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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:

Pastor Paul B. Mitchell,  
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1848 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Stated Meeting recorded on June 30,  
4 2024, by Nazly Paytuvi in the Chambers.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,  
6 at this time, please silence all electronic devices.  
7 Please silence all electronic devices.

8 All guests, please make your way to the  
9 balcony. All guests, please make your way to the  
10 balcony.

11 NYC Media, are you guys ready? Thank you.  
12 Are we ready with the recordings? Thank you.

13 We're good to go.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon,  
15 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of June 30, 2024. I  
16 am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I'd like to  
17 thank you for joining us.

18 If you'd like to follow along, the agenda  
19 for today's meeting is posted on our website.

20 On behalf of the Body, I welcome the  
21 members of the public who have joined us here today.  
22 During Stated Meetings, only Members of the Council  
23 may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent.  
24 If you wish to express your support of any remarks,  
25 you may make the silence approval gesture.

2 I want to remind my Colleagues that  
3 decorum is to be respected at all times. Insulting  
4 each other is not appropriate. All remarks are to be  
5 addressed to the Chair, and Members shall not speak  
6 unless recognized by the Chair. It is essential that  
7 even if we disagree, we treat each other with  
8 respect.

9 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the  
10 Pledge of Allegiance.

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

12 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call.

14 CITY CLERK: Abreu.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present.

16 CITY CLERK: Ariola.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Avilés.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presente.

20 CITY CLERK: Ayala.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here.

22 CITY CLERK: Banks.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Bottcher.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Present.

2 CITY CLERK: Brannan.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Brewer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

6 CITY CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

8 CITY CLERK: Cabán.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present.

10 CITY CLERK: Carr.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

12 CITY CLERK: De La Rosa.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

14 CITY CLERK: Dinowitz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: Feliz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

18 CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

20 CITY CLERK: Gutiérrez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presente.

22 CITY CLERK: Hanif.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Hanks.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

2 CITY CLERK: Holden.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Hudson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

6 CITY CLERK: Joseph.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present.

8 CITY CLERK: Krishnan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

10 CITY CLERK: Lee.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Louis.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Marmorato.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present.

16 CITY CLERK: Marte.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Mealy.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

20 CITY CLERK: Menin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here.

22 CITY CLERK: Moya.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CITY CLERK: Narcisse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

2 CITY CLERK: Nurse.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present.

4 CITY CLERK: Ossé.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present.

6 CITY CLERK: Paladino.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present.

8 CITY CLERK: Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

10 CITY CLERK: Restler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here.

12 CITY CLERK: Riley.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Rivera.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

16 CITY CLERK: Salaam.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

18 CITY CLERK: Salamanca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

20 CITY CLERK: Sanchez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present.

22 CITY CLERK: Schulman.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Stevens.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here.



2 CITY CLERK: Ung.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

4 CITY CLERK: Vernikov.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

6 CITY CLERK: Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm here.

8 CITY CLERK: Won.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CITY CLERK: Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

12 CITY CLERK : Won.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present.

14 CITY CLERK: Thank you. Zhuang.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here.

16 CITY CLERK: Borelli.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CITY CLERK: Farías.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Present.

20 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: I'm present.

22 CITY CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, we

23 have a quorum.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We  
3 will now have today's invocation which will be  
4 delivered by Pastor Paul B. Mitchell of Changing  
5 Lives Christian Center, which is located at 1848  
6 Linden Boulevard in Brooklyn.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

8 PASTOR PAUL B. MITCHELL: Speaker Adams,  
9 Majority Leader Fariás, and the Body of the Council,  
10 thank you for this opportunity. Please bow your  
11 heads.

12 Almighty God, our Father, we praise and  
13 thank you for this great day. Lord, you've said that  
14 in all of our ways, we should first acknowledge you,  
15 and if so did, you would direct our path so, Lord, I  
16 pray that you would direct and grant your public  
17 servants the ability to unite with their Colleagues  
18 and partners in the spirit of cooperation and mutual  
19 respect. Guide them each with your wisdom each and  
20 every single day of their public lives. I pray they  
21 will work together across party lines and in  
22 cooperation with unity to maximize the productivity  
23 of our great city and for the benefit of all the  
24 residents who live and work in it and, Father, bless  
25 them with empathy and understanding that they may

2 govern with empathy and consider the needs of all  
3 people, especially the marginalized and vulnerable.  
4 Help them to bridge divides and foster unity among  
5 diverse communities, working towards a common good  
6 for all of our citizens. Surround them now, Lord,  
7 with wise counselors who will offer sound advice and  
8 support their efforts to govern justly and, Lord, I  
9 pray now for their protection. Protect them, protect  
10 their families from all dangers and harm. As they  
11 navigate the complexities of governance, may they  
12 navigate with integrity, make decisions with  
13 compassion, and govern with humility.

14 I pray this in Jesus's name. Amen.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I  
16 would now like to ask Council Member Chris Banks to  
17 spread the invocation on the record.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Majority  
19 Leader Fariás. I would like to thank Pastor Paul B.  
20 Mitchell, my pastor, for being here today, and I make  
21 a motion for the unanimous consent to spread the  
22 invocation in full upon the record.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Adoption of  
24 minutes?

25 CLERK: None.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and  
3 papers from the Mayor?

4 CLERK: M54, City Debt and Reserves.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, ordered,  
6 printed, and filed.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication  
8 from City, County, and Borough Offices?

9 CLERK: Pre-Considered M55 and Pre-  
10 Considered M56, Budget Modifications.

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12 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Positions and  
14 Communications?

15 CLERK: None.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Land use call-  
17 ups?

18 CLERK: None.

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We  
20 will now have communication from Speaker Adrienne  
21 Adams.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you very much, Madam  
23 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

24 Today we are voting on several items  
25 related to adoption of the City Budget for Fiscal

2 Year 2025 as well as the Home Preservation and Debt  
3 Resolution Reform Act.

4 Introduction 962, sponsored by Council  
5 Member Justin Brannan, advances the resolution and  
6 enforcement of property tax collection and  
7 preservation of housing for certain properties  
8 throughout comprehensive reform of the City's process  
9 to collect unpaid property taxes and payments. It  
10 shifts the focus from debt collection to debt  
11 resolution with multiple off-ramps and strong  
12 protections for at-risk homeowners to maintain their  
13 assets and housing stability and safeguards for  
14 tenants in affected large buildings. It also  
15 establishes a process to advance alternatives to the  
16 City's use of securitized trust with a clear mandate  
17 and timeline.

18 Now let's move on to the Fiscal Year 2025  
19 City Budget. First, I'd like to take a moment to  
20 acknowledge and thank a few people from the Council  
21 for their work throughout this process. I want to  
22 thank our Finance Chair, Council Member Justin  
23 Brannan, whose strong leadership was pivotal to the  
24 progress that this Council achieved in its fight for  
25 investments and restorations. I also want to express

2 appreciation to our leadership team of Deputy Speaker  
3 Diana Ayala, Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, Majority  
4 Whip Sylvina Brooks-Powers, and Council Members Keith  
5 Powers, Carlina Rivera, Rafael Salamanca, and Sandra  
6 Ung. I also want to thank the Members of the  
7 Council's Budget Negotiating Team, which includes our  
8 leadership team as well as Council Members Gale  
9 Brewer, Eric Dinowitz, Kevin Riley, Althea Stevens,  
10 Linda Lee, Nantasha Williams, Lynn Schulman, Julie  
11 Won, Shekar Krishnan, Crystal Hudson, Rita Joseph,  
12 Mercedes Narcisse, and Joe Borelli. We also could not  
13 have reached this moment without the work of the  
14 entire Finance Division staff, led by my Deputy  
15 Chief-of-Staff for Finance and Chief Financial  
16 Officer, Tanisha Edwards, and the Director of the  
17 Finance Division, Richard Lee, and including Jonathan  
18 Rosenberg, Alan Lebowitz, Michael Twomey, Chima  
19 Obichere, Aisha Wright, Elizabeth Hoffman, Aliya Ali,  
20 Julia Haramis, Florentine Kabore, Jack Storey, Daniel  
21 Kroop, Monica Saladi, Adrian Drepaul, Danielle  
22 Glants, Ross Goldstein, Sandra Gray, Saiyemul Hamid,  
23 Nia Hyatt, Owen Kotowski, Casey Lajszky, Andrew Lane-  
24 Lawless, Glenn Martelloni, Phariha Rahman, Michael  
25 Sherman, Tanveer Singh, Shayna Ortiz, Emre Edev,

2 Dilara Dimnaku, William Kyeremateng, Paul Sturm,  
3 Andrew Wilber, Hector German, Vincent Giordano, Paul  
4 Scimone, James Reyes, Savanna Chou, Carolina Gil,  
5 Emmanuel Afuape, Miguel Perez-Perez, Vanessa Diaz-  
6 Lopez, Nicole Anderson, and Maria Pagan. This budget  
7 and the investments we secured for New Yorkers are  
8 only possible because of your hard work and  
9 dedication, Finance Team, as true public servants. I  
10 also want to thank the Office of General Counsel  
11 Staff for their work on the Counsel side of the  
12 budget, Francesca Dellavecchia, Alycia Vassell, and  
13 the entire Public Integrity Unit, Pearl Moore, and  
14 the attorneys of the Office of the General Counsel,  
15 and Jonathan Etricks of the Legislative Documents  
16 Unit. Last but not least, I want to thank Members of  
17 my Senior Staff, Jeremy John, Faiza Ali, Mandela  
18 Jones, Danielle Castaldi-Mika, Megan Lynch, Jay Koh,  
19 Danielle Porcaro, and every Division and Staff Member  
20 of the City Council, including all Council Members'  
21 Staff, we thank you all.

22 In my State of the City, I said let's get  
23 back to basics. New Yorkers need an effective  
24 government so that all of us and future generations  
25 can build their legacies in our great city. That

2 continued to be our North Star for this budget, to  
3 build a strong and stable foundation for our City and  
4 all New Yorkers. Our Council Finance Division and its  
5 economists correctly guided us with accurate data  
6 regarding what to expect in terms of our economic  
7 outlook and forecasting revenues. We were clear about  
8 the challenges and that we have the resources to  
9 invest in New Yorkers and protect what they rely on.  
10 The families and people of this city need affordable  
11 housing and early childhood education to remain here.  
12 Our students need support to continue recovering from  
13 historic learning loss from the pandemic, and we must  
14 prioritize resources for mental healthcare, community  
15 safety, cultural institutions, libraries, parks,  
16 senior services, and so many other vital programs.  
17 Skyrocketing housing costs and the lack of affordable  
18 housing also guided our work to secure investments  
19 for more affordable housing development and home  
20 ownership opportunities with the leadership of Chairs  
21 Riley, Salamanca, Sanchez, and Banks, along with many  
22 other Members. We are immensely proud of the work  
23 accomplished by this Council to restore funding for  
24 these priorities, and at the same time we know there  
25 is so much more that our cities and communities need.



2 It is imperative for our city's future that the  
3 budget process moves away from restoring and towards  
4 strengthening and building.

