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B E F O R E:
CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
- Council Member Charles Barron
- Council Member Gale A. Brewer
- Council Member Fernando Cabrera
- Council Member Margaret S. Chin
- Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
- Council Member Elizabeth S. Crowley
- Council Member Inez E. Dickens
- Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
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- Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
- Council Member Helen D. Foster
- Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
- Council Member James F. Gennaro
- Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
- Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez

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Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
Council Member Robert Jackson
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Council Member Peter A. Koo
Council Member G. Oliver Koppell
Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Council Member Brad S. Lander
Council Member Jessica S. Lappin
Council Member Stephen T. Levin
Council Member Melissa Mark-
Viverito
Council Member Darlene Mealy
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Council Member Michael C. Nelson
Council Member James S. Oddo
Council Member Annabel Palma
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Jr.
Council Member Diana Reyna
Council Member Joel Rivera
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Council Member Deborah L. Rose
Council Member James Sanders, Jr.
Council Member Larry B. Seabrook
Council Member Eric A. Ulrich
Council Member James Vacca
Council Member Peter F. Vallone,
Jr.
Council Member James G. Van Bramer
Council Member Albert Vann
Council Member Mark S. Weprin
Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

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Christine C. Quinn
Opening Statement
Speaker
New York City Council

Dr. Rev. Floyd H. Flake
Invocation
The Greater Allen A. M. E. Cathedral of New York
110-31 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11433
Inez E. Dickens

Mark S. Weprin
Speaking concerning Thomas White, Jr.
New York City Council Member

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Steve diBrienza
Former New York City Council Member

Bryan White
Son of Thomas White, Jr.

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking on package of legislation
Speaker
New York City Council

Christine C. Quinn thanks:
Russell Unger
Green Codes Task Force
Jeff Haberman
Baaba Halm
Samara Swanson
Laura Popa
Rob Newman
Ben Goodman
James S. Gennaro
Erik Martin Dilan

James S. Gennaro
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Chairperson
Committee on Environmental Protection

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James S. Gennaro thanks:
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Speaking on package of legislation
Chairperson
Committee on Housing and Buildings

Erik Martin Dilan thanks:
Speaker Quinn's staff
Laura Popa

Christine C. Quinn
Recognizing:
Fernando Cabrera
Intro 262-A

Daniel R. Garodnick
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Stephen T. Levin
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Stephen T. Levin thanks:
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Erik Martin Dilan
Baaba Halm

Eric A. Ulrich
Speaking on Intro 277-A
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Eric A. Ulrich thanks:
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James Gennaro
Erik Martin Dilan

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Christine C. Quinn thanks:
Gail Benjamin
Land Use Committee Staff

Daniel Dromm
Speaking on Reso re: DREAM Act
Chairperson
Committee on Immigration

James Gennaro
Speaking on Reso 462, Hydraulic Fracturing
Chairperson
Committee on Environmental Protection

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking on Reso 462, Hydraulic Fracturing
Speaker
New York City Council

Inez Dickens
Speaking on Reso 461, One Nation Working Together
New York City Council Member

Joel Rivera recognizes:
Susan Zimmitz
Ulster County Legislature
and
Julia Walsh
Frack Action
and
Claire Sandburg
Frack Action

Mathieu Eugene recognizes:
Perica Moelle
Reporter from France

Mathieu Eugene
Speaking on Haitian earthquake coalition
New York City Council Member

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Gale A. Brewer
Speaking on Hearing regarding Governmental Operations
Speaking on Reso 461, One Nation Working Together
New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer recognizes:
Brendan Hegenfeld
Intern from NYU
and
Tara Reinhart
Intern from Hunter College
and
Emma Katz
Intern from McCauley and Hunter
and
Shirrell Moore
Intern from John Jay College
and
Caitlin O'Hagan
Intern from McCauley Hunter

Robert Jackson
Speaking on Intro 354, Data re: student discharges

Daniel A. Halloran, III recognizes:
Andrew Kozecky
Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award candidate
and
Dennis Ring
Chief of Staff
Daniel Halloran's Office

Letitia James
Speaking on death of Mr. Williams Saunders
New York City Council Member

Jumaane D. Williams
Speaking on Reso 461, One Nation Working Together

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the Invocation being delivered today by Reverend Doctor Floyd H. Flake.

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DR. FLOYD H. FLAKE: Let us bow our heads. It is with gratitude that we come this day, thankful for life, thankful for purpose, thankful for an opportunity to know that you have granted us another day. Give us the power, the strength, the will to do your will. Help us that we might be helpers of one another. Help us that we might befriend one another. Help us in a world where there are so many uncertainties, to look for our hope and help, our strength. Give us guidance that we might make decisions that are appropriate and meet the needs of the people that we have been called to serve.

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By your power we know that we can do all things and we bless you as we bless these who stand before us. We thank you for the memory of our good friend, our brother, Councilman Tom White, who members of his family have gathered here on this day and yet are belabored in bereavement. Deliver them and give them strength

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2 that they might continue in the journey and
3 continue to do good things as he has already done.
4 Thank you for this day and for your love for all
5 of us. Help us to become a people who know that
6 we're not so different as we dare to believe but
7 when we are one we are at our very best. Amen.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very,
9 very much Dr. Rev. Flake for honoring us with your
10 presence today and also on behalf of the Council I
11 want to thank you very much for the wonderful home
12 going service you did for our colleague and friend
13 Tom White. And today we are going to first start
14 with a ceremonial in memory of Council Member
15 White. I'm going to make some opening statements,
16 then we'll hear from our colleagues and perhaps
17 from Tom's family and then present Tom's family
18 with a proclamation. And then we will move on to
19 the rest of the Stated Meeting.

20 At our last meeting we stood in
21 memory of our colleague and friend Council Member
22 Thomas White, Jr., 71, who passed away on August
23 27th, 2010 after a long illness. Today we are very
24 grateful to be joined by Tom's mother, Marie
25 White, his children, Bryan White and Lucille

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2 Precious Middleton, his daughter-in-law Seleste
3 White and grandchildren Lamar and Jacob. We all
4 knew that Tom was a man that truly loved life. No
5 matter what was happening, no matter how great the
6 challenge we were facing, you could always count
7 on Tom to have a twinkle in his eye and a smile on
8 his face.

9 He found joy in everything he did,
10 whether it was running for office, helping his
11 community, or gambling all night at the Somos
12 [phonetic] Conference. He always took the time to
13 laugh and found a way to have fun. And it was,
14 thank goodness, infectious. When you saw Tom
15 White smile, it was impossible, no matter what was
16 on your mind, not to smile along with him. I had
17 the pleasure to serve with Tom during both of his
18 terms on this City Council.

19 And in addition to, as we've said
20 being a lot of fun, he was also street smart and
21 compassionate and always the pragmatist. For
22 nearly 15 years in public service he served as a
23 tireless fighter for programs to benefit southeast
24 Queens' neighborhoods. As Chair of our Economic
25 Development Committee, he fought citywide for job

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2 training, placement programs, and investment in
3 long term economic growth.

