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Thursday, April 18, 2024

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker  
Amanda Farías, Majority Leader

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

## INVOCATION:

Delivered by: Pastor Martin Chang, Edge City Church, located at 46-16 Little Neck Parkway, Queens, N.Y. 11362

2 SERGEANT POLITE: Testing one, two, one, two,  
3 today's date is April 18, 2024. The Stated Meeting is  
4 being recorded in Chambers by Keith Polite.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Council Member Rafael  
6 Salamanca, would you like to test your audio?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yes, good afternoon,  
8 can you hear me?

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: We hear you loud and clear,  
10 thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman, can I  
13 have your attention, please? Quiet on the floor,  
14 please! Council Members, please take your seats. All  
15 staffers, please leave the main floor of the  
16 Chambers. Quiet in the balcony, please! Have a seat  
17 in the balcony, please. (BACKGROUND NOISE) Quiet on  
18 the floor, please!

19 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time, please place  
20 all electronic devices, all electronic devices, to  
21 vibrate or silent mode.

22 Madam Majority Leader?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon and  
24 welcome to the Stated Meeting of Thursday, April 18,  
25 2024. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would

2 like to thank you for joining us. If you would like  
3 to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is  
4 posted on our website.

5 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of  
6 the public who have joined us here today. During  
7 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may  
8 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If  
9 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may  
10 make the silent approval gesture.

11 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to  
12 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is  
13 not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to  
14 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless  
15 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if  
16 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

17 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of  
18 Allegiance.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

20 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

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2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: (NO RESPONSE)

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: (NO MIC) Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present



2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (PARENTAL)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: (NO RESPONSE)

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

9 We will now have today's Invocation, which will  
10 be delivered by Pastor Martin Chang, Edge City  
11 Church, which is located at 46-16 Little Neck Parkway  
12 in Queens.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

14 PASTOR CHANG: Can I invite you now to bow your  
15 heads with me? As we pray, we get to invoke the name  
16 and the presence of God in our midst. Let us pray.

17 God, our Father, in Heaven may your name be  
18 known and revered. We give you thanks for all the  
19 goodness flowing from who you are. We thank you for  
20 all the kindness to all in our beloved city. At the  
21 same time, we are profoundly aware of the manifold  
22 needs in our midst, the signs of brokenness in the  
23 faces of familiar and stranger alike, the threat of  
24 breakdown in our systems. We beseech you for your  
25 help, working not only through the means of municipal

1 polity and policy, but interfacing directly and  
2 throughout. God, you call us to seek the verdant  
3 welfare of this city and all who inhabit it, not just  
4 the privileged and influential, but marginalized, the  
5 forgotten. May our eyes and ears be attentive to all,  
6 not just some. God, we are so grateful for these  
7 gathered gifted leaders here, how they pour  
8 themselves out for the good of many millions they  
9 represent and serve. I ask that you would send timely  
10 downloads of supernatural compassion and innovation.  
11 Holy Spirit, won't you come and anoint these women  
12 and men with actionable wisdom and the humility to  
13 recognize and integrate it together? God, we grieve  
14 the increasingly polarized climate that makes it near  
15 impossible to generally hear one another. It feels as  
16 though it would take a miracle for a meaningful unity  
17 and purpose to take hold, but when it is according to  
18 your will, we are stirred to pray for such a miracle,  
19 and we do for such a time as this. God, full of love  
20 and power, we bless you; won't you bless this Stated  
21 Meeting, this Council, Speaker, and Mayor, and this  
22 city? In the unique name of your son, Jesus, we pray.  
23 Amen.  
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1 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now  
2 like to ask Council Member Linda Lee to spread the  
3 Invocation on the record  
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5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
6 Pastor Martin Chang, otherwise known as PM, is  
7 currently serving as the Teaching and Equipping  
8 Pastor at Edge City Church, a multiethnic, multi-  
9 generational church worshipping in two campuses in  
10 Little Neck, Queens and Mineola, Long Island. He is  
11 ordained as a pastor and word and sacrament in the  
12 Evangelical Covenant Church, and has been pastoring  
13 in the Pacific Northwest, then in New York for going  
14 on 34 years. Beyond the care of souls, leadership  
15 development, and equipping the community of Christ in  
16 a church setting, Pastor Martin has also had the  
17 opportunity to partner with community development  
18 organizations. Building a long relationship with  
19 partners in Udaipur Rajasthan, India, Pastor Martin  
20 has brought equipping and resources to rural schools,  
21 brought pumps for clean water for villages,  
22 facilitated a mobile medical, dental, and optical  
23 camps, as well as counseling and leadership  
24 equipping. Having recently joined the staff at Edge  
25 City Church, he'll also be working with a sister

2 organization called Mission 252 and partner  
3 organizations addressing the physical, social,  
4 emotional, and spiritual needs of marginalized people  
5 and groups in Queens and Long Island.

6 Thank you, Majority Leader, I would like to thank  
7 Pastor Martin Chang for being here today. And, thank  
8 you, Pastor Martin, on a personal note, for always  
9 keeping me and my family and our community in your  
10 prayers, thank you so much.

11 I make a Motion for unanimous consent to spread  
12 the Invocation in full upon the record.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: We will now have the  
14 Adoption of Minutes by Council Member Keith Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you, I make a Motion  
16 that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 19,  
17 2024 be adopted as printed.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from  
19 the Mayor?

20 CLERK: None

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication From City,  
22 County and Borough Offices?

23 CLERK: None

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Petitions and  
25 Communications?

2 CLERK: None

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land Use Call-ups?

4 CLERK: None

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now  
6 have communication from Speaker Adrienne Adams.

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Majority  
8 Leader. Thank you so much, Pastor Chang. I usually  
9 try to get up and shake the hands of those delivering  
10 the Invocation, but we thank you Pastor Chang, for  
11 being here with us today, for spreading the  
12 Invocation.

13 Good afternoon, everyone.

14 First, I want to acknowledge the death of 41-  
15 year-old Sarah McNally, a beloved bartender who was  
16 killed at her work workplace in Council Member  
17 Holden's District earlier this month. Our thoughts  
18 are with the Maspeth community and Sarah's loved ones  
19 during this very difficult time. This tragedy comes  
20 as we approach Workers Memorial Day on April 28th,  
21 and Building Safety Month, which is observed every  
22 May to raise awareness about the importance of  
23 workplace safety. It's a reminder of the need to  
24 advance stronger protections to ensure that our  
25 workers are safe while on the job.

2 April 13th marked the start of Cambodian New  
3 Year. Our Cambodian communities have always been an  
4 integral part of our city's social, cultural, and  
5 economic landscape. To our Cambodian community here  
6 in New York City, I wish you a Happy New Year.

7 April 15th was Jackie Robinson Day. This year is  
8 the 77th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking  
9 Major League Baseball's racial segregation barrier  
10 when he became the first Black player and started at  
11 first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers. On this day, we  
12 reflect on his remarkable legacy and the enduring  
13 impact of his activism that extended beyond baseball.

