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Start: 2:18 p.m.  
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HELD AT: Hybrid Hearing - Council Chambers  
City Hall

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

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

## A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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



2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good afternoon  
3 everyone. Welcome to today's hybrid Stated Meeting.  
4 At this time, can all panelists please turn on your  
5 videos for verification purposes? To minimize  
6 disruption, please place electronic devices to  
7 vibrate or silent. Majority Leader Powers, we are  
8 ready to begin.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,  
10 please turn all electronic devices to vibrate. Thank  
11 you. Mr. Majority Leader?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Good afternoon  
13 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.  
14 I'm Majority Leader Keith Powers. I'd like to thank  
15 everyone today for joining us. If you'd like to  
16 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is  
17 posted on our website.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Please join us for the  
19 Pledge of Allegiance.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Roll call.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés?  
COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala? Barron?  
COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Bottcher?  
COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?  
COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?  
COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán?  
COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?  
COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?  
COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Presente.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrez? Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy? Menin?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse?  
COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse? Ossé?  
COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino?  
COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN:  
Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Riley? Rivera?  
Salamanca? Sanchez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman?  
COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?  
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?  
COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Velázquez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Here.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Vernikov? Williams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Won?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll

15 now have today's invocation which will be delivered  
16 by Rabbi Daniel Sherman of West Side Institutional  
17 Synagogue located at 120 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street in  
18 Manhattan. Welcome.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

20 RABBI DANIEL SHERMAN: Jewish tradition  
21 has always shown tremendous respect for the business  
22 of governance. In a celebrated passage in the Talmud  
23 where the Jewish tradition articulates its  
24 appreciation of governmental responsibility in the  
25 following poetic manner. Even if all of the seas



1 would be ink and the reeds that grow near the swamps  
2 would be the quills, and heavens would be parchment  
3 upon which the words would be written, and all of the  
4 people would be scribes, all of these are  
5 insufficient to record the depth of mind necessary to  
6 properly govern. The fourth century Babylonian sager  
7 who [inaudible] notes that the source for this  
8 assertion is stated by King Solomon, the wisest of  
9 all men in his book of Proverbs as he states. Like  
10 the heavens in their height and the earth in its  
11 depth is the mind of kings unfathomable. These words  
12 of the Talmud relay the burden placed upon those in  
13 government. Those in government are tasked with  
14 making decisions on behalf of a populous that can  
15 affect millions of lives. According to this Talmudic  
16 passage, the challenges faced by government officials  
17 are tremendous and daunting. The need to properly  
18 assess competing and often contradictory values, each  
19 with its own merits is a task that requires selfless  
20 dedication, along with honest and difficult decision-  
21 making abilities. One can be disheartened by the  
22 responsibility to address the issues that directly  
23 impact the City's residents and can have dire  
24 consequences. However, despite the challenges  
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1 involved, the Talmud makes clear that such decisions  
2 are definitely within human grasp and hopefully are  
3 aided by divine guidance. As our devoted City  
4 Council weighs our city's future, on behalf of all  
5 residents of this wonderful city, we both express our  
6 gratitude to each and every one of you for your  
7 dedication to the inhabitants of this city,  
8 recognizing the burden of your responsibilities as  
9 the aforementioned Talmud passage relates, as well as  
10 bless you each with divine guidance to properly chart  
11 New York City's future, a city that by God's grace  
12 and human pursuit possesses a deep history of serving  
13 as a beacon of harmony amongst its diverse  
14 population. May God bless New York City and its  
15 government officials for years to come. Amen.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, Rabbi  
18 Sherman. I'm not going to ask Council Member Gale  
19 Brewer to spread the invocation on the record.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
21 much. I want to thank Rabbi Sherman. I just want to  
22 say one thing about this amazing synagogue because it  
23 was founded in 1917 by Rabbi Goldstein who was  
24 considered a mavic [sic] rabbi. He basically was--  
25 developed the pioneering institution of modern

1 orthodoxy in the United States, and it was located at  
2 the Mount Morris Theater and then moved to the  
3 Columbia Typewriter's building at 37 West 116<sup>th</sup>  
4 Street, which is now the Salvation and Deliverance  
5 Church, and it has sermons, basketball and cultural  
6 activities, and an Olympic-sized pool giving the  
7 nickname the "Shul [sic] with a pool," and it also  
8 served 3,000 people a day and housed 67 clubs. Very,  
9 very active. And I want to thank Rabbi Sherman  
10 because he continues in this tradition. Of course,  
11 by 1920s it had out-grown that location and it's  
12 moved today as it is today, 1937 to West 76<sup>th</sup> Street,  
13 and I've had the opportunity to participate in many  
14 of the activities at this amazing shul. It also  
15 houses JASA [sic] Club 76, a place that I love. So I  
16 want to thank Rabbi Sherman because he joined the  
17 Institutional Synagogue in 2013. He has studied at  
18 many different wonderful places of academic  
19 excellence, and he has been in Kansas in the past,  
20 and he has motivated in many different ways young  
21 people continuing the Rabbi Goldstein's tradition.  
22 So I want to thank him for joining him-- today,  
23 joining us here today, and I want to thank him and  
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2 his family for always being so welcoming whenever I'm  
3 at the synagogue. Thank you very much, Rabbi.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you,  
5 Council Member Brewer. We're now going to hear from  
6 Council Member Carr for the adoption of minutes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I move that the  
8 minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be  
9 adopted as printed.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
11 begin today's agenda. Messages and papers from the  
12 Mayor.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: M67 Mayor's revenue  
14 letter.

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

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Communications  
18 from City, County, and Borough Offices.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: M68 HRA district resource  
20 statement.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered,  
22 printed and filed.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: M69 City Planning  
24 Commission appointment.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges and  
3 Elections.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Petitions and  
5 communications.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: none.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Land Use call-  
8 ups.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: M70 Resilient Edgemere  
10 Community Initiative.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on call-up vote.  
12 I would now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote  
13 on today's Land Use call ups.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ariola?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Avilés?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala? Barron?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Excuse me. I  
22 stepped away for a minute. We're voting on--

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Land Use call-ups, sir.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Call-ups are--  
3 does that have anything to do with LU 39 and 40, 41  
4 and 42.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: No, sir.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay. Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Bottcher?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission  
15 to explain my vote?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Permission  
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I just  
19 wanted to speak regarding Resilient Edgemere proposal  
20 as this is the very first step in this process, to  
21 just share that I'm holding conversations with HPD  
22 and community stakeholders to ensure this proposal  
23 meets the needs of the community. Considering making  
24 a development that is underway on the Rockaway  
25 peninsula, and we want to make sure that this

2 development matches the fabric of the community and  
3 meets the critical needs in terms of transportation,  
4 infrastructure, and health infrastructure for the  
5 community. But with that, I vote aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Cabán?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on

16 all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.  
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3 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.  
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.  
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.  
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.  
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.  
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.  
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy? Menin?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.  
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [inaudible]  
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Narcisse?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse? Ossé?