4 He continuously pushed for
5 additional resources to help minority and women
6 owned business stay afloat and to help them create
7 good jobs for their neighbors. As Executive
8 Director of one of the largest and most effective
9 substance abuse programs in the State, he cared
10 for New Yorkers who have often been marginalized,
11 forgotten, and incarcerated from an early age. He
12 gave them hope, a shot a redemption and a chance
13 to rebuild a better life.

14 Tom also knew how to work within
15 the system to find real achievable results,
16 whether he was fighting for the residents of
17 Rochdale Village or working to help our City heal
18 after the tragic killing of Sean Bell. His focus
19 was always on the communities he loves. And
20 anyone who served with Tom on the budget
21 negotiating team knew just how hard Tom fought for
22 the things he believed in. He never gave up even
23 when it completely irritated every member of the
24 budget negotiating team. He would not move on
25 until he got the answer that he wanted which in

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2 fact was a pretty effective way of getting what he
3 wanted out of the budget negotiating team.

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5 On a personal note and I've
6 mentioned this before Tom shared the same birthday
7 as my father. And not a year went by when Tom
8 didn't make it a point to call my father, to take
9 the time to chat with him and to share a little
10 bit of joy on the day that they shared. It was
11 that attention to personal detail, that warmth and
12 human touch, that made him both an effective
13 community leader and a great man.

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14 Today's Stated Meeting as was our
15 September 16th, Stated Meeting will be adjourned in
16 memory of Council Member Tom White, Jr. At this
17 point I'd like to call on our Assistant Majority
18 Leader Inez Dickens to say a few words about her
19 colleague Tom White and then we will hear from
20 other of Tom's colleagues.

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21 COUNCIL MEMBER INEZ DICKENS: Thank
22 you Madam Speaker. Here was a man, a proud,
23 strong Black man, Thomas White, Jr. A friend, a
24 character, my buddy, someone I could count on to
25 have my back. Tom never ran from a good fight.
And when you had him in your corner you rarely

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2 lost. He never gave up, not on his community, not
3 on young people, not on our City, not on those
4 troubled souls who had the unfortunate,
5 unfortunate thing to happen to them, to be
6 involved with drugs.

7 Tom worked hard but he lived well.
8 Tom was generous. Tom was the life of the party.
9 And in many cases he paid for that party Did he
10 make mistakes? Yes he did make a few mistakes
11 along the way but don't we all, and Tom did it his
12 way. He helped a lot of people in this City. For
13 those of us that attended his funeral, we say just
14 a mere, mere hundreds. My friend, you fought the
15 good fight. I will miss you but rest well and be
16 at my back still. God bless us all and God bless
17 your family and I thank you Mrs. White for sharing
18 him and Tom's son and grandchildren, thank you.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: We next call on
20 Tom's Queens colleague Council Member Mark Weprin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you
22 Madam Speaker. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom
23 White for many years. You know, in fact one of
24 Tom's unique talents was that he made everybody
25 feel as if they'd known Tom White for many years.

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2 He used that talent well and as you know Tom knew
3 first-hand the devastations of drugs and how they
4 can have--the effect they can have on an
5 individual. And he set out to prevent other
6 people, especially young people from falling into
7 dependency. You know, he took over the Jamaica
8 Community Adolescent Program, JCAP, to provide
9 young people in his community with ways to
10 confront their challenges and to succeed against
11 difficult odds.

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13 The program expanded to include
14 everything from veterans services to residential
15 drug treatment but it never strayed from Tom's
16 initial vision. He remained a man on a mission.
17 Whatever Tom said or did was with calm dignity
18 that enabled him and made him so beloved by his
19 constituents, his clients, his neighbors, his
20 colleagues and his staff. He embraced his friends
21 and neighbors. He radiated an incredible passion
22 for his family, especially his beloved mother,
23 Marie, and their children Bryan and Precious and
24 grandchildren.

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Tom also knew how to listen to a
constituent who was seeking public assistance or a

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2 young mother enrolling in a teen pregnancy
3 program, or an HIV patient who needed medication
4 or a neighbor who just wanted to talk. He always
5 knew how to speak. And when Tom spoke, people
6 listened. He had that gift.

7 His life was about community and
8 bringing us closer to a world which people could
9 be safe and free from the corrupting influence of
10 drugs. Tom was creative however in his approach
11 to some of society's most persistent ills. Where
12 others would be content to continue with the same
13 old method, Tom sought a new way. He worked to
14 establish alternative sentencing programs and help
15 young people to stay out of jail and get them help
16 when they needed it.

17 Today ATIs or alternatives to
18 incarceration for individuals who suffer from drug
19 addition have become commonplace. But Tom was one
20 of the first to realize their potential. Tom
21 again thought outside the box when he secured
22 computers for the use of clients at the Queens
23 Village Committee for Mental Health. Including
24 computer training in the mental health program was
25 a novel concept but Tom had the foresight to

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2 realize that working with computers would make the
3 clients more mentally adept, enhance their job
4 readiness skills and give them a powerful tool for
5 self-improvement.

6 On a final note, you know, Tom
7 possessed a quality that I really admire in people
8 and I especially admire it in people who are in
9 power. He made everyone feel as though you were
10 an equal. And whether you were a waiter or a
11 parking attendant, a staffer, or a troubled youth
12 suffering from addiction, or a freshman member of
13 the New York City Council, he treated people with
14 respect and didn't talk down to anyone. I only
15 had the opportunity to be his seat-mate in the
16 Council chamber for a couple of months but that
17 time for me was a privilege. He always conveyed
18 wisdom, humor, warmth and a bright smile.

19 I want to thank you Tom for all you
20 have done for so many people and I want you to
21 know you will be sorely missed. Thank you Madam
22 Speaker.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Next we
24 have Council Member Sanders.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Thank you.

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2 I want to offer a short story on my colleague Tom
3 White, Council Member. I remember that when he
4 came back to the Council, one of the first things
5 he did was to say James, how are we going to bring
6 some more money to southeast Queens. I said well
7 Tom, you've got to do this, you've got to do that-
8 -he said no, I know what to do. Now how are we
9 going to bring some more money back to southeast
10 Queens. So I started to understand that he wasn't
11 talking about the mechanics of it, he was talking
12 about unifying, he was talking about people
13 working together and bringing it to Queens.

14 I enjoyed that as an approach and
15 it taught me a great deal. Many people will tell
16 you the stories and there's not enough time to
17 tell the stories. This is one of the most
18 colorful people that you have met. So there's not
19 enough time in that sense. I just wanted to say
20 on behalf of southeast Queens to the family, thank
21 you for lending him to us. Thank you for sharing
22 him, those long hours when he was putting them in,
23 thank you. We apologize for taking him for all of
24 that time but he sure made a better City and for
25 that one we thank you. Thank you very much.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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Next we have Council Member Karen Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I knew

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Tom as early as the 1970's when we served as

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district leaders together in Queens County. If

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you wanted to have fun you looked for Tom. Tom

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was always having fun. He loved life. He wanted

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everyone around him to enjoy what was going on at

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that moment. I remember being in California with

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Tom at the Democratic Convention. And we were,

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besides being at the convention, every night was a

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party. A group of us would go out, have a party,

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and just have a good time. And then after that a

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group of us went on to Las Vegas and we continue

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to party with Tom. And that's how I know Tom.

