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OF THE

STATED MEETING

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Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Start: 1:04 P.M.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Joann Ariola  
Alexa Avilés  
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Chris Banks  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Tiffany Cabán  
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Amanda Farías  
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Pierina Ana Sanchez  
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Kalman Yeger  
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## NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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

## INVOCATION DELIVERED BY:

Reverand Dr. David Watson, Calvary Chapel  
located at 30 Maple Parkway, Staten Island, NY  
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2 SERGEANT LEWIS: Good afternoon, good afternoon,  
3 this is soundcheck, soundcheck on the Stated Meeting.  
4 Today's date is October 23, 2024, in the Chambers,  
5 recorded by Walter Lewis (phonetic).

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, please  
7 place all electronic devices, all electronic devices  
8 to vibrate or silent mode.

9 Madam Majority Leader?

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon, and  
11 welcome to the Stated Meeting of October 23, 2024; I  
12 am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to  
13 thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow  
14 along, the Agenda for today's meeting is posted on  
15 our website.

16 On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of  
17 the public who have joined us here today. During  
18 Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may  
19 speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If  
20 you wish to express support of any remarks, you may  
21 make the silent approval gesture. And that's a  
22 friendly reminder for our folks who are supporting  
23 bills passing today.

24 I want to remind my colleagues that decorum is to  
25 be respected at all times. Insulting each other is

2 not appropriate, all remarks are to be addressed to  
3 the Chair, and members shall not speak unless  
4 recognized by the Chair. It is essential that even if  
5 we disagree, we treat each other with respect.

6 CITY CLERK: Please join us for the Pledge of  
7 Allegiance.

8 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

9 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO MIC) Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (INAUDIBLE)

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Presenté

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Present

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'm here.

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (ABSENT)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

17 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. We will now  
20 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by  
21 Dr. David Watson of Calvary Chapel, which is located  
22 at 30 Maple Parkway in Staten Island.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

24 DR. WATSON: Let us pray.

25

2 The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom  
3 shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
4 of whom shall I fear. Most (INAUDIBLE) God and  
5 heavenly Father, thank you for this day that you have  
6 given us. Thank you for your presence in our lives.  
7 Thank you for the city that we live in and that we  
8 love, the home of the New York Liberty, the world  
9 champions. We know you love it more than we ever  
10 could.

11 We ask your guidance for this body and for its  
12 speaker, Speaker Adams. We ask for a wisdom that  
13 comes from you, O God, as we reach out to you today  
14 for your help, the tasks here, the situations here  
15 are beyond us. We need you.

16 Please minister, Lord, to each of the 51 council  
17 members and their staffs. Heavenly Father, please be  
18 their primary physician when they're sick, their wise  
19 counselor when they don't know what to do, their  
20 financial adviser when they're trying to figure out  
21 all these budgets and all the other things associated  
22 with it, and their trusted friend. May they cast all  
23 their care on you, for you are their concern, as they  
24 carry out their standard stewardship of the city, may  
25 they see themselves as doing your work, knowing that

2 they will be rewarded by you. When they get tired,  
3 please remind them the words of the scriptures that  
4 say they who wait upon the Lord will renew their  
5 strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
6 they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and  
7 not faint. Please bless them, please bless this body.

8 Indeed, Lord, please bless and heal our city in  
9 Jesus' name. Amen.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. I would now  
11 like to ask Council Member Kamillah Hanks to spread  
12 the Invocation on the Record.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Thank you, Madam Majority  
14 Leader.

15 Today, it is my honor to welcome a remarkable  
16 leader in serving of faith pastor David Watson,  
17 senior pastor of Calvary Chapel of Staten Island. For  
18 nearly 35 years, Pastor Watson has shepherded a  
19 vibrant and diverse congregation, providing not just  
20 spiritual guidance but hope, comfort, and belonging  
21 to countless families on the North Shore. His church  
22 stands as a living testament to the power of faith to  
23 unite people across all backgrounds and cultures.

24 Pastor Watson has committed his life to serving  
25 others with compassion and humility. His ministry is

2 a reflection of both his academic dedication holding  
3 a Doctor of Divinity of New York Theological  
4 Seminary, and advanced degrees from Liberty Baptist  
5 Seminary and Liberty University, and his deep care  
6 for community.