5           Early childhood education has been a  
6 priority for this Council. We know how critical it is  
7 to children's development and to New Yorkers'  
8 abilities to raise their families here. Two hundred  
9 and ninety-three million dollars added for early  
10 childhood education between the Executive Budget and  
11 now, including a comprehensive plan that the Council  
12 prioritized to fund more seats to ensure all families  
13 waiting for a seat can get one. In this budget, we  
14 took on a unique role as a legislature to more  
15 actively get involved in fixing the administration of  
16 our early childhood education system because its  
17 continuing operational problems are undermining its  
18 ability to reliably serve our children and families.  
19 We recognize this was both a fight for funding and  
20 one to save and strengthen these critical programs  
21 from challenges that cannot be allowed to persist.  
22 Right now, we have fewer applications than budgeted  
23 seats. We also have vacant seats despite many  
24 families being unable to obtain one. This is a  
25 problem that we must address because this system is

2 too important to fail our families. Our comprehensive  
3 approach includes funding for more seats to meet the  
4 immediate needs of the families who didn't get a seat  
5 after applying for the coming year. It also adds  
6 preschool special education seats to ensure that  
7 hundreds of children with disabilities who remained  
8 on waiting lists can finally access their legally  
9 required seats. We also put forward strong reforms,  
10 including funding for a revived outreach effort to  
11 ensure families know about their options, converting  
12 even more seats to full day, full year, to meet the  
13 needs of working families and establishing a working  
14 group with the Council, Mayor's Office, DOE, and OMB  
15 that will meet every other week to confront the  
16 system's challenges on a granular level. For us, this  
17 agreement is the foundation for stabilizing and  
18 strengthening the system so we can achieve a real  
19 universal system of 3K based on utilization. We have  
20 the capacity to secure a seat for every child. We  
21 must get this right to help families remain in this  
22 city and help them succeed.

23           We know our students are still struggling  
24 to recover from historic levels of learning loss and  
25 disruptions caused by the pandemic. We worked

2 together to add and restore over 711 million dollars  
3 in funding for education in the Executive Budget and  
4 now including for school-based social workers, school  
5 psychologists and family workers, community schools,  
6 the Learning to Work program, literacy instruction  
7 and dyslexia programming, shelter-based community  
8 coordinators, and restorative justice among other  
9 critical programs. Students will receive these  
10 services without interruption, which has always been  
11 a goal for this Council. I want to thank all the  
12 Members who helped us get here, especially those who  
13 rolled up their sleeves to get into the details with  
14 us, Education Chair Joseph and Children and Youth  
15 Chair Stevens. Their leadership was pivotal to  
16 safeguarding our children's futures and uplifting  
17 working families across our city. I also want to  
18 thank Council Member Jen Gutiérrez for her leadership  
19 in these efforts. We also restored investments to  
20 CUNY, our systems engine of opportunity so New  
21 Yorkers have continued access to educational and  
22 economic opportunities. Thank you to Higher Education  
23 Chair Dinowitz for your commitment to CUNY.

24 We're at a pivotal moment where smart  
25 investments in housing today can bring about a more

2 affordable future. The record high levels of  
3 homelessness and evictions compounded by the high  
4 cost of housing underscores the urgency of building  
5 and sustaining homes for the people of our city. In  
6 this budget, we secured 2 billion dollars in  
7 additional funding in the Capital Plan over the next  
8 two years for affordable housing production, home  
9 ownership opportunities, and public housing thanks to  
10 Chairs Riley, Salamanca, Sanchez, and Banks along  
11 with many other Members.

12 We're also proud to have secured  
13 baselined funding for CityFHEPS of over 500 million  
14 dollars for the very first time. These are the types  
15 of investments that New Yorkers need to live in our  
16 city and raise their families here.

17 We fought hard to secure restorations and  
18 baseline funding of 53 million dollars for our  
19 cultural institutions and 58.3 million dollars for  
20 libraries thanks to the leadership of Chair Rivera  
21 and the Members of this Council who stood beside her  
22 and behind her in fighting for this funding.

23 I'm also proud that we were able to  
24 restore and add over 23 million dollars in funding  
25 for our parks thanks to Parks and Recreation Chair

2 Krishnan and Members who understood the value of  
3 protecting these precious resources.

4           We cannot forget about our elders who are  
5 the jewels of our communities. Our older adults need  
6 access to senior centers, home-delivered meals, and  
7 other vital programs to live and age with dignity,  
8 and we're proud to have restored and added nearly 17  
9 million dollars for programs that allow our older  
10 adults to lead healthy and connected lives. Thank you  
11 to our Aging Chair, Chair Crystal Hudson, for leading  
12 us to honor our older adults by securing more of what  
13 they deserve.

14           Transit is the lifeblood of our city, and  
15 expanding access to it remains a priority for this  
16 council. We secured an additional 10.7 million  
17 dollars in baselined funds for Fair Fares. Through  
18 our hard work, more low-income New Yorkers will now  
19 have affordable access to public transit by expanding  
20 Fair Fares eligibility. I thank Transportation and  
21 Infrastructure Chair Brooks-Powers for her efforts to  
22 continue expanding and strengthening this crucial  
23 program.

24           We also secured important investments for  
25 justice-involved supportive housing, alternatives to

2 incarceration, trauma recovery centers, and funding  
3 to save smaller mental health clubhouses that face  
4 the risk of closure. The Council has consistently  
5 championed community-based safety programs that make  
6 neighborhoods safer and mental health resources to  
7 prevent people from slipping into crisis, and we will  
8 continue to invest in these proven solutions. I thank  
9 Mental Health Disabilities and Addictions Chair Lee  
10 and Criminal Justice Chair Nurse for your leadership  
11 to advance a holistic vision of health and safety  
12 that is rooted in evidence-based solutions.

13           The health of New Yorkers has always been  
14 our priority, and we were proud to fully restore  
15 funding to HIV/AIDS services and commit tens of  
16 millions more in the Capital Plan for a new trauma  
17 center in the Rockaways.

18           To help make sure no one goes hungry, we  
19 were proud to restore funding for community food  
20 connection and food insecurity services throughout  
21 our entire city. I thank Deputy Speaker Ayala, Health  
22 Chair Schulman, and Hospitals Chair Narcisse for  
23 prioritizing the health of New Yorkers and, of  
24 course, our Majority Whip who pushed for the trauma  
25 center on the Rockaway Peninsula.

2 I'm also proud of the investments we  
3 secured to support our City's oversight bodies and  
4 those that protect the civil rights and safety of New  
5 Yorkers, including the CCRB, CCHR, DOI, and EEPIC. We  
6 could not have done this without the leadership of  
7 Oversight and Investigations Chair Brewer and Civil  
8 and Human Rights Chair Williams.

9 There are so many parts of this budget  
10 that the Council fought hard to restore. Whether it  
11 was Council Member Shaun Abreu fighting for community  
12 composting and litter basket services or Council  
13 Members Ung and Won fighting for language access and  
14 interpreter programs to build a more inclusive city.

15 Transparency in our budget is critical as  
16 well, which is why every year the Council has  
17 prioritized adding new units of appropriation to the  
18 structure of the budget that reflect actual agency  
19 programs and functions. This year, through our  
20 negotiations, we secured the creation of 11 new units  
21 of appropriation, including a breakdown on spending  
22 for training within the Department of Correction, the  
23 Department of Instructional and Information  
24 Technology within the Department of Education, and  
25 the Chief of Department and Detective Bureau within

2 the NYPD. We will also align four existing units of  
3 appropriation.

4 Finally, our budget includes a record 65  
5 terms and conditions, which will disclose spending on  
6 issues critical to the Council, including on early  
7 childhood education, carter cases, the NYPD's  
8 deployment of its Strategic Response Group,  
9 unlicensed cannabis summonses and fines, and DYCD's  
10 Crisis Management Systems programs.

11 Throughout this process, we've been in  
12 conversation with our constituents and advocates in  
13 our communities to deliver a budget that truly  
14 reflects the needs of New Yorkers. Every single win  
15 was hard fought on behalf of our neighbors and all  
16 New Yorkers. As I will continue to say, as we move  
17 forward, we must shift from a focus on restoring to  
18 one of strengthening programs and services that we  
19 know New Yorkers need and deserve.

20 Thank you very much, Colleagues. I now  
21 turn it over to our Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you,  
23 Speaker Adams.

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2 We will now move into Discussion of  
3 General Orders, and I'd like to recognize Council  
4 Member Nurse followed by Louis.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Majority  
6 Leader. Since 1996, New York City has privatized the  
7 collection of property tax and other debt by relying  
8 on a complex web of trust, servicers, and Wall Street  
9 companies through a system called the tax lien sale.  
10 It has been the primary enforcement tool to collect  
11 property tax arrears, but it has also been a tool of  
12 displacement. Advocates for years have demanded the  
13 City abandon or transform the lien sale into a fairer  
14 system that centers compliance and preservation.  
15 Today's bill, Intro. 962, is the latest result, but  
16 not the end of this work and, to be clear, this bill  
17 is not perfect. It does not abolish the tax lien  
18 sale, it does not provide enough protections for  
19 tenants, and it does not categorically exempt certain  
20 properties from the lien sale, but this bill is miles  
21 away from where we were. What this bill does is  
22 provide many off-ramps to small homeowners, primarily  
23 black, brown, senior, and low-income homeowners, so  
24 they can stay in their homes and in compliance. It  
25 creates what many advocates have asked for, including

2 a new opt-in preservation track, allowing non-profits  
3 to keep at-risk housing permanently affordable and  
4 insulated from the private market, an easy exit  
5 system for struggling homeowners, a minimum payment  
6 system, a new circuit breaker deferral program for  
7 low-income homeowners, and more transparency around  
8 the shadowy trust model that manages and executes the  
9 lien sale. This bill is not the end of this issue,  
10 and we have a lot more work to do. I want to thank  
11 the Abolish the Tax Lien Sale Coalition, the  
12 Coalition for Affordable Homes, Speaker Adams,  
13 Finance Chair Brannan, and the Finance Team,  
14 especially Emre and Richard, my Colleagues who have  
15 been regularly meeting with us over the last two  
16 years, and especially Ryan Hickey from my team. Thank  
17 you, Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I'd  
19 now like to recognize Council Member Louis.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
21 Majority Leader.

22 After months of negotiations, I am proud  
23 of the restoration of critical services and programs  
24 our city desperately needs. My constituents have been  
25 deeply concerned about the effects of budget

2 austerity and cuts to vital resources for our parents  
3 and children, the loss of library services, and the  
4 lack of opportunities for 3K and Summer Rising  
5 programs in the past year have created painful gaps  
6 for families seeking opportunities. The restorations,  
7 including nearly 20 million for Summer Rising,  
8 expanded early education seats, community schools, 58  
9 million for libraries to provide critically needed  
10 seven-day service will be crucial to serving and  
11 engaging our communities. This budget's 2-billion  
12 investment in housing sends a clear message that our  
13 City prioritizes housing, especially for rent- and  
14 tax-burdened New Yorkers. I eagerly anticipate new  
15 developments that will offer truly affordable housing  
16 and ongoing repairs for NYCHA residents, including  
17 Glenwood Houses in my District.

18           Additionally, District 45, having one of  
19 the most diverse Caribbean diasporas in the city,  
20 will benefit from the allocation of the 53 million to  
21 cultural institutions, ensuring there's continuity in  
22 programs that enhance representation and  
23 participation in our city's growing cultural  
24 movement. These hard-fought budget wins would not  
25 have been possible without my Colleagues, leadership

2 of Speaker Adams, Chair Brannan, the advocates who  
3 consistently amplified the voices of marginalized New  
4 Yorkers to demand a fair budget with uninterrupted  
5 services, and I am grateful to the Finance Division,  
6 dedicated public servants who endured many long  
7 nights and early mornings executing the people's  
8 budget with a smile and finesse despite the  
9 challenges. I look forward to our Body voting in  
10 favor of these critical investments that will have  
11 long-lasting benefits for the City of New York and  
12 District 45. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I'd  
14 like to recognize Council Member Salaam followed by  
15 Yeger.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: May the peace,  
17 mercy, and blessings from the owner of all peace,  
18 mercy, and blessings be upon each and every one of  
19 you. First, I'd like to thank my Colleagues and Madam  
20 Speaker Adrienne Adams for your guidance and support  
21 during my first six months as a Council Member  
22 representing the historic village of Harlem. During  
23 the campaign trial, I promised my constituents that I  
24 would usher in a new Harlem Renaissance, and I'm  
25 proud to say that after many years of being

2 underfunded and disenfranchised, the Village of  
3 Harlem is not only receiving appropriate funding  
4 through the funds allotted to me, but it is also  
5 supported by our amazing Speaker, the Honorable  
6 Adrienne Adams. I can now confidently say that the  
7 new Harlem Renaissance has begun. My Staff has been  
8 working diligently to ensure a just and robust  
9 allocation for the people of Harlem while also  
10 advocating for budget restoration through the City. I  
11 thank you, Madam Speaker, for your commitment to  
12 restoring our library and cultural affairs. Not only  
13 have these funds been restored, but the historic  
14 Schomburg Center... I'm sorry, I'll come back.