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I also know Tom that I never saw

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Tom being angry, angry. Because even when he

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didn't like something that was going on, he had a

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twinkle in his eye. He was a wonderful man. He

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was a good friend. I served with him in the City

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Council for 10 years before. I'm sorry that I

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didn't have the opportunity to serve another 10

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years with Tom this time. Tom, we are going to

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miss you. The kids are going to miss you.

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2 Everything you did for the kids and for the people
3 of Queens and the City of New York, we are going
4 to miss you. God bless you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Next we have Council Member Ferreras.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: As a new
8 member of the Council, we had the awesome
9 opportunity of visiting Israel. And Tom was part
10 of that delegation that the Speaker had put
11 together. Little did we know that that would be
12 one of the last times that we would get together
13 in a more social setting with Council Member
14 White. And one thing he was able to do for all of
15 us was bring us a smile. We visited very somber
16 places over in the Holy Land. And we walked
17 through streets that had been walked by holy
18 people. And we understood that he would bring a
19 smile to every situation.

20 And one of the things we looked
21 forward to in our trip was getting back to the
22 hotel, unwinding and talking about what the day
23 had brought and what was going on in New York
24 City. And Tom White gave us the best laughs of
25 our life. I think I've never laughed that hard.

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2 And he really did that with class and dignity but
3 also helping us to never forget that our people
4 are part of a struggle and it must continue. And
5 I'm sure that many of us will continue our day's
6 work remembering all that Tom White has done.
7 Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
9 Next we have Council Member Foster.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.
11 I just want to say that when I got into the
12 Council, Tom had served in the Council with my
13 father. And then he came back. And I didn't know
14 what to call him because he was older so I didn't
15 know if I called him Tom. I didn't know if I
16 called him Council Member. So I never called his
17 first name. I would just talk to him without
18 having to say his name, that way I didn't know--I
19 wouldn't get myself in trouble.

20 But I remember one day I didn't
21 have any money and I went to Inez to borrow \$20.
22 And he said you should always have money and
23 proceeded to pull like \$100 bills and I said oh,
24 no, no, no, I don't want to borrow that kind of
25 money 'cause like at least Inez knows I'm good for

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2 \$20. I don't know if I'm good for \$100. And he
3 laughed but he told me, he's like you should
4 always have money on you. Never go out without
5 money. And it's a lesson that I still clearly
6 haven't learned 'cause I have \$1 on me today. But
7 I always figure I have my ATM card so I'm okay.

8 And then I remember when we were in
9 Albany. I'm new to the whole Albany thing. So it
10 was like there goes that news van 'cause I'd have
11 to walk by, walk by the suite. And no matter what
12 time I walked by, he was in that room. So finally
13 I said do you sleep? He said yes but just not
14 this weekend.

15 So to the family, having a father
16 who has served in public office all of my life, I
17 know it takes a lot of time away from home. So I
18 want to thank you for sharing him, not only with
19 us in the City Council, but with the constituents
20 in his District. Because oftentimes we don't say
21 thank you enough but it does make a difference and
22 he did make a difference. So thank you for
23 sharing him with the City, with his community and
24 with us in the Council.

25 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much. Next we have Council Member Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Yeah, I just briefly want to speak about Tom and I think everybody's mentioned his ability to have a good time. And I've been on occasion to share a good time with Tom as well. But I think what most people didn't realize is that Tom was very effective here in City Hall. And I think he did a lot of things that were under the radar and a lot of people don't realize exactly what Tom has done. And I just wanted to speak to that for a few moments from my perspective. And I'm sure the family can relate because there were plenty of news articles about Tom, about how he wasn't here a lot, about how he wasn't effective. But let me just assure everyone and I think most of my colleagues know this about Tom, he was very effective.

I think Jim Gennaro can attest that the people of Electchester owe Tom White a great set of gratitude because he made their development so much more affordable to live in today. And that was over the objection of the Administration. But it's something that Tom White spearheaded and

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2 that this Council passed and the people of
3 Leckchester should be extremely grateful to Tom
4 White.

5 I know in a few months, my
6 committee will be looking at some legislation that
7 Tom introduced that will protect homeowners from
8 being thrown out of their homes and tenants as
9 well should there be a foreclosure action taken on
10 that. That's a policy that's still in the works
11 and myself and the Speaker are looking at that but
12 it's something that Tom actually thought was right
13 to do by the homeowners, not only of South
14 Jamaica, Queens, but for the entire City as well.

15 So even though Tom did his work
16 without the self-promotion and the press releases
17 that, you know, sometimes we have to do and that
18 comes along with it, I just wanted to lend that
19 voice just to let everybody know, rest assured,
20 while he was here it wasn't only about partying
21 for Tom White. Tom also got the job done. So I
22 just wanted that to be reflected. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
24 very much. Next we have Council Member Vann.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yeah thank

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you. Thank you very much. First I met Tom probably during the campaign for Jesse Jackson. That's when he came into my consciousness. I had the honor and pleasure of serving as the titular head of a statewide campaign. And so it put me in contact with a lot of political leaders, primarily Black and Latino political leaders around the state. And Tom took a very active role in Queens around that campaign. So from time to time we would be in contact around political issued. But then I got to meet him again when I came to the Council and then when he came back.

As a matter of fact he sat right behind me in the chamber and I felt very comfortable. I felt good. I said Tom you know you've got my back, literally and figuratively. He says don't worry Vann, I got you. I was on his committee, he chaired the Economic Development Committee. I had an opportunity to see the piercing questions he would ask those who would come to testify. He would get the information that we needed in order to do our business. And he was very skilled at it, smile on his face, very innocent sounding but the question would hit like

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2 thunder. He had a way about how he did things but
3 he got results that we all needed.

4 The other thing and the think I
5 think is most important is every person is not a
6 friend but a lot of people can be friendly. And
7 Tom was a friend. And on one occasions I had
8 another mutual friend who was employed out in
9 Rochdale Village. And he was working for the
10 management there. And he became very, very ill
11 but not many people were aware of it. And, you
12 know, as things go in those types of jobs, the
13 board of directors and people they, you know,
14 they're on your case. And they were actually
15 causing a lot of problems for this gentleman
16 because he was taking it to heart because he's
17 that type of person. And so I pulled Tom aside
18 'cause I knew he represented the area of the City,
19 and told him what was happened with this
20 particular gentleman. He was a good man, also a
21 gentle soul like Tom. And Tom says I've got it,
22 don't worry about it. And he took care of it.

23 That's just an example of who he
24 was and his concern for people that he cared about
25 and his concern for people who needed help. Rest

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2 in peace Tom. He's not only a good man, he was a
3 good brother.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
very much. Council Member Tish James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you.

Most people suffer from CP time, whether you're

Black or White. And if you don't know what CP

time is, ask a Black person. Tom White suffered

from Tom's time. He was persistently and

consistently late. And we loved him anyway.

There was one time for a committee meeting, he was

over two hours late. And so the members of the

committee decided on their own to start the

committee. And when he walked in he was very

upset. But he just looked at me with those

beautiful green eyes and I just took it all as he

called me a couple of names because Tom was also a

lady's man.

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And in Albany during the Black and

Puerto Rican Caucus weekend he would swoon women.