7 So on behalf of our community, I offer deep  
8 gratitude for all that he has done, and continues to  
9 do, to strengthen the spirit and unity that defines  
10 the 49 District. I make a Motion for Unanimous  
11 Consent to spread the Invocation in full. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: We will now have the  
13 Adoption of the Minutes by Council Member Crystal  
14 Hudson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I make a motion that the  
16 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 10, 2024 be  
17 adopted as printed.

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

20 CLERK: M 75 Board of Health appointment?

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: Withdrawn.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communications from City,  
23 County, and Borough Offices?

24 CLERK: M 76 Commissioner of Elections of the  
25 Board of Elections appointment?

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Rules, Privileges, and Elections.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and

4 Communications?

5 CLERK: None.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

7 CLERK: M 77 and M 78.

8 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on Call-Up Vote.

9 I now ask that the Clerk take a rollcall vote on  
10 today's Land Use Call-ups.

11 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (INAUDIBLE) Permission

23 (INAUDIBLE) Call-ups and items on today's Agenda?

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Sorry, Council Member

25 Bottcher, can you repeat?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Permission to vote on  
3 all Land Use Items, Call-ups, and items on today's  
4 Agenda?

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Permission to vote on all  
10 Land Use Items, Call-ups, and items on today's  
11 Agenda?

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I vote aye on all, thank  
14 you.

15 CLERK: Thank you

16 Council Member Brewer?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes

18 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Yes

20 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

24 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Yes

4 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye

12 CLERK: Thank you.

13 Council Member Narcisse?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

21 CLERK: Council Member Paladino, Land Use Call-  
22 ups?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I'm sorry, aye on all.

24 CLERK: Thank you.

25 Council Member Powers?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Permission to vote on all  
3 Land Use Items, Call-ups, and items on today's  
4 Agenda?

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye on all.

7 CLERK: Thank you.

8 Council Member Restler?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO MIC) Aye

18 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Carr.

19 Council Member Salamanca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to vote on  
21 all Land Use Items and Call-ups?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I vote aye  
24 on all.

25 CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Sanchez?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

6 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (ABSENT)

12 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Council Member Won?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam President, may I be

18 excused to vote now on the General Orders?

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you. I vote aye on  
21 all with the exception of Resolutions 623, 624, 625,  
22 and 626 on which I vote no, and I abstain on  
23 Introduction 991, thank you.

24 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye

4 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Land Use Call-ups, Council Member Mealy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Speaker Adams?

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Aye on all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Today's Land Use Call-ups  
12 are adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative and 0  
13 on the negative.

14 We will now have Communication from Speaker  
15 Adrienne Adams.

16 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader, and  
17 good afternoon everyone.

18 I want to begin by acknowledging the loss of  
19 Paulo Couto, a construction worker who was injured  
20 and killed on the job earlier this month in Council  
21 Member Cabán's district in Queens. All workers  
22 deserve to be safe on the job, and my thoughts are  
23 with his family and his loved ones.

24 Last week, there was a fatal fire in Council  
25 Member Brewer's district, a 72-year-old man lost his

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2 life while three firefighters were injured. Two days  
3 later, a lithium ion battery sparked a deadly fire in  
4 Council Member Vernikov's district taking the life of  
5 a 69-year-old grandfather and injuring three others.  
6 My heart goes out to the families and friends of  
7 these victims.

8 While we have made much progress on fire safety  
9 by passing laws to curb threats from dangerous  
10 lithium ion batteries, we know there's continued work  
11 to be done.

12 Yesterday, the Council's Subcommittee on Zoning  
13 and Franchises held a 14.5 hour public hearing, from  
14 9:30 a.m. to midnight, to hear from the public about  
15 the City of Yes Zoning for Housing Opportunity  
16 Proposal, and I'm giving Chair Kevin Riley a  
17 ginormous shout out (APPLAUSE) for his great  
18 leadership during this marathon hearing, as well as  
19 members of the Subcommittee and all of my colleagues  
20 who were here. Most importantly, I want to thank all  
21 of the New Yorkers who testified in person, on Zoom,  
22 and stayed up late last night to watch.