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COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino?  
COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?  
COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera? Salamanca?  
Sanchez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman?  
COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?  
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?  
COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Velázquez? Vernikov?  
Williams?  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Won?  
COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.  
COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye on all.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Today's Land Use  
10 call-ups are adopted by a vote of 45 in the  
11 affirmative and 0 in the negative. We'll now hear  
12 communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. Majority  
14 Leader, and good afternoon everyone. As a reminder,  
15 masks are encouraged to be worn throughout the Stated  
16 Meeting in Council Chambers. Today, we are voting on  
17 several legislative Land Use and Finance items.  
18 Before I begin, I'd like to thank members of the  
19 public who signed up to testify or submitted written  
20 testimony for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Last week  
21 the Council concluded its Executive Budget hearings,  
22 capping off a month of hearings led by Finance Chair  
23 Justin Brannan. I want to express my gratitude to  
24 Chair Brannan, members of the Finance Committee,  
25 joint committees, and the entire Finance Division led

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2 by Arcia Voge [sp?], Tenecia Edwards [sp?] for all of  
3 their hard work in helping us to reach this point  
4 throughout [sic] the Finance [inaudible]. We look  
5 forward to continuing productive conversations as we  
6 work towards adopting a strong budget that helps our  
7 communities and our city recover. On Monday, our  
8 nation observed Memorial Day to honor and commemorate  
9 service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in  
10 service to our country. Our city remains forever  
11 grateful for their commitment, dedication, and  
12 sacrifice. Coming from a family with a tremendous  
13 legacy of military service, the observation of  
14 Memorial Day is very important to me, and I hope  
15 everyone had a safe and meaningful Memorial Day.  
16 Yesterday marked the beginning of LGBTQ Pride Month  
17 which is celebrated every June to honor the 1969  
18 Stonewall uprising that took place in our city.  
19 Pride is a time to reflect on the victories as well  
20 as the ongoing struggles confronting our LGBTQ  
21 communities. We celebrate Pride to ensure that LGBTQ  
22 New Yorkers are seen, heard, and supported. We know  
23 that LGBTQ Americans still suffer from  
24 discrimination, bias, and violence. Next week marks  
25 six years since the mass shooting at the Pulse

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2 Nightclub in Orlando Florida, which was a deliberate  
3 attack on LGBTQ and Latino communities. As I have  
4 said in this chamber before, we must address hate in  
5 all of its forms, and this council is committed to  
6 preventing violence before it occurs. June is  
7 Caribbean American Heritage Month, when we celebrate  
8 our Caribbean American communities for your cultural,  
9 social, and political contributions to our city and  
10 country. We have so many groundbreaking Caribbean  
11 American leaders here in New York City, so thank you  
12 all for what you do on behalf of this city. On  
13 Saturday, our Jewish communities will be celebrating  
14 Shavuot across New York City. As you gather with  
15 your family and friends at synagogues to enjoy shared  
16 meals and light holiday candles, I wish a happy and  
17 safe Shavuot to all New Yorkers who are celebrating.  
18 And finally, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Loving  
19 Day, marking the anniversary of the historic Supreme  
20 Court decision, Loving versus Virginia that ended  
21 anti-miscegenation laws and allowed interracial  
22 marriage in the United States. With so many  
23 communities facing violence and hate, it is  
24 especially important now more than ever to celebrate  
25 love and stand in solidarity with our multi-racial

1 families throughout the country. Now, let's dive  
2 into our agenda for the day. We will be voting on  
3 the following Land Use items: 1930 Adee Avenue will  
4 facilitate the alteration and use of the existing  
5 building as a preschool/day school in Council Member  
6 Riley's district. We have two applications in  
7 Council Member Restler's district. The first, 840  
8 Lorimer Street rezoning will facilitate the  
9 development of a 10-story mixed-use residential and  
10 commercial building with 74 housing units, 24  
11 affordable units, and 28 off-street parking spaces.  
12 The second is 103 Lee Avenue rezoning will facilitate  
13 the development of an eight-story mixed-use  
14 residential and commercial building. It will include  
15 52 housing units, 16 affordable units, and 15 below-  
16 grade parking spaces. The Council will modify to  
17 remove the 100 Lee Avenue site in order to avoid the  
18 direct displacement of the existing neighborhood  
19 retail and service businesses currently on that site.  
20 146-93 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard rezoning will  
21 facilitate the construction of a new mixed-use  
22 building in Majority Whip Brooks-Powers' district.  
23 The Council will modify the proposal to better  
24 reflect the surrounding community character and the  
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commercial overlay will remain in place to bring exiting businesses into conformance with zoning.

Finally, I will note, that as a result of the applicant having withdrawn its 145 Museum of Civil Rights proposal, all of the associated Land Use items before the Council are now void, and the review process is terminated. We are filing these Land Use items to remove them from our calendar. We will also be voting on the following Finance items:

Introduction 103, sponsored by Council Member Brannan, which would authorize an increase in the amount to be expended annually in the Sutphin Boulevard Business Improvement District, an extension of the boundaries of such district, a change in the method of assessment upon which the district change in such district is based, and an increase in the maximum total amount to be expended for improvements in such district. This bill would also provide for the dissolution of the 165<sup>th</sup> Street Mall Special Assessment District, and the dissolution of the Jamaica Central Mall Special Assessment district, which would merge into the Sutphin Boulevard bid. We will also be voting on a resolution that will establish the discount percentage for the early

1 payment of real estate taxes at one-half of one  
2 percent per annum for FY 2023. Thank you to our  
3 staff, Malcolm Butehorn [sp?], Ray Majewsky [sp?],  
4 and Emra Emre [sp?]. Finally, we will be voting on  
5 the following legislation: Introduction 208A,  
6 sponsored by Council Member Nantasha Williams, seeks  
7 to improve the inspection processes for self-closing  
8 doors. This bill will increase the instances where  
9 self-closing doors and non-compliance with other fire  
10 safety laws might be identified by requiring HPD and  
11 FDNY to share data regarding fire safety violations  
12 and for each agency to use that data to better inform  
13 their building inspection protocols. This bill also  
14 requires HPD to take a more proactive in inspecting  
15 for self-closing door compliance. Each year, HPD  
16 would have to select 300 buildings to inspect with  
17 the aim of targeting higher-risk buildings like the  
18 Twin Parks Northwest apartment complex in the Bronx.  
19 At our last Stated Meeting, we voted on an important  
20 package to ensure tragedies like the Twin Parks fire  
21 never happen again, and I am proud that we continue  
22 to build on this work. Thank you to our staff,  
23 Audrey Son and Brad Reid for your help on  
24 this legislation. And finally, we will be voting on  
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1 a resolution sponsored by Majority Leader Keith  
2 Powers, the Chair of our Committee on Rules,  
3 Privileges and Elections. This resolution would  
4 accomplish three things. First, the resolution  
5 provides that the Council and its committees and  
6 subcommittees with the ability to use video  
7 conferencing to conduct our meetings, provided that a  
8 quorum is physically present in the same physical  
9 location where the public can attend. A Council  
10 Member can only participate virtually if they are  
11 unable to be physically present due to an  
12 extraordinary circumstance such as detailed in the  
13 resolution such as disability, illness, or care-  
14 giving responsibilities. Second, when Council  
15 Members make use of video conferencing, the public  
16 will be allowed to attend the meeting by video  
17 conferencing and participate by video conference if  
18 it is a meeting during with the public can  
19 participate. And third, the resolution enables me to  
20 make determinations pursuant to the State Open  
21 Meetings Law during a state disaster emergency  
22 declared by the governor or a local emergency  
23 declared by the Mayor, including suspension of any  
24 and all in-person participation requirements of the  
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2 State Open Meetings Law, because the circumstances  
3 necessitating the emergency declaration would effect  
4 or impair our ability to hold in-person meetings.

