearing Introduction and voting on Introduction
11 969-A sponsored by Council Member Peter Koo, which
12 would extend the restricted hours that food vendors
13 can vend on certain streets within Flushing. Peter
14 similarly I want to thank you for your approach to
15 this. You've worked on this for a very, very long
16 time, and I'm grateful that we go to today, and I
17 just want to say that you and Margaret are people who
18 are immigrants yourself to this country and people
19 that have always stood for immigrants in this
20 country, and I know that you are doing this for the
21 right reasons, and I look forward to supporting both
22 of you today. I want to thank the staff that worked
23 on these bills: Leah Skrzypiec. I apologize if I
24 mispronounce your name, Leah; Balqees Murig, and
25 Rachel Cordero. Finally, we'll vote on two bills

2 strengthening regulations of the sightseeing bus
3 industry. My bill Introduction 723-A would authorize
4 the Department of Transportation to approve pickup
5 and drop-off spots before a company receives or
6 renews their license to operate. DOT will consider
7 issues related to congestion, public safety and
8 community input when approving stops for these
9 tourist buses. Introduction 727-A sponsored by our
10 Consumer Affairs and Business' Licensing Committee
11 Chair Rafael Espinal would expand licensing
12 requirement for sightseeing bus companies.
13 Sightseeing bus drivers must meet basic requirements
14 such as not having accumulated nine or more points on
15 their driving record within an 18-month period, not
16 having their license suspended or revoked, and not
17 being convicted of an alcohol or drug related offense
18 over the past three years. I want to thank the
19 staff, Leah Balgees (sp?) and Rachel for their work
20 on that package of bills. That concludes our agenda
21 for today's Stated meeting and I look forward to
22 proceeding with today's votes. Thank you very much,
23 Madam Public Advocate.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 Discussion of general orders. General Orders.

2 Council Member Menchaca. Thank you, Public Advocate
3 and I also want to extend my congratulations from us
4 to you and your incredible win. I'm speaking today
5 on General Orders on Intro 959 and 969. These are
6 the two vendor bills that were discussed in the
7 General Orders. These are not and I want to make it
8 very clear. These are not Land Use items. Land Use
9 items are things that we have a-kind of a kind of
10 general understanding that local Council Members kind
11 of move forward, and we kind of go with them. These
12 are not Land Use Items. I have some issues with
13 these bills, and I'll be voting no those two during
14 my voting no on those two during my voting, but
15 street vendors are a vital part of the city. They
16 feed us and bring products to us, and with culture
17 and so much vibrancy, and both of these bills I think
18 fall short of the real opportunity for us to build
19 relationships with an immigrant community that is
20 being often attacked. I think that we have more time
21 to be—we—we need more time to be able to build a
22 better set of bills, and that the concepts around
23 public safety and congestion just do not meet the
24 standard of protecting the economic viability of the
25 street vendors. They were outside. We spoke to

2 them, and so, we can do we both public safety
3 congestion issues, and protecting the viability. I
4 don't know if there are any plans, and I'm hoping to
5 hear from the Council Members today about those plans
6 with those street vendors that today you will be
7 voting to evict them from the spaces that some of
8 them have been there for 30 years. This is not easy,
9 colleagues. And so, I ask for more times, but no on
10 these bills that can go back to committee so we can
11 get a better opportunity for everyone. These are
12 vulnerable communities that we are impacting today,
13 and so with those concerns and those--this
14 opportunity that we have today to keep working on
15 them and this is not a land use item that has
16 tradition. I ask you to vote no on both 959, 969 or
17 abstain on the vote because you are going to be
18 impacting the livelihoods of Martha of Nicholas and
19 Motar today. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 Council Member Constantinides.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank
23 you. Madam Public Advocate. I rise today to ask my
24 colleagues to support a package of bills that will
25 help secure the future of Jamaica Bay and the

2 surrounding waterways and communities. These bills
3 will help set Southeast Queens and other areas on a
4 more sustainable course. The first bill Intro 4-749,
5 will direct the city to study the groundwater pumping
6 facilities used across Southeast Queens such as the
7 systems used at York College or that pumps out a
8 100,000 gallons per day, or Junior High School 8 in
9 Jamaica--that pumps 24 hours a day--to see if the
10 water can be used for heating and cooling in
11 geothermal exchange system. As the groundwater table
12 seeps ever upward, these city facilities must spend
13 more and more on pumping out water from their
14 basements, and into sewers, and less on educating the
15 next generation of New Yorkers. This study will
16 determine if the water can instead be put to our
17 beneficial use that allows these buildings to
18 transition away from boilers that that burn dirty
19 fuel oil and other fossil fuels to renewable energy.
20 The second bill will help re-establish a fiscal task
21 force for the cleanup and maintenance of Jamaica Bay.
22 Until 2013, when it was abolished by Mayor Bloomberg
23 the Jamaica Bay Task Force worked with stakeholders
24 around the city, state and federal agencies and
25 experts from a number of different fields determined

2 the best outcome for this bay's ecosystem. Many of
3 these of these great activists are still meeting
4 today. Today we are just going to help re-establish
5 that committee in order to help fight climate change,
6 loss of marshland, pollution from JFK, wait for
7 plants, and other challenges. The third bill applies
8 more generally to the city as a whole, but it will
9 also look at climate change in a way of our flooding.
10 We know sea level is going to rise. We know climate
11 change is affecting New York City. We have to be
12 proactive rather than reactive. Areas that were once
13 thought of as hundreds or thousand-year flood zones
14 are now flooding with regularity. [bell] I will—I
15 will wrap up. I want to thank my colleagues, Council
16 Member Donovan Richards, Daneek Miller, Adrienne
17 Adams for their great support on these bills and
18 helping me tour York College and Junior High School
19 8. Nadia—Samara Swanston, Nadia Johnson on the
20 Committee staff. The Mundy family for all of their
21 great work and advocacy around Jamaica Bay. [bell]
22 Manny Kaufman and Archie Spigner as well and, of
23 course, our Speaker Corey John for his strong
24 environmental leadership not only during Climate Week
25 but throughout our entire year. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
3 Council Member Chin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madam
5 Public Advocate. It's great to see you there again.
6 [laughs] Today we are voting on Intro 959-A, a bill
7 that would help ensure safety for the growing number
8 of residents, pedestrians in and around the World
9 Trade Center site. There's no question that the
10 streetscape around the World Trade Center is unique
11 with the area becoming more heavily utilized,
12 important security infrastructure including bollards,
13 security, credentialing, kiosks and vehicle
14 checkpoints have been installed to adjust for the
15 reality of a newly revitalized site. By pursuing a
16 limited expansion of the no vending zone to include
17 these security points, this legislation would created
18 a buffer to prevent crowds and any other obstructions
19 from blocking the site line. This bill achieves two
20 goals: Ensuring safety for a growing number of
21 resident workers and visitors while minimizing impact
22 on surrounding street vendors. Before and after the
23 hearing, I'm proud to have successfully advocated to
24 keep places like the Bacardi Park ad many more areas
25 open for vending. I also want to thank all the World