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: I'd like to  
16 recognize Council Member Yeger.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Madam  
18 President. I rise very briefly to speak about  
19 Introduction 962. As I have in the past, I'm voting  
20 no on the lien sale bill. I believe fundamentally  
21 it's bad public policy for the City to offload its  
22 debt to third parties to collect and, recognizing  
23 that we have to have structures in place to require  
24 that people pay their taxes, there are a lot of  
25 better ways to do it than this. This bill

2 unquestionably improves how the lien sale had been  
3 conducted in the past. It unquestionably improves the  
4 process by which people get themselves on the lien  
5 sale list or off the lien sale list, but where we are  
6 right now is the City does not have the authority to  
7 sell liens, and we're passing a bill that allows the  
8 City to have this authority. The people who are most  
9 affected by this fundamentally are people who can't  
10 pay their taxes, not people who don't want to pay  
11 their taxes, because everybody doesn't want to pay  
12 taxes. We're talking about people who find themselves  
13 in a place where they can't make that payment, and  
14 then at the end of the process, they have interest  
15 put on and interest put on, and it's a senior who  
16 didn't get a bill or lost a bill and maybe doesn't  
17 have a child who's checking their mail, and the  
18 burden will later come to the point where that  
19 person's house is going to get taken, and it's going  
20 to be us who voted for the City to have that  
21 authority to do it. I don't want to look people in  
22 the eye and say I'm the one who's responsible for  
23 voting for this, and I think there are measures that  
24 we can put in place that would enable us to better  
25 make sure that, A, people do pay their debts, and, B,

2 those who can't, we're able to help them, even if we  
3 can't get them to pay it, that the City keeps the  
4 lien internally instead of outsourcing it to third  
5 parties for collection, and I have to vote no on it,  
6 and I urge those who might find themselves in  
7 agreement with the message, if not the messenger, to  
8 please join me. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Seeing  
10 no others signed up to speak.

11 Report of Special Committees?

12 CLERK: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of  
14 Standing Committees?

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
16 Finance. Intro. 962, Property Tax Collection.

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18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

19 CLERK: Pre-Considered Resos 482 and 483,  
20 Adjusted Base Proportion and Base Percentage.

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22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

23 CLERK: Pre-Considered Reso 484,  
24 Transparency Resolution.

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

2 CLERK: Pre-Considered Reso 485 through  
3 Pre-Considered Reso 488, Interest Rates for Certain  
4 Properties.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

6 CLERK: M42 and Pre-Considered Resos  
7 489 and 490, Expense Revenue Contract Budget,  
8 Fiscal Year 2025.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general  
10 orders. CLERK: M43 and Pre-  
11 Considered Resos 491 and 492, Executive Capital  
12 Budget, Fiscal Year 2025.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

14 CLERK: M47 and Pre-  
15 Considered Reso 493, Community Development Program.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

17 CLERK: Pre-Considered  
18 M55 and Pre-Considered Reso 494 and Pre-Considered  
19 M56 and Pre-Considered Reso 495, Budget  
20 Modifications.

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.

22 CLERK: Pre-Considered M57 and Pre-  
23 Considered Reso 496, Fixing The Tax Rate, Fiscal  
24 Year 2025.

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on general orders.



2 CLERK: M14 through M49, Various Budget  
3 Documents.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled to be filed. I now  
5 ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on the items  
6 coupled today on today's general orders calendar.

7 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission to  
9 explain my vote.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majority  
13 Leader. I want to commend Speaker Adams, my  
14 Colleagues on the Budget Negotiating Team and every  
15 Council Member who stood up and fought for the  
16 investments that are critical for protecting our  
17 City's future. As Sanitation Chair, I'm very proud to  
18 say that we're restoring community composting with  
19 6.245 million dollars and enhancing litter basket  
20 services with 25 million dollars. This is a big, big  
21 deal. We're all tired of having to navigate around  
22 trash and overflowing trash cans on our sidewalks  
23 and, as we gear up for curbside composting in the  
24 fall, we're going to count on community composters to  
25 make sure that that investment pays off. With this

2 budget, we're doing more than taking out the trash.  
3 We're going to expand access to affordable housing.  
4 We're going to protect mental health through new  
5 funding for our clubhouses. Emma Bowen in Harlem will  
6 now manage to survive thanks to this Council. We're  
7 going to give more people access to public transit  
8 through Fair Fares, and we're going to open our  
9 library seven days a week. For the most part, we can  
10 let out a sigh of relief. The fight we endured to  
11 protect these services highlights a larger issue. Our  
12 City government should be focused on progress and  
13 growth, not on survival. We should be looking  
14 forward, investing in our communities and building a  
15 better future. Instead, we find ourselves in  
16 unnecessary battles over what should be standard,  
17 uncontested parts of city life. I want to thank  
18 composting advocates for their tireless work over the  
19 last year. Your work paid off, and I couldn't be more  
20 grateful or impressed for all that you've done.  
21 Special thanks to Eric Goldstein, Lonnie Portis, Anna  
22 Sacks, Benny Safdie, and the entire Composting  
23 Coalition. You did it. Thank you, Speaker. Thank you,  
24 Jeremy. Thank you, Faiza. Thank you to everyone on  
25 the Finance Team. I vote aye.

2 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.

3 Ariola.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to  
5 explain my vote.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
7 granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: First, I'd like to  
9 disclose for the record of the Council proceedings  
10 that the New York City Department of Transportation  
11 is funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my  
12 sibling is associated with that entity, and that the  
13 New York City Department of Sanitation is funded in  
14 the budget that we are adopting, and that my child is  
15 associated with that entity. I too would like to  
16 thank Speaker Adams, Jeremy John, Faiza, the entire  
17 Financial Team for all the phone calls you took and  
18 all the questions that you were asked and answered,  
19 and always making yourselves available to us, the  
20 Finance Team, the Finance Committee, the Mayor's  
21 Office for really kind of working together with the  
22 Speaker's Office and coming to an agreement so that  
23 we could have this budget today and, finally, my  
24 Staff, my Budget Director, Ciara Grace Donley, and my  
25 amazing Chief-of-Staff, Phyllis Inzerillo. After

2 that, I vote aye, with the exceptions of Reconsidered  
3 Resos 482, 483, 496 with M57, and Resos 485, 486,  
4 487, and 488. Thank you, and thank you again,  
5 Speaker.

6 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you. One  
7 moment. Avilés.

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: So this is a hard  
13 decision for me as I'm sure it is for so many of my  
14 Colleagues. I want to acknowledge the tireless work  
15 of the Speaker, her Team, Council Finance, and  
16 Council Members who engaged, negotiated, and  
17 communicated with us throughout the process. I know  
18 that we fought our damndest to dig out of the  
19 tremendous hole that the Mayor created with his funny  
20 math, his utter mismanagement, lies, and scapegoating  
21 tactics. Despite the Mayor's bad faith posturing, we  
22 secured substantial callbacks and funding for K-12  
23 education, immigration services, cultural  
24 organizations, and libraries. I remind you, none of  
25 these cuts should have happened in the first place. I

2 commend this Council for the dedicated resources to  
3 affordable housing programs, specifically supportive  
4 housing and baselining such a significant amount of  
5 the CityFHEPS' money. These are no small feats under  
6 an Administration with a track record of contempt for  
7 government and the services that everyday New Yorkers  
8 depend on. This Mayor continues to choose big real  
9 estate, corporate interests, carceral systems that  
10 harm us. I cannot in good conscience endorse his  
11 irrational and harmful philosophy of governance with  
12 a yes vote. We need to stop underfunding and  
13 defunding systems of care that are the foundation of  
14 safety in our neighborhoods, and we need to stop  
15 giving a blank check to policing in our budget when a  
16 fraction of NYPD's bloated budget could have restored  
17 critical services and programs New Yorkers rely on  
18 for health and safety. Our working families deserve  
19 truly universal early childhood education and  
20 daycare, a program this Administration has failed to  
21 do little to fix in the past two years, a fully  
22 funded CUNY system, and government services that are  
23 well-funded and effective. Our Parks Department still  
24 doesn't have enough equipment and staffing to  
25 adequately maintain our green spaces. When you look

2 under the hood of the budget, you will find a  
3 collection of many ways this Mayor has failed us and  
4 continues to waste resources. With that, I vote aye  
5 on all except for M42 and M43 and accompanying  
6 Resolutions, and I need to do my disclosure.

7 I'm disclosing on the record of the  
8 Council proceedings that the New York City Department  
9 of Education is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
10 and my child is associated with that entity, and that  
11 the New York City Parks Department is funded in the  
12 budget that we are adopting, and my sibling is  
13 associated with that entity. Thank you, Madam.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.  
15 Friendly reminder to the gallery, there is silence.  
16 If you want to show support, please do this gesture.

17 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I am disclosing on  
19 the record of the Council proceedings that AHRC is  
20 funded in the budget that we're adopting, and my  
21 partner is associated with that organization.

22 With that, I would like to thank my  
23 Colleagues. It's been a really grueling process, but  
24 I think that we did a fantastic job trying to get New

2 Yorkers all of the resources they deserve. With that,  
3 I vote aye.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you. The  
10 City's Budget is not just a financial accounting and  
11 accountability tool. It is a moral contract that  
12 identifies what we prioritize as important for the  
13 well-being of our communities and what we are willing  
14 to fight the hardest for. The voters of the 42nd  
15 Council District elected me to the Council to fight  
16 for our seniors, our NYCHA residents, our homeowners,  
17 our children, their schools, and so much more that is  
18 what I, along with my Colleagues, have fought for.  
19 With the budget, I can tell those living in NYCHA  
20 senior developments that we fought for their safety.  
21 I can tell my parents and students that we fought for  
22 their libraries, their educational programming, their  
23 early education, their libraries, their after-school  
24 programs. I can tell the victims of crime and  
25 domestic violence that I have fought for their well-

2 being. We have fought for improved parks, for  
3 improved social services, and improved cleanliness in  
4 our streets. While I do believe that we need more  
5 investment in protecting NYCHA's capital improvement  
6 plan and protecting Section 9 and more investment  
7 from the federal government, the efforts of this body  
8 are a step in the right direction and, while no  
9 budget is perfect, I'm proud to go back and tell my  
10 District and tell my constituents that I fought to  
11 bring many necessary resources back to our District,  
12 and that I will continue that fight day-in and day-  
13 out as their Council Member. I would like to thank  
14 the Speaker for her amazing leadership, Chief-of-  
15 Staff Jeremy John, Faiza, all the Members of the  
16 Budget Negotiation Team, my Deputy Chief-of-Staff  
17 Michael Lambert, Kyle, and everyone who contributed  
18 to this fight for these resources. With that, I vote  
19 aye on the adoption of this budget.