14 I want to also take a moment to wish our Jewish  
15 neighbors a peaceful and joyous Passover which starts  
16 on Monday evening at sundown. This important holiday  
17 is a reminder of the importance of reflecting on  
18 history and passing on its lessons to future  
19 generations. Earlier this week, the Council's Jewish  
20 Caucus co-hosted a model Passover seder with  
21 community partners and holocaust survivors, and I  
22 want to thank everyone who made that event such a  
23 success. To everyone celebrating Passover, Chag  
24 Pesach kasher vesame'ach.

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2 April is also Earth Day, which serves as an  
3 important call to action to act with urgency and  
4 protect our planet. We must continue to work to  
5 achieve our zero waste future and build up our green  
6 infrastructure, so that New York City can do its part  
7 to fight climate change. I hope all New Yorkers have  
8 a great and active Earth Day.

9 April 24th is traditionally our annual Denim Day,  
10 a day committed to supporting survivors of sexual  
11 violence and increasing public awareness about this  
12 important issue. Denim Day was started in the  
13 aftermath of a rape trial in Italy where the survivor  
14 was blamed because of the jeans she wore. It's a day  
15 of action where we show our collective solidarity for  
16 survivors around the world and recommit to supporting  
17 survivors with the trauma informed care and recovery  
18 they need.

19 As we approach the month of May, I want to  
20 recognize several upcoming holidays and notable days:

21 May 1st is May Day, also known as International  
22 Labor Day, in honor of the workers whose valuable  
23 labor keeps our city going. We will continue to  
24 support our workers and union partners in the  
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2 movement for better working conditions and pay  
3 equity.

4 May 6th is National Nurses Day. We are so  
5 grateful to our essential frontline healthcare  
6 workers who help keep our communities healthy and  
7 safe every day.

8 May 7th is National Teacher Day. On this day, we  
9 pay tribute to our teachers who work tirelessly to  
10 educate our promising young scholars. We want to  
11 thank the dedicated and hardworking teachers who  
12 deserve the entire world and show our support each  
13 and every day. (APPLAUSE)

14 Throughout the month of May, we're celebrating  
15 Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month;  
16 Haitian Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage  
17 Month; Lupus Awareness Month; Maternal Mental Health  
18 Month; and Mental Health Awareness Month.

19 Last week, was Participatory Budgeting Vote Week.  
20 I want to take a moment to thank my colleagues who  
21 participated in this PB cycle, as well as all New  
22 Yorkers who voted for their favorite projects to  
23 improve our neighborhoods. We plan to announce the  
24 winning project soon, so do stay tuned.

2 Next I want to acknowledge that members of the  
3 Youth Journalism Coalition are here in the Council  
4 Chambers today! (APPLAUSE) These bright young  
5 journalists represent the future of critical... of  
6 the Fourth Estate, and they are critical to the  
7 important work of diversifying newsrooms. Welcome to  
8 City Hall, your house, the People's House, and we  
9 thank you for all that you're doing to advance  
10 journalism in our city and beyond. (APPLAUSE)

11 Today we're also joined by members of the School  
12 Construction Authorities Mentorship Program for  
13 minority-owned, women-owned, and locally based  
14 enterprises - led by Celeste Morris, thank you for  
15 your work to increase MWLBE participation in school  
16 construction projects, and for being here at our  
17 Stated Meeting today. Now you can applaud! (APPLAUSE)

18 And before we continue, I do want to wish a happy  
19 birthday to Council Member Julie Won. Happy birthday,  
20 Julie, whose birthday was yesterday! And to Council  
21 Members Kalman Yeger, Chris Marte, and Mercedes  
22 Narcisse who are all going to have a birthday cake on  
23 the 26th, happy birthday, colleagues! (APPLAUSE)

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2 Finally, colleagues, please do join me in  
3 congratulating Council Member Carina Rivera on the  
4 birth of her son Oscar! (APPLAUSE)

5 Now we can move on to our Stated Agenda.

6 First, we'll vote on the following Finance items:

7 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by, Council  
8 Member Justin Brannan, renewing a partial 40-year  
9 Article VI tax exemption for the preservation of two  
10 rent stabilized buildings in Council Member Abreu's  
11 district.

12 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
13 Member Brannan, authorizing a full 40-year Article XI  
14 tax exemption for new construction of a 100 percent  
15 affordable housing building in Council Member  
16 Holden's district.

17 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
18 Member Brannan, authorizing the conversion from  
19 Article II to a partial 40-year Article XI tax  
20 exemption for the preservation of two buildings in  
21 Council Member Restler's district.

22 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
23 Member Brannan, authoring a full 40-year Article XI  
24 tax exemption for the new construction of one of  
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2 affordable senior housing building in Council Member  
3 Bottcher's district.

4 Next we will vote on the following Land Use  
5 items:

6 A Gaming Facility Text Amendment that will allow  
7 applicants with a proposed gaming site in the City to  
8 be considered by committees of local officials  
9 established by the State's casino licensing process.  
10 Currently, casinos are not permitted for use within  
11 New York City zoning. This Text Amendment would  
12 resolve this zoning conflict while maintaining  
13 communities' decision making authority on casino  
14 licenses within the State's application process,  
15 which first requires approval by local community  
16 advisory committees or CACS. Only applicants who  
17 submit an application before June 30th, 2025 and are  
18 awarded one of the three gaming facility licenses,  
19 authorized by the State Commission, after CAC  
20 approval and Gaming Facility Location Board  
21 recommendation, would be able to operate in the City.  
22 Potential sites would be limited to high density  
23 commercial and manufacturing areas.

24 80-01 Broadway Commercial Overlay; an application  
25 to bring several existing commercial uses into

1  
2 conformance with zoning in Council Member Krishnan's  
3 district.

4 East Tremont Cluster NCP is a UDAAP approval  
5 disposition of city-owned property and an Article XI  
6 tax exemption to facilitate the development of three  
7 new multifamily buildings, 62 affordable units, and  
8 one superintendent unit, including 20 affordable  
9 independent residences, for seniors in Council Member  
10 Feliz's district.

11 Melrose Concourse NCP is a UDAAP approval  
12 acquisition disposition of city-owned property and an  
13 Article XI tax exemption to facilitate the  
14 development of three new multifamily buildings with  
15 71 affordable housing units and one superintendent  
16 unit, including 23 affordable independent residences  
17 for seniors, in Council Member Stevens' district.

18 Genesis Multifamily Participation Loan Program,  
19 a UDAAP approval disposition of city-owned property  
20 and an Article XI tax exemption to facilitate the  
21 preservation of eight buildings, with 85 affordable  
22 residential units, and one commercial or community  
23 unit, in Council Member Salaam's district.