2 Trade Center street vendors who have met with my
3 office and promised to work with us as we advocate
4 for opportunities for them to continue to make a
5 living and build their customer base here. I want to
6 thank our Speaker for his support and the Council's
7 staff and especially Rachel Cordero and Leah
8 Skrypiec and my office for their hard work to create
9 a balanced bill that increase safety for those who
10 live, work and visit the World Trade Center area as
11 well acknowledging street vendors' vital roll in our
12 downtown community. And I urge my join me in voting
13 yes on this bill. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Koo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you, Madam
17 Public Advocate. Today I am asking my colleagues to
18 support my bill 969-A. As one of the most busy
19 transportation hubs in New York City, the Downtown
20 Flushing area bears a unique burden that separates it
21 from other commute-communities. Every day thousands
22 of people compete for these 101 bus lines, the 7
23 Train, commuter van and Long Island Railroad. All of
24 this space has recently become overrun with sidewalk
25 obstructions. Last year, we widened the sidewalks in

2 hopes of providing more spaces for commuters and
3 residents. Unfortunately, our widened sidewalks has
4 given rise to a massive increase in street vending of
5 all kinds. This legislation looks to return the
6 sidewalks of one of the city's busiest transportation
7 hubs back to the people. I have no objection to
8 vendors being innovative in order to conduct their
9 business, but I wholeheartedly object to those who do
10 so at the expense of their community. So, this bill
11 prohibits vending around downtown area in the day
12 time and evening hours. We left some streets open so
13 food vendors can still conduct business, and I'm open
14 to discuss the creation of designated vending zones
15 in our community in the future. We first need to
16 address the problem of congestion that exists today.
17 Thank you, Speaker Johnson, Chief of Staff Jason
18 Goldman, Rob Newman, Rachel Cordero, James Dejurani
19 (sp?) Balqees Murig (sp?) Diane Yu Pier (sic) Angel
20 Wilbur, and Committee Chair Espinal [bell] and my
21 staff. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 Council Member Van Bramer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you

25 very much. I want to thank the speaker and Chair and

2 my neighbor Debi Rose for helping to shepherd this
3 piece of legislation. Through that hopefully
4 everyone will vote for it today. We all know that
5 Runaway and Homeless Youth are particularly
6 vulnerable and LGBTQ youth who are or have run away
7 and have experienced homelessness are—are
8 particularly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse
9 even at the facilities that are designed to help
10 them, the Department of Youth and Community
11 Development issue millions and millions of dollars in
12 contracts both at shelters and at other service
13 providers, but it's important for all of the Runaway
14 and Homeless Youth to know that if they are
15 experiencing abuse, if they are being exploited or if
16 any of the services or programs including shelters
17 are not serving them well, they must have a place to
18 turn to. So, this will establish a clear and very
19 visible signage alerting them to a 24-hour hotline
20 that they can call to report any problems, any abuse.
21 They must be heard and they must get the help and the
22 services that they require. It is incredibly
23 important because so much of the work is
24 subcontracted out, and not actually performed by a
25 city agency, but instead by private providers. So,

2 I'm really proud of this piece of legislation to make
3 sure that we're reaching all of these young people
4 particularly those who are most vulnerable, and to
5 make sure that all of the service providers are doing
6 the service and helping all of these young people in
7 ways that truly reach them and if they are not, they
8 know that someone is watching, someone is listening,
9 and if they make a quick phone call, they will get
10 what they need. So, with that, I want to thank
11 everyone for helping to make this possible, including
12 my colleagues, and also my Chief of Staff Matt
13 Wallace. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Treyger.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,
17 Public Advocate. It's no secret that our PTAs are not
18 as equitable as they should be, and we must do more
19 to make sure all of our students have equal
20 opportunities. There are some schools that have
21 raised more than \$1 million, but other schools have
22 to start a God Fund Me page just to raise for basic
23 resources. Your zip code should not determine your
24 number of opportunities, and to be clear, fundraising
25 totals do not equate to engagement, but they do

2 equate to the number of opportunities students may
3 receive in that school. My bill will require the DOE
4 to report annually regarding the total income and
5 expenditure of parent associations, and
6 parent/teacher associations at each school in the
7 prior school year. The bill will create transparency
8 furthering from the conversation we're having about
9 inequity in our school system, and help shape
10 policies going forward to ensure all of our city's
11 students are getting the same opportunities for the—a
12 quality education they deserve. I'm proud of my bill
13 Intro 561-A and I ask all of my colleagues for their
14 support. In addition to I have another bill Intro
15 672-A that would require the DOE to provide—I'm sorry
16 DCAS to provide information to students in our high
17 schools about the Civil Service exams, and—and all
18 the information that goes with it. It's a common
19 sense no-brainer bill to better inform our students
20 about future opportunities right here in New York
21 City. I'd like to thank Speaker Corey Johnson,
22 Education Committee staff Beth Golub, Jan Atwell,
23 Colima Johnson, Caitlin O'Hagan, Elizabeth Hoffman,
24 Laura Popa, Robe Newman, Jeff Baker, Jason Goldman.
25 I thank my—my staff and my office Anna Scafe, Vanessa