20           Also, I would like to make a disclosure.  
21 I am disclosing on the record for the Council  
22 proceeding that the Department of Parks and  
23 Recreation is funded in this budget we are adopting,  
24 my brother is associated with that entity, and that  
25 the Department of Juvenile Justice is funded in this



2 budget, my other brother is also associated with that  
3 entity. Thank you.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: I want to thank  
10 Speaker Adams, Finance Chair Brannan, the Budget  
11 Negotiation Team, and all my Colleagues and all the  
12 Staff for your hard work over so many months on this  
13 budget, and your success on reversing so many of the  
14 cuts that were proposed, including cuts to HIV and  
15 AIDS prevention programs. I also want to thank the  
16 team for being so communicative and inclusive with  
17 this body. I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

20 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I, too, want to  
22 thank the entire Finance Staff. Richard Lee's  
23 presentations day after day to the Council were  
24 clear, answered questions, same with Tanisha Edwards.  
25 Every single Staff Member in Finance has been

2 responsive. I particularly appreciate Jonathan  
3 Rosenberg's help with capital questions, my Staff,  
4 Cynthia Hornig, Budget Director, and Ali Sofar, our  
5 (INAUDIBLE) Fellow. They have been incredibly  
6 instrumental from participatory budgeting all the way  
7 to Schedule C reviewing, and I obviously thank all  
8 the advocates. The Council organized some rallies,  
9 too, to support our budget priorities, and I went to  
10 all that I could. I even went to damn Brooklyn on a  
11 hot afternoon. Thanks to many people, this is a good  
12 budget. I heard the negotiators on the Mayor's side  
13 at the rally in the rotunda the other day said the  
14 Council was tough. That's a really positive  
15 reference. You will hear the numbers, but most  
16 important, as you heard earlier, is the number of  
17 areas that have been baselined. I've been through 15  
18 budgets as a Council Member, eight as a Borough  
19 President, and few have seen as much baselining. I am  
20 pleased, like others, about the libraries, the  
21 composting, the schools, the sanitation, the  
22 cultural, the housing, older adult programs, and  
23 other allocations. I know every area needs more, and  
24 I am delighted that Parks funding exists, a lot of  
25 it, but the one percent promise, Mr. Mayor, needs to

2 be kept next year. A promise is a promise, and if  
3 there was ever an equity issue, that is it. I'm also  
4 delighted that the oversight agencies received  
5 funding, such as DOI, CCRB, Board of Correction,  
6 Equal Employment Practices Commission. They need  
7 staff to do their oversight job. New Yorkers are  
8 hurting from the high cost of living here, the  
9 effects of the pandemic, the challenges of everyday  
10 life, national and international tensions, the  
11 concern about public safety and mental illness, and  
12 the childcare support. Fair Fares, alternatives to  
13 incarceration, COLA increases, food, never enough,  
14 but they go a long way. Like others, I consider CUNY  
15 the jewel of New York, and many of the programs we  
16 will restore. We have to keep working on CUNY.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,  
18 your time has expired.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I just want to say  
20 one more thing. I really appreciate the literacy, and  
21 I really appreciate the work on mental health  
22 clubhouses. Thank you very much, and everyone who  
23 worked on this. I am voting yes, and I teach at CUNY  
24 at Hunter so I am associated with that entity. Thank  
25 you very much.

2 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission  
4 to explain my vote.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: From the  
8 moment the Preliminary Budget was released, we knew  
9 this would be a fight. With crippling inflation and  
10 the reduction in federal funding post-pandemic, the  
11 City has continued to face a range of fiscal  
12 challenges, but this Council has always been clear  
13 about our approach to the budget. We are fiscally  
14 responsible when we do right by our constituents.  
15 Investing in the essential programs and services that  
16 New Yorkers rely on every day helps us not only  
17 today, but also to build a strong foundation for the  
18 future. That is why this Council fought to restore  
19 cuts to our libraries, cultural institutions,  
20 education, and housing, and so much more. We pushed  
21 to expand eligibility for Fair Fares, adding over 10  
22 million dollars in baselined funding to make transit  
23 more affordable for thousands of qualifying New  
24 Yorkers who use our subways and buses every day. We  
25 secured an additional 2 billion dollars to build and

2 preserve affordable housing, including funding to  
3 support homeownership, construction, and renovations  
4 so that more New Yorkers are able to maintain and own  
5 their homes. While this budget is a victory for the  
6 people of New York, we understand that there is still  
7 more work to be done.

8           In my own District, we were able to  
9 secure funding from the Administration for a Level 1  
10 or Level 2 trauma center, a facility that my  
11 community desperately needs. We continue to work with  
12 the City and State to ensure we will see this  
13 through. I thank my Colleagues for your support from  
14 the very beginning, including BNT as well as Council  
15 Members Narcisse, Schulman, and Ariola especially. I  
16 want to give a huge thank you to our Speaker,  
17 Adrienne Adams, for her steadfast leadership  
18 throughout this budget cycle and beyond, and to  
19 Finance Chair Brannan for his tireless advocacy on  
20 and off the day as we see you. I want to thank the  
21 Speaker's Chief-of-Staff Jeremy John, First Deputy  
22 Chief-of-Staff Faiza Ali, and the entire finance team  
23 as well, Tanisha Edwards, Richard Lee, and all the  
24 folks who have led this effort from behind the  
25 scenes.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,  
3 your time has expired.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I am done.  
5 I just would like to disclose that on the record of  
6 the Council proceedings that I am affiliated with the  
7 Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
8 Incorporated, and we are funding this organization we  
9 are adopting today, and that the YMCA is funded in  
10 the budget we are adopting, and I am associated with  
11 that entity, and that the Edge School of the Arts is  
12 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my child is  
13 associated with that organization, and that the New  
14 York City Department of Education is funded in the  
15 budget we are adopting, and my child is associated  
16 with that organization. With that, I vote aye.

17 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.  
18 Cabán.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Permission to  
20 explain my vote.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: First, I want to  
24 congratulate my Colleagues and all the advocates on  
25 the many wins in this budget. I'm glad to see new

2 investments in affordable housing, restoration of the  
3 senseless cuts to our libraries, and an expansion of  
4 Promise NYC, a life-saving childcare program for  
5 undocumented New Yorkers that my office conceived of  
6 two years ago. Madam Speaker, thank you for your  
7 continued steadfast advocacy in the face of a Mayor  
8 who shows this Body nothing but contempt and his  
9 intent on making life harder for poor and working-  
10 class New Yorkers. While the restorations this  
11 Council won are significant, are restorations alone  
12 enough to restore the confidence of everyday New  
13 Yorkers in our city's future, help restore the  
14 confidence in us as their leaders? A recent poll  
15 showed that a majority of voters believe our city is  
16 headed in the wrong direction, and who could blame  
17 them? They see us playing catch-up on issues of  
18 housing affordability, childcare, climate, and they  
19 know the clock is ticking. It's the same playbook  
20 from the Mayor every year. Announce a set of brutal  
21 cuts to vital City services and whip all of us into  
22 an organizing frenzy to restore them, ensuring we  
23 have no energy left to fight for true investments.  
24 Our constituents haven't stopped imagining a brighter  
25 future for New York City, so why have we? I'm voting

2 no today, because with significant remaining cuts to  
3 early childhood education, CUNY, shortfalls in  
4 agencies like DYCD, DOHMH, HRA, and with an ever-  
5 bloated over 12-billion-dollar police budget, it  
6 falls short of what my constituents and indeed what  
7 all New Yorkers need to live safely and happily in  
8 the city for decades to come, to put down roots here,  
9 to build families here, to become its next leaders.  
10 This no vote will certainly not grow my popularity,  
11 with the powers that be, but my constituents did not  
12 put me in this room to be a rubber stamp on another  
13 Mayor Adams' budget. My commitment to them is to  
14 fight for a budget that matches not only their needs,  
15 but their imagination and dreams, that restores their  
16 faith in our city as one of shared prosperity and in  
17 government as a vehicle for good. Whether I am one  
18 vote of many or one vote of just a few, I will not  
19 let them down. Thank you. And with that, I vote no on  
20 M42 and M43, the accompanying Resolutions, and aye on  
21 the rest.

22 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

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

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CaRR: Thank you, Majority  
5 Leader. I just want to wish everyone a happy Pride,  
6 of course, since we're here today but, in particular,  
7 I just want to give some thank yous for this year's  
8 budget. Of course, I want to thank Speaker Adams for  
9 once again proving herself a friend to Staten Island  
10 and Southwest Brooklyn and Minority Leader Joe  
11 Borelli for all of his advocacy on behalf of my  
12 District as well and our home borough, but so much of  
13 what we accomplish here is also the work of Staff  
14 and, having been a former Staffer myself, I would be  
15 remiss if I didn't thank some of them by name. Of  
16 course, the Speaker's Chief-of-Staff Jeremy John for  
17 his open door and his willingness to work with my  
18 office and myself, Tanisha Edwards for her diligent  
19 advocacy always across budget cycles, Richard Lee,  
20 Emre Edev, Mike Twomey, Jimmy Reyes, Carolina Gil,  
21 and so many others that were named by other  
22 Colleagues today, Peter Spencer from the Minority  
23 Leader's Office, and then from my own Staff, Giuseppe  
24 Deserio and Loren Centineo and, with that said, I'll  
25 be voting no on Pre-Considered Resolutions 482, 483,

2 496 and M57 as well as Resolutions 485, 486, 487, and  
3 488 and aye on the rest. Thank you.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La Rosa.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to  
6 explain my vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you. I  
10 would first like to thank Speaker Adams, our Finance  
11 Chair, and also the Finance Staff, the Council  
12 leadership as well as the Budget Negotiating Team for  
13 their leadership and dedication to producing a budget  
14 for working people despite this Mayor's commitment to  
15 austerity and cuts. I would also like to take a  
16 moment to thank my Colleagues, especially the Members  
17 of the Progressive Caucus and the various coalitions  
18 that we've built. As a Council, over the past few  
19 years, we have been committed to producing positive  
20 change on the front lines, and this year we worked  
21 harder than ever to advance budget protections for  
22 early childhood education, higher education,  
23 affordable housing, and cultural institutions. We  
24 must be proud of the headways we have made, fighting  
25 and securing 2 billion in capital dollars for housing

2 that had not previously been available, and restoring  
3 funding that brings agency hiring and vacancies back  
4 into the conversation. We look forward to post-budget  
5 conversations to ensure strong and secure labor  
6 standards on new housing on the way. This is largely  
7 a restorative budget, despite our best efforts.  
8 Agencies continue to lack in hiring and retain large  
9 vacancies that delay the delivery of service, a  
10 feeling that reverberates in everyday constituent  
11 services in Washington Heights in my District. The  
12 Mayor continues to cut social safety nets and cut  
13 public institutions like CUNY, focusing on austerity.  
14 Austerity, however, does not lead to productive and  
15 effective delivery of services and does not meet the  
16 realities of those struggling within our District. We  
17 must shift our mindset from one of restoration to one  
18 of deep investment, especially when communities are  
19 still recovering from the gaps created during the  
20 COVID pandemic and years of previous disinvestment.  
21 We all want safe communities, but being serious about  
22 safety comes when root causes such as housing  
23 insecurity, hunger, workforce development are  
24 addressed, and not simply through the building of new  
25 training centers in our city. I will be voting yes on

2 this budget. The Council will not let up on its  
3 demands until investments reflect positively on the  
4 lives of those whom we were sent here to serve.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Council Member,  
6 your time has expired.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you. I'm  
8 wrapping up. As budget modifications are made  
9 throughout the Fiscal Year, we know that we will  
10 continue to listen to our people and we will continue  
11 to elevate the needs of our communities here in City  
12 Hall.

