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CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams,
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2 UNIDENTIFIED: Quiet on the floor please.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: P.C. Recording is up.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Good afternoon and welcome
5 to today's Hybrid Stated Meeting. At this time will
6 all Council Members please turn on their video for
7 verification purposes. To minimize disruptions please
8 place cell phones and electronic devices to vibrate
9 or silent. We thank you for your cooperation, we are
10 ready to begin.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Ladies and gentleman, at
12 this time please place all electronic devices, all
13 electronic devices to vibrate. Mr. Majority Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Good afternoon,
15 and welcome to Stated Meeting of April 28, 2022. I'm
16 Majority Leader Keith Powers and I'd like to thank
17 everyone and welcome everyone today for joining us.
18 If you would like to follow along, the agenda for
19 today's meeting is posted on our website.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Please join us for the
21 pledge of allegiance.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: All rise. I pledge
23 allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
24 America, to the Republic for which it stands, one
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2 Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and
3 justice for all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Roll call.

5 CLERK: Abreu?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

7 CLERK: Ariola?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

9 CLERK: Avilés?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Here.

11 CLERK: Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

13 CLERK: Barron? Bottcher?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Present.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Did you say

16 Barron?

17 CLERK: Yes, I did.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, I'm sorry.

19 Present.

20 CLERK: Thank you Council Member. Brannan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

22 CLERK: Brewer?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

24 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.

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2 CLERK: Cabàn?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

4 CLERK: Carr?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

6 CLERK: De La Rosa?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

8 CLERK: Dinowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

10 CLERK: Farias?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

12 CLERK: Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

14 CLERK: Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

16 CLERK: Gutiérrez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Present.

18 CLERK: Hanif?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

20 CLERK: Hanks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

22 CLERK: Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

24 CLERK: Hudson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

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2 CLERK: Joseph?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

4 CLERK: Kagan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Here.

6 CLERK: Krishnan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

8 CLERK: Lee?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

10 CLERK: Louis?

11 COUNCIL MEMEMBER LOUIS: Present.

12 CLERK: Marte?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

14 CLERK: Mealy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

16 CLERK: Menin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present.

18 CLERK: Moya?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

20 CLERK: Narcisse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

22 CLERK: Nurse?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

24 CLERK: Ossé?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

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2 CLERK: Paladino?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

4 CLERK: Restler?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Yes, here.

6 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Here.

8 CLERK: Riley?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

10 CLERK: Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

12 CLERK: Salamanca?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

14 CLERK: Sanchez?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

16 CLERK: Schulman?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

18 CLERK: Stevens?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.

20 CLERK: Ung?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

22 CLERK: Velàzquez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Present.

24 CLERK: Vernikov?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Present.

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2 CLERK: Williams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

4 CLERK: Won?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

6 CLERK: Yeger?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

8 CLERK: Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

10 CLERK: Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.

12 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you and
15 we'll now have today's invocation. We're joined here
16 by Deacon James Anthony Bello of Holy Cross Church,
17 which is located at 600 Soundview Avenue in the
18 Bronx.

19 DEACON BELLO: Thank you for the
20 invitation to be present with you to start off this
21 session of the New York City Council. Special note of
22 gratitude to Council Member Amanda Farias, who was a
23 graduate of my Parish school and represents our
24 community so well.

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2 Let's us place ourselves in the presence
3 of our heavenly Father and those to whom we turn to
4 for our spiritual strength. All power and glory
5 belongs to you almighty God. We are grateful to be
6 able to gather in your name. Remain with us and
7 enlighten the hearts of the city Council Members.
8 Give them light and strength to know your will to
9 make it their own and to live it in their lives.
10 Guide these member and our electoral officials with
11 your wisdom, support them with your power and
12 illuminate their minds in their discernment. You
13 desire justice for all, instill in these members a
14 fervent desire to pursue equity and justice with
15 great humility, a servant heart and the interests of
16 the people they have been entrusted to serve, not
17 misguided or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite them
18 to yourself in the bond of love and keep them and all
19 of us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in
20 your name may we temper justice with love, so that
21 their deliberations and decisions may be pleasing to
22 you and earn the reward promise to good and faithful
23 service and we ask this in God's name. Amen.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Deacon
25 Bello, I think it only be appropriate to invite your

2 alum, Council Member Amanda Farias to spread the
3 invocation on the record.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I am so proud to
5 have my Deacon here today. I grew up in Holy Cross
6 Church and School doing all my sacraments and
7 celebrating every blessing with Deacon Bello at my
8 family's side, so it is an honor to have him here
9 today for the invocation and every day in Council
10 District 18. Thank you Majority Leader. I would like
11 to thank Deacon James Anthony Bello for being here
12 today and I make a motion for unanimous consent to
13 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
15 Member Farias and thank you to Deacon Bello for being
16 here today. We are now gonna have the adoption of the
17 minutes by Council Member Shaun Abreu.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I make a motion
19 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 24,
20 2022 be adopted as printed.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
22 Member Abreu. We'll now have messages and papers from
23 the Mayor.

24 MAYOR: Excuse me, M49TLC appointment.

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2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, privileges and
3 elections.

4 MAYOR: M50 through M56 various budget
5 documents.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

7 MAYOR: M57 City debt and reserves.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered, printed
9 and filed.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Communication
11 from city, county and borough offices.

12 MAYOR: M58, City planning appointment.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, privileges and
14 elections.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Petitions and
16 communications.

17 MAYOR: None.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Land Use call
19 ups.

20 MAYOR: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, and we
22 will now hear from commun... on communications from
23 Speaker Adrienne Adams.

24 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much
25 Majority Leader. Good afternoon everyone, happy day

2 after Denim Day. I note this, because April is Sexual
3 Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day is the last
4 Wednesday of April, which was yesterday. It's a day
5 of action when we wear denim to acknowledge an
6 Italian rape trial where the survivor was blamed,
7 because of the type of jeans she wore.

8 Pre-Covid every Denim Day the Women's
9 Caucus of the New York City Council gathered on the
10 steps of City Hall to vocally show our solidarity to
11 combat the notion that rape and sexual violence are
12 the fault of survivors.

13 We thank those who assembled yesterday
14 across the city and across the country to commemorate
15 this statement in denim to make it known that women
16 can wear anything, including jeans, and we wish as we
17 wish and not be looked upon as sexual objects, so
18 again, happy day after Denim Day.

19 I also want to commemorate and thank
20 Council Member De La Rosa for remember our essential
21 worker's today as well, those who have perished in
22 their line of duty we remember them, we remember our
23 labor workers who put themselves on the front line
24 when many others did not. They were not able to work
25 remotely when many others were able to, so we thank

2 them and we commemorate them for they... their great
3 work.

4 I hope you and your families had a
5 peaceful Passover if you celebrate and I hope you and
6 your families had a happy Easter or Resurrection
7 Sunday if you celebrate. And to all New Yorker's who
8 are celebrating Ramadan I hope you continue to enjoy
9 this blessed season with your loves ones.

10 Just a quick reminder that masks are
11 still strongly encouraged whether we like it or not,
12 strongly encouraged to be worn throughout the Stated
13 Meeting in these Chambers. We're still in the midst
14 of this pandemic and the contagious BA2 omigron...
15 omicron subvarient has resulted in an increase in
16 Covid... Covid cases across New York, so let's continue
17 to exercise caution and let's be safe.

18 Today colleagues we are voting on two
19 bills, two resolutions and several Land Use and
20 finance items. Before I begin I'd like to honor FDNY
21 fire fighter Timothy Klein, a 60 year veteran of the
22 department who died while bravely responding to a
23 fire in Brooklyn last weekend in Council Member
24 Narcisse's district in Canarsie. That fire also
25 killed young Carlos Richards, the 21 year old son of

2 a retired NYPD officer and a register nurse. Our
3 hearts go out to the family and friends of fire
4 fighter Klein and Carlos Richards along with Ladder
5 Company 170 and the entire FDNY. As a city we're
6 grateful for fire fighter Klein's service, his
7 dedication and his sacrifice to save the lives of his
8 fellow New Yorker's. We know many other fire
9 fighter's risked their lives that day and were also
10 injured and we wish them well and we wish them a
11 speedy recovery. May we all stand for a moment of
12 silence to remember those who have lost their lives
13 in the line of duty this week. Thank you.

14 On Tuesday, Mayor Adams released his 99.7
15 billion dollar executive budget for fiscal year 2023,
16 the next step in the budget process for our city.
17 Over the coming days and weeks the Council will begin
18 examining the details of the executive budget and
19 it's funding for every city agency including in our
20 executive budget hearings.

21 We will kick off the first executive
22 budget hearing on Friday, May 6th with the Committee
23 on Finance along with the Committee on Fire and
24 Emergency Management and the Committee on Parks and
25 Recreation and we will conclude on Wednesday, May

2 25th with a hearing solely de... dedicated to public
3 testimony.

4 While we're just beginning to dive into
5 the finer details of the Mayor's executive budget
6 what I will say is that this Council has made it
7 clear that New Yorker's need a budget that will
8 strengthen communities, expand opportunity and
9 advance in equitable recovery to make our city safer,
10 healthier and stronger.

11 We spoke with a unified voice on the
12 needs of our communities and city in our preliminary
13 budget response. As a result, we colleagues move the
14 needle for our city between the preliminary and
15 executive budgets to a greater extent than past
16 Council sessions.

17 The Mayor's executive budget has
18 incorporated many of our funding priorities from
19 homeless services and housing assistance to summer
20 youth program and mental health emergency response
21 and while we certainly appreciate the Mayor, that the
22 Mayor has listened to the Council in many places, we
23 know there is much more work to be done to add
24 essential investments in certain areas and scrutinize
25 spending decisions in others to ensure that New York

2 City has the budget our communities need to be
3 healthy, safe and thrive.

4 As a unified Council I'm confident that
5 together we can succeed in achieving this goal and I
6 look forward to working with each of you and the
7 stakeholders from our communities as we work towards
8 enacting city budget with the Mayor.