24 Finally, two applications in Council Member  
25 Avilés' district, 341 10th Street Rezoning and

2 Article XI will facilitate the development of two  
3 mixed use buildings a 100 unit, 100 percent deeply  
4 affordable housing building under HPD's SARA and ELLA  
5 term sheets, and a 205 unit mixed-income MIH  
6 building, as well as the preservation of an existing  
7 154 unit building through an Article XI regulatory  
8 agreement.

9 41 Richard Street will facilitate a new seven-  
10 story mixed-use building consisting of light  
11 manufacturing, commercial office space, ground floor  
12 retail space, and 41 accessory parking spaces.

13 Today we'll also vote on the following  
14 resolutions and pieces of legislation:

15 Resolution 279, sponsored by Council Members  
16 Robert Holden and Vickie Paladino, a Resolution  
17 calling on the United States Congress to pass, and  
18 the President to sign, legislation declaring April 26  
19 annually as Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense  
20 Veterans Recognition Day to celebrate the bravery and  
21 sacrifice of those who served. We thank our staff  
22 member Regina Paul.

23 Resolution 172, a resolution calling on the New  
24 York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to  
25 sign, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling

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2 Infrastructure Act, which would establish an extended  
3 producer responsibility system for packaging. We  
4 thank our staff members Andrew Bourne and Ricky  
5 Chawla.

6 Introduction 689-A, sponsored by Council Member  
7 Crystal Hudson, would codify the Cabinet for Older  
8 New Yorkers into City law. The cabinet, made up of  
9 commissioners of 23 City agencies, and shared by the  
10 Commissioner of the Department for the Aging or DFTA,  
11 was established in September 2022 to help improve  
12 programming and services for older New Yorkers. This  
13 legislation would fill out the cabinet's membership  
14 with additional agencies and mayoral offices, and  
15 expand the list of required invitees for cabinet  
16 meetings to include the city's public libraries. The  
17 DFTA Commissioner would be required to report  
18 annually to the Council, Public Advocate,  
19 Comptroller, borough presidents, and the public on  
20 the cabinet's activities. Thank you to our staff  
21 members Christopher Pepe, Chloe Rivera, and Saiyemul  
22 Hamid.

23 Introduction 129, sponsored by Council Member  
24 Justin Brannan, would mandate a pilot program to  
25 install solar canopies in at least one city-

2 controlled parking lot in each borough where such a  
3 canopy would be cost effective. After the conclusion  
4 of the pilot, the City would be required to submit a  
5 report identifying the parking lots where solo  
6 canopies were installed and recommendations as to  
7 whether and how the program could be expanded and  
8 made permanent. Thank you to our staff member, Clare  
9 McLaughlin.

10 Thank you for your attention. Now I turn it back  
11 over to our Majority Leader.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Speaker Adams,  
13 we will now move into Discussion of General Orders.

14 I would like to recognize council Member  
15 Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam  
17 Majority Leader. I'd like to make a motion to  
18 recommit LU 63 and Resolution 396 back to Land Use to  
19 Committee for further consideration. This item  
20 relates to 97-22 Cresskill Place Disposition in my  
21 district.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Colleagues, there is a  
23 motion on the floor to recommit Land Use items 63 and  
24 accompanying Resolution 396 at 97-22 Cresskill Place  
25 Disposition to the Land Use Committee.



2 Would anyone like to speak on this motion?

3 ALL: (SILENT)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing none, a vote in  
5 favor is to send this item back to the Committee, and  
6 a vote not in favor would be to leave it on the floor  
7 here today.

8 I would now like to call in the Committee Clerk  
9 to please call the roll.

10 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye

2 CLERK: Thank you, sorry.

3 Council Member Ossé?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye

7 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (PARENTAL)

15 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

3 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye

5 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, colleagues, I  
7 vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Won?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: By a vote of 50 in the  
21 affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
22 abstentions this motion is approved, and this Land  
23 Use item will be recommitted into the Land Use  
24 Committee for consideration.

25 Reports of Special Committees?

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2 CLERK: none.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing  
4 Committees?

5 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging Intro  
6 689-A, cabinet for older New Yorkers?

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

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental  
10 Protection, Resiliency and Waterfronts, Intro 129-A,  
11 solar canopies?

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

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance.  
15 Preconsidered LU 70 and Resolution 377 through  
16 Preconsidered LU 73 and Resolution 380, tax  
17 exemptions?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use LU 35  
20 and Resolution 381 and LU 36 and Resolution 382, East  
21 Tremont Cluster NCP?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 41 and Resolution 383 through LU 47 and  
24 Resolution 387, 341 10th Street Rezoning?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: LU 51 and Resolution 388, Melrose  
3 Concourse NCP?

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

5 CLERK: LU 53 and Resolution 390 and LU 54 and  
6 Resolution 391, Genesis MPLP?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: LU 57 and Resolution 392, Gaming Facility  
9 Text Amendment?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 58 and Resolution 393 and LU 61 and  
12 Resolution 394, zoning amendments?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: LU 62 and Resolution 395, Melrose  
15 Concourse?

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

17 CLERK: LU 63 and Resolution 396, 97-22 Cresskill  
18 Place Disposition?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

20 I ask that the clerk take a rollcall vote on all  
21 of the items coupled on today's General Orders  
22 Calendar.

23 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

25 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

1 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: One moment.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Madam Speaker, we have to  
4 move into discussion of General Orders. So, we are  
5 going to pause the votes and go back into discussion.

6 I would now like to call up and recognize Council  
7 Member Hanif, followed by Council Member Avilés, and  
8 then Council Member Hudson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
10 I want to thank Council Member Avilés and her team  
11 for their steadfast leadership and support in  
12 bringing the 341 10th Street Rezoning over the finish  
13 line. This project began in District 39 last session,  
14 but is now in District 38, under the new Council  
15 lines. I started working on this project as a staffer  
16 with my predecessor, made significant progress during  
17 my first term, and I'm thrilled to see our collective  
18 advocacy deliver a project that brings deeply  
19 affordable housing to vibrant transit-rich Park  
20 Slope. In addition to a 100 unit, 100 percent  
21 affordable development for seniors and families,  
22 through a partnership with HPD, this project includes  
23 deeper affordability beyond MIH on the second 205-  
24 unit development site, affordable housing  
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2 preservation for residents of the existing building,  
3 and public open space. In addition to Council Member  
4 Avilés and her team's critical leadership, I'd like  
5 to thank the 341 10th Street Tenant Association and  
6 leaders Rose Horton and Damon Duke for ensuring  
7 current residents' voices were included and heard,  
8 and Michelle de la Uz from Fifth Avenue Committee,  
9 who was an invaluable partner on this project. As our  
10 city sees the lowest vacancy rates in decades, it is  
11 my commitment to use every tool at my disposal to  
12 ensure every New Yorker has an opportunity to access  
13 dignified housing, raise a family, age in place, and  
14 thrive in the City. I'm excited about the commitments  
15 in this project that bring us closer to that goal. I  
16 encourage my colleagues to vote yes, thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, I would like  
18 to call on and recognize Council Member Avilés,  
19 followed by Council Member Hudson, and Council Member  
20 Yeger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, I would like to  
22 also thank Council Member Hanif and her entire team  
23 for working on LU 47 and corresponding Resolution 3  
24 387 for the 341 10 street. I will not repeat all the  
25 gains of this site, but I do want to thank Council

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2 Member Hanif, her team, and I want to thank the  
3 residents in particular, and also Fifth Avenue  
4 Committee for their steadfast commitment. I would  
5 like the residents to know that we will be with them  
6 every step of the way, and we have worked very hard  
7 to make sure that their needs are centered, and that  
8 no one is displaced, and that we in fact are creating  
9 as much more affordability as possible (sic).