13 I want to also disclose for the record of  
14 these Council proceedings that the New York City  
15 Department of Education and the Washington Heights  
16 Tennis Association are funded in this budget we are  
17 adopting and my Child is associated with those  
18 entities. Thank you.

19 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Dinowitz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Permission to  
21 explain my vote? Madam Majority Leader?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Pardon.  
23 Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you so  
25 much. I just want to take a moment to thank Speaker

2 Adams and Chair Brannan for their incredibly hard  
3 work for this budget, the Members of the BNT, but  
4 especially the Finance Staff, who I am just so  
5 surprised is managing to stay awake after all their  
6 sleepless nights, staying up preparing documents for  
7 us, taking our opinions back and forth and preparing  
8 everything for us. Incredible work by the Finance  
9 Staff so thank you, thank you, thank you, and I'm  
10 very, very proud of this budget. We were able to  
11 protect and invest in services, critical services for  
12 so many in my community and things that people care  
13 about every day, the cleaner streets, making sure the  
14 parks stay neat, story time at our library, pre-K and  
15 3K, and programs in our CUNY system that ensure that  
16 our students have the support that they need to  
17 succeed and to thrive in school so I'm proudly voting  
18 yes on this budget, yes on all items on today's  
19 agenda. Thank you.

20 I am disclosing on the record of the  
21 Council proceedings that Fordham University is funded  
22 in the budget we are adopting and I'm associated with  
23 that entity.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I'd  
3 like to remind Members to do their disclosures prior  
4 to voting. Clerk. Calling on Council Member Carr.

5 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member  
6 Carr.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I apologize,  
8 Colleagues. I'd like to disclose on the record that  
9 the Italian Club of Staten Island, the Jewish  
10 Community Center of Staten Island, and the Garibaldi  
11 Meucci Museum are being funded in the budget we are  
12 adopting and I am a member of these organizations.  
13 Thank you.

14 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.  
15 Feliz.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I'd like to  
17 disclose on the record that I am affiliated with CUNY  
18 Coastal Community College where I have the privilege  
19 of serving as an adjunct lecturer for which we're  
20 funding in this budget. With that said, I vote aye on  
21 all. I just want to congratulate everyone. We scored  
22 a lot of victories on issues of libraries, pre-K, 3K,  
23 affordable housing, including rentals and home  
24 ownership. We fought for those victories and we  
25 should all be proud. Congratulations, everyone.

2 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you,  
3 Council Member. Gennaro.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

5 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.  
6 Gutiérrez.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: I'm disclosing  
8 on the record of the Council proceedings that New  
9 York City Department of Social Services is funded in  
10 the budget we're adopting and my spouse is associated  
11 with that entity, and Maimonides Medical Center is  
12 funded in the budget we're adopting and my sibling is  
13 associated with that entity.

14 And can I explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you. We  
18 came into these budget negotiations with a clear  
19 vision to tackle the number one issue in New York  
20 City, affordability, but this budget cycle reminded  
21 us what this Mayor and his Administration are very  
22 good at, playing politics with the lives of New  
23 Yorkers. The City Council went into this fight  
24 knowing what New Yorkers need to stay in this city,  
25 affordable housing, universal 3K and quality

2 services, and New Yorkers agreed with us. Throughout  
3 this process, we have built a broad coalition,  
4 including thousands of parents, hundreds of non-  
5 profit and faith leaders, 15-plus major union  
6 organizations, representing over 1 million working  
7 New Yorkers. Without the fierce organizing of the  
8 Progressive Caucus, the work of Speaker Adrienne  
9 Adams, Finance Chair Justin Brannan, respective  
10 Committee Chairs, and our awesome Finance Team, and I  
11 also just want to out Jeremy John and Faiza Ali, this  
12 budget would have looked very different. Families  
13 would have felt the cuts acutely and immediately. I  
14 want to be very, very clear. We have spent half a  
15 year fighting to restore reckless cuts that this  
16 Mayor made. Under this Mayor, it will always be an  
17 obstacle to expand successful programs that our  
18 communities want, like more community schools and  
19 more investments in CUNY, and this fight is proof  
20 that not only were these cuts unnecessary, but a  
21 distraction aimed to weaken this Body and our  
22 spirits. We will not forget that Mayor Adams'  
23 austerity measures were set to harm those that were  
24 already struggling the most. Because of our work, New  
25 York City Public Schools will not be cutting over 20



2 programs, including restorative justice and success  
3 centers. Because of our work, vulnerable children  
4 will gain access to childcare and waitlists will be  
5 cleared. I can confidently say this is just the  
6 beginning. We are organized, we are angry, and we are  
7 a body of majority women and people of color  
8 representing a diverse set of New Yorkers that are  
9 not going to back down from investing dollars into  
10 what truly matters to the people of the city, the  
11 city I've called home all my life. I vote yes.

12 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanif.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I'm disclosing on  
14 the record of the Council proceedings that the United  
15 Way of New York City is funded in the budget we are  
16 adopting and my partner is associated with that  
17 entity.

18 Permission to explain my vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission  
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote no. I do so  
22 with deep gratitude for the work that this Council  
23 has done over these past months. I am proud to be a  
24 part of this Council team that was able to limit some  
25 of the Administration's most egregious cuts thanks to

2 the leadership of Speaker Adrienne Adams. The return  
3 of seven-day service for libraries, full restorations  
4 to our cultural sector, and the 25 million dollars  
5 for Promise NYC are big victories that would not have  
6 been won without the Council's tenacity. I also want  
7 to celebrate that the Council and the Progressive  
8 Caucus secured a two-billion-dollar boost in capital  
9 funding for housing which will help us emerge out of  
10 the housing crisis. However, Mayor Eric Adams has  
11 forced through a budget that continues to decimate  
12 our educational system from baby cradle to graduation  
13 tassel. His 150-million-dollar cut to 3K abandons the  
14 promise of universality and means that some families  
15 in my District won't get seats that work for them. He  
16 has failed to invest in public schools in my District  
17 causing teachers to be excessed and class sizes to  
18 rise, and he has cut CUNY by 78 million dollars,  
19 depriving this generation of students of the  
20 resources that were available to me when I attended  
21 Brooklyn College. We are also seeing a 23-million-  
22 dollar cut to Parks which will result in less  
23 frequent trash pickup, a lower level of landscape  
24 maintenance, and even more limited access to  
25 bathrooms. At the same time, Mayor Adams is funneling

2 money into his NYPD pet projects that do not work  
3 towards real community safety including the Cop City  
4 multi-agency training center, the 86 member PR team,  
5 the Teenage School Police Cadet program, and the  
6 Strategic Response Group. A budget is about choices,  
7 and Mayor Adams has made the wrong ones. Ultimately,  
8 this is a restoration budget that prevents funding  
9 for essential services from going bad to worse, but  
10 New Yorkers deserve proactive investments that  
11 strengthen the resources their families need. I  
12 cannot sign off on a budget that, despite the  
13 Council's best efforts, continues us down Mayor  
14 Adams' path of austerity.

15 I vote aye on all with the exceptions of  
16 M42 and M43 and accompanying Resolutions on which I  
17 vote no.

18 GALLERY: (APPLAUSE)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Quiet in the  
20 gallery.

21 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
25 granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I'd like to thank  
3 Speaker Adrienne Adams, the Finance Team, Chair  
4 Brannan, and everyone who fought for every dollar in  
5 this budget. I am aye on all except for M57 with the  
6 accompanying Reso 496, Pre-Considered Resos 482, 483,  
7 Resos 485, 486, 487, and 488 for which I am a no.  
8 Thank you.

9 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.  
10 Holden.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I am disclosing on  
12 the record of the Council proceedings that the City  
13 University of New York is funded in the budget we are  
14 adopting and my child is associated with that entity  
15 and that New York Presbyterian Hospital is funded in  
16 the budget we are adopting and my child is associated  
17 with that entity.

18 I'd like to vote aye on all except Intro.  
19 962 and Resos 482, 483, 496, 485, 486, 487, and 488,  
20 of which I vote no. Thank you.

21 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

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

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
25 granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you. This  
3 year the Council had a Herculean task, work with a  
4 Mayor bent on undermining New York City's core  
5 institutions to craft a budget that meets the well-  
6 being of the people that shape our communities.  
7 Fortunately, under the leadership of Speaker Adams  
8 and with the help of everyday New Yorkers, this is a  
9 Council that fights back and makes clear that the  
10 material needs of our communities are not to be  
11 interfered with, be it our city's cultural  
12 institutions, libraries, older adults, housing, early  
13 education, or CUNY. Over the past few months, our  
14 offices have been flooded with calls and emails from  
15 our constituents with a singular message, do not  
16 touch our libraries or cultural institutions, and  
17 this Speaker fought tooth and nail to fully restore  
18 53 million dollars in funding for culturals and 58.3  
19 million dollars for our libraries, including 42.6  
20 million dollars baselined to ensure seven-day service  
21 and perpetuity. This budget bolsters the Council's  
22 commitment to combating the affordability crisis in  
23 our city, especially our housing crisis. Thanks to  
24 the tireless advocacy of the Progressive Caucus, this  
25 budget secured 2 billion dollars for affordable

2 housing over the next two Fiscal Years. As Chair of  
3 the Committee on Aging, I'm glad this budget pushes  
4 back on many of the Mayor's extreme budget cuts for  
5 older adult services. We restored 1.1 million dollars  
6 in cuts to older adult centers, added 4.75 million  
7 dollars for home-delivered meal reimbursements to  
8 provide an extra dollar per meal to providers, and  
9 secured 1 million dollars in funding for estate  
10 planning and legal services to combat deed theft and  
11 other issues commonly facing older adults. We have  
12 more work to do to fight this Mayor's attempt to  
13 defund older adults and secure funding for things  
14 like case management services and older adult center  
15 capital improvements, but this budget, thanks to the  
16 Council and the Council alone, moves us closer to  
17 creating a city where everyone can age in place with  
18 dignity and, with nearly 300 million dollars in funds  
19 secured for early childhood education and 54.2  
20 million dollars in added funds for CUNY, this Council  
21 is ensuring every child receives a world-class  
22 education from the beginning to the end of their  
23 tenure in public education. I'm also proud that this  
24 budget includes 1.5 million dollars for an  
25 unrestricted cash assistance pilot program for low-

2 income New Yorkers as established by a bill of mine  
3 that passed last session and became local law. We  
4 won't secure every goal in each budget, but this  
5 Council is doing the very hard work of securing  
6 funding for programs and services that advance the  
7 principles of equity and justice that guide this  
8 body. I vote aye, and I'm disclosing on the record of  
9 the Council proceedings that the Museum of the City  
10 of New York is funded in the budget we're adopting,  
11 and my spouse is associated with that entity, and  
12 that Make the Road New York is funded in the budget  
13 we're adopting, and my tenant is associated with that  
14 entity. Thank you.

15 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Joseph.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I'm disclosing on  
17 the record of the Council proceeding that New York  
18 City Public Schools and HeartShare St. Vincent, my  
19 children are associated with this entity.