2 Ogle and Eric Feinberg. I ask my colleagues to
3 support both bills. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
5 Council Member Miller.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
7 Public Advocate. I simply want to congratulate my
8 colleague and thank my colleague Council Member
9 Constantinides for the work that he's done in the
10 Environmental Protection Community particularly
11 around those vulnerable areas or flooding areas
12 throughout our city, and the work that's done on the
13 pilot program in Southeast Queens, a community that
14 has suffered for decades. The work that we have seen
15 working with myself and Council Member Adams already
16 and I know that these bill will make a significant
17 difference in particular as well as Council Member
18 Richards will make a difference in Southeast Queens.
19 I look forward its passage, and working with the
20 Council Member and the committee on those issues.
21 Thank you. As well—I'm sorry, and I'd like to shout
22 out School Construction team that is in the balcony
23 there working very hard. Thank you so much.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 Seeing no one else on General Orders, Report of
4 Special Committees.

5 CLERK: None.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
7 Standing Committees.

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Intros 723-A
10 and 727-A, Sightseeing Buses.

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

13 CLERK: Intros 959-A and 969-A Street
14 Vendor bills.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
18 Education, Intro 561-A Parent-Teacher Associations.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
20 General Orders.

21 CLERK: Intro 672-A Civil Service Exams
22 in Schools.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
24 General Orders.

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Environmental Protection, Intro 628-A, 749-A, 750-A,
4 Flooding, Dewatering Discharge in Jamaica Bay.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
6 General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Finance, Preconsidered Reso 537, Organization
9 Funding.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
11 Orders.

12 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 230 and Reso
13 541, Lakeview Apartments.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
15 Orders.

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
17 Use, LU 151 and Reso 542 Landmark Designation.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
19 Orders.

20 CLERK: LU 175 NYPD Storage.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
22 modifications and referred to the City Planning
23 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70 (b) of the Rules of
24 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
25 Charter.

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2 CLERK: [coughs] Excuse me. LU 184 and
3 Reso 543 and LU 185 and Reso 544, Tax Exemptions.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
5 Orders.

6 CLERK: LU 192 through LU 194, 80
7 Flatbush Avenue Rezoning.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
9 modifications and referred to the City Planning
10 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
11 the Council, and Section 197-D of the New York City
12 Charter.

13 CLERK: LU 199 and Reso 545 and LU 200
14 and Reso 546, 57 Caton Place Rezoning.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 CLERK: LU 201 and Reso 547 and LU 202
18 and Reso 548, McDonald Avenue Rezoning.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 CLERK: LU 203 and Reso 549 through LU
22 205 and Reso 551, 27 East Fourth Street.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: A motion to disapprove

24 CLERK: LU 206, Victory Boulevard
25 Rezoning.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
3 modifications, and referred to the City Planning
4 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
5 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
6 Charter.

7 CLERK: LUs—LU 207 and Reso 552,
8 O'Neill's Rezoning.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 217 and Reso 553, Sidewalk
12 Café.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
14 Orders.

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
16 Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered M-100 and
17 Reso 554 approving the appointment of Sarah Carroll
18 as a member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
20 Orders.

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Standards and Ethics, Intro 735-A, Conflict of
23 Interest Board.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
25 General Orders.

2 CLERK: Repot of the Committee on Youth
3 Services Intro 713-A Runaway and Homeless Youth.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
5 General Orders.

6 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar,
7 Intro 720 Site Safety Training.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

9 CLERK: LU 175 and Reso 555 through LU
10 206 and Reso 560 various rezonings.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
12 Orders.

13 CLERK: Resolution appoint various
14 persons commissioner of deeds.

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

19 CLERK: Adams.

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

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: With regard to LU
24 151, as was stated earlier today, I just want to
25 acknowledge the hard work of my Subcommittee on

2 Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses for your
3 very, very hard work in working on the—the Harlem
4 designation, which was very interesting say the
5 least. Once again, I'd like to personally
6 acknowledge and credit the hard work of numerous
7 stakeholders in Harlem for making their voices heard
8 over many, many years and the residing community of
9 the Ninth District of Manhattan I say thank you once
10 again for your passionate perseverance in this
11 matter. My colleagues and I welcome the opportunity
12 to get it right, and I will proudly aye to support
13 your efforts to maintain the boundaries of the entire
14 Central Harlem Historic District. I vote aye.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Ayala.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYLA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Barron.

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

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
3 want to also acknowledge Celeste Morris the
4 instructor of the Program in conjunction with t
5 School Construction Authority, who is here with her
6 students, in the Advanced Mental Program and Public
7 Policy Module. Regarding the legislation, I also
8 want to add my comments to the great work that was
9 done by the community of Harlem to say that the
10 action that had been taken by the Subcommittee was
11 not in keeping with what most of that community
12 wanted, and I want to commend them for making sure
13 that they were engaged in this process to have it
14 done in its entirety. I am voting aye on all with the
15 exception of LU 190 through 194 and LU 199 through
16 202, and it's the same speech that I generally make
17 when I vote no on these land use items. I don't
18 think that as we are approving projects that have 25
19 and 30% of what's designed for people at 60 and 80%
20 leaving 70 to 80% at market rate is addressing the
21 issue of providing housing for those in the greatest
22 need. So, for that reason I'm voting no against those
23 bills that I've cited as well as Intro 959-A and 969-
24 A. I do believe that vendors, if this bill passes
25 will be greatly harmed, and I understand from one of

2 the sponsors that there ill be efforts made to lift
3 the cap. I think perhaps if we have lifted the cap
4 first there might have been a better opportunity to
5 be able vendors around. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Mr. Clerk, before you
7 move on, I was remiss. I wanted to acknowledge that
8 joined with us in the audience today is Assembly
9 Member Michael Blake who is here, and I want to
10 welcome him to the Chambers of the City Council.
11 Thank you for being here, Assemblymember. [applause]

12 CLERK: Borelli.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

14 CLERK: Brannan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I vote aye on
16 all with the exception of 959-A and 969-A.