9 Now, let's go ahead and dive into our
10 agenda for the day. We will vote on the following
11 Land Use items, new providence redevelopment, a new
12 24 story building to include a medical clinic
13 approximately 171 shelter beds, 130 housing units, 79
14 supportive units and 51 affordable units in Majority
15 Leader's Power's district, Our Lady of Pity rezoning
16 will facilitate the construction of two new nine
17 story buildings with 205 housing units, 100% of which
18 will be affordable in Land Use Chair Salamanca's
19 district, 1220 Avenue P rezoning will facilitate the
20 development of a four story approximately one...
21 approximately 11,000 square foot expansion to the
22 Levit Medical Center in Council Member Vernikov's
23 district. Sutter Avenue rezoning will facilitate the
24 development of a five story mixed use commercial and
25 affordable housing building with 28 units. The

2 Council is modifying the application to ensure the
3 lower income MIH options and reduce the rezoning area
4 to preserve the neighbor... the neighboring small homes
5 in Council Member Barron's district. 3285 Fulton
6 Street rezoning will facilitate the development of a
7 new seven story mixed use community facility and
8 residential building. It will include 33 affordable
9 senior housing units. The Council is modifying the
10 application to ensure the lower income MIH options
11 and reduce the rezoning area to preserve the
12 neighboring three story mixed use buildings in
13 Council Member Nurse's district. Lastly, two rezoning
14 applications in Council Member Hudson's district.
15 1034-1042 Atlantic Avenue rezoning will facilitate
16 the construction of two new mixed use commercial and
17 residential buildings. A 17 story building on
18 Atlantic Avenue and a nine story building on Pacific
19 Street, which will together include 210 housing
20 units. The Council will be modifying the application
21 to ensure the lower income MIH options and reduce the
22 rezoning area to maintain a mix of residential and
23 industrial uses until a community-wide plan is
24 implemented. 870 through 888 Atlantic Avenue rezoning
25 will facilitate the construction of a 17 story mixed

2 use commercial and residential building with
3 approximately 228 housing units. The Council will be
4 modifying the applications to ensure the lower income
5 MIH options.

6 We will also vote on the following
7 finance options, Introduction 47 would establish the
8 Castle Hill Business Improvement District in Council
9 Member Farias's district Council... Council district.
10 The proposed bid would include properties along
11 Castle Hill Avenue and along Westchester Avenue and
12 is centered around the Castle Hill Avenue's six train
13 station. The bid projects a first year budget of
14 300,000 and proposes to offer such things marketing,
15 holiday lighting, street cleaning, graffiti removal,
16 administration and advocacy services. Intro 73 would
17 establish the West Village Business Improvement
18 District in Council Member Bottcher's Council
19 District. The proposed bid would include property's
20 on five major commercial strips, 7th Avenue South,
21 Avenue of the Americas, west side only, Bleeker
22 Street, Christopher Street and West 4th Street. The
23 bid projects a first year budget of \$600,000.00 and
24 proposes to offer such things as marketing, holiday
25 lighting, street cleaning, graffiti removal,

2 administration and advocacy services. Reso 137 would
3 grant a 40 year full Article 11 property tax
4 exemption to the 13-12 Beach Channel Drive located in
5 Far Rockaway in Majority Whip Brooks-Powers district.
6 The development would consist of a single eight story
7 building that would include both a 100 bed shelter
8 and 147 units of affordable supportive housing. We
9 thank Noah Brick for his staffing help.

10 Moving on we will now vote on the
11 following legislation. First, we have some
12 immigration related resolutions sponsored by our
13 Immigration Committee Chair, Council Member Shahana
14 Hanif. Resolution 84A calls for the passage of
15 coverage for all, which would create a state funding
16 essential plan for low income individuals currently
17 ineligible for insurance due to their immigration
18 status. The state's essential plan has provided
19 health coverage to almost 1 million enrollees at a
20 savings to New Yorker's of almost 1.5 billion dollars
21 a year, however, it currently excludes many
22 immigrants, because of their immigration status. The
23 State Legislation sponsored by Senator Gustavo Rivera
24 and Assembly Member Richard Gottfried would build
25 build upon the success of the essential plan by

2 expanding coverage for health care services to
3 individuals whose immigration status renders them
4 ineligible for federal financial participation.
5 Resolution 112 would call on the New York State
6 Legislature to pass the New York for All Act, which
7 broadly prohibits state and local officers from
8 enforcing federal immigration laws, funneling people
9 into ICE custody and sharing information with federal
10 immigration authorities. It also prohibits ICE and
11 Customs and Border Protection or CBP from entering
12 non-public areas of state and local property without
13 a judicial warrant. The legislation ensures people in
14 custody are given notice of their rights before being
15 interviewed by ICE and finally this bill starts the
16 process of limiting ICE and CBP access to state
17 information databases.

18 We thank our staff Harbani Husem (sp?),
19 J.C. Gunapti (sp?) and Jenny Florentine Kabore.

20 Next the Council will vote on Intro 14A
21 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan, which
22 would require the division of economic and financial
23 opportunity within the New York City Department of
24 Small Business Services and the Mayor's Office of
25 Contract Services to use the most recent data

2 available when considering revisions to city-wide
3 MWBE participation goals. This bill would require the
4 agencies to use more current data in conducting
5 future disparity studies in order to evaluate the
6 implementation and effectiveness of the MWBE program
7 and direct efforts to increase the capa... capacity of
8 MWBE.

9 We thank your staff Alex Polinov, Leah
10 Scrapiek (sp?), Michelle Lee and John Russell.

11 Finally, the Council will vote on Intro
12 134A, which would amend local law 32, also known as
13 the salary transparency law. Local law 32 makes it an
14 unlawful, discriminatory practice to post any job
15 listing that does not include the minimum and maximum
16 salary offered for the position. The purpose of that
17 law was to bring more transparency to job seekers and
18 help eliminate inherit bias in setting employee
19 salaries. The law is scheduled to go into effect next
20 month. In order to improve the successful
21 implementation of local law 32, this bill aims to
22 clarify the types of positions the law applies to,
23 limits any unintended consequences for small
24 businesses and non-profit organizations without
25 significant back office operations and maintain

2 strong salary transparency requirements. Intro 134A
3 clarifies that the salary transparency law includes
4 positions that are paid at an hourly wa... wage in
5 addition to those with an annual salary. This
6 legislation took lots of time and lots of
7 conversations with all stakeholders striking a
8 balance to reach agreement between pay equity
9 advocates who champion this bill and the small
10 business community. It's an example of how the
11 legislative process can and should work. The Council
12 brings both sides of an issue together to engage in
13 the meaningful and substantive details of a bill,
14 listens to concerns to make its assessment and
15 arrives at a better bill that everyone can support.

16 I sincerely applaud and I'm proud of
17 prime sponsor and Civil and Human Rights Committee
18 Chair Nantasha Williams who led this process through
19 hearings and many deliberations with stakeholders as
20 well as her pri... her co-prime sponsor Council Member
21 Justin Brannan. We thank you. We thank our staff
22 Gisari Gunapti (sp?), William Deyorkie (sp?), Rachel
23 Cordero, David Sitzler and Jack Kern for their help on
24 this legislation.

2 Thank you for your attention colleagues,
3 now I would like to turn it back over into the hands
4 of our Majority Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Speaker
6 Adams. We're gonna now move into the discussion of
7 general orders. We have three individuals signed up
8 and we are gonna first call on Council Member Nurse,
9 because of a very long agenda on general discussion
10 we're gonna try to keep everyone firmly to their two
11 minutes, so just please keep an eye on the clock.
12 We're gonna start with Council Member Nurse and then
13 go to Council Member Cabàn.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you Majority
15 Leader Powers, I will keep it very short. Just in
16 regards to 3285 Fulton Street, this project will
17 create 27 units of deeply and permanently affordable
18 senior housing units with on-site affordable child
19 care facilities for my neighborhood. It's gonna be
20 run by the Cypress Hills Local Development
21 Corporation and Mani, a very reputable and beloved
22 corner stone of the Cypress Hills and East New York
23 community. Rents will be as low as \$589.00 a month
24 and reach households below 40% of the AMI and a
25 maximum of 50%. 30% of the units are set aside for

2 formerly homeless households will pay no more than
3 30% of their income towards rent. This was my first
4 rezoning and so I'm proud of what has been
5 negotiated. The original proposal called for up-
6 zoning the entire block from R5 to R7A, but thank you
7 to my team, Ryan Hickey from my team, folks from the
8 Brooklyn Borough President's Office, Cypress Hills
9 and Mani we were able to prevent that and keep most
10 of the block at R5 with the exception of the project
11 site and maybe a third into the next tax lot. Just as
12 a reminder East New York has already been up-zoned,
13 so we don't need any more of that market rate
14 development please and thank you, so with the support
15 from this coalition I'm very proud to present this
16 proposal to you. I really ask for your support in
17 voting aye. Thank you Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
19 Member Nurse and for folks who are on Zoom, just
20 please raise your hand if you are looking to speak or
21 we'll look for hands later as well.

22 We now go to Council Member Caban.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Oh, I'm sorry, I
24 think my remarks... I wanted to reserve them for a
25 general discussion post voting or...

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We have you
3 signed up for that too, so we can wait.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Thanks.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll go to
6 Council Member Paladino followed by Council Member,
7 sorry, Hudson and then Bottcher. Sorry, Council
8 Member Paladino.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Good afternoon
10 everybody, how are you? Sympathies out to Timothy
11 Klein's family for this horrific fire and his death,
12 untimely death. I'm voting yay with an explanation to
13 Intro 0014A. I understand that we are voting here
14 today, on what we are voting here today is just a
15 technical change and the...

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
17 Paladino, are you looking... we're not voting yet.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Yeah, no, I did...
19 that's why I don't know why I'm up to speak right
20 now.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Oh, we had... we
22 had somebody signed you up to speak, sorry about
23 that.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Yeah, I know,
3 but I'm not supposed to speak 'til later, that's why
4 I didn't understand why you called my name.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Well we... your
6 staff had signed you up. We'll move on.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Go ahead.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: That didn't
10 make...

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Okay, we're gonna
12 go onto Council Member Hudson and then Council Member
13 Bottcher.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Well now I'm not
15 sure if I should wait.

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Excuse me?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Should I wait
18 until later?

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You're... you asked
20 to speak now, correct, on an item... a Land Use item?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Yes.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Then go ahead.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, just
24 wanna confirm.

2 The truth across the board is that the
3 status quo isn't working for New Yorker's. Amid an
4 every changing city confronted with new challenges we
5 continue to rely on systems that neither deliver for
6 the most vulnerable among us nor begin to consider
7 the well-being of the millions of people living in
8 our cities margins.

9 We're reluctant to give up a system that
10 puts a price on our community's, rewards patronage
11 politics and caters to the wealthy and powerful. As a
12 result, we're forced to face new and emerging
13 challenges while we continue to experience issues of
14 times past taking one step forward only to take two
15 back. This is the case for how we've sought to
16 address the housing and affordability crisis that
17 plagues New York, but today we can set a new standard
18 for private developers, flip the power dynamics that
19 have long contributed to the massive exodus of our
20 poor and working class, black and brown neighbors and
21 ensure our community's take the reins when deciding
22 who gets to build what and where.