10 I'd like to just take a moment to encourage my  
11 colleagues to vote yes on this very complex project.

12 I'd also like to encourage my colleagues to vote  
13 yes on 41 Richard Street, which is LU 58 and  
14 corresponding Resolution 393, uh, this is a great  
15 example of a rezoning that is truly leaning into its  
16 industrial manufacturing and really working with the  
17 community to ensure that the interests of our  
18 community are held at heart. So, I would like to  
19 thank Jim Tampakis (sp?) for being so responsive, to  
20 SBDIC for being a thought partner in this project,  
21 and to our Land Use team for their assistance to our  
22 team as we worked through the project as well. So, I  
23 encourage my colleagues to vote yes on both of these  
24 projects.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council  
3 Member. I would like to recognize Council Member  
4 Hudson, followed by Council Member Yeger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I'm good, Majority Leader,  
6 thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council  
8 Member. Council Member Yeger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Madam President.  
10 Today the Council is voting on a Land Use matter  
11 named the Gaming Facility Text Amendment. This  
12 Council has never, notwithstanding the vote from  
13 Albany, ever approved gambling in the City, uh,  
14 casinos in our city. We have never had a vote on  
15 that. Albany authorized us to allow casinos in our  
16 city, but we have never voted on that as a body. This  
17 is the vote, today is the vote. It's innocuously  
18 named as a Facility Text Amendment, and maybe other  
19 matters will somehow result in some kind of community  
20 review, but the Council as a body will never be able  
21 to vote on those matters. It will be left to the  
22 council member from that district. So, if the  
23 proposed casino is a block out of your district, you  
24 have zero say, zero, none. The yes vote today removes  
25 a tool review that this council utilizes to review

1 Land Use matters. It is also a blanket statement of  
2 approval for the concept of casinos in our  
3 neighborhoods. If you don't like casinos in your  
4 neighborhoods, and you vote yes today, it's a  
5 contradictory vote. In essence it's a blank check -  
6 no pun intended - but it is a blank check to  
7 applications that we have not reviewed. The barometer  
8 of measure for who is allowed to benefit from the  
9 Zoning Text Amendment is, if they submitted an  
10 application that was approved by the New York State  
11 Gaming Commission - in other words, another body is  
12 going to say this application merits the meeting of  
13 what we did today. And we won't see it. We're taking  
14 away that tool from ourselves. Why would we  
15 unilaterally give up a level of authority that we  
16 have over Land Use matters? We're granted this  
17 privilege by the voters, by the City Charter to rule  
18 on these things, and we're walking away from it  
19 today. I can't vote yes to take away a tool from this  
20 council in reviewing ULURP matters that are within  
21 our review (TIMER CHIMES) And I will be voting no on  
22 it; I urge you all, my colleagues, please vote no on  
23 this today. Thank you  
24  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
3 Member.

4 Madam Speaker, before we move onto the vote of  
5 General Orders, a point of clarification: Land Use  
6 Item 63 and Resolution 396 97-22 Cresskill Place  
7 Disposition is recommitted to the Land Use Committee  
8 and is not coupled on General Orders.

9 I would now like to ask that that clerk take a  
10 rollcall vote.

11 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I vote aye on all, with  
15 the exception of LU 57 and corresponding Resolution  
16 392.

17 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye except LU 72  
3 and Resolution 379 on the Mitchell-Lama, and LU 57  
4 and Resolution 392.

5 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote aye on all with the  
9 exception of LU 57 and the accompanying Resolution.

10 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I vote aye with the  
22 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
23 for which I vote no.

24 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all with the  
3 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
4 for which I vote no.

5 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission to explain my  
7 vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you.

10 Regarding Lu 57 and Resolution 392, I just wanted  
11 to state for the record that this is not an  
12 endorsement of every application. The vote I take  
13 today is one to allow the State's process to move  
14 forward, seeing that there are no... currently no  
15 gaming applications in my district, I vote aye on  
16 all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all, with the  
19 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
20 for which I vote no.

21 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Regarding the Casino's  
2 Text Amendment, this vote is not an endorsement for  
3 casinos, rather it is a vote to allow the State's  
4 Review Process to be enacted. The State's Community  
5 Advisory Committee process, which includes  
6 individuals appointed by elected officials, including  
7 the local City Council Member, provides a robust  
8 opportunity to ensure any applicants for a gaming  
9 license meet local requirements related to design and  
10 community benefits. There will also be ample  
11 opportunity for local input through meetings and  
12 written testimony. And local community groups,  
13 including community boards, can still pass  
14 resolutions indicating their positions on the  
15 proposal. If they don't meet the community's needs,  
16 they will not pass that process and not receive a  
17 license. And there is no legal requirement that any  
18 casinos must be cited in New York City, as the State  
19 just authorized up to three casino licenses for  
20 Downstate New York, including the five boroughs, Long  
21 Island and Westchester. As such, I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I vote aye and align my  
24 statement with Council Member Hudson.  
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1 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all, with  
3 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
4 for which I vote no.  
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6 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you.

15 Why have processes in place if this city will  
16 move to circumvent them? If we allow the Casino Text  
17 Amendment to pass, we put ourselves at risk to allow  
18 similar situations to take place when the City feels  
19 like they do not want to take due process. I cannot  
20 support anything that removes local zoning control  
21 from current city council members and our community  
22 boards. Our constituents need to have a larger and  
23 louder voice in this process, and since DCP is trying  
24 to take that away from my constituents, I am here to  
25 take a stand and will be voting no on Lu 57 and the

2 accompanying Resolution 392. I vote aye on all the  
3 rest.

4 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Permission to explain my  
6 vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Casinos are bad. Casinos  
9 are wrong. What's worse about this application is  
10 that a casino could be announced tomorrow in our  
11 district, and we have no say on it. We could cast a  
12 vote today that means nothing for tomorrow, and  
13 that's why I vote no on LU 57 and Resolution 392, and  
14 aye on the rest, thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all, with the  
17 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
18 and no on Resolution 379.

19 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote no on LU 57 and  
3 accompanying Resolution 392, and aye on all the rest.