17 CLERK: Cabrera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Madam, Public
23 Advocate, permission to explain my vote.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 CLERK: Thank you. I just want to
3 address. I would not have voted for 959-A and 969-A
4 except for my-my deep belief that we will as a body
5 ultimately take up more comprehensive street vendor
6 reform. I represent two BIDs and I know that there
7 are challenging issues with street vending, but I
8 also know that some of the regulations particularly
9 problems with permitting really need to be addressed,
10 and so I look forward to addressing those, and I also
11 want to thank my colleague Mark Treyger for taking
12 the time on 561-A because I also-I'm concerned that
13 information will be used for good, but I think
14 pulling this one strand out of a complicated formula
15 on school budgets could have the potential of being
16 divisive, but the bill is neutral on its face, and I
17 share his deep concern about inequity in terms of
18 resources and schools. So, despite those reservation
19 and-and my deep belief that we are going to
20 ultimately get to a good place on street vending, I'm
21 going to vote aye on all.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Constantinides.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
25 all.

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2 CLERK: Cornegy.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all
4 except 959-A.

5 CLERK: Deutsch.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Dromm.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

9 CLERK: Diaz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Permission to
11 explain my vote.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Madam Chairlady, I
14 was in support—I was—I was going to explain my vote,
15 but after listening to my colleague Menchaca, I'm
16 going to leave it like that. I think that he
17 explained it so well I saw clear that whoever have
18 ears should listen to him, and I'm voting yes on all
19 except 959-A and 969-A. Thank you very much, and
20 thank you Council Member Menchaca for that wonderful
21 explanation.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Espinal

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Espinal.

25 CLERK: Gibson.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
3 all.

4 CLERK: Grodenchik.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

6 CLERK: Holden.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Kallos.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Koo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Koslowitz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] Aye
14 on all.

15 CLERK: Lancman.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye

17 CLERK: Lander.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request
19 permission to explain.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you Madam

22 Public Advocate and congratulations to you. For many
23 of the same reasons that my colleagues are—feel
24 ambivalent about 959 and 969-A, there is room for us
25 to move forward on vending in a way that does provide

2 some places where restrict—restrict it, but I really
3 believe it will be best done as part of comprehensive
4 legislation that also eases some of the burdens that
5 we have, sets clear standards. I do not think we'll
6 be—we, excuse me, will be well served if every effort
7 to restrict vending is a piece of legislation on the
8 floor of this Council. So, I'm going to—but I also
9 have real respect for Council Members Koo and Chin.
10 I know they have worked hard here. Obviously, they
11 are champions of immigrants, and I respect their
12 work. I'm going to vote no on 969-A, and I'm going
13 to abstain on 959-A where I appreciate the work that
14 Council Member Chin has done to pull back the
15 boundaries and the work that Jason Goldman has done,
16 and commits to continue doing to make sure those 16
17 vendors that are being displaced find good places in
18 Lower Manhattan where they can continue to do
19 business or we can all be proud of what we're doing
20 here today. I also want to give prompts to Steven
21 Levin on his work at 80 Flatbush. He is up against
22 it on a lot of projects, and he is working hard to
23 find solutions that work for the broader goals of the
24 city as well as of his district, and I want to thank
25 my colleagues for voting in favor of the application

2 at 57 Caton Place where we're getting a couple of
3 dozen new affordable units in the Kensington
4 Community, which has never had any affordable housing
5 before, and also taking significant steps forward to
6 preserve Kensington Stables the home of the horses
7 that are the last riding in Prospect Park and in
8 Brooklyn. I won't go into details about what we're
9 getting done there, but good things are happening,
10 and I appreciate your vote in favor. I vote aye on
11 all except no on 969-A and abstain on 959-A. Thank
12 you.

13 CLERK: Espinal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Levin.

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

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
21 much, Madam Public Advocate. I just wanted to thank
22 my colleagues for their support on-on the 80 Flatbush
23 project and for those that are voting no I understand
24 and respect their-their-their vote and opinions.
25 This was a long process, and we went through a

2 rigorous process to get to an outcome that I think
3 was in the best interest of the community. What-
4 where we landed was now the project is going to be
5 reduced from an 18 FAR building or set of buildings
6 to a 15.75 FAR building. This translates to roughly
7 about 137,000 square feet. So, it's a significant
8 reduction while maintaining all of the benefits that
9 were initially committed. So, roughly or
10 approximately 200 units of affordable housing, a new
11 school for Khalil Gibran International Academy, and a
12 new elementary school that will serve approximately
13 350 students. It was our preference to try to get
14 the building to under 15 FAR, but unfortunately, that
15 wasn't possible, but we do believe that it was-it
16 was-we negotiated about as far as we could go while
17 still maintaining a viable project, and so I want to
18 thank the applicant Alloy, the Education Construct-
19 Educational Construction firm, Maldonado, our Land
20 Use staff, our Chief of Staff Jason Goldman, Raju
21 Mann, Brian Paul, Amy Levitan, Julie Lubin who worked
22 very hard on this, and I want to especially thank as
23 well as the Administration and especially Deputy
24 Mayor Alicia Glen who worked personally on this. And
25 I want to thank the community who really had their

2 voice in this process, and made their voices heard
3 and had a significant impact. If it wasn't for the
4 community, the Boerum Hill Association, but a lot of
5 other individuals and groups that made their voices
6 heard, this project would not have improved the way
7 that it was. So, I want to give [bell] them the—the
8 shout-out that they deserve, and—and I do want to
9 vote aye on all with the exception of—sorry—two
10 pieces of legislation. Sorry, with the exception of
11 Intros 959-A and 969-A with great respect to my
12 colleagues Margaret Chin and Peter who I know who
13 worked hard on this, but respectfully I vote no on
14 those two items. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Matteo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I'm voting aye on
20 all with the exception of Intro 969-A. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 CLERK: Maisel.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

24 CLERK: Menchaca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Madam Public
3 Advocate, permission to explain my vote.