23 With these two projects on Atlantic
24 Avenue we're setting the tone showing that developers
25 can stand to give much, much more than required under

2 the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program. We have
3 the chance to create more than 150 units at historic
4 rates of affordability. 35% of each building's total
5 floor area will be allocated for affordable units and
6 this is without subsidies. A majority of these units
7 will be set aside for families of two making between
8 38,000 and 57,000 per year or 40% and 60% of the area
9 median income respectively. A smaller subset of the
10 affordable units will be set aside for families of
11 two making 80% AMI or \$76,000.00 per year.

12 Additionally the developers each agreed
13 to contribute \$100,000.00 to a tenant and deed theft
14 protection fund. When the median household income for
15 black residents is \$40,000.00 in this community these
16 are the levels of affordability we have to set as the
17 floor and the reality that we should take into
18 account when we're considering new developments. If
19 we're not building for those who are already living
20 in our community's we are complicit in the syst...
21 systematic displacement of black residents in
22 historically black parts of our city. Across our city
23 developers can stand to give much, much more. They
24 must provide greater quantities of affordable housing
25 at deeper levels of affordability and must commit to

2 investing in improvements for our communities. They
3 must safeguard the well-being of the poor and working
4 class black and brown New Yorker's who have long
5 called our community's home.

6 We're setting a new baseline here to
7 ensure our community's and our neighbors have a fair
8 share of the pie and today we're voting to take a
9 step forward down a new path that prioritizes New
10 Yorker's and offers and road map to addressing the
11 housing and affordability crisis we so desperately
12 need to solve. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: That was fast.
14 Impressive.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I was trying to... I
16 was already over time.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I think I cut
18 you... you were about to get cut off.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: And I... I respect
20 the... the... the clock, so...

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: I appreciate it.
22 We are now going to Council Member Bottcher followed
23 by Council Member Barron and Council Member Farias.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: I'm speaking
25 today in support of the West Village bid that we'll

2 be voting on today. This is a bit of an unusual bid,
3 because it was initiated by residents who initiated
4 it themselves and if you're familiar with the process
5 for creating a bid you have to contact every property
6 in this proposed bid area and they did that on their
7 own, thousands of property's and years later we've
8 come to this point where they're ready to have a bid
9 in that highly trafficked part of the village, highly
10 visited part of the village, so I'm proud to support
11 it.

12 I wanna thank brick... Brooke Schooley in
13 the 7th Avenue South Alliance and my staff Patrice
14 Commerford, Nicole Barth, Sean Coughlin and Nguyen
15 Peri Asami and everyone who helped make this
16 possible.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
18 now go to Council Member Barron and Council Member
19 Farias.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Just wanted to
21 encourage my colleagues to vote on the Sutter Avenue
22 project in East New York. It is a continuing 100%
23 affordability, 100% affordability for all of the
24 housing units. Initially the developer said that
25 could not happen and walked away from the table, we

2 let him walk and they came back with 100%
3 affordability and several of the projects will be... or
4 apartments will be affordability and perpetuity
5 forever and some will be for 60 years and then we
6 also made sure that the rest of the block was not
7 affected by this vote here, so once again, I think as
8 we vote for projects in our community's we gotta get
9 to 100% affordable... affordability, it can happen and
10 we should push the developers to make that happen.
11 Anything short of that we are being threatened by
12 gentrification in our neighborhoods, so I thank the
13 City Council for their support on this project.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
15 Member Barron. Now we'll go to Council Member Farias.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Hi everyone. Intro
17 47 would establish the Castle Hill bid making it the
18 first official business improvement district in my
19 council district that I represent and particularly in
20 the Castle Hill community. This bid has an
21 unprecedented level of support with both business
22 owners and home owners in support of the creation of
23 the bid and may I add this morning we didn't have a
24 single testimony against it, which shows that it is
25 highly necessary.

2 In government how and where we invest our
3 dollars speaks volumes about our morals as
4 legislators. I'm excited to prioritize Castel Hill,
5 to prioritize the Bronx and to prioritize the
6 hardworking families and workers in our
7 neighborhoods. I urge my colleagues to vote yes in
8 support of these businesses in my community. Thank
9 you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We
11 don't have anyone else signed up. I'm just scanning
12 to see if anybody else has their hand up. Okay, we
13 are gonna now move on. We'll move now to the report
14 of Special Committees.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: None. 32:28

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Reports of
17 Standing Committees.

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS?: Report of the
19 Committee on Civil and Human Rights Intro 134A,
20 salary transparency law.

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

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Report on the Committee
24 on Contracts, Intro 14A, MWBE disparity study.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and coupled on
3 general orders.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Report on the Committee
5 on Finance, Intro's 47 and 73, business improvement
6 districts.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Preconsidered LU's 43
9 and Reso 137, property tax exemption.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Report of the Committee
12 on Land Use LU's 16 through 19 various applications.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to file.

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: LU 35 and Reso 138 and
15 LU 36 and Reso 139, 1220 Avenue P rezoning.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Excuse me, LU 37 and
18 Reso 140 and LU 38 and Reso 141, 272 East 151st
19 street rezoning.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

21 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Preconsidered Reso 142
22 New Providence redevelopment.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: The following items are
25 on the general orders calendar. LU 20 and Reso 143

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2 through LU 23 and Reso 145, 1034, 1042 Atlantic
3 Avenue rezoning.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: L... excuse me, LU 23 and
6 Reso 146 through LU 25 and Reso 148, 870, 888
7 Atlantic Avenue rezoning.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: LU 29 and Reso 149 and
10 LU 30 and Reso 150, Sutter Avenue rezoning.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: LU 32 and 151 and LU 33
13 and Reso 152, 3285 Fulton Street rezoning.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Couple on general orders.

15 I would now ask that the clerk take a roll call vote
16 on all of the items coupled on today's general orders
17 calendar.

18 CLERK: Abreu?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

20 CLERK: Ariola?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Avilés?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

24 CLERK: Ayala?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

2 CLERK: Barron?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be excused
4 to explain my vote?

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please go ahead.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on LU 20
7 to 25 with accompanying Reso 143 to 148, the Atlantic
8 project, because 65% of it is market and only 35% is
9 affordable. That's how we gradually gentrify our
10 neighborhoods. I vote no on LU 18 and 19 for homeless
11 shelters, 171 homeless beds with 130 affordable
12 housing, we need permanent housing. These developers
13 can do that. I vote no on LU 43 with accompanying
14 Reso 138 Article 11, there's 100 homeless shelters
15 and about 130, 40 affordable housing. On that one I
16 wanna commend the Council Member from that District
17 for doing the best that she could to try to get it to
18 the rate of affordability, but like my community that
19 community is over-saturated with shelters and they're
20 violating the Fair Share Act and displacing shelters
21 in other place. We need permanent housing, so I vote
22 no on those items and aye on all the rest.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Bottcher?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Brannon?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: Aye.

4 CLERK: Brewer?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

6 CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
8 to explain my vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yes, go ahead.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you,
11 Majority Leader. First, I'd like to acknowledge the
12 tragic death of fire fighter Timothy Klein who died
13 in the line of service fighting a fire in Canarsie on
14 Sunday. Timothy was a life-long resident of the
15 Rockaway Borough and up in Breezy Point and living in
16 Belle Harbor and the whole community feels his loss.
17 I invite my colleagues to keep him and his family in
18 our thoughts and prayers and thanking him for his
19 dedication he has shown to his fellow New Yorker's.

20 I'm also extremely proud to support the
21 tax exemption going through for my district. It was
22 one that required much coordination and negotiation
23 with the two not for profit developments that are
24 looking to bring services in... in this space of
25 support of housing and homeless shelter into my

2 community as it's been said already. Community's like
3 mine have been over-saturated with homeless shelters
4 where the three community boards that I represent in
5 my district make up more than half of the shelters in
6 the entire borough, but I am pleased with the.. the
7 outcome of where we were able to provide
8 opportunities for the community, permanent housing
9 for the unhoused and the opportunity for a much
10 needed conversation around this and with that I vote
11 aye on all. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

13 CLERK: Caban?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Carr?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'll be voting no on
17 Introduction 134A and aye on the rest.

18 CLERK: Thank you. De La Rosa?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Dinowitz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Farias?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye on all.

24 CLERK: Feliz?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

2 CLERK: Gennaro?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes with
4 the exception of Intro 134A on which I vote no.

5 CLERK: Thank you. Gutiérrez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Thank you. Hanif?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to
9 explain my vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yep, go ahead.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Local law 32, which
12 was passed by the previous City Council is a critical
13 law that will establish salary transparency in New
14 York City. This will help address the unacceptable
15 pay gap for people of color and women compared to the
16 white and male counterparts doing the same work. When
17 Intro 134 was first introduced I had deep concerns
18 that it would roll back this major legislative win
19 from the last Council session. In its initial form
20 this bill would've exempted small business workers
21 and remote workers from the law. I made it clear to
22 other members and my constituents that I could not
23 support legislation with those provisions. This is
24 why I'm grateful to Council Member Williams for
25 hearing the concerns from pay equity advocates and

2 working extremely hard to revive this bill in a way
3 that will not undermine workers.

4 This new version of the bill ensures that
5 small business workers and remote workers will be
6 protected by local law 32 while making some technical
7 amendments that will make the law more feasible for
8 businesses to implement. I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Hanks?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Holden?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye on all
13 except Intro 134A of which I vote no.

14 CLERK: Hudson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Joseph?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Kagan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Krishnan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Lee?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Marte?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Thank you. Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Narcisse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Permission
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: First, before I
16 get to the explanation I hear so many, and Speaker,
17 Madam Speaker, thank you for acknowledge the stress
18 that's going around my district. The recent tragic
19 fire in my district highlighted just not how precious
20 life is and how we should treat it as such. In a
21 blink of an eye our city lost and FDNY hero, Timothy
22 Klein, which the viewing gonna be this aft... started
23 already this afternoon in my district, and a family
24 who lives just blocks away from my home lost their
25 loving son, Carlos Richards. Not only Timothy, but

2 Carlos Richards was a (inaudible) young man. I ask
3 you all to join me in lifting them up in prayer and
4 taking a moment today to give thanks for what we have
5 and we have life today. Thank you my colleagues and
6 everyone that are being supporting.