And he would swoon them during the time when we

would sing with the karaoke. He would sing with

Larry Seabrook. And they had those deep baritone

voices and all the ladies would go ooooooo,

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2 aaaaah, but it was Tom White who did it best. It
3 was Tom White who did it best.

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5 But what I loved most about Tom
6 White was that he saw in people their human
7 spirit, their ability to overcome their frailties.
8 What I loved about Tom White is that he believed
9 in the power of prayer and the ability to overcome
10 all obstacles. Tom will be with us always. His
11 presence will stay within our hearts. Tom is in
12 our heart and in my heart as I go out and fight
13 for those who are consistently ignored by
14 government. And it's because Tom lived that I'm
15 here. Family, God bless you, and thank you for
16 sharing and sacrificing Tom White.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
Council Member Oddo, Minority Leader.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yeah. I have
a quick Tom White story. A few years ago, and
just a few years ago, I celebrated my 40th
birthday. And I told some friends in and around
the Council that I wasn't dealing with it too well
and that we should take a trip. And normally we
do the trip to Puerto Rico. And this time we came
up with the idea, let's go to the DR. So the

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2 group kind of grew and someone told Tom White.

3 And Tom said I'll handle all the arrangements.

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5 Now I wanted to go to the DR
frankly 'cause I wasn't dealing with the 40th

6 birthday all that well, I wanted to see sun and

7 sand and water and I had this vision of what my

8 40th birthday would be like. And when Tom got,

9 when we all got to the DR the closest I came to

10 the water was when I turned on the faucet in the

11 hotel. We were in downtown Santo Domingo. And

12 there was no Punta Playa anywhere in sight.

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14 But having said that, at the end of
the night, as Julissa said, Tom made us all laugh.

15 And it was a memorable trip. And, you know,

16 whether I was a staffer when Tom first was an

17 elected here in the Council or a colleague later

18 on, I always got the sense that Tom looked at me

19 and he didn't see a Republican or a guy from

20 Staten Island or a White guy. Tom was always, you

21 know, able to kind of look at me as another human

22 being and he gave a lot of laughs to us in the

23 Republican side of the aisle. I know that my

24 predecessor and one of my mentors, Tom Ognibene,

25 the former Minority Leader were here, if he would

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2 say the same thing, that Tom was a wonderful
3 colleague and a guy who made a very difficult job
4 more enjoyable. So Tom, God bless.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Before we move onto the Speaker, I
7 just wanted to say a few words about our colleague
8 and our friend, Tom White. He, Tom, was a blessed
9 man. This is an individual that we all knew who
10 dedicated his entire life to community service and
11 to making sure that the Queens community and the
12 City of New York was in better shape. He served
13 not only in the City Council with honor and
14 dignity, he also after term limits made sure that
15 his not-for-profit for substance abuse was there
16 to make sure it can help so many different
17 families and so many individuals in the community.
18 He tackled the hardships of what substances and
19 drugs and things of that nature can do to your
20 lives.

21 It was adamant, it was clear how
22 blessed he was. You know, this is a guy that had
23 a smile on his face every time you saw him, no
24 matter how hard times were, you could always count
25 on that smile. And he was so blessed that I

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2 remember one time we were in Puerto Rico for a
3 Somos Conference, and he says you know what I'm
4 just going to throw a nickel in the nickel slots.
5 And that's the guy that won the jackpot. So
6 that's how blessed he was.

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8 And, you know, he served us all
9 well. He served his family well and I know that
10 in reading in one of the articles, his son Bryan
11 who's here with us, you know, stated that my
12 father's a humble man. My father's a quiet man.
13 He doesn't seek out the limelight. And there's a
14 reason for that. A brilliant man is not the
15 person who speaks all the time and has something
16 to say about everything. But a brilliant man is a
17 man who speaks with substance and speaks about
18 what really matters in life.

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19 And Tom White was and is a
20 brilliant man. He's a member of the old guard
21 that taught us new guys and new girls in City
22 government the right direction and which way to
23 go. And there are so many lessons that
24 unfortunately did not get taught. But we will
25 continue to serve in his honor. So Tom, thank you
for the privilege of knowing you. your life was

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2 blessed. The City was blessed to have you. Your
3 family was blessed. And we will continue to work
4 in your honor. Thank you very much. And to the
5 family thank you for allowing him to be with us
6 for all the years that he has been. Thank you.
7 Madam Speaker.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. And
9 just before I ask the Clerk to read the
10 proclamation, I wanted to thank and recognize that
11 former Council Member Steve diBrienza was here in
12 the audience today to help remember his former
13 colleague Council Member Tom White. I want to
14 thank Council Members Diana Reyna and Al Vann who
15 Diana at the last Stated and Al and his staff at
16 this Stated made sure that Tom's desk had a red
17 rose on it. So I want to thank you both for that
18 and if I could please ask the Clerk to read the
19 proclamation and if I could ask my colleagues to
20 stand.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of
22 New York Proclamation:

23 Whereas, the Council of the City of
24 New York is proud to honor the life and memory of
25 our fellow Council Member and friend Thomas White,

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2 Jr. who passed away on August 27th, 2010, and

3 Whereas, for almost his entire
4 life, including 15 years in elected office, Thomas
5 White was a passionate advocate for the people of
6 southeast Queens. First elected to the City
7 Council in November 1991, Council Member White
8 represented the 28th District from 1992 until 2001
9 when he was barred by term limits from running for
10 reelection. In 2006 he became the first term-
11 limited Council Member to be reelected to the
12 Council. And in his role of Chair of the Economic
13 Development Committee, Council Member White fought
14 for job training, placement programs and
15 investments and long term economic growth. He
16 continuously pushed for additional resources to
17 help women and minority owned businesses thrive
18 and create good jobs, and

19 Whereas with Thomas White Jr.'s
20 passing, we join his mother, Marie White, his
21 children, Bryan White and Lucille Precious
22 Middleton, his daughter-in-law Seleste White and
23 his grandchildren, Lamar and Jacob, in remembering
24 with gratitude the impact he had upon our lives.
25 As we commemorate his noble leadership and

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2 strength of character we take comfort knowing that
3 his great legacy of service will continue to
4 enrich our entire City in the years ahead.

5 Now therefore be it known that the
6 Council of the City of New York is proud to honor
7 the life and memory of Thomas White, Jr. for his
8 outstanding service and contributions to New York
9 City.

10 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
11 entire Council and every single member of the City
12 Council.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: And if before we
14 present the Proclamation to the family I think
15 Tom's son wanted to say a few words.

16 MR. BRYAN WHITE: Thank you so much
17 Madam Speaker, Minority Leader, Inez Dickens,
18 Republic Leader Mr. Oddo. This is truly a
19 humbling experience for my family. I am so lost
20 for words right now but I think I needed to find
21 the strength to express to you how much my father
22 really loved doing what he did with all of you in
23 this noble chamber. Of bringing about change to
24 the people of the City of New York, to the county
25 in which he served, to the district in which he

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2 served, and the community that he loved.