5 Thank you, Majority Leader Powers, for your  
6 leadership on this resolution, and thank you all for  
7 your attention. Now, I turn it back into the hands  
8 of the Majority Leader.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, Madam  
10 Speaker. We are now going to move into General  
11 Discussion, General Order. Do we have any Council  
12 Members signed up or would like to sign up? I see  
13 the first Council Member Barron, and we'll go to  
14 Council Member Brooks-Powers for General Orders.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Well, thank you,  
16 Chair. I just want to mention three things. One,  
17 that I was really honored to be at all of the  
18 hearings and all of the sessions on the finance  
19 Committee, and I want to say I hope we listen to the  
20 public, because they rejected this Governor-- this  
21 Mayor's budget. The reductions of the Fed money, the  
22 reductions from the PEGS and so many programs. We  
23 cut it when we have cut-- when we have anywhere from  
24 seven to 11 billion dollars to use to make sure that  
25 that doesn't happen. So I hope we hear the public

1 and not just mention that the public is there.

2 Secondly, I want to also say to the Speaker, this is  
3 the third time you didn't mention-- first time you  
4 didn't mention Malcolm X's birthday. Now, you didn't  
5 mention--  
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7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing]

8 Council Member this is on items on that we're voting  
9 on today. Did you want to move to General Discussion  
10 instead?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: It's not General  
12 Discussion, this is--

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing]

14 General Order is right now for today's vote.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: This is what the  
16 Speaker spoke on, and I'll be--

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing] this  
18 is for today's vote, though, we're--

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [interposing] I  
20 understand that, but you should mention Black Music  
21 Month, and you should also mention Juneteenth. Those  
22 important months that she mentioned in her General  
23 Order presentation. And for the items, I also want  
24 to congratulate 145, and they did not withdraw it  
25 because they didn't do the Civil Rights Museum. It

1 was because the Council Member Kristen Jordan--  
2 Richardson Jordan did a tremendous job even though Al  
3 Sharpton and so many others wanted it. She beat [sic]  
4 Sharpton and powerful developers with a coalition in  
5 the community. Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
8 now go to Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.  
10 I just wanted to speak on LU 39 and Reso 218. I've  
11 already spoken on the matter at previous meetings, so  
12 I won't repeat myself with the whole context. I just  
13 wanted my colleagues to know that I am in support of  
14 this item, and also want to extend my appreciation  
15 for the applicant and his team, Land Use staff and my  
16 own staff, as well as, most importantly, the  
17 community for crafting a proposal that everyone is  
18 happy with. I just wanted to share my support to my  
19 colleagues with further clarification on it. Thank  
20 you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We  
22 are now going to hear from Council Member Restler.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I just want to  
24 comment briefly on the two Land Use actions that are  
25 in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Council District. Both of these items

1 certified before we took office this year, so we had  
2 some limitations on our ability to shape the  
3 projects, but I think we got them to a better place.  
4 We insisted on community benefits agreements that  
5 have been signed by local community development  
6 corporations on each of these projects to ensure some  
7 meaningful accountability that the promises made to  
8 me and my neighbors will be followed through upon.  
9 At 103 Lee, this is a development in the heart of  
10 Satmar [sic] Community Jewish community in south  
11 Williamsburg. The developer planned-- has an  
12 existing five-story building, was planning to build  
13 eight-stories of just one and two bedrooms. We now  
14 have a building that will have-- that is subject to  
15 MIH and where we have six three-bedroom units to  
16 better meet the needs of local families. And at 840  
17 Lorimer Street in Greenpoint we have a building where  
18 35 percent of the housing will be affordable, and the  
19 developer has also committed up to a million dollars  
20 that will go to a brand new dog run in McCarron [sp?]  
21 Park, among many other commitments around local  
22 hiring, and being a good neighbor and partner with  
23 adjacent landlords. You know, these are-- you know,  
24 our district, the 33<sup>rd</sup>, has experienced more new  
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2 development than any other over the last decade, and  
3 its critically important that as projects go up we  
4 see more affordable housing and we see deeper  
5 infrastructure investments than we've seen in the  
6 past, and I think these two projects are a step in  
7 the right direction. So thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Do we  
9 have any other Council Members who'd like to speak on  
10 General Orders? We're going to now hear from Council  
11 Member Richardson Jordan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Yes,  
13 and I apologize for being off-camera. I really,  
14 really do not feel 100 percent. But I-- and I was  
15 going to save it for later commentary, but I do just  
16 really want to thank my colleagues. As you all know  
17 who you are who were part of texting and  
18 conversations, and just building in this-- in the  
19 fight for [inaudible] Shaw housing in Harlem and  
20 actually affordable housing in our district, and just  
21 willing to stand in solidarity. And I want to give a  
22 special thanks to the Chair of the Zoning  
23 Subcommittee, Chair Riley, because the hearing for  
24 the 145 project went on for hours and he just did an  
25 excellent job chairing and listening to the public

2 and listening to my community, and you know, just  
3 thank you to you and to Council Members for the  
4 support.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Not  
6 seeing anyone else sign up. We can move to today's  
7 agenda. Report of Special Committees.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Report of  
10 Standing Committees.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
12 on Finance Intro 103 Sutphin Boulevard Business  
13 Improvement District.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
15 Orders.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered Reso 191  
17 discount percentage.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
19 Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
21 on Housing and Buildings, Intro 208A, self-closing  
22 doors.

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

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3 on Land Use L50 and Reso 209 and LU 51, Reso 210 840  
4 Lorimer Street rezoning.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 53 and Reso 211  
8 through LU 57 and Reso 215, 145.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be filed [sic]  
10 pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 58 and Reso 216 and LU  
12 59 and Reso 217, 1930 Adee Avenue rezoning.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
16 on Rules, Privileges and Elections, Pre-considered  
17 Reso 204 Open Meetings Law.

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
19 Orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
21 on Women and Gender Equity Intro 179A non-traditional  
22 workplace report.

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and laid over.  
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2 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar,  
3 LU 39 and Reso 218, 146 93 Guy Brewer Boulevard  
4 rezoning.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 41 and Reso 219 and LU  
8 42 and Reso 220, 103 Lee Avenue.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General  
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing  
12 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 I now ask the Clerk to take a roll call vote on all  
15 of the items coupled on today's General Order  
16 Calendar.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Abreu?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ariola?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye on all except  
21 for Reso 204.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Avilés?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.



COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

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

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And by the way, Majority Leader, relax when I speak. It's not going to be as bad as you think, but you can't just keep cutting me off and nobody else, and a lot of people speak on issues that are not technically on the General Order Calendar for voting. I've heard it plenty times. Relax, man. Everything will be alright. But anyway, on LU 49, which I think is all market and LU 41 and 42, even though the Council Member said it was affordable, the area median income in that area is \$57,000 almost \$60,000, and yet 30 percent of the units that are supposed to be affordable are at 80 percent of the AMI. That's 16 units, and the other 36 units are market. And then for the LU 51, 74 units, 35 percent of them are supposed to be affordable at 80 percent of the AMI which is above the neighborhood AMI. So I am voting no on LU 39, 41, and 42, and 50 and 51. Aye on all the rest.