4 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Permission to explain my  
8 vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you. When I was  
11 elected to office, I represent District 19 in Queens,  
12 uh, my district spoke very loudly about how they felt  
13 about the upcoming possible casino, uh, which will be  
14 in our part of Queens. I am here to represent the  
15 people of my district. You are all here to represent  
16 the people of your district. I agree with my fellow  
17 council members who agreed to vote no on LU 0057, and  
18 I too, vote no on LU 0057 with accompanying  
19 Resolution 392. We are here to represent the people,  
20 and I vote on behalf of District 19, thank you very  
21 much.

22 CLERK: Council Member Powers? (CROSS-TALK)

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye on all the rest.

24 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

25 Council Member Powers?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Permission to explain my  
5 vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you. I'd like to  
8 vote aye on all today. And I'd just like to comment  
9 briefly on LU 72 and the accompanying Reso 379, uh,  
10 pertaining to Cadman Towers in my district. This is  
11 not a solution writ large for the Mitchell-Lama  
12 Program, this is a tailored solution that meets the  
13 specific needs of Cadman Towers, and it will  
14 transition Cadman Towers from one type of affordable  
15 housing cooperative to another type of affordable  
16 housing cooperative. And it will ensure and guarantee  
17 that affordability for the next 99 years with the  
18 necessary capital funds that we need to improve... to  
19 ensure the conditions are what the residents of  
20 Cadman Towers deserve long term. Thank you to all my  
21 colleagues who have supported it.

22 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Permission to explain my  
3 vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I would like to vote aye  
6 on all and also align my comments with the comments  
7 of Council Member Hudson.

8 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

15 I vote aye on all with the exception of Land Use  
16 57 and accompanying Resolution 392. And just wanted  
17 to note on Land Use 72, Cadman Plaza, just wanted to  
18 note my support for this particular project moving  
19 forward, even as we as a Council and as a City have  
20 to do much more to figure out and find ways to  
21 preserve Mitchel-Lamas in their original form. So I  
22 wanted to just thank Cooperators United for Mitchel-  
23 Lama and Mitchel-Lama United for your advocacy. And  
24 with that, well I already voted... so thank you.

25 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all, except LU 72  
5 for which I abstain.

6 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all with the  
10 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392.

11 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Won?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

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

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you.

20 Couldn't have said it better than the gentleman  
21 from the First District; casinos are bad, but they're  
22 even worse in our residential neighborhoods. They're  
23 worse just blocks away from our schools, from our  
24 kids, from family lives, and no amount of revenue -  
25 no amount of revenue is worth destroying

2 neighborhoods in this city so that a lot of people  
3 can make some money, or a lot of people can make a  
4 lot of money, or a few people can make a lot of  
5 money. No matter how you look at it, that's what this  
6 is about. It's bad policy, it's our city and it's our  
7 job to protect it. And that's what my vote is  
8 intended to do. I vote aye on all with the exception  
9 of LU 57 and Resolution 392, and God help New York.

10 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I aye on all with the  
14 exception of LU 57 and accompanying Resolution 392,  
15 on which I vote no, thank you.

16 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

20 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All items on today's  
23 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in  
24 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
25 abstentions; with the exception of Land Use item 57

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2 and Resolution 392, which was adopted by a vote of 35  
3 in the affirmative, 15 in the negative, and zero  
4 abstentions; and LU 72 and Resolution 379 which was  
5 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, three in  
6 the negative, and one abstention.

7 Madam Speaker, we will now move into Introduction  
8 and Reading of Bills.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
10 committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you. We will now  
12 move into the Discussion of Resolutions.

13 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
14 Paladino, followed by Council Member Nurse.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you very much,  
16 everybody, and good afternoon.

17 I want to thank Chairman Holden and my colleagues  
18 that are here today, uh, this Resolution 279 is  
19 calling on the United States Congress to pass, and  
20 the President to sign, legislation declaring April 26  
21 annually as Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense  
22 Veterans Recognition Day to celebrate the bravery and  
23 sacrifice of those who served.

24 I'm so proud to work with you on the Resolution  
25 279 declaring April the 26 of the Korean War Veterans



2 and the Korean Defense Veterans Recognition Day to  
3 celebrate the bravery and the sacrifice for those who  
4 served.

5 For those who don't know, this was called a war,  
6 was indeed... it was not called a war, it was called  
7 a conflict much like the Vietnam War. The difference  
8 is, these five million Americans who went over there  
9 to fight, they fought for three years, they have yet  
10 to be recognized. It was only a three year war, yet  
11 five million people went. (TIMER CHIMES) It's  
12 sometimes referred to as the Forgotten War, but all  
13 of us know... but for all of us as Americans, we will  
14 remember (INAUDIBLE)... (CROSS-TALK)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, please  
16 wrap up, your time has expired...

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Okay.

18 Even after 70 years, these servicemen and women  
19 deserve recognition, thank you very much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

21 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
22 Nurse.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, and I want to  
24 acknowledge this is Council Member Dinowitz's plastic  
25 water bottle... (CROSS-TALK)

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Actually, definitely not  
3 mine...

4 (LAUGHTER)

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Good afternoon, (BACKGROUND  
6 NOISE) colleagues, today we are voting on a  
7 resolution in support of Packaging Reduction and  
8 Recycling Infrastructure Act, which would establish  
9 an extended producer responsibility system for  
10 packaging. New York City trash is overflowing with  
11 packaging, plastics, and paper waste that is adding  
12 stress to our aging waste infrastructure and creating  
13 barriers on our pathways to zero waste. Last year, we  
14 passed this resolution, it didn't quite make it over  
15 the finish line. (BACKGROUND NOISE) I do hope it  
16 passes in the State this year. Thank you again for  
17 supporting it. This bill is estimated to bring about  
18 \$150 million to our Department of Sanitation to help  
19 us meet our zero waste targets following the zero  
20 waste act that we passed last year, so I thank all of  
21 the colleagues who have supported it so far, and I  
22 encourage everyone to vote yes, thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

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2 We will now move into the Discussion of  
3 Resolutions.... Pardon, we will now have a voice vote  
4 on today's Resolutions.

5 If you wish to vote against or abstain from  
6 either today's resolutions, please notify the  
7 Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching  
8 the dais.

9 I will now read today's resolutions into the  
10 record.

11 Resolution 172, A resolution calling on the New  
12 York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to  
13 sign, A.5322-B/S.4246-B, also known as the Packaging  
14 Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, which  
15 would establish an extended producer responsibility  
16 system for packaging.

17 Would all those in favor please say aye?

18 ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

20 ALL: (SILENT)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

24 Resolution 279 calling on the United States Congress  
25 to pass, and the President to sign, legislation

2 declaring April 26 annually as Korean War Veterans  
3 and Korean Defense Veterans Recognition Day to  
4 celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of those who  
5 served.

6 Would all those in favor please say aye?

7 ALL IN FAVOR: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

13 We will now move into General Discussion.

14 I would like to first recognize Council Member  
15 Gennaro, followed by Louis.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam Majority  
17 Leader.