20 Can I explain my vote, Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
22 granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. As the  
24 Chair of Committee on Education, over the past 11  
25 months, in partnership with advocates, we held town

2 halls across five boroughs and met monthly to discuss  
3 education priorities. We organized and strategized to  
4 keep pulse on the issues that mattered to most, to  
5 meet the moment when it came to advancing our  
6 educational system. We are particularly proud of the  
7 work to sustain vital education program initially  
8 supported by COVID-19 stimulus funds. This budget  
9 added over 418 million for our schools and students,  
10 community schools, shelter-based coordinators,  
11 restorative justice, mental health support, art  
12 education, services for English language learners,  
13 and academic achievement for our students. I want to  
14 thank Speaker Adams, Jeremy John, Faiza Ali, Richard  
15 Lee, and Tanisha Edwards. To the advocates at the  
16 Emergency Coalition to Save Education, this is your  
17 victory. My entire staff who keep the District 40  
18 moving, my dream team at the Council, Aliyah, Andrew,  
19 and Liz, my Education Committee Staff, the  
20 incomparable Jan Atwell, Nadia Jean-François,  
21 Claudia Rivera, and Megan Lynch. More importantly, my  
22 constituents who always show up and support and  
23 engage. Thank you. And I vote aye.

24 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.



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

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I am disclosing  
7 on the record of the Council proceedings that the New  
8 York City Department of Education, the Variety Boys  
9 and Girls Club of Queens, and the YMCA are funded in  
10 this budget we are adopting, and my children are  
11 associated with those entities.

12 First, I want to say a big thank you to  
13 Speaker Adams and her leadership, our Finance Chair  
14 Justin Brannan, Central Staff, Finance Staff and, of  
15 course, Parks Committee Staff, Michael Sherman, Jack  
16 Storey, Chima Obechere, and my Office Staff too for  
17 their tireless work and dedication to produce the  
18 budget that we have today over months of work.

19 The budget is the single most important  
20 piece of legislation we negotiate with the Mayor  
21 every year. It sends paychecks to lifeguards,  
22 teachers, and nurses. It plants trees, fills  
23 potholes, and feeds children. It opens libraries. It  
24 cleans parks. This year's budget was another win by  
25 our Council against the Mayor's bleak vision for our

2 city. The budget addresses our city's challenges  
3 head-on. We will provide free full-year extended day  
4 early childhood care to thousands of working parents.  
5 We will spend 2 billion dollars to build new  
6 affordable housing and, for our New York City parks,  
7 we won the permanent expansion of Second Shift  
8 maintenance workers, a program that provides a second  
9 afternoon and evening shift of cleaning for our parks  
10 on the busiest days each week. The full restoration  
11 of the Parks Opportunity Program, which opens paths  
12 to meaningful careers for thousands of disadvantaged  
13 New Yorkers each year, and an end to a pointless  
14 hiring freeze on Parks workers. These are wins. We  
15 also fought and won against the Mayor's cuts to so  
16 many institutions that working families of New York  
17 City depend on. Cuts to our libraries? Restored  
18 permanently. Seven-day service at our libraries?  
19 Restored. Cuts to our museums, theaters, and cultural  
20 institutions? Restored. Cuts to community composting?  
21 Restored. And cuts to school lunches? Restored. This  
22 Council will not let our city fail our families. We  
23 pulled this budget away from the Mayor's austerity  
24 and towards a New York City that our Council believes  
25 in, but there is still much more work to do in the

2 years ahead. We need at least one percent of the  
3 budget for Parks as the Mayor promised when he  
4 campaigned. We need to guarantee a free local 3K and  
5 pre-K seat to every single family that wants one. We  
6 need to put people in homes and make sure they can  
7 stay there. We need to move budget negotiations with  
8 this City Hall away from restoring draconian cuts to  
9 instead true investments our communities deserve. We  
10 need to build a safe, fair, flourishing city for all.  
11 That is the work ahead, and we in the City Council  
12 will hold the line.

13 In conclusion, having stood with the  
14 activists on the step of City Hall, having fought  
15 alongside my Colleagues in the Council to make  
16 critical investments and reverse dire cuts, I now  
17 stand with my Colleagues..

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member,  
19 your time has expired.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: To vote yes on  
21 this budget. Thank you.

22 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.  
23 Lee.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: I am disclosing on  
25 the record of the Council proceedings that the New

2 York City Department of Education is funded in the  
3 budget we are adopting, and my child is associated  
4 with that entity, and that universal pre-kindergarten  
5 is funded in the budget we are adopting, and that my  
6 child is associated with that program, but not  
7 anymore. Yeah, anyway.

8           With that, I wanted to vote aye on all,  
9 and congratulations to all the amazing Staff and the  
10 Speaker for all of your hard and incredible work for  
11 restoring all these cuts. Thank you.

12           CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

13           COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to  
14 explain my vote?

15           MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
16 granted.

17           COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you. I'm  
18 disclosing on the record that CUNY and MTA are funded  
19 in the budget that we're adopting, and my siblings  
20 are associated with those entities.

21           I also wanted to express my sincere  
22 condolences to the Noah Chandler and Perkins families  
23 after the unfortunate loss of Elijah Chandler and  
24 Christian Perkins, two young people who drowned at  
25

2 Riis Beach last Friday, and whose bodies have still  
3 not been recovered. I vote aye on all.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marmorato.

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

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Thank you. I'm  
10 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
11 that the New York City Board of Elections is funded  
12 in the budget we are adopting, and my spouse is  
13 associated with that entity.

14 I would also like to thank the Speaker  
15 for her generosity that she's shown District 13 this  
16 budget season and to her Team for taking countless  
17 phone calls from my Staff and getting us through our  
18 first budget. Thank you. I'd also like to thank my  
19 Chief-of-Staff, April Cardena, for helping us out and  
20 tying in the budget at the close end.

21 I vote aye on all, with the exceptions of  
22 Reso 482, 483, and 496, M57, Resos 485, 486, 487, and  
23 488. Thank you.

24 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Marte.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I'm disclosing for  
3 the record of the Council proceedings that the  
4 Fortune Society is funded in the budget we are  
5 adopting, and my brother is associated with that  
6 entity, and that (INAUDIBLE) Production is funded in  
7 the budget we are adopting, and my brother is  
8 associated with that entity. I vote aye. Thank you,  
9 everyone.

10 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy. Menin.

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I want to thank the  
16 Speaker and Finance Chair Brannan and the Finance  
17 Team as well as Jeremy John, Faiza Ali, and my  
18 Colleagues for their incredibly hard work over these  
19 past few months. I'm pleased to see that 2 billion  
20 dollars has been added for affordable housing, one of  
21 our most urgent needs in the city, as well as the  
22 restoration of cuts in libraries, cultural  
23 organizations, education, composting, and other  
24 issues, but I do want to say it is totally  
25 unacceptable that we have been forced to spend our

2 energy, our time, and our resources simply on  
3 restoring cuts, rather than focusing on growing  
4 critical and key services to protect New Yorkers, and  
5 I fervently hope that that dynamic will change moving  
6 forward.

7 I do also want to take a moment to  
8 highlight that 2 million dollars was added to create  
9 the nation's first municipal Office of Healthcare  
10 Accountability. I'm incredibly proud of that. That  
11 Office will not only protect consumers by disclosing  
12 the price of every single medical procedure at every  
13 single hospital, but equally importantly, it will  
14 save the City potentially 2 billion dollars a year by  
15 finally harnessing our City's purchasing power to  
16 drive down skyrocketing healthcare costs, and I hope  
17 that that money in future years will be able to be  
18 utilized for education, affordable housing, and other  
19 urgent needs.

20 I want to disclose on the record that the  
21 National September 11th Memorial Museum is funded in  
22 the budget we are adopting, and I am associated with  
23 that entity. I also want to disclose that TADA  
24 Theatre and Dance Alliance is funded in the budget we  
25

2 are adopting, and my child is associated with that  
3 entity, and with that I vote aye. Thank you.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

6 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.

7 Narcisse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I'm disclosing  
9 on the record of the Council proceeding that New York  
10 University is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
11 and my partner is associated with that entity as a  
12 medical doctor.

13 Madam, permission to explain my vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission  
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you. Thank  
17 you, Madam Speaker Adrienne Adams, Finance Chair  
18 Brannan, and all the Finance Team, you are so  
19 awesome, and I want to say thank you, Jeremy, Faiza,  
20 Tanisha, Aisha, I hope I can call all the names,  
21 Chima, Florentine, I know I bother you a lot, that's  
22 the reason I remember all the names, and everyone  
23 that's been great in that team, and my Chief-of-Staff  
24 Saye Joseph, Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Frank Shea. All  
25 the Members, you make the Negotiation Team seem



2 seamless, but it was a lot of work behind the scenes,  
3 and I want to say thank you for your dedication to  
4 reaching an agreement that truly serves all New  
5 Yorkers. This budget is a testament to our shared  
6 commitment to restore and invest in the vital  
7 services that our communities depend on. I want to  
8 express my gratitude for the significant investment  
9 in our libraries, parks, sanitation services, and  
10 healthcare, of course, including mental health  
11 support. The enhanced funding for healthcare and  
12 mental health services is particularly crucial for  
13 our community's well-being. This investment will  
14 provide essential support to individuals and families  
15 facing health challenges, and ensure that mental  
16 health resources are accessible to everyone in need,  
17 and I'm still waiting for the cancer screening as  
18 well. For my District, which places immense values on  
19 the beautiful parks, we love parks, and the 46th  
20 District and libraries, this restoration and  
21 investment will have a profound impact for all of us.  
22 They ensure that this cherished community places  
23 remain accessible and well-maintained. And I want to  
24 say thank you, Madam Speaker, for standing in the  
25 heat and all the things are thrown, but you stand

2 fast and, for that, I would stay forever grateful for  
3 your approach and the kindness toward the things, and  
4 you always make it seem so easy in a moment of stress  
5 so I want to say thank you, and thank you, of course,  
6 to the all...

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Council Member,  
8 your time has expired.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I appreciate you  
10 all, and I'm done.

11 With that, I would aye to all.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

13 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Nurse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Can I explain my  
15 vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission  
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: This is our third  
19 restoration budget where we have had to scrap it out  
20 with this Mayor for basic critical services. Mayor  
21 Adams continued to impose unnecessary cuts to life-  
22 saving programs despite numerous reports that we are  
23 expecting multi-billion-dollar surpluses into next  
24 year. He fails to invest in the services that you  
25 depend on, that are designed to protect you and make

2 your life better, and it is the Council under the  
3 Speaker that has fought tooth and nail on the front  
4 lines for you. By forcing New Yorkers to fight and  
5 scrounge for the bare minimum, he continues to show  
6 his inability to properly manage this city. I'm  
7 grateful and proud that this Council, and I want to  
8 give a special shoutout to the Progressive Caucus,  
9 for blunting the sharpest of this Mayor's cuts and  
10 has preserved the bare minimum for the people and  
11 families of New York. And, as a reminder, it was the  
12 Mayor who cut library service, who cut maintenance  
13 for our Parks, who cut community composting and CUNY  
14 programs. It was his Rent Guidelines Board who raised  
15 your rent, who cut services for elders. He cut the  
16 programs for our at-risk youth who desperately need  
17 more chances to become healthy members of our city.  
18 It has been the Council that has stood every single  
19 day fighting for you. The Progressive Caucus Homes  
20 Now campaign brought a program, Neighborhood Pillars,  
21 back from the dead and won a 140 percent increase in  
22 funding for shared equity, affordable homeownership,  
23 over the next two years, and that is a win. To the  
24 extent that we can say this budget does the minimum,  
25 it is because the Speaker, the people in this room,

2 and all the Staff of this institution pushed every  
3 day, and that is why I'm voting yes today, because I  
4 am clear that we are not the problem. We deserve  
5 more, we deserve better, and I'm thankful to everyone  
6 here for the incredible work to baseline so many  
7 programs so that next year's fight is about enhancing  
8 services for New Yorkers, not protecting them. I vote  
9 aye.