COUNCIL CLERK: Williams?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. So,  
3 the bill that we're voting on today was to honor the  
4 lives that were lost in the devastating fire that  
5 took place on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Twin Parks, and to  
6 ensure that a tragedy like this never happens again.  
7 Some of the victims migrated from West Africa and  
8 settled in Twin Parks Towers to achieve the American  
9 dream. The victims were individuals that had been  
10 volunteering in local community groups, attending  
11 local mosques, enrolled in school, and hoping for a  
12 future that would empower themselves in their  
13 community. Intro 208A will require landlords to  
14 maintain self-closing doors on all residential floors  
15 and to post fire safety notices in residential  
16 buildings, and it'll also require HPD to take  
17 proactive action on inspection of buildings.  
18 Functioning self-closing doors are the most effective  
19 barriers that temporarily inhibit the spread of  
20 flames and smoke. It is incredibly important that  
21 these doors are inspected regularly to ensure  
22 functioning properly. So residents deserve to feel  
23 safe. I want to thank Speaker Adams for her continued  
24 leadership on this issue, Council Member Sanchez and  
25 Feliz for their advocacy, and I'm just proud to

1 sponsor this bill. I urge my colleagues to vote in  
2 favor. And just one more plug, acknowledging June as  
3 Gun Violence Awareness Month and expressing the  
4 importance of doing this work. I want to thank my  
5 colleagues who joined the [inaudible] caucus at our  
6 rally today. We look forward to working with you all  
7 collaboratively. Thank you so much, Majority Leader.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Vote, Council Member?

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Thank you  
13 very much. Bottcher?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye on all.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on  
21 all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabán?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Carr?  
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COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Pre-  
considered Resolution 204, and aye on the rest.

COUNCIL CLERK: De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Excuse me. Aye  
on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Aye. [sic]

COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Gutiérrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all with  
the exception of Reso 204 which I vote no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kagan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I have  
permission?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Permission  
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: To vote on all  
Land Use, to make a motion for unanimous consent to  
vote on Land Use call-ups?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: And all items on  
the General call-up? I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Menin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Mr. Majority  
Leader, I'd like to make a motion for unanimous  
consent to vote on the Land Use call-up items and all  
items on the General Orders calendar.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ossé?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all  
except Reso 204, which I vote no.

COUNCIL CLERK: Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Richardson Jordan?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Aye on  
all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Velázquez?

COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I want to make  
a motion for unanimous consent to vote on the Land  
Use call-up items and all items on the General Orders  
Calendar? And then aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with  
the exception of Introduction 103 and Reso 204. Thank  
you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Farías?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all except Pre-considered Reso 204.

COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Adams?

SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: All items on today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, with the exception of Resolution 204 which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, and Land Use items 39, 41, 42, 50, 51 with accompanying resolutions which were adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 1 negative, and Intro 103 which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions. And we have a revised Land Use call-ups vote which is 48 in the affirmative



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2 and 0 in the negative. We'll now move into the  
3 introduction and reading of bills.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
5 referred to committees as indicated on today's  
6 agenda.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. There  
8 are no resolutions to vote on in today's calendar.  
9 We're going to move into General Discussion. We will  
10 begin with Council Member Gennaro.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Mr.  
12 Leader. I've got some bills going in today I want to  
13 call my colleagues' attention to: Intro 470 on the  
14 phasing out of number four heating oil. This is  
15 being done with myself, my co-prime sponsor Cabán. I  
16 thank her for her leadership. The Council has a long  
17 history with making heating oil cleaner. There's  
18 grades number two, which most people are familiar  
19 with. Number four is dirtier, and number six which  
20 has been phased out altogether. You know, 10 years  
21 ago, working with the state, we took the Sulphur out  
22 of number two oil altogether. We made number four  
23 much, much cleaner by reducing the Sulphur in it by  
24 like 10-fold, and we phased out number six altogether  
25 which is really, really filthy. Pardon me. But so

1 now we have Intro 470 which would-- oh, and in 2014,  
2 after we did all that other stuff, after I left the  
3 Council, they set a phase out date for number four  
4 oil, 2030, and Intro 470 would seek to move up that  
5 date five years to 2025. Not something I ordinarily  
6 like to do, which is sort of go back on a deal that  
7 we have with people that burn number four, but I  
8 would contend that the world has changed, and it's  
9 not as expensive and it's not as difficult to make a  
10 conversion to, you know, cleaner fuel. There's also  
11 like 45 million gallons of this stuff being burned  
12 every year, and about 22 percent of it is burned by  
13 the City of New York itself, mostly in school  
14 buildings. We could do a lot better than that. So, I  
15 would urge people to support this bill, and there's  
16 going to be a hearing on it this-- let's see-- June  
17 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. So, we're going to get into it. And I  
18 got a couple of seconds left. Also Intro 4--

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing]

20 [inaudible] wrap up.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Okay, 16 seconds  
22 left, no? Okay, alright. I've got--

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [interposing] Give  
24 you 15 more seconds, go ahead.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Okay. I'm  
3 sorry, I'm looking at the clock. Intro 468 that  
4 deals with creating an Invasive Species Board that  
5 has to do with plants, something we really need to  
6 get done. I was going by my clock, so I hope I didn't  
7 break any rules. I'm with Charles, you people should  
8 just relax, but thank you very much. So we're all  
9 good. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Sorry  
11 for the discrepancy. We'll go now to Council Member  
12 Kagan followed by Council Member Schulman.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Thank you. First,  
14 I would like to stress one more time that improving  
15 public safety is number one priority for our city.  
16 Just several days ago in the middle of the day, in  
17 the heart of west end of Coney Island, two groups of  
18 young folks started to shoot at each other. Total of  
19 36 bullets were used, and it was a miracle that  
20 nobody was hurt. We must do better to protect our  
21 communities. Also, today, together with my colleague  
22 Lynn Schulman, I'm introducing Intro 479, a bill  
23 which will mandate pedestrian crossing intervals at  
24 intersections adjacent to hospitals, libraries,  
25 schools, and senior centers. You all know why it is

1 so important because we all have safe [inaudible]  
2 pedestrian crossing intervals at intersections near  
3 these locations. It is true common sense. In our  
4 great city we can't put pedestrians on the back  
5 burner. Children going to schools, family and  
6 friends visiting their loved ones in hospitals,  
7 people visiting their local neighborhood library,  
8 older adults attending their local senior center all  
9 deserve the same care and attention we give to those  
10 who drive. Having safe and reliable pedestrian  
11 crossing intervals in such locations is crucial, so  
12 they will be truly accessible to all New Yorkers. So  
13 I urge all my colleagues to sign Intro 479 to make  
14 our city accessible to everyone. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
17 now go to Council Member Schulman followed by Council  
18 Member Gutiérrez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: thank you,  
20 Majority Leader. I want to call attention to Intro  
21 508, a Local Law to require family building benefits  
22 for employee, for city employee. As we know, science  
23 and medicine have advanced greatly over the last  
24 several decades to allow individuals and families  
25 struggling with infertility to conceive and achieve

1 their family planning goals. However, these assisted  
2 reproductive technologies can be incredibly  
3 expensive, costing an average of \$17,000 for just one  
4 round of in vitro fertilization, for example. The  
5 average cost of adoption or surrogacy is even higher.  
6 In early 2020, a new state law went into effect which  
7 required large group insurance policies and  
8 contracts, including the insurance provider for most  
9 New York City employees to cover three cycles of IVF  
10 used in the treatment of infertility. State law  
11 prohibits insurers providing the required IVF  
12 coverage from discriminating based on an insured's  
13 personal characteristics, including sex, sexual  
14 orientation, marital status, or gender identity.  
15 However, in order to qualify for coverage, an insured  
16 seeking IVF must be diagnosed with medical  
17 infertility. This results in the exclusion of  
18 LGBTQIA+ families and individuals that are uncoupled  
19 or asexual. Additionally, individuals wishing to  
20 freeze eggs or sperm in order to preserve their  
21 fertility and become pregnant or conceive at a later  
22 date are also not covered by this law. As such, the  
23 decision is considered "elective" and not the result  
24 of being diagnosed with infertility. This bill would  
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1 right the wrong of this existing discrimination and  
2 allow city employees the opportunity to plan their  
3 families more affordably and equitably. This bill  
4 would do so by requiring the City to establish a  
5 benefit for family building to cover some or all of  
6 the cost of assisted reproduction and adoption--  
7 reproduction and adoption for city employees. At a  
8 time when our nation grapples with a crisis of family  
9 planning where many will no longer have the option to  
10 plan and achieve their fertility goals and needs, New  
11 York City needs to lead by example. I want to thank  
12 Speaker Adams for taking the lead on this incredibly  
13 important issue, and I look forward to working with  
14 my colleagues on this bill.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
17 now go to Council Member Gutiérrez followed by  
18 Council Member Menin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you,  
20 Majority Leader. I'm excited to introduce two bills  
21 that are deeply personal to me and my community.  
22 Intro 472, which I'm introducing alongside Council  
23 Member Louis, will establish a pilot program to train  
24 doulas and provide free professional doula services  
25 to New Yorkers. Having recently given birth with a