18 I have a couple of bills going in. The first one  
19 I want to talk about is 814, uh, this is a kind of an  
20 upgrade of the Comprehensive Storm Water Management  
21 Plan that I authored and passed in 2005. After 19  
22 years, it's due for an upgrade. This would... I can't  
23 go through everything it does, I would be here all  
24 day - One thing it does it, uhm, the City has to  
25 identify and report flood prone areas across the five

1  
2 boroughs and develop strategies to mitigate those  
3 hazards. It also requires DEP to incorporate a  
4 timeline for installing larger storm sewer mains in  
5 graywater reuse systems in in flood prone areas.  
6 Also, finally, it would create a timeline for the  
7 buildout of storm sewers in southeast Queens. There's  
8 not a piece of paper in New York City that can tell  
9 you when Southeast Queens storm sewers are going to  
10 be built out. Many of those communities have no storm  
11 sewers, this would deal with that.

12 The second bill is Intro 815, I am very proud to  
13 co-prime with Council Member Brannan and Council  
14 Member Nurse. This would add language to Local Law  
15 122, uh, of 2021 that was authored by Council Member  
16 Brannan, and it would require the Office of Long-Term  
17 Planning and Sustainability to create an Inland Flood  
18 Hazard Area Map that determines which areas outside  
19 the federal designated coastal flood areas are most  
20 vulnerable to extreme rainwater and stormwater  
21 flooding. This would basically take those areas that  
22 are on the coast and have all those protections, and  
23 it would move them to areas that flood. Another long  
24 bill but a good one.

2 I have also have a Reso, uh, proud to co-prime  
3 with Council Member Restler and Council Member Nurse  
4 call upon the Governor to ensure that (TIMER  
5 CHIMES)... Oh? That's it?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: That's it.

7 (LAUGHTER)

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: That's it?

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
10 Member.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I was just doing good.  
12 Okay, thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much.

14 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
15 Louis, followed by Council Member Hanif.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Majority  
17 Leader, for the opportunity to discuss six pieces of  
18 legislation that I'll introduce today in partnership  
19 with Council Member De La Rosa, Council Member Nurse,  
20 and Council Member Stevens.

21 As we observed Sexual Assault Awareness Month in  
22 April, it's crucial to recognize that sexual assault  
23 is never an isolated issue. It's deeply ingrained  
24 within the broader context of the culture of violence  
25 and rape culture, a prevalent global issue created by

1 systems of oppression, racism, sexism, and classism.  
2 In addition, let's not lose sight of the continued  
3 fight for pay parity for women, protecting youth, and  
4 all demographics from human trafficking and bridging  
5 safe spaces for survivors, advocates, and supporting  
6 communities to report and address sexual assault  
7 crimes. I want to encourage my colleagues to sign on  
8 to Introduction 830 and Introduction 827, Resolution  
9 373, Introductions 831, 828, and 829, which is in  
10 regards to Civil Service Exams, thank you Madam  
11 Majority Leader.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

13 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
14 Hanif, followed by Council Member Brooks-Powers.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Majority Leader.

16 Today I'm excited to be introducing Resolution  
17 368 alongside Council Member Ossé, Council Member  
18 Rivera, Council Member Menin, and Council Member  
19 Cabán in support of the Living Wage for Musicians Act  
20 in Congress. Most of us, myself included, use  
21 streaming platforms as our primary way of listening  
22 to music. The songs that we stream soundtrack our  
23 commutes, our workouts, and our quality time with  
24 friends. But, the popularity of music streaming  
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1 platforms has not benefited the artists that make the  
2 songs we listen to. Currently the average recording  
3 artist receives less than third of a penny when  
4 someone streams their song on Spotify. These low  
5 rates of pay make it incredibly difficult for  
6 musicians to make a living. We may have our  
7 interborough squabbles, but we all know that New  
8 York City makes the best music in the entire world.  
9 If we want to keep it that way, we have to make sure  
10 musicians can make enough money to live here. The  
11 Living Wage for Musicians Act, which representatives  
12 Tlaib and Bowman introduced in March with the support  
13 of United musicians and Allied Workers would do this  
14 by requiring streaming companies to pay into a  
15 nonprofit fund through which artists would be paid at  
16 least one penny per stream. This would be a  
17 gamechanger for New York City musicians and keep our  
18 city the music capital of the world. I encourage my  
19 colleagues to sign on as a sponsor, thank you.  
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21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, I would now  
22 like to recognize Council Member Brooks-Powers,  
23 followed by Council Member Riley.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'm proud to  
25 introduce Introduction 808 which would strengthen and



1 expand existing wage transparency requirements in New  
2 York City. Pay inequity harms vulnerable communities  
3 and hampers economic growth in our neighborhoods and  
4 it's just not fair. The bill would require employers  
5 to disclose information about non-wage compensation,  
6 like bonuses and benefits, as part of job postings  
7 and would specify how employees determine the range  
8 of pay they would offer for a position. This  
9 legislation builds on the Council's years long  
10 efforts to curb longstanding wage disparities based  
11 on wage and gender. I look forward to carrying  
12 forward the work of closing the pay gap, and I urge  
13 my colleagues to sign on.

14  
15 Next, today is a bittersweet day for the 31st  
16 Council District, as it is the last Stated Meeting  
17 for my Director of Budget and Legislation, Jack  
18 Seigenthaler. Over the span of time that Jack has  
19 been a part of my team, I know he has felt like part  
20 of many of your teams as well, that is because Jack  
21 is one of the most kind, sweet, and collegial people  
22 the Council has been fortunate to have seen. Jack,  
23 during your time with our office, our staff, our  
24 constituents they have truly valued and appreciated  
25 your compassion, your time, and most of all your

1  
2 willingness to fight for the resources of the 31st  
3 Council District - what we need and deserve. You came  
4 to the work with the heart of a true servant. You've  
5 helped to make our legislation better whether helping  
6 to usher through legislation to ensure greater equity  
7 for pool infrastructure, or helping to shape the  
8 Office of the Homeowner Advocate, or standing up the  
9 Far Rockaway Trauma and Health Care Task Force. Jack,  
10 you have left a mark that will be lasting for the  
11 entire city of New York. You have taken time to get  
12 to know members of our district and the issues that  
13 persist, (TIMER CHIMES) and through your lens, your  
14 work has helped to change how we look at funding  
15 groups looking for ways to be most impactful.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member...

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'm wrapping up  
18 now, thank you, he deserves his flowers... as you  
19 embark on your next chapter as a law student at  
20 Harvard at *Harvard*, we know you will be successful.  
21 Harvard is very fortunate to have you in their midst.  
22 Jack, your future is bright, and please know that I,  
23 along with our entire team, will be on the sidelines  
24 cheering you along the whole way through. So, this is  
25 not good-bye, it's see you later. I look forward to

1 celebrating you, Jack Seigenthaler, Esquire in the  
2 near future.

3 (CHEERS AND APPLAUSE)

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I only allowed more time  
5 for Jack.