7 So now I wanna say aye to all, but we
8 have to keep in mind that what's presented in front
9 of me is what we have. We need a place for folks to
10 stay in, we cannot afford to have people on the
11 street anymore. We need permanent housing, I would
12 like to echo on what CM Barron just mentioned, so but
13 for what it is today I will vote aye, but we still
14 have to keep in mind that we have to have permanent
15 housing. Thank you.

16 CLERK: Thank you. Nurse?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.

18 CLERK: Ossé?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all except I
20 abstain from Land Use item 22, 25.

21 CLERK: Thank you. Paladino?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote no on 134A
23 and aye on all the rest.

24 CLERK: Thank you. Restler?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: I am
4 the proud co-sponsor on the new version of Intro 134.
5 I wanna echo what CM Barron said about the permanent
6 housing, it's not something I would want for my
7 district, but with reference to other members who
8 know their districts the best, I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Thank you. Riley?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Rivera?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to
15 explain my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Permission
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.
19 First, I just wanna congratulate Council Member
20 Hudson on getting to the finish line of our project.
21 You know it came down to the wire, but I know the
22 Council Member, she got more than what was required
23 in terms of affordable housing in her community and...
24 and... and... and at an end result she will also get a
25 study, a neighborhood study, which that the immediate

2 community has been asking for, so congratulations to
3 you Council Member Hudson. And I wanna congratulate
4 my two Council Members with new bids. I have two bids
5 in my Council District and they worked wonders. The
6 work that bids do to strengthen small businesses and
7 to bring in more merchants and increase their
8 visibility is outstanding and I especially wanna
9 congratulate Council Member Farias, my neighboring
10 Council Member for bringing a bid to the Castle Hill
11 are and with that I vote aye on all.

12 CLERK: Thank you. Sanchez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: SCHULMAN?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Stevens?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Ung?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Velàzquez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

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

25 CLERK: Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Today I'll be
3 voting yes on the Land Use item 35, a rezoning for
4 1220 Avenue P in my district, which would expand a
5 medical facility in my district. There is a distinct
6 need for expanded medical services within the
7 community and I believe this project will be a
8 significant asset to the district and particularly
9 for the local senior population. With that I vote aye
10 on all except no on Intro 0134A. Thank you.

11 CLERK: Thank you. Williams?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Permission to
13 explain my vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Yep, permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm gonna go a
17 little bit over my time, but today is a big day. This
18 is not only my first piece of legislation, but an
19 opportunity to expand on landmark measures, which
20 were critical to the fight in economic equity that we
21 have fought so hard for.

22 Of course when working on actions like
23 this as a natural born advocate I truly believe that
24 work like this cannot get done without walking locked
25 and step with the community.

2 After listening carefully to feedback
3 from advocates in the business community on April 5th
4 regarding Intro 134, an action which considers
5 provisions for small business owners that may have
6 not had the ability to carry out employee and salary
7 actions in advance. As their big business
8 counterparts, we have worked to reach an end that
9 reflects the needs of everyone.

10 Mirroring the spirit of some of our
11 champions around equal... equal pay including Reverend
12 Addie Wyatt, Betty Dukes, Kangela Moore, my former
13 community board member and confidant and the Queen of
14 the Beehive Beyonce, here are a few of the
15 adjustments we have incorporated. We have clarified
16 that jobs paid an hourly wage be subject to the
17 salary transparency requirement, which was intended,
18 but not indicated in prior language. We have also
19 removed general notices that state em... that state
20 employees can hire without reference to a particular
21 position. We ensure that nearly all virtual jobs
22 performed in New York City or for New York City
23 employee can be covered under the bill. Lastly, we
24 have worked to keep an extension to allow for viable

2 time for small businesses and the agency charged with
3 enforcing to be in compliance with this new law.

4 With this expansive work we are carrying
5 out to strengthen our paid equity measures here are a
6 few things I want us all to keep in mind. Research
7 included with our power advocate showed that women
8 earn approximately \$10,157.00 less than their male
9 counterparts annually. According to the New York City
10 Commission on Gender Equity in New York City a white
11 woman earns \$.84 for every dollar a white man earns
12 while a Hispanic woman working full time earns \$.46,
13 an African woman earns \$.55 and an Asian woman earns
14 about \$.63.

15 We are now living in 2022 and thinking
16 about these statistics is rather startling, but it is
17 my hope that this body will continue to refine
18 measures to break down barriers like this and ensure
19 that everyone has a seat at the table when it comes
20 to pay equity. As a black woman...

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you
22 Council...

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: And the sponsor
24 of this bill equal pay is vital in ensuring that we
25 get this right is equally important. I have always

2 advocated for women, communities of color and the
3 most marginalized throughout my career. In the words
4 of one of our nations most recognized.. (inaudible)
5 "I'm not new to this, I'm true to this."

6 My commitment to this work has led me to
7 champion...

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
9 Williams, can we have you wrap? Thanks.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Myriad issues of
11 women and last, but not least, thank you so much to
12 Speaker Adams and my staff Everton and Ashley. I also
13 wanna acknowledge I'm sorry, this is important,
14 committee staff Council.. (inaudible) Jack, Jeremy,
15 Jeff Baker and Rachel and David, because without them
16 this would not be possible. Finally, to our pay
17 equity advocates and business advocates.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
19 Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Please wrap up,
22 thank you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm done.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We have a very
3 long agenda today. Council Member Williams, we also
4 need your vote.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: You were like
6 laying the smack down Majority Leader, I was like,
7 "Oh, my gosh." I proudly vote aye on all.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.
9 Congratulations on now at this time, I say the last
10 time, your first bill.

11 CLERK: Thank you. Council... Council Member
12 Won?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Yeger?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: May I be excused to
16 explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: You are excused
18 to explain your vote.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Mr.
20 President. I appreciate very much the efforts by some
21 of my colleagues to pass legislation here today and I
22 don't be a downer on the round of applause, but I
23 will vote no on 134 for the same reason that I voted
24 no on it in the last session of the Council. It is
25 fundamentally unconstitutional. Government cannot

2 compel speech no matter how good we think the result
3 of that compelling of the speech would be, we still
4 need to have a substantial interest tied directly to
5 the goal that we're trying to achieve. This will
6 simply require additional words in an advertisement
7 and it won't do what I believe we think it will do to
8 create pay equity and without that direct attachment
9 from the act of this body to the result that it is
10 intended its unconstitutional compelling of speech.
11 This violates the First Amendment and that's why I
12 voted no in the last session, I'm voting no in this
13 session as well.

14 I will also vote no on Intro's 47 and 73,
15 not gonna make a whole bit spiel about it, but as I
16 said in the past I appreciate very much the work of
17 my colleagues to bring services into their districts
18 where they are desperately needed, because the
19 streets are dirty, because the services are not
20 coming from the government. People who live there and
21 the people who own businesses there are paying for
22 those services, so if we're going to create a bid and
23 the bid is going to do assessments on those property
24 owners, those property owners oughta receive a credit
25 back from the property taxes that they're paying for

2 the services they're not receiving, which the bid is
3 there to give now and for that reason, simply because
4 I cannot raise taxes on people, I just can't do it
5 right now in this city, I'm going to vote no on 47
6 and 73 as well. Thank you very much, Mr. Pre... and aye
7 on all the rest. Thank you, Mr. President.

8 CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all,
10 except 134A.

11 CLERK: Powers?

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member
16 Kagan?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Yes, I would like
18 to change my vote. Intro 134A I'm voting no.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All items on
20 today's general order count were adopted by a vote of
21 51 in the affirmative, zero negative and zero
22 abstentions with the extent... with the exception of
23 Land Use items 18 and 19 with 15 in the affirmative,
24 one in the negative, zero abstentions, Land Use 20
25 through 25 and accompanying Resolutions with 49 in

2 the affirmative, one negative and one abstention,
3 Land Use 43 and Resolution 137, 15 in the
4 affirmative, one negative, zero abstentions, Intro
5 134A, which is adopted by a vote of 43 in the
6 affirmative, eight negative and one abstention, Intro
7 47, which is adopted by a vote of 50 in the
8 affirmative, one negative and zero abstentions and
9 Intro 73, which is adopted by a vote of 50 in the
10 affirmative, one in the negative and zero
11 abstentions.

12 Thank you, we are now gonna move to the
13 introduction and reading of bills.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been
15 referred to Committee's as indicated on today's
16 agenda.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, Madam
18 Speaker. We'll now move into discussion Resolutions.
19 We have two members signed up on today's Resolutions
20 that we're voting on. We first will hear from Council
21 Member Hanif.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Just pulling up my
23 remarks. Okay, I'm excited to have two Resolution's
24 up for a vote today that if passed will demonstrate
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2 this Council's commitment to immigrant rights in a
3 sanctuary city.

4 The first is Resolution 84 in support of
5 the Coverage for All Act, which I was proud to
6 introduce alongside Council Members Abreu, Moya,
7 Schulman and Lee. Coverage for All would end the
8 exclusion of undocumented New Yorker's from the New
9 York State Essential Plan, which provides health
10 coverage for those of low incomes. This exclusion has
11 immense consequences, an estimate 2,000 undocumented
12 New Yorker's have died preventable death of Covid
13 solely due to their lack of health coverage.

14 In the fiscal year '23 enacted budget the
15 state took an important first step by expanding
16 essential plan access to undocumented seniors. The
17 state can and must go further by passing the act in
18 full to cover all New Yorker's.

19 The second is Reso 112 in support of the
20 New York for All Act, which I introduced with our
21 Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. This act would
22 significantly reduce state and local government's
23 collaboration with ICE through a number of mechanisms
24 including prohibiting law... local law enforcement from
25 inquiring about immigration status. This would

2 decrease deportations and further public safety and
3 economic growth by allowing immigrant community's to
4 more fully participate in public life. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, and
6 now we're gonna hear from Council Member Caban
7 followed by Council Member Barron.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Thank you. I'm
9 speaking in support of the Reso on HR2070. This bill
10 and like the statehood bill that imposes a particular
11 status on Puerto Rico is a bill that uniquely
12 acknowledges the history of colonization and is the
13 only bill clearly and deeply committed to a
14 democratic process, puts all options on the table,
15 lays out a process for education and engagement and
16 what that means for the island's future, self-
17 determination as a human right.

18 I'm a proud Nuyorican with family on the
19 island and across the U.S. and yesterday I spent the
20 day in D.C. with Puerto Ricans living and organizing
21 on the island and the message was clear, things are
22 getting worse and this is a matter of life and death.