4 CLERK: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I
6 am going to talking about the Erie Basin NYPD
7 Evidence Storage Facility, Land Use Item 170-175.
8 I'm-I'm voting yes on this, and we worked really hard
9 to address some of the concerns of the community with
10 the NYPD. This facility is critical to NYPD's
11 ability to store evidence and investigate criminal
12 cases, but this facility also sits on one of the most
13 vulnerable sites in our city, a sit the as devastated
14 during Sandy resulting in the significant and costly
15 damage to investigatory evidence. As we know, more
16 storms and foods are coming, and I felt it was
17 irresponsible to allow the city to continue this site
18 and continue not just for the ten-year permit, but an
19 indefinite amount of ability for them to renew their
20 lease. We said no, and we worked back down to ten
21 years only, and with that we are establishing a
22 Relocation Working Group that will ensure that the
23 facility that is so critical to this justice system
24 that we hold so dear find a safe home in the next ten
25 years, and so that I'm hoping that this becomes a

2 citywide conversation and we'll be looking towards
3 you to join this effort by really coming out to
4 Sunset Park and Red Hook in my district. The
5 original agreement had some maintenance contract with
6 Valentino Pier Park that you should visit. It's
7 beautiful, enhancing the public access to the
8 Columbia Street Esplande and supporting
9 neighborhoodwide planning so that Red Hook can get
10 the attention it needs to further think about its
11 Integrated Flood Protection Plan, its growth in
12 manufacturing and residential. Thank you for
13 everyone, NYPD, DCAS, Parks, the Mayor's Office,
14 everyone in the Speaker's staff for joining in this
15 effort. We found a solution. We've worked together.
16 I will be voting yes on all except for Intro 5-Sorry.
17 Intro 969 and 959-A. Thank you so much.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Moya.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Permission to
23 explain my vote?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you, Madam
3 Public Advocate. While I will be voting aye on all,
4 I just wanted to say that I believe that street
5 vendors play an important role in our community, and
6 provide a service that should not be taken for
7 granted. At the same time, we need to find a balance
8 between street vending like all industries and the
9 public safety, and I appreciate that this is a
10 reflection of my colleagues' districts, and I look
11 forward to working with the Council Member Chin and
12 the rest of my colleagues going forward. Thank you.
13 I will be voting aye on all.

14 CLERK: Perkins.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: I want to—I want
16 to vote aye on all except 959-A and 969. I very much
17 support the comprehensive street vending reforms and
18 regulations and look forward to being able to be a
19 part of the efforts of bringing that about. Aye on
20 all otherwise.

21 CLERK: Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you.
23 Permission to explain my vote.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I
3 want to echo comments made both by my colleagues
4 Francisco Moya and Andy Cohen. We I think in this
5 body have a great appreciation for the many vendors
6 in this city that provide not only just the character
7 and good food, but also it's an important job, and a
8 a path to the middle-class and higher from any
9 Americans and new Americans. After a lot of
10 conversations with my colleagues and—and folks here,
11 I have a better appreciation for their issues in
12 their districts, and for that reason I will be voting
13 aye on—on the bills. But understanding what Council
14 Member Lander said as well is true, which is that we
15 need to have I think a stronger—a stronger framework
16 for how we view all these rather than doing them sort
17 of spot by spot. So, I support that—that framework,
18 and building a framework around that as well.
19 Second, I just wanted to say thank you to the
20 Speaker. Thank you to Council Member King for a
21 resolution on Raise the Age that we're passing today
22 that I introduced to ensure that as we move forward,
23 we also do a review of existing individuals that were
24 previously convicted as 16 and 17-year-olds in
25 Criminal Court, and examining their cars to make sure

2 that we have equitable treatment for those who are
3 going through our system that we now deem to be
4 inappropriate and, of course, a lot of work to do
5 around Raise the Age before implementation here
6 period. Last, I just wanted to congratulate Council
7 Member Levin. I know that was a hard fought
8 rezoning, and he came to a--I think a good place on
9 it. So congratulations to him as well. With that--
10 with that being said, I vote aye on all. Thanks.

11 CLERK: Reynoso.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to
13 explain my vote. Congratulations, Tish. I want to
14 just also state I think it's very clear here that the
15 City Council is asking for more comp-comprehensive
16 planning and reform when it comes to the street
17 vendor issue. (sic) And we--we all think that there is
18 a better solution to this in a more thoughtful way,
19 but I also do think that the work that Margaret Chin
20 and Peter Koo have done related to street vendors in
21 their district is--is second to none. They've been
22 very open minded. They've been listening to all of
23 our concerns. This is their district. They
24 understand those districts very well. So, I am going
25 to vote aye on all including the two bills by Koo and

2 Chin, but hope that in the future the City Council
3 could hear a more comprehensive plan for street
4 vending. So, again, I vote aye on all.

5 CLERK: Richards.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Rivera.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Rodriguez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
11 explain my vote.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First of all,
14 congratulations Public Advocate.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: So and my
17 daughter Ebony (sic) so she said that going around
18 saying that she has good friend who is going to A.G.
19 (sic) [laughter] So, that's a role model that I know
20 especially all women, but especially women of color
21 they need as they grow and to see that there are role
22 models that they can follow. No one here in this
23 body has more moral authority than saying that she's
24 been fighting for immigrants and street vendors and
25 everyone than my great colleague Margaret Chin. It's

2 difficult to be here where we are because we have the
3 responsibility to balancing the opinion and the
4 interest of everyone. I know and I've been working
5 with a Street Vendor Coalition for years, and I know
6 that we need to do a reform now. I know that Council
7 Member Chin is leading that effort. As someone that
8 allowed me to carry on the bill the Small Business
9 Survival Act, something that she did also for the
10 last couple of years. I trust in her leadership to
11 be able to sure that with the Speaker Corey Johnson,
12 we will be able to have a hearing to move a bill to
13 bring the reform that we need to protect the local
14 small businesses, but also understanding a street
15 vendor is part of our city. So, with that in mind
16 knowing that both Council Member Koo and Chin they
17 are great leaders that it's time for everyone
18 including those men and women that are the street
19 vendors on our streets, I'm very proud to be voting
20 aye knowing that we will be working together to bring
21 street vendor reform in our city.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: With that, I
24 vote aye.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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2 CLERK: Rose.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye

4 CLERK: Rosenthal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With
6 particular appreciation for Council Member Chin, I
7 vote aye on all.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Torres.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on
11 all.