23 Our public hearings are designed to encourage all  
24 members of the public to share their thoughts and  
25 feedback on proposals before this body. It is a major

2 part of the work we do to listen to people of this  
3 city and respect their voices regardless of whether  
4 we may or may not agree. We use the public feedback  
5 at our hearings to shape our proposals and our  
6 decisions. That is what good governance and  
7 representative democracy is about. And as a council,  
8 we will always welcome all New Yorkers' voices right  
9 here into the People's House.

10 We have a few cultural days of significance to  
11 acknowledge today:

12 October 23rd is Hungarian Republic Day; the 24th  
13 is Zambia Independence Day; and in the 29th is  
14 Turkey's Republic Day. I wish all New Yorkers who are  
15 observing a meaningful celebration.

16 October 31st is Halloween, kids, whether you're  
17 trick or treating with your children, watching a  
18 scary movie, or dressing up, please be safe and do  
19 have fun.

20 Also on the 31st is Diwali - The Festival Of  
21 Lights. It is a significant celebration for our  
22 Hindu, Sikh, and Jain communities. I hope everyone  
23 who celebrates has a festive Diwali.

24 I also want to wish a happy early birthday to  
25 Council Member Vickie Paladino, who has a birthday on

2 the 28th and Council Member Oswald Feliz who has a  
3 birthday on the 29th. (APPLAUSE) I hope you both  
4 enjoy your special day.

5 Now let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

6 First, we will vote on the following Land Use  
7 items:

8 135th Street Rezoning will facilitate the  
9 development of a seven-story mixed-use building with  
10 approximately 60 units, including 15 permanently  
11 affordable units under MIH, as well as commercial and  
12 community facility space in Council Member Abreu's  
13 right use district. The council is modifying the  
14 application to require MIH option 1.

15 Next, we'll vote on the following Finance items:

16 Four Preconceived Resolutions, sponsored by  
17 Council Member Justin Brannan, which would amend and  
18 restate the property tax rates for Fiscal Year 2025  
19 in accordance with enacted state legislation.

20 A transparency resolution approving new  
21 designations and changes of certain organizations  
22 receiving funding in the expense budget.

23 A Preconceived Resolution, sponsored by Council  
24 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year

1 Article XI tax exemption for seven buildings and  
2 Council Member Salaam's district.

3 A Preconceived Resolution, sponsored by Council  
4 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year  
5 Article XI tax exemption for one building in Council  
6 Member Joseph's District.

7 A Preconceived Resolution, sponsored by Council  
8 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year  
9 Article XI tax exemption for one building in Council  
10 Member Rivera's district.

11 Today we will also vote on the following pieces  
12 of legislation:

13 Resolution 193, sponsored by Council Member  
14 Nantasha Williams, would designate a October as Youth  
15 Empowerment Month annually in the city of New York to  
16 recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the successes of  
17 young people and their contributions to school and  
18 community life.

19 Resolution 508, also sponsored by Council Member  
20 Williams, would designate October 10th annually as  
21 Casey Benjamin Day in the city of New York to  
22 celebrate the genius of his music and his unique  
23 contributions to a variety of music genres.  
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1           Resolution 518, sponsored by Majority Whip,  
2 Selvena Brooks-Powers, would declare a October as  
3 Jamaican Heritage Month in celebration of the rich  
4 history, culture, and contributions of Jamaican  
5 communities in New York City.  
6

7           A Preconceived Resolution, sponsored by council  
8 members Crystal Hudson and Tiffany Cabán, would  
9 celebrate the New York Liberty winning the 2024 WNBA  
10 championship (APPLAUSE) in their first in the history  
11 of the franchise. It would also declare October 20th  
12 as New York Liberty Day annually in the city of New  
13 York. We thank... we applaud the Liberty in this  
14 house, yes, we do. (APPLAUSE) We thank our staff  
15 members, Regina Paul and Chad Benjamin.

16           Introduction, 797-A, sponsored by Council Member  
17 Althea Stevens, would require the Department of  
18 Education to report annually a list of all student  
19 clubs and organizations at each school. The DOE would  
20 be required to report if any student club or  
21 organization has authorization to conduct its  
22 activities off school grounds. We thank our staff  
23 member Nadia Jean-Francois.