23 Puerto Ricans have survived every manner
24 of disasters, hurricanes, earthquakes, La Promesa,
25 imperialism, austerity, political corruption. In

2 Puerto Rico we call it la brega, the perpetual
3 struggle. Our people are tired and we deserve the
4 right to chart our own path forward.

5 I urge city leaders to support Deputy
6 Speaker Ayala's Reso supporting Congressman Nydia
7 Velazquez's self-determination bill and finally for
8 mi familia... (inaudible) and to everyone and that I
9 ask for many of whom call New York City home..
10 (inaudible) we got us, so thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And
12 now we're gonna hear from Council Member Barron.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I stand to support
14 both of these Resolution's, you know I'm sure all
15 Resolutions can be made better or whatever, but I
16 support both... both of these Resolution's,
17 particularly the independence of Puerto Rico. I have
18 been constantly in support of that, Don Pedro, Albizu
19 Campos, Lolita Lebron, these were giants in our
20 movement for liberation and for the independence and
21 self-determination of Puerto Rico, so we have to
22 support those who fight against imperialism, fight
23 against multi-national corporate exploitation and who
24 are fighting against capitalism as it raise... reaches
25 its tentacles to continue a Colonial economy across

2 this world, so a blow against imperialism and
3 capitalism in Puerto Rico is a blow against it in
4 Africa and the Carribean and other countries around
5 the world, I support this Resolution. And also I was
6 raising my hand, 'cause I was trying to find out how
7 do we get on the... the... the list, I was wanting to get
8 on the list for... if you could put me on the list for
9 the open discussion I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, is
11 anyone else signed up to speak on the resolutions?
12 Okay, thank you. And now we'll have a voice vote on
13 today's Resolution's. If you wish to vote against or
14 abstain from either of today's Resolution's, please
15 notify the legislative documents unit by e-mail or
16 approaching the day before the vote. If anybody wants
17 to come up now we will... I will now read today's
18 Resolution's into the record.

19 Resolution 84A calls on the state
20 legislature to pass and the Governor to sign Assembly
21 Bill number 880A and Senate Bill 1572A to provide
22 coverage for health care services under the basic
23 health program for individuals whose immigration
24 status renders them inel... ineligible for federal

2 financial participation. Will all those in favor
3 please say aye?

4 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say
6 nay.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER: Nay.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

9 The aye's have it. Resolution 112 calls on New York
10 state legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
11 the New York for All Act, Assembly Bill number 230...
12 2328A and Senate Bill number 3076A, which would
13 prohibit and regulate discovery and disclosure of
14 immigration status by New York state and local
15 government entities. Will all those in favor say aye?

16 COUNCIL MEMBERES: Aye.

17 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: All opposed say
18 nay.

19 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Nay.

20 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Any abstentions?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Abstain.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Council Member

23 Kagan. The aye's have it. We are now going to move

24 into general discussion, before we do that I just

25 wanna note we have almost 25 people signed up today

2 for general discussion. I am going to strictly
3 enforce the two minute rule for that reason to give
4 everybody an opportunity to be able to speak and for
5 us to move efficiently and if you of course had your
6 name on the list and you want to pass on speaking we
7 will also accept that. We... so but two minutes and we
8 are gonna ask you to close out, so we are gonna first
9 start with Council Member Mealy. Oh, we'll start... but
10 one correction before we move Intro... just to correct
11 a vote on Intro 134A, it was 43 in the affirmative,
12 eight in the negative and zero abstentions. Thank
13 you. We're now... general discussion, we'll move... start
14 with Council Member Mealy and then we have Council
15 Member Ariola. Council Member Mealy.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I'm... hello, I'm
17 talk... I'm speaking in regards to Intro 120, 1269 is
18 imperative to keeping our community safe. With new
19 planned closed units and... I'm sorry, I'm not feeling
20 too well, so I will pass. Thank you, but I ask
21 everyone to sign onto Intro 1269. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we
23 like that efficiency Council Member. We'll now to
24 Council Member Ariola followed by... Council Member
25 followed by Council Member Gutiérrez.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Thank you Majority
3 Leader Powers. I'd also like to take a moment to
4 honor fire fighter Timothy Klein who was a
5 constituent of mine and to give my condolences to my
6 colleague Council Member Narcisse for the loss of her
7 constituent Carlos Richards. We have a very tragic
8 tie that binds us. I would also like to just make
9 mention of that this is Holocaust Remembrance Day and
10 that we should never forget.

11 Today I'm going to speak about Intro 210,
12 which I'm co-prime sponsoring with my colleague,
13 Majority Whip and Council Member in the 31st Council
14 District, Selvena Brooks-Powers. For decades the
15 waters around New York City were viewed by many as
16 little more than a dumping ground clogged with
17 derelict vessels and littered with debris. Our
18 waterways, in Jamaica Bay in particular, were
19 transformed into floating junkyards where
20 unscrupulous boat owners would abandon their property
21 without fear of repercussion.

22 In recent years thanks to the hard work
23 an dedication of groups like the Jamaica Bay
24 Ecowatchers and the American Literal Society, many

2 others, we've begun to see a renaissance in our
3 waters.

4 Water quality is better than it has been
5 at any point in living memory. Marine life is
6 returning and the residence and visitors alike are
7 able to engage with our bays and rivers in ways
8 previously thought impossible.

9 This bill would seek to build upon this
10 rebirth of New York's waterways and ensure that we
11 can continue moving forward to make this city a
12 better, cleaner place for us to enjoy. This bill
13 would create a brand new office of marine debris
14 disposal and vessels surrendering, which would be
15 responsible for coordinating cleanup efforts across
16 the city, removing abandoned boats and marine debris
17 from our beaches and shorelines.

18 Additionally, this office would develop
19 programs to encourage boat owners to dispose of their
20 vessels responsibly through city programs rather than
21 abandon them as they had in the past. I ask my
22 colleagues to support and sign onto this bill, so
23 that our waterways can continue its ecological
24 renaissance. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
3 Member. Now Council Member Gutiérrez, Council Member
4 De La Rosa and just remember that we have two
5 minutes, thanks.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you
7 Majority Leader. I'm excited to introduce my first
8 pieces of legislation today, finally, Amen. As a new
9 mom I'm excited to move the work forward in improving
10 New York City for mother's and caregiver's and
11 strengthening educational opportunities for children
12 through these bills in coordination with Council
13 Members mom... new mom Council Member Julie Won who's
14 here and Council Member, mom to be, Council Member
15 Pierina Sanchez. Intro 242 would establish a martial
16 plan for mom's task force to develop and issue
17 recommendations on how to support working mothers and
18 caregivers. It's always been difficult to be a
19 working mom, but particularly in light of issues that
20 have become more acute during the pandemic it's
21 critical to create a new frame work of support as we
22 enter a new normal both in the work place and in our
23 daily lives.

24 Intro 241 provide... will provide public
25 school students with mobile hot spot devices as saw

2 throughout the past two years. The digital divide is
3 a huge barrier for students throughout the five
4 boroughs and their ability to join classes remotely
5 and do school work hinges on their access to internet
6 connectivity. Guaranteeing mobile hot spots to public
7 school students would enable more opportunities for
8 learning and begin to address the disparities and
9 educational attainment in our city.

10 With a minute to spare, finally, I'm
11 introducing Intro 240 to enable 311 to be able to
12 update complaint types and more accurately categorize
13 the more than 40 million customer contacts that 311
14 receives annually. As a city agency with their finger
15 on the pulse of what is occurring throughout each
16 community, the kinds of complaints received evolve
17 over the years and this bill would require 311 to
18 incorporate those changes. I would be honored to have
19 you join me as a sponsor on all of these bill. Muchas
20 gracias.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Very good. We'll
22 go to Council Member... thank you. Okay, we'll go to
23 Council Member De La Rosa followed by Council Member
24 Williams and then Council Member Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you Mr.
3 Majority Leader. I wanna thank Madam Speaker and our
4 colleagues for joining us this afternoon as we
5 commemorate Worker's Memorial Day on April 28th.
6 Across the world we recognize the sacrifices made by
7 workers and we commit to renewing our fight for
8 strong safety and health protections for all working
9 people here in our city and across the globe. I will
10 soon be introducing legislation to address the lack
11 of reporting on city work place fatalities and look
12 forward to having all of your support.

13 Like many of our colleagues today I'm
14 also introducing several pieces of legislation and
15 I'm asking for your support. The first Intro 231 is a
16 local law that I'm introducing with Borough President
17 Mark Levine that calls for the creation of a
18 residential parking permit in Northern Manhattan. The
19 issues of parking are often controversial. Many local
20 residents who have made the decision to own a vehicle
21 have historically complained about the lack of street
22 parking available to them and others have argued for
23 the reduction and reliance on personal use vehicles
24 and call for investment in our transportation
25 alternatives. This legislation takes into account

2 both of these realities with a pilot that will
3 generate needed revenue that can be invested right
4 back into our city's street infrastructure.

5 The second, Intro 232, jointly with
6 Council Member Farias, establishes a task force to
7 study gender pay disparity and economic self-
8 sufficiency among the labor force in New York City.
9 We must work hard to eliminate the gender pay gap
10 once and for all and this task force will review the
11 labor force and all its sectors to determine the best
12 methods to measure the gender pay disparity across
13 our city.

14 And then finally, we have Resolution 131,
15 which calls on Wendy's to join the Fair Food Program,
16 which supports farm workers in the fast... working in
17 fast food corporation's by address issues of unfair
18 wages, abusive work conditions and access to breaks
19 and safe transportation to work. Many individuals
20 that work in the fields are immigrants that ensure
21 that our... the food we eat is safe and we are asking
22 Wendy's to join other corporation in the Fair Food
23 Program, so that these workers can have dignity.
24 Thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. And
3 now we'll go to Council Member Williams, Council
4 Member Riley, Council Member Joseph.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'll be brief in
6 the light of time. I don't want to be cut off again
7 by the Majority Leader, but as Chair of Civil and
8 Human Rights Committee and Council Member of District
9 27 I am always working to ensure that we look at the
10 issues before the Council through an equity lens and
11 that includes the candidates industry have so many
12 thoughts surrounding this, but we cannot talk about
13 this amazing step without talking about the hurt and
14 harm impacted by communities.

15 So with that I would like to thank the
16 bill's prime sponsor Council Member Kevin Riley for
17 introducing this critical piece of legislation and
18 look forward to seeing it pass.