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But I also want you to know that many years ago before my father began this journey, he talked to all of us and said that what he does, he does for his family. We were always first in his heart and first in his mind and first in his purpose. And I want to thank each and every one of you, me and my sister, for what you've given us today. We will remember it forever. And we will say to you, as my father would say, continue to serve from your heart. Thank you so much.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: And that concludes our ceremonials. And if we would move onto the roll call please.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Roll call.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Present.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here. Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin. Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: We have a quorum.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum
is present, ladies and gentlemen; please rise for
the pledge of allegiance.

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ALL: I pledge allegiance to the
flag of the United States of America, and to the
republic for which it stands, one nation under
god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Adoption
of the minutes, Council Member Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I hereby
move that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of
July 29th, 2010 be adopted as printed.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered. Messages and papers from the Mayor.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-219, Mayor's
Management Report.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
printed and filed.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-220, Submitting
Michael Goldbloom for appointment to the Landmarks
Preservation Commission.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
3 and Elections.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-221, Submitted
5 Michael Devonshire for appointment to the
6 Landmarks Preservation Commission.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges
8 and Elections.

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10 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
11 Communication from City, County and Borough
12 offices?

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-222, Third
14 Party Transfer Program.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Housing and
16 Buildings.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: M-223 through M-
18 276 on page 8, Base Station Applications.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

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21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions
22 and communications.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land use
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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-277 and M-278.

SPEAKER QUINN: Can we please
coupled vote on all of these Land Use call ups and
a roll call on that, please.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [No audible
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [No
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Sorry, I'd

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like to vote aye on all and everything coming

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before the calendar today.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes I

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request permission to vote on all general orders,

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I vote aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Be it

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye, aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: May I have

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25 unanimous consent to vote on all general order

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Today's

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Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 49 in

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the affirmative, with 0 in the negative.

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Communications from the Speaker?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much

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Mr. Majority Leader. We are voting today on a

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package of legislation. The first package of

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bills to come out of the work of our Green Codes

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Task Force. So let me start by thanking everyone

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who was a part of a Green Codes Task Force in

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particular Russell Unger, the Council alum who is

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head of the organization that deals with greening

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the building codes across our country.

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I also want to thank Jeff Haberman,

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Baaba Halm, Samara Swanson, Laura Popa, Rob Newman

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and Ben Goodman, all who worked on Intros 262A,

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First the bills, a number of these pieces of legislation all deal with the issue of lighting and how do we make lighting in buildings and public spaces and other parts of the City of New York more efficient. And I want to thank the Chair of our Environmental Protection Committee and the Chair of our Housing and Building Committee for their work on this issue.

This package of legislation does a couple of important things. One I hope it turns the lights off on energy waste in the City of New York. Among other things it changes the standard by which we judge how much lighting we need. Historically all of the standards around lighting have been around wattage. All wattage determines is how much energy you are using, not how much light you need. Think if you're an office with tons of windows and it's a sunny day. You need fewer lights on than if you were in an office with no window or few windows on a rainy day. Our new standards of feet candles will allow us to actually let the sun shine in and use that as a relevant standard of how much lighting a space

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Also we've moved forward in a great way around sensors in lighting that sense if a person is in the room. But presently those sensors turn lights on every time you're in the room. That's not necessary if you have enough light being provided by the sun in that room. So we're making common sense changes around sensors as well. We're also taking this idea of light conservation and using it in spaces like under scaffolding and places like that where we have miles and miles and miles of lighting.

This package of legislation is going to green the City, save energy for the City and hopefully reduce our overall drain on the power grid. And I want to thank everyone who has been a part of it.

I also want to make note of a piece of legislation sponsored by the Chair of our Environmental Protection Committee, Jim Gennaro. That piece of legislation will for the first time ever make the issue of environmental protection a cornerstone of our building code. So now every time any future legislative body or mayor or

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2 buildings department looks to update the building
3 code they will have to factor that work through
4 the prism of are the changes we are making
5 something that makes our building code more
6 environmentally friendly.

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8 And remember buildings create far
9 more pollution than cars in the City of New York
10 and in fact are our biggest polluters. So let me
11 first call on the Chair of our Environmental
12 Protection Committee and sponsor of the last bill
13 I mentioned, Jim Gennaro, and then call on Council
14 Member Erik Dilan, the Chair of our Housing and
15 Buildings Committee and thank you for moving this
16 package and future packages relevant to the
17 greening of the building code through his
18 committee, and then we will heard from some of the
19 sponsors of the individual bills. Chair Gennaro
20 and then Chair Dilan.

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22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you
23 Madam Speaker. I want to thank you for your
24 leadership. We're here today because you had the
25 foresight to put together the Green Codes Task
Force which is something that we did after the
Greater Greener Buildings Plan which was a great

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piece of work in its own right. But now we've followed that up with the Green Codes Task Force and some of the very good bills that will come out of that.

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So I thank you for that Madam Speaker. I'd like to thank Chairman Dilan in a very special way for the work that he's done and all the work that, you know, will be done out of his good committee in the coming months and years. And certainly we look forward to more things coming out of the Green Codes Task Force.

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Just to talk a little bit about Intro 267-A, like the Speaker said, it kind of, you know, sets the cornerstone of sort of the firmament from which all these other bills will come. And that we have to put right, we have to create the needs of New York City's environment. We have to enshrine that as a central guiding purpose when we make, you know, remake the building codes. And like the Speaker said it sets the tone for future administrations and future building departments, for future work that will be done to green the City's building code.

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I was very, very happy to work with

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2 all the people involved which the Speaker
3 mentioned but particularly I want to thank once
4 again Chairman Dilan for his other work, all of
5 the other sponsors who sponsored the bills that
6 you're going to hear about next and to, you know,
7 thank once again the Speaker for her foresight in
8 putting together the Green Codes Task Force and
9 paving the way for many, many good things to
10 happen in the months and years to come. Thank you
11 Madam Speaker.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
13 Jim and thank you for the thanks although really
14 all it is putting together a group of different
15 people who can do work so I don't have to do all
16 the things that I want done. So I thank you and
17 everyone who was a part of that Task Force and got
18 the work done for me and for us and for the City.
19 And one of the first people who is now having more
20 work to do because of that is Chairperson Erik
21 Dilan. I think he may have the busiest committee
22 in the City Council, right, with Jim and others,
23 but I want to thank you for keeping up as fast a
24 pace as he had in the last term, Chair Dilan.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Well much of

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2 that credit belongs to frankly your staff, in
3 particular on this package, Laura Popa, for her
4 good work on these bills. And I'd say to the
5 staff, immediately, I know I've been difficult on
6 these bills so I want to apologize for that at the
7 outside. But naturally these bills will bring
8 about a lot of change in how the City does
9 business and with that change a lot of questions
10 should be asked.

11 So these bills, as everyone
12 mentioned, you know, common sense bills. I think
13 they're cost-friendly to the end user when they do
14 get enacted. And the highlight of them is just
15 how do we use lighting and energy. More I think
16 the Speaker laid out tons of what they do in the
17 future. And I know a lot of people in the real
18 estate industry had concerns about alterations and
19 how alterations get handled and that will be
20 handled in the future and we'll look to address
21 those.