6 (LAUGHTER)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would now like to call  
8 on Council Member Riley, followed by Council Member  
9 Yeger, then Council Member Joseph.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.  
11 The complexities of running a small business in New  
12 York City comes with unique barriers and challenges,  
13 including limited access to capital resources and  
14 network. I am proud to be introducing Introduction  
15 844 today, which would create a Micro Grant Program  
16 to support NYCHA-based small business owners. The New  
17 York City Economic Development Corporation will offer  
18 micro grants for up to \$10,000, where appropriate, to  
19 establish, expand, or grow businesses as part of its  
20 Public Housing Entrepreneurship Program. This measure  
21 ensures we are taking a proactive step toward  
22 creating a more inclusive economy where every  
23 entrepreneur has a chance to succeed regardless of  
24 where they come from. Throughout this legislation,  
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1 the micro grants will address systematic barriers and  
2 promote economic equity by leveling the playing  
3 field, creating opportunities for sustainable growth  
4 and prosperity, particularly aiding our communities  
5 of color.  
6

7 Lastly, I want to give a shoutout to NYC Youth  
8 Journalism Coalition and our student journalists here  
9 today for their Day of Action - advocating for  
10 journalism for all and the expansion for journalism  
11 programs in our New York City Public Schools that  
12 have been historically underserved. We say all the  
13 time that representation matters, but representation  
14 starts with accessibility. As co-chair of the BLAC, I  
15 stand with my colleagues and the NYC YJC in echoing  
16 the importance and power of our youth's voices and  
17 their leaderships, and amplifying the impactful  
18 movement that positively affects our society today.  
19 As a city we must ensure all students have an equal  
20 opportunity to improve and bring fresh perspectives  
21 to our media landscape, thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

23 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
24 Yeger, followed by Council Member Joseph, then  
25 Council Member Hudson.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Pass, Madam President,  
2  
3 thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
5 Member.

6 I would like to recognize Council Member Joseph,  
7 followed by Council Member Hudson, and Council Member  
8 Gutiérrez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Madam Speaker,  
10 Majority Leader, and colleagues, and, of course,  
11 shoutout to the Youth Journalism Coalition today.

12 Today I'm thrilled to introduce Resolution Number  
13 372 urging New York City Public Schools to support  
14 the creation of student newspapers in every high  
15 school, ensuring that each high school has a student  
16 newspaper for essential... for fairness and equity,  
17 especially for students from low-income families.  
18 It's an investment in fostering critical thinking  
19 among students and reinforcing democratic principles.

20 A student newspaper offers a platform for  
21 students to express their ideas and develop critical  
22 thinking skills as noted in the resolution.

23 Participating in a student newspaper not only  
24 enhances students' knowledge and abilities, but also

1 fosters democratic values, government accountability,  
2 and a well-informed society.  
3

4 Colleagues, I trust in this commitment for New  
5 York City students to fairness and equity for all  
6 students, regardless of economic background, race,  
7 and zip code. I urge you to support this resolution  
8 calling on New York City Public Schools to provide  
9 resources and assistance to establish a student  
10 newspaper in every non-charter public school in New  
11 York City.

12 I extend my gratitude to the team for their  
13 support in introducing this resolution. And to the  
14 youth today, who stand and want to be our voice, who  
15 want to tell their stories by using the power of the  
16 pen, I salute you. Thank you

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I recognize Council  
18 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez,  
19 and Council Member Brewer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, Majority  
21 Leader.

22 I'd like to first thank this council for passing  
23 my bill, Intro 689 to codify the Cabinet for Older  
24 New Yorkers and strengthen the requirements of this  
25 body, which coordinates disparate agencies to meet

1  
2 the unique needs of older New Yorkers. As our city  
3 and our nation rapidly age, this council is fighting  
4 for older adults by establishing laws that directly  
5 benefit and impact older adults now and in the  
6 future.

7 I'd like to also quickly draw your attention to  
8 two bills I'm introducing today with Council Member  
9 Nurse and Public Advocate Williams, Intro 825 and  
10 Reso 371. Right now individuals leaving city jails  
11 have little choice in how to access their commissary  
12 funds, as the Department of Correction provides a  
13 check with the balance of funds. For many unbanked  
14 New Yorkers, they will need to pay a fee to cash this  
15 check, and it can take hours or days to do so, which  
16 can be challenging for individuals coming out of  
17 jails with limited resources. This will require the  
18 Department to inform any individuals who are leaving  
19 incarceration, verbally and in writing, in a language  
20 they can understand, how much money remains in their  
21 commissary account, and to return all unused funds in  
22 a method of preference, including cash or certified  
23 check, prior to the individual leaving Department  
24 custody.

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2 I'd like to thank Legal Aid, Freedom Agenda, and  
3 Fortune Society for helping craft this bill. The  
4 accompanying Resolution 371 supports a State bill  
5 that would provide up to \$2,550 over 6 months for  
6 individuals released from State Correctional  
7 Facilities to provide greater support to folks upon  
8 release for things like food, clothes, housing, and  
9 transit. These bills will ensure New Yorkers can  
10 leave jails with resources they need to succeed and  
11 not end up involved again with our justice system. I  
12 urge you all to co-sponsor them, thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize  
14 Council Member Gutiérrez, followed by Council Member  
15 Brewer, and Council Member Bottcher.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you, Majority  
17 Leader.

18 New Yorkers know that sometimes the worst can  
19 happen, and so they ensure their homes, cars, and  
20 health. But, for renters, their belongings are not  
21 protected unless they choose to purchase renters  
22 insurance, which most New Yorkers do not. In the  
23 event of a fire, a flood, or other emergency the  
24 damage can be catastrophic for households, and there  
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1  
2 are no safety nets to help New Yorkers rebuild their  
3 lives.

4 Today, along with Council Members Sanchez and  
5 Won, I'm introducing a bill that would require the  
6 City to study the feasibility of creating a low cost  
7 renters insurance product. Similar to the City's  
8 existing partnership with MetroPlus Health for health  
9 insurance for low-income New Yorkers, a City-run  
10 renters insurance product would create affordable  
11 protections for the most vulnerable New Yorkers, save  
12 the City significant dollars in emergency shelter  
13 costs, and generate revenue. It's a win-win for New  
14 Yorkers and the City's bottom line. I encourage my  
15 colleagues to sign on to Intro 817, thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to call on  
17 Council Member Brewer, followed by Council Member  
18 Bottcher, and then Council Member Avilés.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I just want to  
20 mention that this year, the Inner Circle, apparently  
21 their charity are high school journalism programs.  
22 So, for anybody who's listening, that might be a  
23 place to get funding.