19 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Very, very
20 impressive Council Member. No, just kidding. Thank
21 you. We will... now we'll go... we'll now go to Council
22 Member Riley speaking on the same bill.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you Council
24 Member Williams for the alley oop. The legalization
25 of cannabis in New York State had the potential to

2 make New York City a key leader in the cannabis
3 industry. Welcoming cannabis to New York City creates
4 an opportunity to encourage vital and economic
5 recovery, secure job opportunities and creates
6 successfully businesses in... successful businesses,
7 excuse me, is evident that the industry had the
8 ability to expand our economic recovery as it has in
9 other major cities throughout the country.

10 Today I'm proud to lead with Council
11 Members Williams, Stevens, Farias and Nurse to
12 reintroduce Intro 285, which would establish a New
13 York City Office of Cannabis Business Services. Not
14 only would this bill be a key factor in expanding
15 outreach and participation to create a successful
16 cannabis economy for our city, this office is
17 centered in security equitable resources and
18 supportive services to communities of color who have
19 been long been targeted while others have thrived in
20 this industry.

21 An Office of Cannabis Business Services
22 will align with the state's cannabis agenda to serve
23 the people at the local level. With the commitment
24 from Mayor Adams to provide significant investments
25 to make New York City the nation's most equitable

2 cannabis industry this piece of legislation would
3 support the vision.

4 I'm also introducing Reso 135. Many New
5 York families rely on safe transport of our school
6 busses to guide our children to and from school.
7 Securing their safety is always top priority and
8 updating legislation that calls to enhance those
9 efforts should be an easy decision.

10 Reso 135 will require all New York State
11 school busses to have two functioning stop arms on
12 each side of the bus for safe operations. This is a
13 vi... this is vital to increase our children's safety
14 in creating higher visibility for driver's to
15 exercise caution and come to a complete stop. Any bus
16 that does not have both functioning stop arms will be
17 deemed unfit to keep children safe and thus have no
18 place on our streets.

19 I encourage Governor Hochul and New York
20 State Legislative to sign LS7814, a similar piece of
21 legislation that will go a long way in saving many
22 children's lives. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
24 Member Riley. We'll now go to Council Member Joseph

2 followed by Council Member Ossé followed by Council
3 Member Cabàn.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you Majority
5 Leader. Today I'm introducing my first bill along
6 with Borough President Mark Levine mandating that the
7 Department of Parks and Department of Transportation
8 identify locations where the city can install public
9 bathrooms.

10 Introduction 258 will specifically
11 require these two agencies to find public bathroom
12 sites in every zip code across the five boroughs. We
13 need more than one per zip code, but this is
14 certainly a step in the right direction. The lack of
15 public restrooms hurt everyone. I'm sure every single
16 person can think of a time when they were stranded
17 and had to search for a business that had a bathroom
18 they could use.

19 When we don't have public bathrooms we
20 smell human waste in public parks, in our subway
21 stations, in our neighborhoods, no one wants to see
22 that. We can prevent this by providing public
23 bathrooms that the city will clean and maintain for
24 everyone. Everyone needs a place... a safe place to use
25 the restroom, this will improve the quality of life

2 for every New Yorker, it will keep our neighborhoods
3 clean and sanitary. It is good business, it just
4 makes sense. I hope that my colleagues will consider
5 signing onto this bill. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We're
7 gonna go to Council Member Ossé followed by Council
8 Member Cabàn.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Thank you Majority
10 Leader. Today I will be introducing three pieces of
11 legislation. The first bill Intro 278, which I
12 introduced on behalf of Brooklyn Borough President...
13 President Antonio Reynoso takes on a plight that too
14 many New Yorker's know too well, package theft. It
15 will require all new residential developments to have
16 a secure delivery storage room.

17 Decades ago thieves declared open season
18 on our lobbies. Every day 90,000 packages are stolen
19 in this city depriving our neighbors of everything
20 from prescriptions to Christmas presents. The Covid
21 surge in home deliveries assigns greater urgency to
22 the issue, it's time to act.

23 The second bill, Intro 275, one I am co-
24 priming with Council Member Avilés, Bottcher and
25 Narcisse, will require the Department of Homeland

2 Services to provide trainings on cultural
3 sensitivity, de-escalation tactics and trauma
4 informed approaches for their staff and public facing
5 contractors. Requiring these trainings will ensure
6 that those serve the unhoused do so with respect and
7 care. Homelessness is trauma and serving those who
8 face it we must prioritize the universal human right
9 to dignity.

10 And finally the third bill, Intro 277,
11 one I am co-priming with Council Member Althea
12 Stevens, is deeply personal to me. It will prohibit
13 the use of the NYPD strategic response group to
14 respond to protests. Prior to entering the Council I
15 organized with the Black Lives Matter movement. We
16 marched and fought for safety, justice and dignity
17 for black folks in New York City and beyond.
18 Although, our right to assemble and protest is
19 protected by the United States Constitution, my
20 fellow organizers and I were met with fleets of
21 militarized NYPD forces on the streets who beat and
22 brutalized peaceful protestors while trampling on our
23 nation's founding document.

24 The summer of 2020 proved once and for
25 all that the matter in which the SRG exists and

2 operates cannot continue. It's our tax dollars
3 funding these abuses. It is the armed extension of
4 our govern... of our government. We must refuse to
5 continue these assaults on our neighbors and ban the
6 SRG's use in address protest and public assemblies in
7 our city to uphold and defend our fundamental rights.

8 Having seen what we've seen and knowing
9 what we know this legislation is common sense and I
10 hope all co-sponsor. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
12 Member Ossé. We'll go to Council Member Cabàn
13 followed by Council Member Menin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I'll get you that
15 pen. Thank you. HRA's utility allowance rule means
16 that CityFEPS is not functioning the way the Council
17 originally envisioned it, that our neighbors are
18 experiencing homelessness... that are experiencing
19 homelessness are faced with unnecessary barriers to
20 finding the housing that they are entitle to.

21 So Intro 229, which I'm introducing today
22 is a simple piece of legislation that will eliminate
23 that technicality, shorten stays at homeless
24 shelters, lift bureaucratic red tape, save the city

2 money and move us toward a fully housed city, which
3 is to say a safer and healthier city.

4 I wanna thank you my colleague Deputy
5 Speaker Ayala for her partnership on this vital rule
6 change and I urge all of my colleagues all to.. to
7 sign on as co-sponsors. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
9 go to Council Member Menin followed by Council Member
10 Kagan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much
12 Majority Leader Powers. Today I am proud to introduce
13 along with Council Member's Won and Council Member
14 Williams Intro 262, which would require the
15 Department of Small Business Services to establish a
16 letter grading system for MWBE's. It is far time for
17 the city of New York to actually do the work that's
18 needed to give our MWBE's vital resources in terms of
19 contracts. MWBE's are falling incredibly short in
20 obtaining New York City contracts.

21 In fiscal year '21 only around 4% of city
22 contracts went to MWBE's. This is honestly
23 unconscionable. I've seen first-hand the city does
24 little to try to promote economic opportunities for
25 MWBE's and this bill would require SBS to letter

2 grade all city agencies and would finally create
3 accountability and transparency, so I urge my
4 colleagues to please sign on. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Now
6 we'll go to Council Member Kagan followed by Council
7 Member Nurse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you. Next
9 year we will celebrate 100th Anniversary for famed
10 internationally recognized landmark Coney Island
11 Boardwalk. In the last 10 years a lot of parts of our
12 boardwalk have become dangerous to walk for both
13 local residents and visitors. According to New York
14 City controller city paid millions of dollars in
15 settlements for claims for... for victims of boardwalk
16 who... who were hurt, injured or seriously wounded just
17 by walking and they were hurt by holes, nails and
18 broken planks. I'm looking forward to working this
19 administration particularly the Parks Department,
20 Economic Development Corporation and other city
21 agencies to restore the glory of Coney Island
22 Boardwalk using city funds as well as federal
23 assistance from federal infrastructure funds.
24 Communities of Southern Brooklyn deserve our own
25 beautiful and hospitable boardwalk as a place for

2 recreation, economic engine and symbol of New York
3 City recovery for generations to come.

4 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. Now
5 we're going to Council Member Nurse followed by
6 Council Member Dinowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Good afternoon
8 again colleagues. Thank you all for your support on
9 the resolution for Puerto Rico on behalf of my family
10 members.

11 Today is a great day for the war on trash
12 and I'm so excited that New York City potentially can
13 recommit to a serious and aggressive path towards
14 zero waste to landfills or incinerators by 2030 and
15 universal curbsi.. curbside organics is the clearest,
16 fastest way to get there. I'm so excited to be re-
17 introducing a number of bills with CM's Bottcher,
18 Ossé, Menin, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Powers and Cabàn,
19 which will require New York City to establish a goal
20 of achieving zero waste by 2030 and for the city to
21 report on meeting that goal.

22 I am also so proud to stand with my dear
23 colleague Hanif and other members as a co-prime on
24 universal curbside organics for every neighborhood in
25 New York City. I believe New York City has a real

2 chance to be a national and global leader on this
3 issue and what an achievement it will be when we get
4 it done.

5 And lastly, 420 month is not yet over, so
6 I am very excited to be a co-prime on CM Riley's bill
7 that will bring much needed technical assistance and
8 support to our legacy folks and communities. The
9 current law as written is already stacked with
10 barriers against those who need to be first to
11 benefit, so we need to urgently get our legacy folks
12 up to date, equipped and prepared to benefit first
13 from this new law, so thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
15 now hear from Council Member Dinowitz followed by
16 Council Member Stevens.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you
18 Majority Leader. Colleagues, friends, today is Yom
19 Hashoah, a day where we remember the Holocaust. One
20 of the things that we say on Yom Hashoah is... is never
21 again. Never again will we as a... as a people
22 collectively suffer, never will there be another
23 genocide, never will a people's babies be ripped from
24 their arms and people dig their own graves and watch
25 each other into the gas chambers, but as time passes

2 since the Holocaust and as more and more of our
3 survivors leave this earth the phrase never again is
4 losing meaning and we are seeing significant
5 increases and anti-semitic acts of hate, anti-semitic
6 hate crimes here in New York City.