12 CLERK: Treyger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I'm going to
14 abstain on 969- and 959 and aye on the rest.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Ulrich.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Vallone.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Congratulations,
20 Madam Advocate. It will be no on 561 and aye on all
21 the rest.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Van Bramer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to
25 briefly explain my vote.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you. I
4 just want to say I have served with Margaret Chin and
5 Peter Koo for nearly nine years, and I really greatly
6 respect both of them, and know in their hearts that
7 they are always trying to do what is best for the
8 districts and the people they serve, and I know how
9 deeply both of them care about all immigrants and all
10 workers. So, I, too, have great appreciation for the
11 role of street vendors in the city, and I know we'll
12 have more to do in the Council, but I have great
13 respect and admiration for my colleagues and it is
14 with that respect for who they are and what they
15 represent, and all that they've done that I vote aye
16 on all.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

18 CLERK: Williams.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
20 excused to explain my vote.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 First, I want to make sure I mention this because I
24 know folks might leave, but honest congratulations
25 to—to the Public Advocate and thank you for all the

2 support I received from my colleagues both before and
3 after the election. I genuinely appreciate it.
4 Thank you. On these votes I'm going to be abstaining
5 on Land Use 192 to 194. I want to lend my—combine my
6 comments with that of Council Member Barron. My hope
7 is that at some point this body will re-open MIH. I
8 do support the ones that do have an Option, although
9 I think that is still not enough. My hope is that
10 we—we open. On the bills, aye on all with the
11 exception of Intro 959-A and 969-A. I do want to
12 make sure I mention that I believe having worked with
13 Council Member Chin that she deeply cares about these
14 workers and the people that most folks are speaking
15 about when we talk about these licenses. I just
16 happen to disagree with the assumption that this
17 somehow is going to assist in—in the safety. So, I'm
18 going to have to vote no on Intro 959-A. I hope we
19 do more comprehensive discussion around the licenses
20 and the vendors. With Council Member Koo having
21 worked with him I know that he is deeply concerned
22 about that particular area, and district, but again,
23 I'm very concerned about the vendors and doing this
24 in piecemeal, but just as a nod to show that I know
25 that congestion is an issue that we have to address.

2 I'm going to abstain on that one, and hope that we
3 have a more-more full conversation on these issues,
4 and not to move forward piecemeal because there are
5 real people's lives who are depending on us doing
6 this in a better way. With that, I vote aye on the
7 rest.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
9 you, sir.

10 CLERK: Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with
12 the exception of LU 201, LU 202, Resolution 547 and
13 Resolution 548.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Williams. Council Member Williams, can you please
16 repeat your vote, please for the record?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [coughs] Aye on
18 all with-aye on all with the exception of LU 192 and
19 194 which I vote against, and I vote against Intro
20 949-A and I abstain on 969-A.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. [bell]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam President,
23 may I-may I clarify my vote? The four items that I
24 mentioned I'm abstaining on them, not voting no.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council member

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Council Member

5 Maisel, corrects m that the Prospect Park's Stables
6 is not the sole stables in Brooklyn. There actually
7 is the Jamaica Bay Stables as well, and I felt bad
8 for--

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You stand
10 corrected.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you.

12 CLERK: Cumbo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye. Thank
14 you.

15 CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

17 [pause] While we're tallying the votes, I want to
18 let it be know that we've been joined by a very
19 special guest today, one of the greats, as I think
20 Council Member Perkins would agree with us. His
21 amazing partner in life and wife the wonderful Pam
22 Perkins is here, and I wanted to welcome her to the
23 Chambers today. [applause]

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [laughs]

25 [background comments]

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on
3 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote
4 50 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0 abstentions
5 with the exception 959-A, which was adopted by a
6 vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 negative and 2
7 abstentions, and Intro 969-A, which was adopted by a
8 vote of 40 in the affirmative, 8 negative and 2
9 abstentions, and Land Use 192, 193 and 194 with
10 accompanying resolutions, which was adopted by a vote
11 of 48 in the affirmative, 2 negative and 0
12 abstentions, and Land Use 199 and 200 with
13 accompanying resolutions, which was adopted by a vote
14 of 49 in the affirmative, 1 negative and 0
15 abstentions; and Land Use 201 and 202 with
16 accompanying resolutions, which was adopted by a vote
17 of 48 in the affirmative, 1 negative, 1 abstention;
18 and Land Use 190 and 191 with accompanying
19 resolutions, which is adopted by a vote of 49 in the
20 affirmative, 1 negative and 0 abstentions; and Intro
21 561-A, which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the
22 affirmative, 1 negative and 0 abstentions. And there
23 is one correction, which the Revised Land Use Call-Up
24 vote is 50 in the affirmative, 0 negative.
25 Introduction and reading of bills.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
3 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now
5 Resolution 283, a resolution calling upon the
6 governor-[shushing for quiet] Quiet in the Chambers,
7 we're-

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
9 down, please, keep it down.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We're still in
11 session. A resolution calling upon the Governor to
12 coordinate a review of cases involving persons
13 convicted of a crime at the age of 16 or 17 years of
14 age before Raise the Age legislation went into effect
15 who are currently incarcerated or are sentenced in
16 criminal court to ensure those sentences are
17 equitable and just. We will hear from the sponsor of
18 that resolution Council Member Keith Powers.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. I
20 mentioned I quickly--so I'll just keep it short.
21 It's a resolution just to ensure that as we move into
22 Raise the Age implementation on October 1st that we
23 ask the governor and the state to look at those who
24 have already been convicted as 16 and 17-year-olds
25 and review their cases because they were--we are now

2 deeming this to be an inappropriate way to treat 16
3 and 17-year-olds, get them off the Riker's Island,
4 but also don't treat them in Criminal Court. So,
5 we're asking for a review of those cases of those who
6 were tried as 16 and 17-year-olds to ensure that they
7 also get fair treatment as well, and I thank you for
8 the consideration of it.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thanks

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any other
12 speakers on the resolution? Seeing none, all of
13 those in favor say aye.