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2 doula by my side, I know how critically important  
3 they are for providing emotional, physical, and  
4 educational support. I know my experience could have  
5 been drastically different without our La Hida Lo my  
6 doula [sp?]. Doulas also serve another deeply  
7 important purpose. They're another advocate in the  
8 room who can ensure positive and safe birthing  
9 experience. This country has one of the highest  
10 rates of maternal mortality among high-income  
11 countries, especially when it comes to women of  
12 color. When people use doulas during pregnancy and  
13 birth, they're two times less likely to give birth--  
14 sorry. They're two times less likely to have birth  
15 complications and four times less likely to have a  
16 low birth weight baby. Those are life-saving  
17 statistics. I'm proud to expand the pipeline of  
18 doulas available to moms and parents and increase  
19 employment opportunities for New Yorkers. This,  
20 alongside the bill introduced by Council Member  
21 Hudson, builds the pipeline for more women to have  
22 positive experiences like mine. And I also want to  
23 recognize my midwife Ms. Odessa Sims [sp?], straight  
24 out of Woodhall. On the threat of expanding access  
25 to what should be essential services, I'm also

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2 introducing Intro 473 alongside Council Members  
3 Restler, De La Rosa, and Ayala, which requires that  
4 text to 911 and NextGen 911 is available in the  
5 designated citywide languages. Currently, if you text  
6 in a language other than English or Spanish, someone  
7 will face time you to speak, potentially putting  
8 people that need help in more danger. This bill  
9 would ensure that New Yorkers from all backgrounds  
10 can access the services they need at their most  
11 critical moments. Please join me in signing on to  
12 Intro 472 and 473 to increase opportunities for care  
13 and support for New Yorkers. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
15 now go to Council Member Menin followed by Council  
16 Member Lee.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you,  
18 Majority Leader. Today, I'm introducing a package of  
19 bills that would advance New York City toward  
20 universal childcare. I want to first of all thank my  
21 co-prime sponsors Council Members Ayala, Cabán, De La  
22 Rosa, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Joseph, Lee, Louis,  
23 Narcisse, Riley, Schulman, Stevens, and Won. New  
24 York City is facing an acute childcare crisis. The  
25 City's lost over 1,000 childcare facilities in the



1 last seven years, and yet, at the same time over  
2 100,000 childbirths happened in New York City.

3 According to studies, an estimated 93 percent of  
4 families with young children cannot afford center-  
5 based care for their infants and toddlers, and 80  
6 percent cannot afford somewhat less expensive home-  
7 based care. This is completely unacceptable. I

8 invite my colleagues to sign onto the following

9 bills: Intro 486 which would create a Childcare

10 Advisory Board. This Board will have the power and

11 duty to make recommendations on legislation,

12 regulation, policies, procedures, and initiatives to

13 make childcare more affordable and advance New York

14 City on a five-year plan to implement universal

15 childcare. Intro 488 establishes a grant fund to

16 assist childcare programs at significant risk of

17 closure. Intro 489 develops a childcare certified

18 building program that would increase the number of

19 childcare facilities. Intro 487 requires the City to

20 create an online portal that provides information on

21 childcare subsidies, and Intro 485 requires the City

22 to create a comprehensive website that lists every

23 childcare provider. Also, I'm proud to be part of

24 the numerous Roe v. Wade bills being introduced  
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1 today, including Reso 200 declaring January 22, 2023  
2 as Roe v. Wade Day in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
3 of Roe. And lastly, Intro 490 co-sponsored by  
4 Council Member Louis which would establish an Office  
5 of Reproductive Health within the Department of  
6 Health and Mental Hygiene. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
9 go to Council Member Lee followed by Council Member  
10 Nurse.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon,  
12 colleagues. Today I'm proud to be introducing Intro.  
13 481 which would help property owners across the City  
14 address the reoccurring issues of sidewalk damage.  
15 I'm proud to-- I am proud to be co-priming this with  
16 our Council Member Kalman Yeger. And the notice of  
17 sidewalk violations that are issued to property  
18 owners can often times complicate refinancing and  
19 selling of properties, and often times a lot of  
20 people repair their sidewalks only for the City to  
21 come back later and redo the sidewalks themselves.  
22 To promote efficiency and reduce overlap, this bill  
23 would require the City before issuing a notice to  
24 verify whether DOT or Parks already have plans to  
25 repair the sidewalk, flag in question, and refrain

1 from issuing the notice if a repair is scheduled  
2 within 90 days. This bill would reduce the burden on  
3 homeowners and keep our sidewalks in good condition  
4 for years to come. And often times they spend  
5 thousands of dollars repairing and then have the City  
6 come and do it again. So, thank you so much. I  
7 encourage all my colleagues to support this bill.  
8 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
11 now go to Council Member Nurse followed by Council  
12 Member Cabán.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Good afternoon,  
14 colleagues. Today, I'm introducing a handful of  
15 bills related as usual to waste, rats, resiliency,  
16 and plastics. With BP Mark Levine, I'm hoping the  
17 City will conduct a study on identifying categories  
18 of single-use plastics that should be prioritized for  
19 reduction. With BP Antonio Reynoso, we are hoping to  
20 move forward the existing work of DSNY in determining  
21 feasibility of commercial waste being tipped at our  
22 wonderfully built, state-of-the-art, marine transfer  
23 stations. I join CM Abreu and Bottcher in asking our  
24 City to tackle rats through pre-construction planning  
25 and proper waste disposal, and with Council Member

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2 Krishnan, we hope to work with Parks to identify ways  
3 local composting can be encouraged on appropriate and  
4 right-sized park-owned spaces. And lastly, with CM  
5 Brooks-Powers, we're hoping for a study for how solar  
6 reflecting pavement to keep our heat vulnerable  
7 communities cool. Thank you, colleagues. I'm  
8 looking forward to following up with you all to  
9 discuss more.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
11 now hear from Council Member Cabán followed by  
12 Council Member Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you. I'm  
14 proud to introduce three pieces of legislation  
15 designed to ensure that New York City is a safe city  
16 for all those in need of abortion-related care,  
17 declaration backed up by policy, backed up by data.  
18 so, first, Res 197 with Council Member Velázquez and  
19 Public Advocate Williams officially declaring New  
20 York City a safe city for all those in need of  
21 abortion-related care. Second, Intro 466 with  
22 Council Member Hanif and Public Advocate Williams,  
23 that would prohibit the City from detaining or  
24 cooperating with any person or agency anywhere else  
25 trying to detain someone for the provision of or aid