10 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye on all.

12 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Permission to  
14 explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you. I'd  
18 like to take a moment to say thank you to the Mayor's  
19 Office and thank you to the Speaker, Speaker Adams.  
20 I'd like to say thank you to the Borough President of  
21 Borough of Queens, Donovan Richards, for your support  
22 in District 19, and I'd like to say that this Body  
23 here in the Chambers, once again, we come together  
24 despite whatever our differences may be, but there  
25 are and will continue to be those choice few who

2 exist in this Body that will never be satisfied. We  
3 have just passed a budget of 112 billion dollars. We  
4 have restored major programs with a fight at times,  
5 but that's what this is all about. It's business, and  
6 the fact that the select few here that can never be  
7 satisfied will push us deeper and deeper into debt if  
8 they had their way so with that, again, I would like  
9 to say thank you to the Mayor, thank you to Speaker  
10 Adams, and thank you very much to my Budget Director,  
11 Eric Forte, to my Chief-of-Staff, Alie Ziraschi, and  
12 of course to everybody in the Speaker's Office for  
13 helping us out. For your undying patience, I  
14 certainly do appreciate that, but the mood of this  
15 Body must change. Thank you very much.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Your vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Thank you. Okay.  
18 I'd like to vote aye on the budget and no on Pre-  
19 Considered Resos 482, 483, and 496 with M57, Resos  
20 485, 486, 487, and 488. Thank you very much.

21 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye, and  
23 I'm disclosing on the record of the Council  
24 proceedings that Mount Sinai Hospital is funded in  
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2 the budget and we're adopting my mother as associated  
3 with that entity.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'd like to  
6 disclose that the Mercantile Library Association,  
7 also known as the Center for Fiction, and the  
8 Brooklyn Heights Association are funded in this  
9 budget and my mom, who's the best, serves on the  
10 board of both organizations.

11 Permission to explain my vote?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission  
13 granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: And thank you for  
15 laughing. I've disagreed with the Mayor at nearly  
16 every step of this budget process, ever since the  
17 first round of extreme and unnecessary cuts that were  
18 imposed in November. The budget that we're voting on  
19 today is imperfect but, under the leadership of  
20 Speaker Adams, we have been unified as a body in our  
21 fight to restore meaningful investments in our  
22 communities and to prevent the most harm. By  
23 organizing together, guided by the best interests of  
24 New Yorkers, we got a lot more than Eric Adams wanted  
25 to give. Thanks in part to the Progressive Caucus,

2 who did a great job in organizing with the Homes Now  
3 campaign, we helped secure 2 billion dollars of  
4 funding over the next two years to create deeply  
5 affordable and desperately needed housing. The  
6 Council pushed to restore 600 million dollars in  
7 expiring funds to our neighborhood schools, cuts that  
8 would have been just awful, 58 million dollars in  
9 funding for our libraries means the return of seven-  
10 day-a-week service, and we were able to partially  
11 lift the Mayor's hiring freeze at the Parks  
12 Department, add a second cleaning shift at high  
13 traffic parks to ensure that they're clean and well-  
14 maintained, and we restored over 1 billion dollars in  
15 funding for sustainability and resiliency upgrades to  
16 our City buildings, including our schools, to help  
17 meet our climate goals. There were more resources  
18 available though in this budget, and despite the  
19 Council's best efforts, the Mayor's commitment to  
20 fiscal austerity continues to hurt New York City. I'm  
21 disappointed by the Mayor's refusal to fully fund  
22 Universal 3K and fully restore multiple rounds of the  
23 cuts that he's imposed to CUNY. The lack of childcare  
24 options is driving the affordability crisis for young  
25 families in New York City. The Council was able to

2 secure some very positive investments in early  
3 childhood education, but we need more resources, and  
4 we need a Mayor who actually wants more kids enrolled  
5 in 3K. With the new investments in this budget, we  
6 will continue to push the Administration to ramp up  
7 outreach and better manage seat distribution. I am  
8 immensely grateful to the Speaker, the Finance Chair,  
9 Justin Brannan, and my Colleagues, but ultimately no  
10 budget can solve for the Mayor's mismanagement of our  
11 City, and unfortunately this management was on full  
12 display during this budget process. New Yorkers  
13 deserve a budget and a Mayor that are building toward  
14 our collective future where every New Yorker..

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member,  
16 your time has expired.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Can afford  
18 housing, where every New Yorker can afford housing,  
19 where every parent has access to childcare, and every  
20 child obtains an excellent education.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Council Member.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote aye in  
23 support of affordable housing, libraries, schools,  
24 and sustainability investments, and thank you very  
25 much.



2 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Riley.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I would like to  
4 disclose for the record that Metropolitan College of  
5 New York is funded in the budget that we're adopting  
6 and I am associated with this entity. The Bronx  
7 Public Administrative Office is funded in the budget,  
8 and my spouse is associated with this entity. New  
9 York City DOE is funded in this budget, and my  
10 children and business associate is associated with  
11 this entity. I have a lot of disclosures. The YMCA is  
12 funded in this budget, and my family is associated  
13 with this entity. The Girl Scouts of New York is  
14 funded in this budget, and my children are associated  
15 with this entity. New York City ACS is funded in this  
16 budget, and my sibling is associated with this  
17 entity. Lastly, New York Presbyterian Hospital is  
18 funded in this budget, and my business associate is  
19 funded in this entity, and I vote aye on all.

20 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I am disclosing on  
22 the record of the Council proceedings that Bellevue  
23 Hospital was funded in the budget we are adopting,  
24 and my child is associated with that entity.

25 Permission to explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you. Good  
5 afternoon, everyone. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for  
6 your leadership and work to pass this budget. I know  
7 it wasn't easy, but collectively we remain focused on  
8 one goal, to listen to our communities and deliver  
9 for them to the best of our ability. This budget  
10 builds on work this Council has done to expand access  
11 to housing and healthcare, invest more in childcare,  
12 improve youth and senior programming, address street  
13 safety, bolster climate resiliency, support our  
14 schools, enhance parks and public spaces, and much  
15 more and, as Chair of the Committee on Cultural  
16 Affairs and Libraries, I'm especially proud of the  
17 restorations we secured and baselines we established  
18 for our cultural organizations and public library  
19 systems. Thanks to our work together, the libraries  
20 will have a higher baselined funding moving forward,  
21 ensuring New Yorkers have access to their vital  
22 services. For the first time since 2009, 15 years,  
23 we've increased baselined support for our cultural  
24 institutions group that are an unbelievable economic  
25 engine for the city. The return on investment will

2 pay itself off many, many times over. I applaud the  
3 New Yorkers who fought hard to secure support for  
4 arts organizations, cultural institutions, and our  
5 public libraries as we work together to build a  
6 stronger, safer, and more vibrant city. Libraries and  
7 our cultural organizations are valuable institutions  
8 that provide diverse performances, renowned theater,  
9 language classes, access to technology, career, and  
10 financial services, and countless other experiences  
11 and opportunities, and these entities support  
12 families across the boroughs, host visitors from  
13 around the world, and generate billions of dollars in  
14 economic revenue. Together, we achieve the budget  
15 that invests in impactful services equitably across  
16 the city. I want to thank all of the Staff, Jeremy  
17 John, Faiza Ali, thank you, the Speaker's Leadership  
18 Team and Finance, BNT, my own Council Team that holds  
19 it down, and of course my family and my Colleagues. I  
20 vote aye. Happy Pride.

21 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salaam.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I'm disclosing on  
23 the record of the Council proceedings that the YMCA  
24 is funded in this budget we are adopting and my  
25 immediate family and I are associated with that

2 entity. Also, Youth Represent is funded in the  
3 budget, and my daughter is associated with that  
4 entity.

5 Permission to explain my vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission  
7 granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: In continuing with  
9 my aforementioned statement, my Staff and I have been  
10 working diligently to ensure a robust allocation for  
11 the people of Harlem while also advocating for budget  
12 restoration throughout the city. Thank you, Madam  
13 Speaker, for your commitment to restoring our library  
14 and cultural affairs funds. Not only have these funds  
15 been restored, but the historic Schomburg Center for  
16 Research has also received 125,000 dollars in expense  
17 and Harlem Hospital has received 1.5 million for  
18 capital upgrades from the Speaker at my request. This  
19 is an achievement that I'm particularly proud of.  
20 According to my Office's preliminary analysis, we  
21 have allocated more than 31 percent of our expense  
22 budget to youth and education related programs and  
23 more than 20 percent to green space development and  
24 sanitation-related programs. Both numbers exceed our  
25 initial commitments to various groups and advocates.

2 We have allocated 64 percent of our capital  
3 allotments to educational institutions with 52  
4 percent of that funding directed towards public  
5 schools in our Districts and 10 percent towards CUNY.  
6 I'm proud of the allotments my office and I have  
7 made. I look forward to ensuring these funds are used  
8 in the manner that is just and appropriate and I seek  
9 the guidance of God Almighty for the people I  
10 represent and support of the constituents that I  
11 serve.

12 With that, I'm proud to vote yes on the  
13 budget for the betterment of my beloved constituents  
14 in District 9. I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Salamanca.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I'm disclosing  
17 on the record of the Council proceedings that the  
18 YMCA is funded in the budget we are adopting, and I  
19 along with my immediate family are associated with  
20 that entity, and that the New York City Department of  
21 Parks and Recreation is funded in the budget we are  
22 adopting, and my spouse is associated with that  
23 entity, and that the Castle Hill Little League is  
24 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my child is

2 associated with that entity, and I vote aye on all.

3 Thank you.

4 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'm disclosing on  
6 the record of the Council proceedings that the City  
7 University of New York is funded in the budget we are  
8 adopting, and my sibling is associated with that  
9 entity.

10 Permission to explain my vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you,  
14 Majority Leader. This kind of budget negotiation  
15 focused on restoring devastating cuts instead of  
16 investing in new programs is not the kind of  
17 negotiation that New Yorkers need, but I'm proud of  
18 the Council's tenacity in clawing back unnecessarily  
19 austere measures and investing in New Yorkers. I want  
20 to just take a moment to acknowledge the Speaker, the  
21 Finance Team, Richard Lee, Tanisha Edwards especially  
22 and everyone, the Budget Negotiating Team and the  
23 Progressive Caucus because we're here on June 30th  
24 for a reason, the very last day, the bitter end  
25 because you all helped us fight to the end. At a time

2 when New York City is in a housing crisis, childcare  
3 costs are skyrocketing and the cost of living has  
4 continued to soar. As Chair of Housing and Buildings,  
5 I am especially proud that we secured an additional  
6 historic 2-billion-dollar investment over the next  
7 two years for the construction and preservation in  
8 affordable housing with deeper investments than we've  
9 seen in low-income housing. A total of almost 4.2  
10 billion dollars in the upcoming year as of adoption,  
11 and we're still fact-checking but we're pretty sure  
12 this is the highest not only in six years but  
13 probably ever. Congratulations to our Council and our  
14 Members. We won 30 million dollars for Neighborhood  
15 Pillars and 110 million dollars for Open Door. This  
16 is all a win for New York City. I also want to  
17 congratulate on Intro. 962 with respect to the liens  
18 in the City of New York. I want to acknowledge the  
19 Abolish the Tax Lien Sale Coalition, Council Member  
20 Sandy Nurse for your leadership and all of the  
21 Members. This is good policy. It's not perfect, and  
22 there's more to do and there will be done throughout  
23 through the work of a task force but we did well,  
24 kids, and I'm very proud of all of us. Thank you,  
25 Majority Leader.