14 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those
16 opposed? Any abstention? The ayes have it, and now
17 to general discussion beginning with Council Member
18 Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
20 Public Advocate. Yesterday I stood on the steps of
21 City Hall with those who are calling for justice-\

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
23 [shushing for quiet]-

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --for the family
25 of Mohamed Bah. He was killed by the police, New

2 York City Police, September 25th. Yesterday marked
3 the sixth anniversary. The judge—there was a jury
4 trial and the jury came to a settlement in that
5 regard. The Administration has decided that they are
6 going to file an appeal against the settlement that
7 has been awarded by the courts. We are calling on
8 the Mayor to withdraw that appeal, and let the family
9 move forward so that they can get on with the healing
10 process. And, I want to call my colleagues'
11 attention to Intro 1114, which I am introducing with
12 Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer. It's a bill to
13 create a task force to examine the monument, statues,
14 public art and historical markers in our city-owned
15 property placing special emphasis on those that are
16 subject to sustained negative attention and may be
17 viewed as inconsistent with the values of diversity,
18 equity, and inclusion. This task force would be
19 Chaired by the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, the
20 Commissioner of the City Planning, Parks and
21 Recreation and Transportation. It would also have
22 seats on this task force as well as the Executive
23 Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
24 The remaining members would be representatives from
25 each of the five boroughs respectively and have

2 expertise in one or more of the following areas: Art
3 history, antiquities, public art, public space,
4 preservation, cultural heritage, diversity and
5 inclusion and education. I want to acknowledge the
6 following people worked on drafting this legislation:
7 Alex Washington, Legislative Attorney; Kelly Taylor;
8 Deputy Counsel to the Speaker; Wesley Jones, Deputy
9 Director; my Legislative Director N'Digo Washington
10 and [bell] and my Chief of Staff Joy Simmons. Thank
11 you.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Than you.
13 Council Member Levin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
15 much, Madam Public Advocate. I want to for a moment
16 here acknowledge the loss of somebody very important
17 to the 33rd District and to the New York City
18 Council, Marian Wood Meyer passed away last week.
19 Marian Served the New York City as part of the office
20 in the 33rd District starting with former Council
21 Member Ken Fisher, and then throughout the entire
22 tenure of Council Member David Yassky, and then with
23 my office for several years as well. Marian was born
24 in Texas. She married her husband Sid Meyer when she
25 was Psychiatric Social Worker at Kingsborough

2 Psychiatric Center formerly known as Brooklyn Safe
3 Hospital. Sid was the person personnel officer
4 there. Marian was born in Galveston, Texas on July
5 18, 1944. Her--her father Donald A Wood was stationed
6 there with the United States Army. Her mother Betty
7 Jo also worked--

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

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: --for the Army as
11 a nurse, but was discharged when she became pregnant
12 with Marian. Marian's father was a veterinarian in
13 Fredonia, New York where Marian grew up. Her
14 maternal grandparents were pioneers who came to
15 Lawton in a covered wagon. She received her
16 undergraduate degree from Cornell University and
17 earned her Masters Degree in social work from--Cor--
18 sorry. Her undergraduate from Cornell and her
19 masters in social work from Columbia. Marian is
20 survived by her husband Sidney Meyer, her husband of
21 42 years. For some Michael Wood Meyer and her five
22 grandchildren Ryan, Alexander, Jackson, Nate and Leo.
23 I want to thank you, Public Advocate for attending
24 the services for Marian. She was a--an institution in

2 the 33rd District and she'll be missed by many.
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May she rest in
5 peace. Council Member Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. Today
7 we're introducing Intro 1116, legislation that would
8 expand the opportunity for street vendors in our
9 city. Many of these vendors are immigrant
10 entrepreneurs looking for a pathway to the middle-
11 class and to achieve the American Dream. However,
12 for years they have been subject to a broken system
13 that does not work for vendors or reflect their vital
14 role in our local economy. Enforcement has been
15 spotty and inconsistent. Now is the time that we
16 create their rules for everyone to follow. I am
17 proud to sponsor legislation that takes an important
18 step in building a city where street vendors, brick
19 and mortar small businesses and residents can co-
20 exist. This legislation will finally raise the
21 longstanding cap on vendor license—food vendor
22 license, create and Independent Vending Enforcement
23 Unit to enforce the rules--

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
25 [shushing for quiet]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: --consistently and
3 fairly and create a Street Vending Advisory Board
4 where vendors, small businesses, community groups and
5 other stakeholders can all be at the table to assess
6 the impact of street vending every year. We need
7 more opportunities for immigrant workers not less.
8 Under a federal administration intent on breeding
9 fear and violence within immigrant communities, this
10 legislation creates a real chance for the city to be
11 a leader for inclusion and opportunity for
12 immigrants. I'm proud to have been a champion for
13 street vendors since before being elected to the
14 Council and I thank former Speaker Melissa Mark-
15 Viverito for entrusting me and Council Member
16 Menchaca to renew these efforts. I hope my
17 colleagues will join us to help more New Yorkers
18 achieve the dream of owning their own businesses,
19 lift their families out of poverty and shape a new
20 narrative for street vendors in our city, and I urge
21 my colleagues to sign on. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
23 Council Member Rodriguez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would like
25 to invite everyone here and everyone in government,

2 community board, presidents and everyone to the city
3 to join Speaker Johnson and the Committee of
4 Transportation as we go—and also Public Advocates and
5 many other elected officials as we will be holding
6 our 24-hours Riders Respond Transit tour. That tour
7 will take place next week the October 4 from 7:00 in
8 the morning to 7:00 p.m. It's going to be in the
9 subway stations listening to the riders and using
10 those information to continue conversation with the
11 MTA to bring the improvement that is needed to take
12 our transportation system to the 21st Century. Thank
13 you.