24 I want to mention Intro 806 has to do with the  
25 visibility of the ride timer in pedicabs. Believe it

1 or not, uh, it's hard to see, and the tourists are  
2 overcharged. Pedicab rates are per minute, not per  
3 passenger, or per block. There was a Local Law 59 in  
4 2012 that mandated that the operators of pedicabs  
5 display a timer for passengers to see. But, when  
6 Oversight and Investigations Division investigators  
7 went, you couldn't find it. So this bill requires a  
8 timer to be affixed to the rear of the bicycle seat  
9 in clear view of all passengers. Lots more work to be  
10 done on pedicabs.

12 Resolution 63 calls on the State to establish a  
13 tax incentive program to encourage developers to  
14 plant new trees in development sites. I think we all  
15 know the importance of trees. Developers are required  
16 to protect existing trees and to replace trees that  
17 are damaged. But, they're not required to add new  
18 trees to sites where there is development, where they  
19 did not exist before. And we want as many trees as  
20 possible.

21 Resolution 364 calls on the State to pass, and  
22 the Governor to sign legislation to prohibit the  
23 imposition of limits on the length of stay at  
24 homeless shelters and emergency congregate housing. I  
25 think we've all been fighting the 30-day and the 60-

2 day, at least some of us, and I think it is  
3 destructive, for particularly the children, in  
4 public schools, thank you very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I would like to recognize  
6 Council Member Bottcher, followed by Council Member  
7 Avilés, and then Council Member Krishnan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: It's no secret that we  
9 are in the midst of a major mental health crisis in  
10 New York State. Addressing this crisis can feel  
11 overwhelming at times as it involves reversing  
12 decades of disinvestment and failed policy, and  
13 because mental illness is intertwined with so many  
14 other issues. We need more immediate steps that will  
15 help now, and my team and I have identified an effort  
16 under way in New York right now that, uh, I believe  
17 should be supported. It will help address the major  
18 shortage of social workers in New York State. To  
19 become a licensed master social worker, individuals  
20 must graduate from an accredited Social Work Program,  
21 they have to have at least three years full-time  
22 supervised postgraduate clinical social work  
23 experience, complete training, and identification and  
24 reporting of child abuse, and pass a standardized  
25 test administered by the Association of Social Work

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2 Boards. The standardized test has proven to be a  
3 major barrier to becoming a social worker, and  
4 there's been troubling racial disparities in who  
5 passes this test- with only 44 percent of Black  
6 Social Work graduates and 62 percent of Hispanic  
7 Latino graduates passing in 2021 - compared to 85  
8 percent of white graduates. Because of these  
9 disparities, states like Illinois, Rhode Island,  
10 Connecticut, and Utah have passed legislation  
11 eliminating this standardized test. And States like  
12 California and Florida never had the test in the  
13 first place - not that we should try to be like  
14 Florida in any way. (LAUGHTER)

15 I am introducing a resolution today in support of  
16 State legislation by Assembly Member Jessica  
17 González-Rojas and Senator (TIMER CHIMES) Samra Brouk  
18 that would eliminate this licensing requirement.  
19 After Illinois did this... (CROSS-TALK)

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member, your  
21 time... (CROSS-TALK)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: they saw 3,000 social  
23 workers in the first six months after passage. I'll  
24 be sending an opportunity around to sign up to co-  
25 sponsor, thank you so much.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much,  
3 Council Member.

4 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
5 Avilés, followed by Council Member Krishnan, and then  
6 then Council Member Narcisse .

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, Majority  
8 Leader.

9 Today I'm introducing Reso 361, this resolution  
10 comes directly from the work I've done in conjunction  
11 with community members and the Association On  
12 Neighborhood Development to establish a set of Land  
13 Use principles. I'm so proud of the work that has  
14 helped to guide us in our Land Use decision making  
15 process, and I hope to build on it in the years to  
16 come.

17 Among one of the demands I heard loud and clear  
18 from my community, is that we do not want corporate  
19 landlords buying up small homes. This is a trend  
20 we've seen on the rise in the City - and nationally -  
21 with private equity firms having spent hundreds of  
22 millions of dollars over the last few years, buying  
23 up smaller apartment buildings all over Brooklyn and  
24 Queens. One firm, the Carlile Group, brought more  
25 than 150 apartment buildings in Brooklyn since 2020.

2 Hand in hand with corporate ownership was what we see  
3 is a decline in needed repairs and ever increasing  
4 rents, driving up the cost of housing stock in this  
5 city, intense displacement. We must stop allowing  
6 profit over people to occur in this city, especially  
7 with regards to our housing stock. In our effort to  
8 make this city affordable for New Yorkers, no stone  
9 should be unturned. I encourage you all to sign on to  
10 this resolution which supports federal legislation  
11 that would prevent hedge fund control of housing in  
12 our city, allowing greater opportunity for the  
13 families of our city. Please sign on to 361, thank  
14 you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Krishnan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Bad landlords have long  
17 used LLC's and other murky legal structures to hide  
18 their entity identities and avoid responsibility for  
19 their buildings. That is why I am proud, with Council  
20 Member Linda Lee, to introduce the Landlord  
21 Transparency Act, Intro 826, which will expand  
22 publicly available information of the owners of any  
23 residential property including LLC's in New York  
24 City. We are in the midst of a housing crisis, and

2 New Yorkers deserve transparency and accountability  
3 from the people who own their buildings, thank you

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member Narcisse?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I was so proud to stand  
6 in the rain with all my journalists... future  
7 journalist in New York City. I stand with you to end  
8 the disparity in access to journalism programs,  
9 particularly in the schools with high poverty rates  
10 across our city. The reality that only 6 percent of  
11 the schools in New York City's highest poverty areas  
12 have publications is disheartening. This inequity not  
13 only deprives student of valuable educational  
14 opportunities, but also perpetrates disparities in  
15 representation and storytelling in our media  
16 landscape. Journalism education doesn't just train  
17 students for a career in the media, it fosters  
18 curiosity, critical thinking, and the ability to  
19 articulate one's voice, especially in some areas - we  
20 know how our voices can be dismissed. It empowers  
21 students to become informed citizens, advocates for  
22 change, and improved communication skills. That's why  
23 I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the youth  
24 that you see in the balcony today. We are outside in  
25 the rain, this is to put for education citywide. We

2 must ensure that every student, regardless of their  
3 background or zip code, has the opportunity to  
4 develop these essential skills. I am delighted to  
5 stand here with you all to continue fighting a good  
6 fight - journalism. We need equity in journalism, not  
7 yesterday, today more than ever where we know that  
8 people can tell you stories, they tell you lies in  
9 all platforms, but with you, I am counting, because I  
10 know we have a brighter future, not only for New York  
11 City, but for the world in general. Keep people  
12 accountable, thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council Member  
14 Narcisse.

15 I will now call on Speaker Adrienne E. Adams to  
16 close today's Stated Meeting.

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

18 Students of the Youth Journalism Coalition,  
19 please do join me down here for a photo on the floor  
20 of the Council Chambers. (APPLAUSE)

21 The Stated Meeting of April 18, 2024 is hereby  
22 adjourned. (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING OUT)

23 (CHEERING AND APPLAUSE)

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



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