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2 in obtaining a lawful abortion performed here. And  
3 lastly, Intro. 465 which would require DOHM to work  
4 with diverse advocates and experts to produce a  
5 yearly report assessing our city's capacity to  
6 accommodate the increase in reproductive healthcare  
7 services and recommending steps to bridge any gaps  
8 that it finds. Proud that these are items that will  
9 join others put forward by the Speaker and my  
10 colleagues to truly ensure that New York is a safe  
11 city for all those seeking reproductive healthcare,  
12 and that also it's Pride Month, y'all. It is Queer  
13 Liberation Month, and so I want to take this  
14 opportunity to remind folks that the first pride was  
15 a riot, an uprising of black and brown trans women  
16 and queer folks against police brutality at a time  
17 when hate violence is on the rise. Trans kids are  
18 under attack. Our constitutional rights hang in the  
19 balance. A time when queer and TGNC folks who are  
20 people of color, who are immigrants, who are disabled  
21 still experience homelessness, employment  
22 discrimination, criminalization, and more at  
23 disproportionately higher rates. I want to yes, wish  
24 you a happy and joyous Pride Month, but also want to  
25 look to honor and carry on all that folks like Audrey

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2 Moore [sp?], Marsha P. Johnson [sp?], and Sylvia  
3 Rivera [sp?] taught us, and wish you all a righteous,  
4 radical, and rebellious Pride Month. So thanks,  
5 y'all.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
7 go to Council Member Brewer followed by Council  
8 Member Hudson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
10 much. I first want to thank the Speaker, the Mayor,  
11 Hotel Trades Council because it's my undemanding as  
12 well as of course the people in Albany, the bill that  
13 we've been working on for hotel conversion, which  
14 was-- basically says, without getting into all the  
15 specifics, that we convert some of these hotels to  
16 permanent, affordable, run by nonprofit housing. And  
17 my understanding as we speak, it has been through the  
18 Housing Committee, the Ways and Means, the Rules  
19 Committee, and it's waiting to be voted on in the  
20 Assembly, having passed the State Senate. So it's  
21 almost a miracle and it's a big deal. Thank you,  
22 Madam Speaker, because you a lot to do with it. I  
23 just-- couple of issues. Certainly, Council Member  
24 Powers has done a Yule person's job with some of his  
25 bills regarding the commercial rent tax. This is a

1 tax that only exists for Manhattan, unfortunately,  
2 from Murray Street up to 96<sup>th</sup> Street. They cross  
3 from river to river, and it's been the bane of my  
4 existence for a long time trying to get rid of it.  
5 Council Member Garodnick got rid of some of it. It  
6 does seem very unfair to the businesses post-pandemic  
7 trying to survive in that area. So, one of the  
8 aspects that I've always focused on, supermarkets,  
9 particularly ones that are smaller that don't have  
10 but one percent margin in terms of sustainability.  
11 So, we would like to get rid of that tax for those  
12 supermarkets. And there are other aspects of the  
13 CTR-- CRT that would be helpful. This is one of  
14 them, and I hope that it passes, Intro 464. And then  
15 a long with Council Member Menin, we're all trying to  
16 get the Governor to sign the Reproductive Freedom and  
17 Equity Program. It would do a grant program for  
18 women who are trying to get an abortion because other  
19 states are so reactionary. So we look forward to  
20 your support. Thank you very much.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
23 go to Council Member Hudson followed by Council  
24 Member Rivera.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you and  
3 happy Pride. Today I'm introducing four bills  
4 central to my Black Agenda for New York City Policy  
5 Platform. These bills seek to address issues of  
6 racial, economic, and education justice in New York  
7 City, black maternal mortality, universal childcare,  
8 and persistent discrimination against tenants. The  
9 first bill, which I'm introducing with Council Member  
10 Gutiérrez, would require the Department of Health and  
11 Mental Hygiene to conduct an education outreach  
12 campaign about services offered by doulas and  
13 midwives to ensure all New Yorkers know of free and  
14 low-cost resources. The second bill which I'm  
15 introducing with Council Member Julie Menin is part  
16 of her childcare bill package would create a specific  
17 taskforce with the sole responsibility of  
18 investigating mechanisms to make childcare more  
19 affordable and accessible to all. It would also  
20 review how the City can provide additional funding  
21 and resources to providers and childcare  
22 professionals to support their work. The third bill,  
23 introduced with Council Member Kristen Richardson  
24 Jordan, would ban landlords and building owners from  
25 discriminating against rent regulated and rent



1 subsidized tenants by limiting access to elements of  
2 their building including entrances, facilities and  
3 amenities like gyms, game rooms, outdoor lounges, or  
4 laundry facilities. It would also ban fees levied  
5 against rent regulated tenants that are not levied  
6 against market-rate tenants for facilities or  
7 amenities. And finally, the fourth bill, which I'm  
8 introducing with Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and  
9 20 other Council Members will declare June as  
10 Caribbean Heritage Month. Currently, there are more  
11 than 861,000 residents across the five boroughs who  
12 are Caribbean-born, most of whom re from the  
13 Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, and Trinidad and  
14 Tobago. New York City has one of the most diverse  
15 Caribbean communities outside of the Caribbean  
16 itself, and one of the most impactful as many New  
17 Yorkers of Caribbean heritage and Caribbean  
18 immigrants served our city as frontline workers  
19 during the pandemic. In 2006, the Federal Government  
20 declared June as Caribbean Heritage Month. Now, the  
21 City Council must follow suit and honor the  
22 contributions of the Caribbean diaspora to our city.  
23 I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting black  
24 New Yorkers by co-sponsoring these bills. Thank you.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
3 go to Council Member Rivera followed by Council  
4 Member Brooks-Powers.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. Happy  
6 Pride everyone. Lots to celebrate this month, so I'm  
7 so glad to be here with you all, and I'll see you out  
8 on the streets. Today, I stand in proud, relentless,  
9 and unforgiving solidarity with my colleagues in the  
10 Women's Caucus in the City's first women majority  
11 Council to defend reproductive care access injustice  
12 in New York City. in the chambers, the Women's Caucus  
13 fought to establish the nation's first municipal  
14 abortion access fund committing 250,000 dollars to  
15 direct costs for abortion procedures, helping upwards  
16 of 600 people each year get the care they need, the  
17 care they deserve. Our fight did not end now, and it  
18 has not stopped since. With reproductive freedom  
19 under attack throughout the country, we have a  
20 responsibility and a mandate to protect the right to  
21 abortion care for all seek it. Equitable access to  
22 abortion care is vital for social and economic  
23 equality and for the right to determine our own lives  
24 and futures. Without reproductive freedom, we cannot  
25 know reproductive justice. Together, with Council