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

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
17 First to the clerk, I don't know if it's possible but
18 I would like to immediately sign onto Council Member
19 Barron's bill with the Monuments Commission. I also
20 want to align myself with her comments on Mohamed
21 Bah. I generally try my best to speak up on the
22 reforms that have happened, but there are some
23 unenforced errors that are inexplicable. This is one
24 of them. The Administration did not have to have
25 courage to stand up to fight for justice as we've

2 been asking and they haven't been. They simply had
3 to be still. For them to go out of their way to not
4 only not fight for justice, but to block a jury who
5 did their job for them is appalling, and we ask that
6 they drop it immediately. I also want to bring my
7 colleague's attention to Intro 1136. It's a body-
8 worn camera reporting bill. It's been introduced to
9 Council Member Lancman and will require reporting on
10 body camera usage and the footage captured
11 disaggregated by many qualifiers and categories. As
12 I said before, having the footage is one thing. It
13 not leading to accountability that means that it's
14 not doing its best use, and I feel like the
15 Administration, NYPD are releasing it ad hoc usually
16 when it benefits them. We have to have a bigger
17 discussion very quickly on how we use this footage.
18 Also, in July I was arrested while protesting Bret
19 Kavanaugh's nomination. On Monday, I was in court
20 for that arrest as more allegations came out against
21 him. I just want to align myself with those who are
22 saying this man cannot be confirmed. Christine
23 Blasey-Ford did admit (sic) and to date Julie
24 Swetnick. Peter remember Anita Hill back in the
25 1990s. To survivors of sexual assault, we see you,

2 we hear you, we believe you, and I thank you for your
3 bravery. As a straight cisgendered male, I await my
4 marching orders from my sisters and want to be the
5 best ally that I can be. With that [speaking foreign
6 language] to all those who are celebrating Sukkot.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council member
8 Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam
10 Public advocate. I join Council Members Barron and
11 Williams in their getting the Administration to drop
12 the appeal in the case of Mohamed Bah. It really is
13 galling, and I thank Council Member Williams and so
14 many others including the just extraordinary Audie
15 Barkan and being men who are standing with women at
16 this time saying, Enough. I also would like to call
17 my colleagues' attention to the Community School
18 District 15 Middle School Integration Plan. Council
19 Member Menchaca and I have been pushing for this for
20 several years and we could not have gotten there
21 without the support of this body, your support in
22 moving forward, the School Diversity Accountability
23 Act. Council Member Dromm when you chaired the
24 Education Committee doing a couple of hearings on
25 this issue. Chair Treyger's support. It's a really

2 significant step. We are eliminating screens in all
3 of the middle schools of District 15, and having a
4 set-aside 52% of the middle school students in our
5 district or low-income or English Language Learners,
6 and there will be a set-aside in all of those schools
7 for 52% of the kids. It's a significant and very
8 real step forward in our work to desegregate our
9 schools. We have a long way to go, but this is the
10 kind of bold action we have been pushing for. The
11 current system presents itself as a system of choice
12 and meritocracy, but we've got to be honest, it
13 functions as a system for hoarding privilege and I'm
14 proud that our district is leaning in together in a
15 plan that was truly developed by Community School
16 District 15 stakeholders, students, teachers,
17 parents, educators, principals and advocates to make
18 it happen. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
20 Council Member Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, thank
22 you. Madam Chair. My colleagues, I hope you will
23 join me in supporting two bills that are being
24 introduced today. Intro 1131, which is in regards to
25 the Waterfront Management Advisory Board, which the

2 former Waterfront Committee worked really hard to
3 establish and—and proudly, you know, I announced that
4 they convened their first meeting this week. 1131
5 will amend the law which in respect to appointment of
6 members to the Waterfront Management Advisory Board,
7 so that service on the community board will no longer
8 preclude a New York City resident from also serving
9 on the Waterfront Management Advisory Board. And
10 Intro 1132 will require the installation of
11 reflective material on ballards—bollards, curbs,
12 posts and roundabouts and anything that sort of
13 intrudes into the road bed. My hope is that by
14 adding visual cues, we'll prevent accidents at night,
15 which these obstacles are harder to see. All of
16 these bills in different ways impact the quality of
17 life and how we engage in the city's civic life, and
18 I hope that you will receive these bills in the
19 spirit that they are put forth. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, and
21 lastly Council Member Menchaca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: [coughs] Thank
23 you, Madam Public Advocate. I want to just echo all
24 the sentiments that Council Member Lander raised
25 about CC15, an extraordinary moment for our

2 community, and one of the things I want to lay out
3 about that process was that it was a really important
4 process that was driven by the community. So many
5 members that were non-English speakers were invited
6 and brought in with real resources to engage them
7 directly. I want to put your—bring your attention to
8 a bill that Council Member Chin spoke to 1116--

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Please
10 keep it down.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: This is known
12 as the Comprehensive Street Vendor Bill. I'm really
13 excited to be a co-prime sponsor with Chin, joined by
14 Lander and Rose to really bring that comprehensive
15 conversation that's so many of you in this Chamber
16 spoke to. I—I look forward to working with you as
17 colleagues, but also bringing all the stakeholders.
18 This is a continuation of a long-term discussion here
19 in the city, and so much has to be—is to be gained
20 from this opportunity that we have in front of us,
21 and I know that shift—winds are shifting in support
22 of this, and so I want to thank everyone who is
23 making that possible. And finally, public charge has
24 come down. Trump's proposed rules for the federal
25 government target vulnerable immigrant families by

2 penalizing them for being poor and hungry and sick.
3 This is not a drill, ladies and gentlemen. This is
4 another face of the deportation machine that will
5 separate more families. Many families impacted are
6 mixed status families with American born children.
7 By significantly expanding the list of public
8 benefits that are grounds for denying Green Cards,
9 this proposal rule forces many families to choose
10 between health and wellbeing and the ability for them
11 to legally be here in the United States. This is
12 wrong and we have to stand up. I as the chair of the
13 Immigration Committee and joining with all of you and
14 the Speaker will be bringing more information so that
15 you can be ready to answer questions, and join us in
16 this effort to combat this incredibly cruel rule in
17 front of us. Thank you so much.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, and
19 the Speaker now to close.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Today's Stated Meeting
21 of September 26, 2018 is hereby adjourned. [gavel]

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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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