7 ADL just released a report two days ago,
8 Wiesenthal Center released a report today, violence
9 against our Jewish brothers and sisters is up over
10 200% since last year, harassment in K through 12
11 schools is up over 100% in the... in the past year and
12 this our city. This is the city where my wife and I
13 are raising our boys who are descendants of
14 survivors. So as time moves on and as we see this
15 increase in hate there is a heavy burden I think upon
16 all of us to make sure that when we say never again
17 we mean it and I... I implore you all... there are two
18 things we can all do. One is to speak out anytime
19 there is an act, anytime you could be an ally, don't
20 be silent, 'cause there is no such thing as an
21 innocent bystander and the second I would ask that
22 you use your platform, your time, your energy, your
23 resources to ensure that all of our communities, all
24 of our schools are educating in history and the
25 history of the Holocaust, because studying the... the

2 Holocaust isn't about... isn't about looking back at
3 the darkest chapter in our history, it's about
4 looking forward and providing meaning and power to
5 those words never again. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
7 Member Dinowitz. We're now gonna hear from Council
8 Member Stevens followed by Council Member Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Thank you
10 Majority Leader and sending love and light to the
11 Jewish community at this time.

12 But it's my pleasure to introduce my
13 first piece of legislation today, it's local law to
14 amend the administrative code of the city of New York
15 in relation to requiring Department of Transportation
16 to establish a program allowing community centers,
17 schools and arts and cultural institution and
18 religious institutions to use adjournment outside
19 space. By introducing this piece of legislation young
20 people across the city will have access to space to
21 play, learn and grow and community institutions will
22 be able to step out from their buildings onto the
23 streets to give neighbors access to their resources.

24 I often say that our strength is in our
25 unity and utilizing space in our neighborhoods will

2 build community and it is a key and vital to the
3 success of building unity.

4 I am extremely happy to also be co-
5 priming three pieces of legislation, first with
6 Council Member Riley, Williams, Farias and Nurse on
7 establishing the Office of Cannabis Services. This is
8 another step to reversing the devastating causes...
9 cause in black and brown communities and provide a
10 pathway to generational wealth.

11 Second piece of legislation was Council
12 Member Ossé as we are electives and our
13 responsibility as electives is to protect the rights
14 of our constituents and their safety while exercising
15 their rights to protect their constitution... their
16 constitutional rights.

17 And my third and last one piece of
18 legislation will be with Council Member Farias as it
19 is important that the youth of our city have... have
20 equitable access to New York City ferry services as I
21 continue to advocate for ferry access throughout our
22 city for all communities. And I'm under two minutes,
23 thank you.

24 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Very, very
25 impressive. Thank you Council Member Stevens. We'll

2 go to Council Member Barron followed by Council
3 Member Holden.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very
5 much. First and foremost I would like to express my
6 condolences to fire fighter Timothy Klein, that fire
7 house he worked out of is right on the borderline of
8 my district in Canarsie and my condolences.

9 And secondly, I'm presenting two pieces
10 of legislation, one for the wrongfully convicted.
11 There are those who are wrongfully convicted and they
12 were let out and then they just say, "Sorry," no,
13 this bill would assure them social services to be
14 provided for them and their families.

15 My other bill that I'm introducing is the
16 Slavery Disclosure Act. All corporations are vetted
17 before they get contracts to see if they're good
18 corporate citizens and some of them have... have
19 corruption in the past and they have to list that.
20 Well we want them to list if they ever were involved
21 in the slave trade or the institution of slavery.

22 Finally, the budget. My colleagues, I'm
23 gonna keep reminding you, this budget is not about
24 the 400 million that you got the Mayor to agree to
25 out of your 1 point some odd billion in the executive

2 budget. This budget is 99.7 billion dollars. This
3 budget had a deficit of 2.9 billion, but it had a
4 budget surplus of 1.6 billion and budget reserves of
5 6.1 billion for rainy days that's included. Well it's
6 raining today Mayor and we need to use some of that
7 to cut out the peg of nearly 2 billion from every
8 city agency, your seniors, your youth, your health,
9 housing, everything was cut and we sittin' here with
10 a surplus plus money in the reserve. You can't just
11 put it all for the other years and then finally the
12 police budget is bloated. 11 billion dollars, 513
13 million in overtime and I agree with Council Member
14 Ossé, we need to disband that unit, the unit and
15 strategic response group it went from 13 million to
16 90 million. Their overtime is 513 million, take care
17 of the people, not politicians.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
19 Member. We'll now go to Council Member Holden then
20 Council Member Won.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you Majority
22 Leader Powers. I'm proudly introducing another
23 package of bills today presenting common sense
24 solutions to quality of life issues and many other
25 topics. These bills will help address parking

2 problems, restrict disturbances caused by
3 unreasonably bright lights in residential areas,
4 crackdown on illegal party's that cause various
5 issues and improve notification for community boards
6 to protect the privacy of New Yorker's who have the
7 victims of violent crime, create a better
8 installation and maintenance process for tree guards
9 on our streets, ratchet up fines for quality of life
10 offenses and require, listen to this, require a super
11 majority vote by the Council to raise our taxes and..
12 and more.

13 These bills offer real solutions to non-
14 partisan issues that New Yorker's in my district and
15 throughout the city are frustrated by every day. I
16 look forward to bipartisan support of these measures
17 from my colleagues that will help our city move
18 forward. Please review the proposed legislation and I
19 would appreciate your support, thank you very much
20 and under two minutes.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Not bad Council
22 Member Holden, appreciate you and I got like 12
23 bills. We're going now to Council... Council Member Won
24 and then Council Member Hanif.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much.
3 Today I'm introducing three bills that have been
4 adopted from former Council Members Rosenthal and
5 Kallos who served as Chairs of Contract Committee
6 before me. I'm grateful for their work and I will
7 continue to focus on transparency and accountability
8 for our city contracts.

9 Intro 299 would add an option to question
10 the passport questionnaire asking perspectives to the
11 vendors to voluntarily disclose the gender and race
12 of their Directors and Senior Executives. This data
13 would help us understand who leads the organizations,
14 who we work with to execute our city's goals and help
15 us work towards more equity in the organizations that
16 we contract with.

17 Intro 300 would require Commissioner of
18 Investigation to appoint a Special Inspector to
19 monitor the emergency procurement contracts entered
20 into the city's response of Covid-19. This is really
21 important, 'cause we saw that during Covid-19 that
22 the contracts that were given did not have a lot of
23 qualifications or a lot of things that we were using
24 to make sure that our city dollars, city tax payer
25 dollars were going to use, so we want to make sure

2 that we're holding bad actors accountable and
3 learning how to move forward with more
4 responsibility.

5 And finally, Intro 301 would apply to a...
6 apply to a contractor and a city agency or the
7 Council that our party's city contracts valued in
8 excess of \$100,000.00 to establish standards for
9 conflicts of interests that may arise as result of
10 entering into contracts with organizations. I know
11 that contracts is not the most exciting, but I just
12 want everyone to sign on, because this will bring
13 more transparency and accountability, so I urge my
14 colleagues to sign on and I am really excited today
15 to be here as a co-prime sponsor for bringing back
16 and making it mandatory for curbside composting with
17 Council Member Hanif, so I hope that you will support
18 us on that as well. Thank you so much.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, just
20 wanted to chime in here with some trash talking. I am
21 super excited to introduce universal composting. This
22 will phase us out of the opt-in model and make it
23 mandatory. It's a public utility and I hope that
24 we're gonna get there. I urge my colleagues to not be
25 rubbish and to sign onto this exciting piece of

2 legislation Intro 244. Thank you to the 11 co-
3 sponsors including Speaker Adams, I appreciate you
4 all for moving us in the direction that we absolutely
5 must and urgently should move towards a greener,
6 sustainable New York City and environmentally just
7 one that undoes environmental racism.

8 And I would like to make a pitch for
9 Intro's 281, the Core Act sponsored by Council Member
10 Powers, which would expand drop off... compost drop off
11 services and sites and then of course Intro 274 by
12 Council Member Nurse for us to adequately achieve our
13 zero waste goals in New York City by 2030. Thank you
14 all so much.

15 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you and I
16 appreciate your trash puns today.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Appreciate that.

18 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We'll now go to
19 Council Member Brewer followed by Council Member
20 Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
22 much. I do wanna congratulate Council Member Williams
23 on the wage legislation and certainly everybody who
24 is working on curbside organic... organic pick up what
25 does need to be mandatory, we tried it before

2 otherwise and I think the only way to go is mandatory
3 and I too read names this morning at the Holocaust
4 Remembrance Day, today is also Worker's Remembrance
5 Day as we know and also I really appreciate the
6 Speaker mentioning Denim Day yesterday, these are
7 really important celebrations that we don't want to
8 forget.

9 So couple issues in terms of legislation,
10 really important for me is our history and one way is
11 to have cultural markers. We've never been able to
12 pull this off on different buildings, some owner's
13 don't want them, some people, but I do think we
14 should have a cultural marker process, so that in
15 addition to we all know we have street co-naming's
16 but some of these buildings get lost, they... people
17 don't remember who lived there or what their
18 significance is.

19 Second, we've never been able to figure
20 out whether it goes on the Mayor's site, City Council
21 site for those all the way from the beginning who is
22 that person up on the street sign who is a co-namer.
23 Many of the people who were 9-11, who died in 9-11,
24 nobody knows who they are, because they're not... they
25 don't have their bio's in a place that is visible to

2 the public. I know the City Council has done those
3 that they have recently co-named, but it needs to be
4 codified and... and clear to the public and such.

5 I also wanna hope that people sign on
6 where I know there's a letter circulating, but I... my
7 husband's a veteran of Vietnam, I feel very strongly
8 about the hospitals staying open. The idea that the
9 Federal Government closed Brooklyn and Manhattan
10 Veteran's Hospital is inconceivable and I too wanna
11 just thank everyone who's working with us on either
12 curbside organics or recycling, thank you very much.

13 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
14 Member Brewer. We'll go to Council Member Rivera
15 followed by Council Member Farias.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. This
17 city is powered by its people and today I am
18 introducing a package of legislation that centers
19 their needs and champions people powered mobility to
20 compliment a comprehensive effort to address
21 environmental and climate issues.

22 The bills in this package to codify a
23 greenway master plan for the 21st century co-
24 sponsored by Transportation Chair Council Member
25 Selvena Brooks-Powers to establish an Office of

2 Active Transportation along with an Office of
3 Pedestrians and creating a first of its kind bicycle
4 infrastructure map. All will address systemic gaps
5 and support an infrastructure for open spaces and
6 green transportation in communities city-wide.

7 Historically low income neighborhoods and
8 communities of colors have... have seen the least
9 investment in green infrastructure. This package sets
10 forth a vision for a future where New Yorker's of all
11 backgrounds, ages, and abilities from every
12 neighborhood in every borough can easily find open
13 space and safely utilize active transportation.