1 Members Rita Joseph and Jen Gutiérrez, I am  
2 introducing legislation that would require every  
3 city-run healthcare site, center or facility to  
4 provide access to Mifepristone-- sorry-- and  
5 Misoprostol at no cost to the patient. They are two  
6 abortion pills that are interesting to say. I'm also  
7 introducing legislation requiring the Department of  
8 Health and Mental Hygiene to report on Pregnancy  
9 Crisis Centers to protect those who seek abortion  
10 care from their predatory and discriminatory efforts,  
11 as well as a bill in support of state legislation  
12 requiring the Department of Health to report on the  
13 unmet needs of pregnant New Yorkers. I urge all of  
14 you to join me in supporting this legislation. I want  
15 to thank Speaker Adams in her leadership in defense  
16 of reproductive justice. New York has always been a  
17 safe haven for all those who sought abortion care,  
18 and as legislators and as representatives serving New  
19 Yorkers, we must uphold that legacy. We cannot allow  
20 this nation and certainly not the city to go  
21 backwards on reproductive freedom and care access.  
22 Thank you very much.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
3 now hear from Council Member Brooks-Powers followed  
4 by Council Member Restler.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.  
6 I'd like to briefly speak in support of a few items  
7 that are being introduced at today's Stated Meeting.  
8 First, I'd like to highlight a resolution in light of  
9 the Supreme Court's callous decision to gut Roe v.  
10 Wade. This resolution calls on the state to pass  
11 legislation that will allow out-of-state physicians  
12 to provide reproductive health services in New York  
13 while they await full licensure. New York has long  
14 been a sanctuary for women seeking abortion and other  
15 reproductive care services even before Roe v Wade was  
16 the law of the land, and we will continue to be. I'd  
17 also like to speak in support of a bill I am  
18 introducing with Council Member Nurse. Climate  
19 change is impacting all of us now, but marginalized  
20 communities face outsized impacts. Studies have  
21 shown that neighborhoods which were subjected to  
22 government red-lining and other discriminatory  
23 practices are now as much as ten degrees hotter than  
24 other areas during heat events as a result of under-  
25 investment in terms of trees and other building

1 materials that help to regulate street heat. Our  
2 bill will require DOT to conduct a pilot program on  
3 the use of cool [sic] pavement. Using lighter colored  
4 or permeable pavement material could have a big  
5 impact in keeping our city streets cooler. Finally,  
6 I'd like to acknowledge the community figures from my  
7 district who will be honored with street co-naming.  
8 Oswald Granum [sp?], a native of Kingston, Jamaica  
9 moved to Rosedale in 1987 and quickly became a  
10 beloved community leader before his death in 2019.  
11 He was the first President of the 148<sup>th</sup> Drive and  
12 Community Block Association and also founded the New  
13 York Bicycle Racing Association. And Wendell O'Brien  
14 [sp?] who was born in Trinidad and moved to Rosedale  
15 in 1999, greatly served his fellow New Yorkers as a  
16 member of the Fire Department and was deeply involved  
17 in the same 148<sup>th</sup> Drive Block Association. O'Brien  
18 and Granum were both cherished members of our  
19 southeast Queens community and will both be honored  
20 with co-namings in Rosedale. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you.

23 We'll now go to Council Member Restler followed by  
24 Council Member Hanif.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you,  
3 Majority Leader and good afternoon colleagues. Every  
4 day thousands of government officials and city  
5 contractors use their privilege in neighborhoods  
6 across New York City by misusing government-issued  
7 placards or using fake placard to park illegally.  
8 This is not just an abuse of power. It's a public  
9 safety risk. These cars illegally obstruct  
10 pedestrian space, endanger cyclists, and block  
11 accessibility. We need to stop issuing placards and  
12 start enforcing against illegal placard activity.  
13 That's why I'm proud to introduce two pieces of  
14 legislation to do just that. The first bill, Intro  
15 500 would cut the number of the placards in  
16 circulation by revoking all placards issued to  
17 individuals for their personal vehicles if they do  
18 not have government plates, except in cases where  
19 those placards are collectively bargained or granted  
20 due to disability or as a clergy member. This would  
21 eliminate roughly 60,000 placards issued annually to  
22 federal, state, and city agency employees including  
23 the NYPD. In many instances these placards go to  
24 non-emergency agencies and are abused every day by  
25 workers who park their personal cars illegally

1 instead of taking mass transit. The second bill,  
2 Intro 501, which I am co-sponsoring with colleagues  
3 Carlina Rivera and Chris Marte gives citizens the  
4 tool to report placard abuse when they see it. I  
5 want to give a shout out to my predecessor Council  
6 Member Levin who introduced an earlier version of  
7 this legislation last year. We have complex crises  
8 in our city from housing to climate. Placard abuse is  
9 by no means the most urgent, but it is among the  
10 easiest to solve. So there is no reason to wait.

11 Thank you.

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13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
14 go to Council Member Hanif followed by Council Member  
15 Velázquez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you. Good  
17 afternoon. I'm so proud to be part of the first  
18 majority women City Council, and as a body that  
19 springs into action when reproductive rights are  
20 attacked. When the draft decision overturning Roe v.  
21 Wade was leaked, my colleagues rallied in the streets  
22 to make our voices loud and clear that New York will  
23 not go back. This abortion rights legislative  
24 package being introduced today shows we are not just  
25 talking the talk, we are walking the walk. I want to

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2 thank Speaker Adams, Council Staff, and all of my  
3 colleagues for working diligently to get this  
4 important suite of bills on the floor so quickly.  
5 Intro 474, which I'm introducing today alongside  
6 Public Advocate Williams and Council Members  
7 Williams, Cabán, and Hudson requires CCHR to conduct  
8 a comprehensive and language accessible campaign to  
9 inform New Yorkers of the critical protections they  
10 have under New York City law. This includes the  
11 right to enter an abortion clinic without harassment,  
12 protections against employment discrimination on the  
13 basis of reproductive health decisions including  
14 abortion, and the right to bring civil action if  
15 either of these are violated. And Intro 475 which  
16 I'm introducing with Council Member Cabán, Public  
17 Advocate Williams, and Council Members Louis, Rivera,  
18 Hudson, and Fariás is designed to protect those who  
19 travel to New York City to receive an abortion due to  
20 restrictive laws in their home states. According to  
21 the CDC, in 2019 almost 10 percent of abortions  
22 performed in New York were for out-of-state  
23 residents. We know that in a post-Roe world, this  
24 number will only continue to increase, and our city  
25 must be ready. We also know that these folks may be



1 subjected to civil suits for accessing legal medical  
2 care in New York City. Our bill establishes the  
3 right to private actions for those subject to these  
4 suits giving them the right to counter-sue under city  
5 law. I encourage my colleagues to join me in  
6 sponsoring these bills and further cement New York  
7 City's status as a bastion for reproductive rights.  
8 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: thank you. We'll  
11 now go to Council Member Velázquez followed by  
12 Council Member Richardson Jordan.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: I'll pass.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Bless your soul.  
15 We're going to go now to Council Member Richardson  
16 Jordan, and we'll follow by Council Member Narcisse.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDSON JORDAN: Okay.  
18 I'll be quick. I just wanted to say coming out of  
19 Memorial Day, and you know, every single day we need  
20 to value and acknowledge our veterans, and we must  
21 support our veterans. So I'm really excited to  
22 introduce along with Council Member Ayala, a bill  
23 that would require the City to provide additional  
24 rental assistance to disabled veterans. So, I  
25 encourage my colleagues to please sign on and help

1 with that fight. I'm also excited-- Council Member  
2 already brought it up-- but to introduce with Council  
3 Member Crystal Hudson Intro 1490 which is going to  
4 prohibit discrimination against occupants of rent  
5 regulated and rent subsidized housing. This is  
6 absolutely something we want to get on the books.  
7 And lastly, I will let my colleague introduce it, but  
8 I am excited to be co-prime sponsor on the Community  
9 Power Act. It's beyond time for police  
10 accountability and democratic empowerment for our  
11 communities.  
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13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We  
14 now go to Council Member Narcisse followed by Council  
15 Member Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you.  
17 Significant racial and socioeconomic disparities  
18 exist among fertility patients accessing care. We  
19 know that for a fact. As a nurse for three decades,  
20 this is my responsibility to bring statistic to my  
21 colleagues so we can understand what's going on in  
22 our community. I'm sure you have knowledge as well,  
23 but I would like to share that with you. Black and  
24 Hispanic women have been less likely to receive  
25 fertility treatment, mostly due to lack of insurance