2 I vote aye.

3 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Schulman.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I am disclosing  
5 on the record of the Council proceedings that the  
6 office of the Mayor of the City of New York is funded  
7 in the budget we are adopting, and my sibling as  
8 associated with that entity.

9 Permission to explain my vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you. When  
13 I started out in politics, a wise political mentor of  
14 mine once said to me, you can't cut your way out of a  
15 deficit, you have to invest, and invest is what the  
16 City Council did on many fronts, not on all fronts  
17 but on many fronts including housing and education.  
18 Prior to becoming a Council Member, I worked for  
19 nearly a decade as a Council Staffer for Members and  
20 in the Speaker's office. During those years, I worked  
21 on many budgets and don't recall any being as robust  
22 and inclusive as the budget we are about to pass. For  
23 Fiscal Year '25, the Council was able to restore and  
24 enhance funding beyond anyone's expectations for  
25 libraries, education including our public schools in



2 CUNY, older adults, culture and art, housing,  
3 HIV/AIDS, composting, parks and so much more. In  
4 addition, this budget has an unprecedented number of  
5 items that are now baselined meaning that they will  
6 become a permanent part of the budget in future  
7 years. That is a huge investment. While there are  
8 many details that you will hear about in the days to  
9 come, a unique aspect of this budget is that a  
10 process has been established between the Council and  
11 the Administration to restructure problem program  
12 areas to ensure New Yorkers receive the services they  
13 need and deserve. One specific area is pre- and 3K  
14 slots including slots for kids with disabilities  
15 where a Council Working Group has been established  
16 with the Administration to ensure that every request  
17 for a slot is matched and located near where our  
18 young constituents live. Our budget wins would not  
19 have been possible without the extraordinary  
20 leadership of Speaker Adrienne Adams and her team,  
21 especially Jeremy John and Faiza Ali and, by the way,  
22 it's pronounced Faiza, the hard work of the Finance  
23 Team headed by the incomparable Richard Lee, our  
24 Finance Chair Justin Brannan, and my Colleagues,  
25 especially my BNT teammates. Lastly, I wouldn't be

2 able to do any of this without the amazing work and  
3 patience of my Staff, particularly Chief-of-Staff  
4 Jonathan Boucher, my Budget Director Kevin McAleer,  
5 and I also want to welcome Avi Dayden, my Simon  
6 Wiesenthal intern for the summer who is here today.

7 With that I vote aye on all.

8 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I'm disclosing on  
10 the record for this Council proceeding that CUNY is  
11 funded in this budget and we are adopting it, and my  
12 child is associated with that entity. Columbia  
13 Presbyterian Hospital is funded in this budget, and  
14 my daughter is associated with that entity and, with  
15 that, I vote aye.

16 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I want to thank  
18 Speaker Adams, all my Colleagues, all the Council  
19 Staff for working so hard on this budget. I vote aye  
20 on all.

21 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

22 Williams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am disclosing  
24 for the record of this Council proceeding that the  
25 City University of New York is funded in the budget

2 we are adopting, and I am associated with that  
3 entity, and that the Queen's Alumni Chapter of Delta  
4 Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is funded in the  
5 budget we are adopting, and I'm associated with that  
6 organization.

7 I vote aye.

8 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all, and I am  
10 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
11 that the YMCA is funded in the budget that we're  
12 adopting, and I am associated with that entity.

13 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you,  
14 Council Member. Yeger.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the  
16 exception of Intro. 962, Resolutions 482, 483, 484,  
17 485, 486, 487, 488 and Pre-Considered M57 and  
18 Resolution 496 and M49. Thank you.

19 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you. One  
20 moment. Zhuang.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Permission to  
22 explain my vote.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission  
24 granted.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you. I want  
3 to thank the Speaker and the Speaker's Team and also  
4 Finance Department, Finance Chair and also all the  
5 Negotiation Team. I will say you guys did a fantastic  
6 job to represent us and our city, and I'm proud our  
7 city. We were able to secure funding for 2 billion  
8 dollars to expanding permanent affordable housing  
9 across the city and also senior housing and reforming  
10 our early child education system so our 3K and the  
11 pre-K kids can have quality education. Also, I want  
12 to especially thank Speaker able to secure the 10-  
13 million-dollar funding for renovating of a new  
14 maternity wing at South Brooklyn Health. As I always  
15 said, a health budget means a healthier New York  
16 City. I want to thank you, and also I am very happy  
17 to vote yes. Oh, I should disclose first.

18 I'm disclosing the record of the City  
19 proceeding that the New York City Department of  
20 Education is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
21 and my child are associated with that entity.

22 I will vote yes on the budget, and I will  
23 vote no on Reso 482, 483, 496, and M57, Resos 485,  
24 486, 487, 488. Thank you.

2 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank you.

3 Borelli.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Madam Majority  
5 Leader.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Go ahead,  
7 permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you. I will  
9 because it's Sunday and it is you know it's a day we  
10 all anticipated perhaps being home, I will refrain  
11 from my usual we're spending more than Switzerland  
12 speech. We are. I will refrain from the usual budgets  
13 are priorities, and here's why I hate the budget but  
14 why I'm voting yes speech. That's become sort of  
15 standard, not just in this legislative body but in  
16 many, but I do have to make some disclosures.

17 Number one, I actually listen to my wife.  
18 She's a very, very smart woman, but she teaches New  
19 York City Public School special ed children, and she  
20 does have an influence on the work I do here every  
21 day so sometimes we forget why we disclose these  
22 things. It's not all bad. Things like that are good.

23 Number two, my son has a cannon. You're  
24 going to see him in the NFL. He actually got the only  
25 completed touchdown pass in his kindergarten division

2 as part, true story, as part of the 9/11 flag  
3 football league which we are funding.

4 My other son got a hat trick in the Parks  
5 Department Beach Soccer Tournament, hat tip to  
6 Commissioner Donoghue and all her staff, they did a  
7 great job but he's part of the Staten Island youth  
8 soccer league. Hat trick, that's not bad, he had a  
9 good season too.

10 Finally, my favorite disclosure is that  
11 every year about 80 young undergraduates get stuck  
12 with me for three hours a week where I get to  
13 indoctrinate them with my beliefs which is a  
14 wonderful thing and they pay me which is fantastic so  
15 I just I'll disclose that I am a professor at the  
16 College of Staten Island so, Speaker, thank you for  
17 your leadership here doing the pushing and pulling  
18 that we all expect you to do and a fine job.

19 With that, I will vote aye on all with  
20 the exception of Pre-Considered Resos 482, 483, 496  
21 and M57 as well as Resos 485, 486, 487 and 488. Thank  
22 you.

23 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I am disclosing on  
25 the record of the Council proceedings that NYU

2 Langone is funded in the budget we are adopting, and  
3 my parent is associated with that entity, and that  
4 the New York City Department of Education is funded  
5 in the budget we are adopting, and my sibling is  
6 associated with that entity.

7           It is not lost on me that it is my first  
8 budget as Majority Leader with an all-woman of color  
9 leadership team and a female-majority Council and the  
10 greatest Budget Negotiation Team I've ever asked for  
11 this cycle. We can just support it that way, thank  
12 you. Good afternoon and happy Pride.

13           I'm proud to have been a part of the  
14 Council's unwavering commitment to restoring and  
15 securing funding for essential services that make our  
16 city vibrant and livable for years to come. The  
17 Council understood the stakes for New Yorkers. We  
18 have successfully prioritized and fought for the  
19 restoration and investment of over 2 billion since  
20 the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and over 1 billion  
21 since the Executive. This funding supports affordable  
22 housing, libraries, parks, early childhood education,  
23 student support programs, CUNY, senior services,  
24 mental healthcare, community safety, and so much  
25 more. Our priorities are not crafted in isolation but

2 in tandem with the voices of our communities. Without  
3 a Council's intervention and fight, this budget would  
4 not have put them first.

5 Thank you to Council Speaker Adrienne  
6 Adams for your leadership, for our entire Finance  
7 Division, and I'm really proud of this City Council  
8 and, with that, I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker  
10 Adams.

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: I am disclosing on the  
12 record of the Council proceedings that the Pearls and  
13 Ivy Foundation of Queens is funded in the budget  
14 we're adopting, and I am associated with that entity,  
15 and that the Fire Department of the City of New York  
16 is funded by the budget we're adopting, and my child  
17 is associated with that entity.

18 I have given my remarks twice today on my  
19 gratitude and how proud I am of passing this budget.  
20 I just have a couple more names to add who I will  
21 thank with abundance. Grace Amato, Vida Yagnik and  
22 Elizabeth Childers Garcia. Thank you so much for all  
23 of your work in helping us to pass this amazing  
24 budget today.

25 I do vote aye on everything.



1 CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
2 you. Council Member Zhuang, you wanted to?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Yeah, I want to  
4 disclose on the record of this Council proceeding  
5 that Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of  
6 Bensonhurst is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
7 and my children are associated with this non-profit.  
8 Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. One  
10 moment as we tally.

11 All items on today's General Order  
12 Calendar are adopted by a vote of 49 in the  
13 affirmative, zero in the negative, and zero  
14 abstentions with the exception of Introduction 962  
15 which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the  
16 affirmative, two in the negative, and zero  
17 abstentions, and M57 and Resolution 496 which was  
18 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, nine in  
19 the negative and zero abstentions, and Resolution 44  
20 which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the  
21 affirmative, one in the negative, and zero  
22 abstentions, and M49 which was adopted by a vote of  
23 48 in the affirmative, one in the negative,  
24 and zero abstentions, and Resos 482, 483, 485, 486,  
25 487, and 488, which was adopted by a vote of 40 in

2 the affirmative, nine in the negative, and zero  
3 abstentions, and M42 and M43 with accompanying  
4 Resolutions, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
5 affirmative, three in the negative, and zero  
6 abstentions.

7 I now formally declare that the Executive  
8 Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive  
9 Capital Budget, and the Community Development Program  
10 for Fiscal Year 2025, all as modified and all in  
11 accordance with the New York City Charter, have been  
12 hereby adopted as of 4:07 p.m. on this 30th day of  
13 June 2024.

14 Introduction and Reading of Bills.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been  
16 referred to Finance as indicated on today's Agenda.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. There  
18 are no Resolutions on today's Calendar so we will now  
19 move into General Discussion.

20 I'd like to recognize Council Member  
21 Brannan.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. I gave  
23 a very short eye before, and I forgot to thank some  
24 folks. I want to thank Andrea Fastenberg at the Law  
25 Department for all her hard work on the Property Tax

2 Debt Resolution Bill, and I also want to thank Deputy  
3 Speaker Ayala for all she did to help while I was  
4 trying to negotiate the budget over text message,  
5 Diana was actually keeping BNT in line, and I  
6 appreciate that.

7 I also want to put into the record, I've  
8 said it before, but I've been around this building  
9 for a while, first as a Staffer and now as a Council  
10 Member, and I can honestly say I've never seen or  
11 worked with a Speaker like Adrienne Adams who truly  
12 leads from the bottom up. Speaker Adams doesn't make  
13 her personal priorities the Council priorities. She  
14 doesn't try to force what she cares about on the  
15 Members. Quite the opposite. If the Members care  
16 about something, then it becomes her personal  
17 priority, and I just want to thank her for her  
18 leadership. And, because she'll kill me, our Majority  
19 Whip, Selvena Brooks-Powers, for all her hard work  
20 and getting us to such a big number. That's it,  
21 thanks.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Okay. I'll now  
23 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's  
24 Stated Meeting.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Congratulations, Madam  
3 Majority Leader, on passing your first budget as our  
4 Majority Leader.

5 The Stated Meeting of June 30, 2024, is  
6 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.



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