22 But I think the majority of the
23 package is good, it's common sense, it's cost-
24 efficient. And to be frank we're probably the
25 first jurisdiction in the nation to come across

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2 with a package like this. So I'm proud to be
3 associated with it. Earlier this year the Green
4 Codes Task Force along with the Speaker and the
5 Mayor convened this report to make these buildings
6 more energy efficient. And these first five are
7 the first five that are going to affect how
8 buildings are improved, maintained and
9 constructed.

10 And Mr. Gennaro's bill that he's
11 passing today will, you know, explicitly recognize
12 along with the health and public safety, now the
13 environment as a main principle as to why a
14 building is being construed. So it sends the
15 message that this City will no longer tolerate a
16 building with a huge carbon footprint. And that
17 mission statement I think is an appropriate one.
18 To some of the sponsors of the bills, some of you
19 are getting your first piece of legislation passed
20 by the Council, I just wanted to personally
21 congratulate you guys on getting the bills through
22 the Committee and to the floor of the City
23 Council. Thank you Madam Speaker.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
25 Chair Dilan and you are absolutely right that we

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2 are the first jurisdiction in the nation to pass
3 this type of a package of legislation. So thank
4 you for making note of that. I want to thank and
5 congratulate Council Member Cabrera who is the
6 sponsor of Intro 262-A which is the first piece of
7 legislation of which he was the prime sponsor that
8 he is passing.

9 [Applause]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: And thank him for
11 not speaking as well. Let me next call on Council
12 Member Dan Garodnick who is the sponsor of Intro
13 266-A.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
15 you very much Speaker Quinn and to Council Member
16 Gennaro, Council Member Dilan for their leadership
17 on these bills as well as all other environmental
18 initiatives. We all know that we should be saving
19 energy but too often we fail to do it. The lights
20 are on but nobody is home. With Intro 266-A our
21 actions are going to match our intentions when it
22 comes to energy use. 266-A requires that new
23 buildings and those that undergo major renovation
24 have sensors installed. Lights will have to be
25 manually turned on but the sensors will

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2 automatically turn them off after 30 minutes where
3 no movement is detected in the room.

4 In commercial buildings and
5 schools, not counting labs and shop classrooms or
6 preschool rooms, manual on, auto off switches will
7 be installed to make sure that we--that if we
8 can't do so much as turn out the lights, they will
9 turn them out for us. It flips the switch on our
10 behavior so that our default will be to conserve
11 electricity rather than to consume it. It's a
12 very straightforward change to the lighting code
13 and another positive step towards having a city
14 that is build in an environmentally sound fashion.
15 I encourage my colleagues to vote yes. Thank you
16 Madam Speaker.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
18 Council Member Garodnick. And there are actually
19 two other members for whom the bills they are
20 passing today are their first pieces of
21 legislation. Intro 273-A introduced by Council
22 Member Steve Levin and Intro 277-A introduced by
23 Council Member Erik Ulrich. Let me call on
24 Council Member Levin and then Council Member
25 Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to thank Speaker Quinn, the Chair of Housing and Buildings Committee, Council Member Erik Dilan; the Committee staff who worked on this bill, especially Baaba Halm. Intro 273 will make construction sites safer and more energy efficient. Combined with the other bills on today's agenda Intro 273 will move New York into a more energy efficient future.

The bill will set a more efficient minimum standard for the lighting of temporary walkways, footbridges and sidewalk sheds by replacing wattage with foot candles which is a more up to date measurement of luminosity. It will also increase the safety on our construction sites. It will also allow the installation of photo sensors which can control the amount of electrical lighting in spaces that are sufficiently lit by natural light.

Combined with the other bills on today's agenda this is moving our City forward and further establishes this body as among the forefront of legislative bodies in the country

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2 with regard to environmental conservation. I
3 thank the Speaker, again, the Committee staff,
4 Council Member Dilan, and I urge my colleagues to
5 vote yes.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
7 Council Member Levin. Council Member Ulrich?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you
9 Speaker Quinn. I too would like to thank you for
10 your leadership and also the Chair of our
11 Environmental Protection Committee and also the
12 Chair of our Housing and Buildings Committee, of
13 which I have the pleasure of serving on with my
14 colleague Council Member Erik Dilan.

15 Intro 277-A joins the rest of these
16 bills in helping New York achieve a higher level
17 or a greater level for that matter of
18 sustainability. Not only is it going to be cost
19 efficient but it also is going to help us achieve
20 greater energy efficiency. When you boil down to
21 it, these are common sense pieces of legislation.
22 And there are many times when unfortunately the
23 Republican minority is not able to, for a number
24 of reasons, vote for some of the environmental
25 bills that come before this body.

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2 However all of this legislation in
3 each and every one of these bills is a step in the
4 right direction. And I'm proud to say that all
5 five members of the minority today will be voting
6 for the bills because we recognize the greater
7 good, we recognize the environmental benefits, and
8 we recognize our responsibility not only to our
9 districts but to the entire City to achieve a more
10 sustainable future. So I thank you Speaker Quinn
11 for your leadership. I am very proud to be a part
12 of today's package of legislation. And I look
13 forward to even better days to come. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
15 Council Member Ulrich. I also want to make note
16 of a zoning amendment we are voting on. And I
17 want to thank Chair Comrie for his work on the car
18 sharing amendment. And in particular the Chair of
19 our Zoning Subcommittee Mark Weprin for his work
20 on this overall and then his work on making some
21 improvements to what has been proposed to us in
22 the Council.

23 I also want to thank Gail Benjamin
24 and the members of the Land Use staff for this
25 work. And really quite simply when the zoning

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2 code was put in place there were no car sharing
3 programs. There were no zip cars or other things
4 like that. Part of how the car sharing program
5 works and it's important to note that the growth
6 of car sharing programs in the City of New York
7 has lead to a reduction in people buying or
8 leasing new cars in New York City which is a good
9 thing for the environment.

10 One-third of all car share club
11 memberships in the country are in New York City.
12 But how the program works is you pick up and drop
13 off the car at parking establishments. We needed
14 to make sure that the zoning amendment of the City
15 of New York recognized the new existence of car
16 sharing programs and made that practice fully
17 legal and codified in the zoning amendment. But
18 also made it clear where the car sharing cars
19 would be parked and where they could not be
20 parked.

21 What was a parking lot that was
22 available for car sharing programs? Which ones
23 were not available? Things like people would not
24 be allowed to rent out their driveways for drop
25 off or pick up for car share program. Residential

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2 streets, not allowed to be used for car share drop
3 off or pick up. This addition to the amendment as
4 it relates to our zoning codes brings our zoning
5 code into the 21st Century, recognizes this new
6 option, one that is very pro-environmental and
7 makes sure we have regulations and structures if
8 there are any problems in any City neighborhoods
9 and I want to thank everyone who has worked on it.
10 I just want to close communications from the
11 Speaker with a congratulations to our colleague
12 Mike Nelson who has recently become engaged. So
13 congratulations Mike to you and to your betrothed.