1 coverage. It is important that we provide full  
2 coverage for fertility care and address the  
3 disparities that we continue to see across our  
4 system. Please, I would like for you to join me for  
5 the Reso 201, specifically, all my ladies, 31 women  
6 strong. We have to do it for each other. In  
7 addition to lack of insurance, don't forget, income  
8 also plays a part. Studies found that women with  
9 college degrees and income above 100,000 access  
10 fertility care more than without high school diploma  
11 and women with income below 25,000. And we know that  
12 for a fact in our community we have many with lower  
13 than 25,000. Also, white-- winner-- they were twice  
14 as likely to seek medical help to become pregnant  
15 compared to black and Latino peers. We need to  
16 address access to healthcare and bring the real  
17 equity that we've been talking about, but also we  
18 have to-- [inaudible] the stigmatize that going  
19 around it, we have to destigmatize and ensure people  
20 of color feel safe and comfortable seeking the care.  
21 It should not be with the money. It should not be  
22 with the color or where you come from. This is New  
23 York City. as the Chair of Hospitals, I would like  
24 to have all my colleagues, not only the females, but  
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1  
2 the males to support the Reso 201, resolution calling  
3 upon New York State Legislature to establish full  
4 insurance coverage for fertility treatment. Thank  
5 you in advance. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
7 go to Council Member Barron, followed by Council  
8 Member Mealy.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you very  
10 much. I just wanted to bring my colleague's attention  
11 to a bill, the Community Power Act. You know, the  
12 black community is under attacked by racists like the  
13 killer in Buffalo who was treated with kid gloves by  
14 law enforcement and by community violence because of  
15 poverty, unemployment, and mental health issue, but  
16 most importantly by those who we pay to protect us.  
17 The police have been very violent toward us, and this  
18 act will take away the power from the Commissioner to  
19 determine as with the Civilian Complaint Review Board  
20 does. The commissioner determines the punishment for  
21 the police. The Power Act will have an elected  
22 Civilian Review Board, elected by 17 members of the  
23 51 districts; 17 will represent all 51 district and  
24 they will be voted in. in addition to that, an  
25 independent prosecutor will be voted in. so instead

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2 of having the Attorney General Tish James who  
3 prosecutes no police no matter what they did to us  
4 during the George Floyd protest. None of them got  
5 prosecuted, but we will have an independent office to  
6 do that prosecution. Right now, only one percent of  
7 the police office receives serious punishment from  
8 the Police Commissioner who determines that  
9 punishment. The Community Power Act, we all should  
10 sign on to that. And finally, I just want to say  
11 Juneteenth was the day that the black soldiers of the  
12 Civil War liberated us from the plantations, and we  
13 should not be celebrating the fourth of You-lie  
14 [sic], I mean, the Fourth of July. It should not be  
15 celebrated because it is a lie. And then finally,  
16 many people don't know that Memorial Day was started  
17 by black freed enslaved Africans to bury their loved  
18 ones who died in fighting against the Confederacy.  
19 It is a black-started holiday. Do the research.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We'll  
21 go to Council Member Mealy and finally Council Member  
22 Louis.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Today, I am proud  
24 to co-introduce 480, street co-naming for Cade Austin  
25 Tyler Louin [sp?]. Cade was a promising 12-year-old

1 who was taken from his family on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

2 Imagine a 12-year-old watching TV, on his phone, in a  
3 car, eating Popeye's with his cousin unaware that  
4 this would be his last meal. A grieving mother,  
5 cousins and nieces who will never be able to hug Cade  
6 again. While collecting everything needed to do this  
7 co-naming, Cade's name added to this bill. His  
8 family and friends at the school also commend this  
9 body. Remembering him as a local hero who fought to  
10 make everyone feel included. As we commemorate Gun  
11 Violence Awareness Month, I salute all the Cure  
12 Violence programs that came to City Hall today.

13 We're honoring Cade's life which was taken too soon.

14 Does not stop at co-naming a street. It simply  
15 starts here. We must continue to uplift the Louin  
16 family and many other families who are facing similar  
17 hardships. We must continue to provide them with the  
18 resources they need to work in unity to alleviate gun  
19 violence all throughout this city, to make sure we do  
20 not have to post another name up due to another  
21 senseless act of gun violence. Today, I want to  
22 thank the Speaker. Madam Speaker, thank you for  
23 pushing this through. I want to thank all my  
24 colleagues, and just to commemorate it, you all are  
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1 welcome to come this Saturday at four-- at 11:30. We  
2 will be doing a co-naming of Cade Louin [sp?]. So,  
3 thank you this body.  
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5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. We're  
6 going to go to Council Member Louis followed by  
7 Council Member Avilés.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Speaker  
9 Adams, for your leadership and Majority Leader for  
10 the opportunity. From California to New York,  
11 legislators are scrambling to salvage women's  
12 healthcare and reproductive rights through health  
13 policies as leaders and other states continue to  
14 impede on healthcare equity and access. It's time the  
15 government stops policing women's bodies and address  
16 the historical disparities that limit access to  
17 quality healthcare, which includes critical resources  
18 to support high-risk pregnancy that can threaten the  
19 life of birthing people due to the lack of  
20 reproductive preventative care. Most importantly,  
21 access to critical medical data will provide  
22 transparency on the state of reproductive health of  
23 New Yorkers. for example, one in five women live  
24 with polycystic ovary syndrome, also known as PCOS,  
25 and endometriosis, and are often misdiagnosed or go

1 undiagnosed resulting in complications for maternal  
2 and reproductive wellness. We have prioritize  
3 maternal care to build a stronger and healthier  
4 community through access and equity. Today, I'm proud  
5 to introduce my bill Intro 0482, a Local Law  
6 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
7 to report on polycystic ovary syndrome and  
8 endometriosis. This bill will require DOHMH to  
9 report on the number of individuals diagnosed with  
10 PCOS and endometriosis at each H+H hospital and  
11 medical facility. Additionally, I'm proud to join my  
12 colleagues in co-sponsorship of many bills. I'll  
13 just say the numbers for now, Intro 0490, Intro 0475,  
14 and Intro 0472. Thank you Speaker Adams and  
15 colleagues for the reproductive bills, and Andrea and  
16 Brenda from the Legislative Division for your  
17 tireless efforts to help us to get to this finish  
18 line. I urge all my colleagues to sign on. Thank  
19 you.  
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21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. And  
22 our last speaker who's going to be so quick and  
23 efficient. I'm just kidding. Council Member Avilés  
24 to close up.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: well, in that  
3 case I'll draw it out. I'm so glad to hear that  
4 public renewables just passed the Senate. In light of  
5 this resolution that I introduced today. So I hope  
6 you will all join me in supporting this important  
7 piece of legislation, and we really look forward to  
8 working with our state officials on full  
9 implementation. I just want to encourage our  
10 colleagues that to continue to push hard on any and  
11 all related policy change to address the climate  
12 crisis we're in. And lastly, Sandra [inaudible] was  
13 a long-time Sunset Park resident a community activist  
14 who immigrated to Sunset Park in 1977 from the  
15 Dominican Republic. She was a mom, a wife, a sister,  
16 a friend, a neighbor, and a long-time educator, and  
17 she was also the first educator in New York City to  
18 die of COVID. So I want to thank my colleagues for  
19 passing the co-naming of the street in her honor.  
20 Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you. Now,  
22 I'm going to call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close  
23 out today's Stated Meeting.  
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SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority  
Leader. The Stated Meeting of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 is  
hereby adjourned.

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



Date July 15, 2022