14 More New Yorker's than ever before are
15 relying on active transportation to get where they
16 need to go whether it's on foot, on a bike, I've even
17 seen rollerblades out there, love the 90's, every
18 single one of us in this room today represents
19 countless New Yorker's who want safe protected open
20 spaces to enjoy active transportation for everything
21 from their daily commutes to errands to recreation.

22 I urge you to do the right thing for the
23 future of our city, join me in signing onto these
24 bills, which will equip New York with the tools
25 necessary to promote equitable access to open spaces

2 and people... people powered modes of transportation
3 while furthering efforts towards climate justice and
4 resiliency.

5 I'm also introducing my bill to alleviate
6 noise pollution related to police, fire, ambulance
7 and other emergency service vehicle sirens and I'm
8 joined by Council Member Farah... Farah Louis in
9 introducing our bill creating a Climate Migrant
10 Services Coordinator to provide support and guidance
11 to those who have relocated here after being
12 displaced by a climate event, which our city has
13 already experienced and as Louis and I can attest to
14 post devastating disasters in Haiti and Puerto Rico.

15 I wanna just say thank you to...

16 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: My colleagues for
18 the municipal fleet zero emission vehicles
19 legislation and of course our goals for zero waste.
20 Thank you so much everyone.

21 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you. We'll
22 now go to Council Member Farias followed by Council
23 Member Yeger followed Council Member Hanks.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I have a lot of
25 great pieces of legislation being introduced today,

2 five to be exact, including some with colleagues,
3 Council Members De La Rose, Menin, Stevens and Riley.
4 I urge my colleagues to look them up themselves and
5 sign on.

6 I'm proud to reintroduce Intro 285 with
7 my colleagues to establish a New York City Office of
8 Cannabis Business Services. Our city needs to
9 streamline all of the resources it has to offer by
10 providing legal and technical advice, loan programs,
11 help finding affordable locations and more, we are
12 ensuring that our newest economy has solid ground to
13 stand on and able to thrive. This is proactive and
14 protective. It prioritizes the importance of safe and
15 tested products that collect tax revenue for direct
16 community reinvestments. This bill also calls for the
17 office to provide oversight on what is and isn't
18 working in the industry by submitting a bi-annual
19 report to the Mayor and Council related to the status
20 of the commercial cannabis industry.

21 As local leaders we have to continue to
22 prioritize pro-active measures like this that center
23 the healing of our black and brown communities by
24 promoting resources for economic wellness and I urge

2 all my colleagues to sign onto this critical
3 legislation.

4 Lastly, Intro 236, I'd like to highlight
5 as well as what Council Member Althea Stevens did,
6 accessibility is to have freedom of choice by letting
7 our young people take advantage of our waterway
8 transit allows for them to have choices they don't
9 have right now. By only having reduce cost train and
10 bus passes we are not accounting for the students who
11 could get to their communities a lot safer, healthier
12 and even faster with the option of a ferry and I'll
13 give you back 18 seconds Majority Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: We will take it,
15 thank you Council Member. We'll now go to Council
16 Member Yeger followed by Council Member Hanks.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Mr.
18 President. I wanna begin just very briefly thanking
19 my colleague Councilman Dinowitz whose incredible
20 eloquence and passion on today's very quiet
21 remembrance, 'cause you don't really see it going on
22 in New York, but it is important nonetheless and I
23 think it should be mentioned, Yom Hashoah is... is the
24 Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day and it's
25 scheduled to fall out on different days in the

2 English Calendar, because it's tied to the Hebrew
3 calendar and it's today and it's commemorates the
4 loss of 6 million members of my family, not just
5 broadly speaking members of my family, but four Great
6 Grandparents, every single Great Aunt and Uncle,
7 except for one, my Grandfather's younger sister and
8 hundreds and hundreds of cousins and millions of
9 others who are all related to me and to others in
10 this chamber and to many people in this city. It's
11 often been said you know there is other
12 commemorations, one is called Yom HaZikaron, which is
13 essentially the memorial day, kind of like what we
14 have here in the United States, it's to thank and
15 remember the members of the army, the military who
16 defend Israel and it's been said very frequently I
17 think, I'm not the first one to say it that Yom
18 HaZikaron is to remember the cost of Israel existing,
19 Yom Hashoah is to remember the cost of Israel not
20 existing. My Grandfather was able to make his way to
21 what had not yet been called Israel in modern times,
22 although it had been called Israel for thousands of
23 years before, before his parents were taken away and
24 killed, his siblings were taken away and killed. My
25 other Grandfather was able to make his way through

2 Europe over to Russia onto a boat to make his way to
3 Japan and into China where he was able to live out
4 the war before finding out that his family was all
5 killed. 34% increase in anti-Semitism in United
6 States last year, don't have to go to other states to
7 see it, just have to walk around the streets of this
8 city. People who look like me who wear a Yamaka are
9 beaten and attacked every single day in this city,
10 every single day, and at the same time... at the same
11 time there's a movement that we frequently hear
12 about, Globalize the Intifada, it's just fancy
13 language for Globalize Killing Jews. Not a word is
14 said in public about it.

15 I've talked on this floor before in the
16 last session about the responsibility that those in
17 government and those of us in the military, Mr.
18 President, I ask for additional time, thank you, are
19 responsible for the language that we fear. When we
20 hear attacks on Yeshiva's for example, because they
21 don't provide good education and the same people who
22 make those attacks have not a word to say about the
23 public school system, which I think something very
24 similar could be said, that's anti-Semitism. Very
25 strange anti-Semitism, because it's not I hate Jews,

2 how can I hate Jews? I am a Jew myself. We have
3 elected officials in this city who are Jewish who are
4 anti-Semites, it's okay, some of the biggest enemies
5 of the Jewish people over time have been Jewish, but
6 it has to be recognized and when we ignore the
7 subtleties, the tinkering at the fringes of anti-
8 Semitism, it leads to the Jew walking down the
9 streets in Councilman Ossé's district and other
10 districts and around the cities getting beaten up.

11 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you, we
12 need you...

13 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Getting beaten up
14 because they look Jewish. It's not enough once a year
15 to stand next to a Menorah and say, "I'm here to
16 celebrate Jews," and it's not enough once a year to
17 say, "We remember the Holocaust," it's important
18 every single day to remember that the reason that we
19 have these days is not just so that we can have a day
20 to talk about, but that never again actually has to
21 mean something. Thank you very much Mr. President.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Madam
24 Speaker.

2 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
3 Member. Now I'll go to Council Member Hanks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you so much
5 Majority Leader. I hear you. Thank you so much to my
6 colleagues Yeger and Dinowitz who spoke so eloquently
7 and all my other colleagues who are introducing
8 legislation for the first time and bills for the
9 first time, I congratulate you.

10 Today I rise as a prime... a primary... a
11 proud primary co-sponsor in Intro 273 along with the
12 Council Members Narcisse and Council Member Mealy in
13 relation to requiring police officers to receive
14 training related to recognizing and interacting with
15 individuals with autism. We know the rate of autism
16 diagnosis is on the rise and especially in Staten
17 Island we have an especially high rate of autism...
18 autistic New Yorker's. Many of us, including myself,
19 have members, friends and neighbors and colleagues
20 who are autistic and it is a priority of mine to
21 ensure the safety and the well-being of the
22 individuals. I look forward to working with my
23 colleagues, NYPD and our commun... community based
24 organization to ensure the NYPD training provides

2 tools to maximize safety and respect for all autistic
3 New Yorker's as well as our police officer's.

4 I also would like to shout out and take a
5 moment to congratulate Amazon Labor Union led by
6 Union President and fellow Staten Islander and friend
7 Chris Smalls for his tremendous victory in being the
8 first nation... first in the nation to unionize at
9 Amazon. The Amazon Labor Union puts Staten Island on
10 the map as a labor pioneer and I could not be more
11 proud. Thank you so much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
13 Member. That is the last person signed up, are there
14 any other hands or any other people signed up?
15 Council Member Narcisse had raised her hand.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you. Thank
17 you Madam Speaker and Leader. I rise to ask my
18 colleagues to join me in supporting three
19 Introductions, which I believe will benefit the
20 people of New York City and make our city a safer and
21 more equitable place for all.

22 Studies show approximately like just my
23 colleague mentioned, it's difficult in New York City,
24 one out of five young adults with autism with
25 interact with a police officer before the age of 21.

2 Community services including interaction with police
3 are essential at times for New Yorker's and families
4 with autism. When a parent, caretaker or person with
5 autism requires police help we should not have to be
6 concerned that their... their call for help could lead
7 to situation where their own lives could be placed in
8 dangerous from the officer's came to help. Therefore,
9 along with Councilwoman Hanks and Mealy, I have
10 sponsored into 273 requiring police officer's to
11 receive training related to recognize and interacting
12 with individuals with autism. I believe this will be
13 a great benefit to autistic New Yorker's, but also
14 NYPD officer will now be better educated and equipped
15 on how to deal with individual with autism.

16 If we want to stop the revolving door in
17 our jails we must endeavor to nurture a correctional
18 system that truly corrects the previous wrong done by
19 this incarcerated individual and provide them with
20 services needed to get back on... on the right track
21 and help them stay out of jail and be productive
22 citizens. That is why along with public advocate
23 Jumaane Williams, I am sponsor Intro 284 to place
24 social workers in city correctional facilities. I
25 believe having this advocates working with

2 incarcerate... incarcerated New Yorker's will have
3 reduced the rate of recidivism and support the mental
4 and emotional well-being of incarcerated people while
5 preparing them for release. So this is important, I
6 won't take any further and I'm proud to be co-sponsor
7 276 with Councilman Ossé. Thank you for the
8 opportunity.

9 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
10 Member. Seeing no any... Council Member Marte.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I'll keep this
12 short. This Sunday there'll be 32,000 New Yorker's
13 cycling through the streets across the five borough's
14 with the five borough bike tour and so if you're not
15 joining us on Sunday you know go outside, cheer them
16 on, because this is the future and motto that we
17 should all want in this city, one that prioritize
18 pedestrian and bikes than vehicles and traffic and so
19 it's gonna be a sunny day, so go out with some pots
20 and pans and cheer on your New Yorker's as they ride
21 for 40 miles. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER POWERS: Thank you Council
23 Member Marte. With that we... with that I'm now gonna
24 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close out today's
25 Stated Meeting. Guys, please let us finish. Thanks.

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2 I'm now calling Speaker Adrienne Adams to close
3 today's Stated Meeting.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: I was waiting. Colleagues,
5 the Stated Meeting of April 28th, 2022 is hereby
6 adjourned.

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