14 [Applause]

15 SPEAKER QUINN: So congratulations
16 and that concludes communications from the
17 Speaker.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
19 very much very much Madam Speaker. Discussion of
20 general orders. Seeing none, we'll move on to the
21 reports of special committees.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of
24 standing committees.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the

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2 Committee on Finance, Preconsidered Reso 465,
3 Organization Funding.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
5 orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
7 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro 262-A,
8 Reducing Artificial Lighting.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
10 orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 266-A,
12 Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
14 on general orders.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 267-A, New
16 York City Construction Codes.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
18 on general orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 273-A,
20 Lighting of Walkways and Footbridges.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
22 on general orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 277-A,
24 Lighting Efficiency in Dwellings.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
Committee on Land Use, LU 157 and Reso 467 through
LU 174 and Reso 469, various UDAAPS.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
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COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 199 and Reso
470, Car Share Vehicles.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 211 and Reso
471 and 212 and Reso 472, various UDAAPS.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General
order calendar.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution
appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders. And at this point I'd like to ask for a
roll call on all of the items that have been
coupled on the general order calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Permission

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to vote on Land Use call ups?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: What about

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the agenda calendar? The general order--

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE:

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[Interposing] Aye on all including the general

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order calendar which we're voting on now and all

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Land Use call ups.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Sorry,

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you're being very technical today.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: If I may

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Majority Leader Rivera, have a brief moment to

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explain my vote?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Of course.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you.

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At the Finance Committee today, earlier today, I

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abstained on the Preconsidered Reso from Finance

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2 because there had been an open question regarding
3 one of the groups receiving funding as to whether
4 or not they discriminated against LGBT young
5 people. I have since been satisfied with the
6 answer to that and so therefore I am voting aye on
7 all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
12 audible response]

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye on
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21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
23 all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye on all

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with a hearty congratulations to the Council

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Members passing their first bills today.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With a thank

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you to Jessica Lappin, I vote aye on all, thanks.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I would

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like to disclose that I have a conflict with one

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of the schools that are getting money. It's my

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children's school, Mark Twain Middle School and I

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vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: May I be

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excused to explain my vote Mr. Chair?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I'm going

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to vote aye on all except no on Land Use 199 and

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accompanying Reso 470 for the reason being my

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Community Board voted unanimously against that

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proposal, concerned that it would limit the amount

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of parking available in commercial districts and

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believing that it should only be applicable in R-6

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zones and up. So I'll vote no on that and aye on

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the rest. Thanks.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

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9 on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items

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14 on today's general order calendar were adopted by

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15 a vote of 50 in the affirmative, with 0 in the

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16 negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of

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17 Land Use 199 with accompanying Reso 470 which was

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18 adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 1 in

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19 the negative and 0 abstention. And the revised

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20 Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 50 in

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21 the affirmative, 0 in the negative.

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22 And we now move on to introduction

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23 and reading of the bills.

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24 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are

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25 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Discussion of resolutions? Seeing none, at this point in time we are going to move for a vote on the resolutions and we're going to have a separate vote on each particular resolution. We have Resolution, Reso 409-A, an Amended Resolution calling on Congress to pass and President Obama to sign the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2009, the DREAM Act, in order to provide immigration relief to undocumented immigrant students pursuing higher education and to undocumented immigrants who serve in the Armed Forces, all in--

SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Mr. Majority Leader I think the Chair didn't hear that you'd asked for comments so I think the Chair of our Immigration Committee--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
[Interposing] Yes.

SPEAKER QUINN: --and sponsor of the Reso would like to say something.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I apologize for that. Yes go right ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER : Thank you very

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2 much. I do want to thank the Speaker for her
3 support of this measure. Last week the Senate
4 lost an opportunity to put out two attachments to
5 the military appropriations act which would have
6 created a better nation and social justice for two
7 groups of people. I'm specifically referring to
8 the Don't Ask, Don't tell attachment and also to
9 the DREAM Act attachment that neither one of them
10 was passed by the Senate.

11 We are very fortunate that in this
12 body, we, last month or two months ago passed a
13 resolution on Don't Ask, Don't Tell. And today
14 we're going to pass a resolution supporting the
15 DREAM Act. The DREAM Act is exactly what it is, a
16 dream, it provides for 1 million plus undocumented
17 students to live the American Dream, to proceed
18 and to move on with their lives and with the lack
19 of support last week by the Senate, some of those
20 dreams were deferred. But by our actions here
21 today, we're going to make a very good statement
22 saying that we are keeping the dream alive and we
23 are keeping hope alive. Thank you very much.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
25 very much. Anyone else want to speak on Reso 409-

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A? Okay at this point in time were going to move onto to a voice vote on Resolution 409-A. All in favor say aye.

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MANY VOICE: Aye.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All

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opposed say nay.

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ONE VOICE: Nay.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any

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abstentions? The ayes have it. Next we're going

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to be discussing Preconsidered Reso 462,

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Resolution calling on the Delaware River Basin

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Commission to refrain from issuing regulations

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governing gas exploration and production use of

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hydraulic fracturing and for water withdrawal for

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the purpose of hydraulic fracturing within the

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Delaware River Basin until a cumulative impact

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study is completed to assess the risk and inform

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the development of adequate regulations for

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hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin.

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We have Council Member Gennaro to speak on this

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you

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Mr. Leader. Yes, people who have been following

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the issue of fracking, you know that this body has

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2 really done a lot of great work on this. This is
3 a real threat to our water supply. And we've been
4 working, this body has, with the leadership of the
5 Speaker and also of the Mayor to make sure that
6 our voice is heard on the Federal level, which we
7 have done; on the New York State level, which
8 we've done; and now we have to make our voice
9 heard with the Delaware River Basin Commission,
10 which many folks in this room don't know what that
11 is but it's a 4-state Federally created compact
12 that has the power to, you know, make some rule-
13 making with regard to this kind of drilling
14 activity which we find very, very harmful. And
15 the Delaware River Basin Commission is currently,
16 you know, just about to start a study that would--

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

18 [Interposing] Council Member?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Oops, oh I
20 see, I have to--okay. This is very important to
21 pass and I ask everyone to support this very
22 important resolution.

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
24 very much. Madam Speaker.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I just

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2 want to echo the statements of the Chair of our
3 Environmental Protection Committee. We in the
4 City Council have been one of the leading
5 legislative bodies in the country as it relates to
6 raising the alarm that needs to be raised around
7 the dangers of hydraulic fracking. We need to
8 make sure that we use the power and the voice of
9 the City Council to tell every legislative body
10 that has the power to stop hydraulic fracturing
11 that they need to stop it. That we should not and
12 cannot move forward with this dangerous practice
13 until all of the studies that are being conducted
14 have been completed and until we analyze those and
15 determine whether we can ever move forward.

16 If people want to know how
17 dangerous this is, they need only talk to people I
18 Pennsylvania, who now not only cannot drink their
19 water, cannot even shower with the water in their
20 homes 'cause it is so full of methane. We don't
21 usually, we may never, have called on the Delaware
22 River Basin Commission before to take or not take
23 action but I am proud of this Council for finding
24 every opportunity we can to try to stop hydraulic
25 fracturing from coming into the City of New York.

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Let me also take this moment to update my colleagues that the House of Representatives has just passed the 9/11 Healthcare Bill in a vote of about 260 to 160--

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: --another issue

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which this Council has been leading and been

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outspoken about. Thank you Mr. Majority Leader.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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very much Madam Speaker. We'll now go to a voice

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vote on Preconsidered Reso 462. All in favor say

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MANY VOICE: Aye.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All

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opposed say nay.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Any

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move on now to general discussion. We have

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Council Member Inez Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you

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Majority Leader. Good afternoon. I would like to

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take this opportunity to ask your support for Reso

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461, a Resolution calling on all New Yorkers to

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2 support the One Nation Working Together Movement
3 and to participate in the march on Washington D.
4 C. on October the 2nd. This Resolution is
5 intended to call on all New Yorkers to unite in
6 addressing the growing national job crisis, the
7 flawed public school system, the broken
8 immigration system, the environmental issues,
9 health care, mortgage foreclosure and many other
10 economic issues.

11 Here in New York City we encounter
12 these issues daily. One Nation Working Together
13 is a movement about united us all as people
14 representing diverse communities.

15 Over 150 organizations have to date
16 joined the movement including AFL-CIO, 1199, ASME,
17 UFT, the NAACP, the Rainbow-Push Coalition, the
18 National Council of La Raza, the National Gay and
19 Lesbian Task Force, and the United for Peace and
20 Justice. On October 2nd, also as referred to as
21 10-2-10, One Nation Working Together, which has
22 organized the march at the Lincoln Memorial. This
23 march is about inclusiveness and speaking out for
24 the attainment of social and economic justice for
25 all. For further information please feel free to

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2 contact my office and I have busses departing from
3 in front of my office. I urge my colleagues to
4 not only sign onto the resolution but to also join
5 us as we take this fight to our nation's capital.
6 Thank you.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
8 very much. Before we move onto the next
9 individual, I just wanted to recognize some people
10 who are here with us today. We have Susan Zimmitz
11 from Ulster County Legislature. We have Julia
12 Walch from Frack Action. And we have Claire
13 Sandburg also from Frack Action here with us
14 today. Round of applause.

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[Applause]

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
17 very much for joining us. And next we move on to
18 Council Member Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you
20 very much Majority Leader. I would like to
21 recognize a reporter from France, from Paris, Mr.
22 Perica Moelle [phonetic], he's from one of the TV
23 companies from France. He is right here with us
24 at the City Council. On behalf of--thank you, on
25 behalf of all my colleagues and on my own behalf,

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2 welcome. [Speaking in French] Thank you very
3 much.

4 And I want you to know also that I
5 went to Haiti, nine months after the earthquake,
6 just to evaluate the situation of the people who
7 are suffering in Haiti. And I want to let you
8 know, despite your contribution, your, you know,
9 the effort that you have been doing to contribute
10 to the relief in Haiti, the people are still
11 suffering. They are still living under the tent.
12 And their condition is still critical.

13 And I'm putting a coalition
14 together and I'm asking all my colleagues who want
15 to be part of this coalition to join me because I
16 believe that it is a challenge for the nation of
17 Haiti. It is also a challenge for the
18 international community. And it is also a
19 challenge for New York which is home to so many
20 Haitian people. And I want to take the
21 opportunity also to thank all my colleagues for
22 your support and your assistance.

23 And thank you also to Speaker Quinn
24 for your leadership. Thank you for everything
25 that you have done to Haiti. And again, please

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2 join me. This is a noble cause. This is another
3 opportunity to continue to show our compassion to
4 the humankind. Thank you very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Now we'll move on to Council Member
7 Brewer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
9 very much. Number one is that on October 4th at
10 10:00 AM, as some of you know there's a hearing in
11 Governmental Operations regarding possible
12 changes, situations that we can improve, working
13 with the Board of Elections, the Department of
14 Education and the Police Department, moving from
15 primary day voting booths to election day in
16 November 2nd. So we have everybody's comment, if
17 not let us know. And we look forward to having a
18 productive hearing and making a success of
19 November 2nd.

20 Number two, I'm delighted to sign
21 on to Inez Dicken's resolution. We actually have
22 a bus going from our district office and we have
23 five seats left. So anybody's welcome.

24 And third I want to say that we
25 have some wonderful interns here, Brendan

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2 Hegenfeld from NYU, Tara Reinhart from Hunter
3 College, Emma Katz who's McCauley and Hunter;
4 Shirrell Moore from John Jay College and Caitlin
5 O'Hagan, also from McCauley Hunter. Thank you
6 very much.

7 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
8 very much. Next we have Council Member Jackson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you
10 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I rise this
11 afternoon to ask you to sign on to Intro 354. If
12 this was put into a law it would require the New
13 York City Department of Education to give us data
14 regarding student discharges. As you know there
15 are many, many children in our system that are
16 discharged and we don't have the specifics on that
17 even though it's been asked for for advocates for
18 some time.

19 So this law would give us a real,
20 specific target as to how many children are
21 discharged and why they're being discharged. And
22 so I'm asking you, if you care on behalf of the
23 children of New York City, with respects to
24 getting a quality education, help us get the
25 information so we can analyze that in order to

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2 determine what we're doing wrong and what we need
3 to do right by signing onto Intro 354. Thank you
4 Majority Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
6 very much. Next we'll move onto Council Member
7 Halloran.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Thank you
9 Mr. Majority Leader. I'd like to do three
10 things. First, the Boy Scouts of America as you
11 know is a program that I've spent a lot of time
12 working with. We have Life Scout Andrew Kozeczy
13 in the Council Chambers, fulfilling his final
14 requirements for the Eagle Scout award. So I'd
15 like to thank him for being here and welcome him
16 to the chamber.

17 I would also like to announce that
18 I am unfortunately losing my Chief of Staff Dennis
19 Ring as of October 1st. For those of you who
20 aren't familiar with Dennis, Dennis served as the
21 Deputy Bureau Chief in Organized Crime in the
22 Brooklyn County District Attorney's Office prior
23 to coming to work for me. He has gotten an offer
24 to being private practice of law and actually make
25 some money. So I'm grateful for everything that

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2 my Chief of Staff has done and I just would like
3 to wish him well as he returns to the private
4 sector where all politicians should really go
5 after they're done serving.

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7 And the other thing that I would
8 just like to say to everyone is that yes it's
9 true, I am under 40, and despite my jaded
10 appearances I am not over 40 yet. But thank you
11 to everyone in the chamber who's made mention of
12 the fact that they thought I was older than that.

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13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
14 Thank you very much. Next we have Council Member
15 James. Council Member James, did you have your
16 hand up?

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17 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: It's with
18 sadness that I report the death of a former
19 district leader in the 57th Assembly District, Mr.
20 Williams Saunders, who lived to be the ripe old
21 age of 91. He was a district leader late until
22 his 80's. Unfortunately there have been no plans
23 for his public viewing. His family has agreed to
24 have a memorial at a later date and I will let all
25 interested parties know. Bill Saunders, thank you
for all that you did in Brooklyn and may God bless

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you and rest in peace.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we have Council Member Chin. Council Member Chin? No, okay. Next we have Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I just wanted to mention that we have a bus leading also to the One Nation this Saturday. We have about three or four seats left if anybody's interested, leaving from my office in Flatbush at 6:00 AM Saturday.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much, seeing no others, at this point in time, we are going to adjourn the meeting in honor of Council Member Tom White's memory. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen. This meeting is adjourned.

[Gavel banging]

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I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature _____Laura L. Springate_____

Date _____October 15, 2010_____