24           Introduction 73-A, also sponsored by Council  
25 Member Stevens, would require the DOE to report



1  
2 annually on information related to career and  
3 technical education or CTE programs. We thank our  
4 staff members, Nadia Jean-Francois and Matthew Hill.

5 Introduction 771-A, sponsored by Council Member  
6 Linda Lee, would require the DOE to provide parents  
7 with information about the interpretation and  
8 translation services that DOE offers, including  
9 information on how to access such services and  
10 examples of how the services might be used. We once  
11 again thank our staff member Nadia Jean-Francois.

12 Introduction, 468-A, sponsored by Council Member  
13 Nantasha Williams, would require the Department of  
14 Transportation to make information available on their  
15 website regarding traffic control device and other  
16 speed reducer requests. The bill would require more  
17 searchable details, providing clarity about traffic  
18 safety requests made by the public, community boards,  
19 and elected officials. We thank our staff members  
20 Mark Chen, Connor Mealey, Kevin Kotowski, and John  
21 Basile.

22 Introduction 87-A, sponsored by Council Member  
23 Rafael Salamanca, would expand reporting requirements  
24 on the demographics and outcomes of youth who are in  
25

1 the juvenile justice system. We thank our staff  
2 member, Christina Yellamaty.

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4 Finally, introduction 991-C, sponsored by Council  
5 Member Julie Menin, would establish a licensing  
6 program for New York City hotels with the goal of  
7 promoting health and safety. New York City has long  
8 regulated businesses in the tourism industry to  
9 advance the safety and well-being of New Yorkers and  
10 visitors. For example, sightseeing buses and guides  
11 and pedicab drivers are all currently required to  
12 obtain a license from DCWP, allowing the City to  
13 enforce health and safety regulations while giving  
14 consumers the information they need. This legislation  
15 seeks to align the hotel industry with this standard  
16 for front desk coverage, security, and cleanliness.  
17 We thank our staff members, Rachel Cordero, Natalie  
18 Meltzer, and Sarah Swaine.

19 Thank you very much for your attention, I now  
20 turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.

22 We will now move into Discussion of General  
23 Orders.

24 I would like to recognize Council Member Stevens.  
25

1 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Greetings, everyone, and  
2 thank you to our Madam Speaker and my colleagues for  
3 continuing support and fight for the advancements of  
4 our city educational system.  
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6 Today, I am a proud champion of two critical  
7 pieces of legislation that brings greater  
8 transparency and accountability to New York City  
9 Education System. Introduction 797, which mandates  
10 the Department of Education to report on student  
11 clubs and organizations that each school. Student  
12 clubs play a pivotal role in the personal and social  
13 development of young people and requires the DOE to  
14 provide information on facilitating advisors in off  
15 campus activities in order to better evaluate the  
16 resources and support the availability to our by  
17 young people.

18 Introduction 793 focuses on the future of  
19 workforce of our city by requiring the Department of  
20 Education to report on information and career  
21 technical education programs, CTE. By providing  
22 annual reports this will have metrics such as student  
23 enrollment, internship participation, and post-  
24 graduation outcomes. This information will allow us  
25 to enhance CTE programs more effectively in

2 supporting and providing our community with the  
3 necessary tools to ensure the workforce... for  
4 workforce and higher education.

5 Transparency in our city is important, especially  
6 when it comes to investing in the future of our young  
7 people who walk the school hallways daily. The  
8 reality is that they will be replacing us one day,  
9 and we need to make sure that they have all the tools  
10 necessary to be successful.

11 Let's continue to ensure that students have equal  
12 access to programs and activities that foster  
13 leadership, creativity, and, most importantly,  
14 community engagement.

15 I would like to thank my staff, committee staff,  
16 and Chair Rita Joseph for helping me get this bill  
17 across the finish line. And with that, thank you.

18 And I ask all my colleagues to vote, yes, on this  
19 legislation.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

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

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Thank you so much.

24 I'm thrilled that New York City will finally join  
25 other cities in licensing hotels. Licensing is a

1 critical regulatory tool that DCWP uses to regulate  
2 over 45,000 businesses such as barber shops and  
3 parking garages in over 40 industries.  
4

5 While the hotel industry is an important economic  
6 driver for our great city, and the majority of hotels  
7 are wonderful places to stay, there is desperate need  
8 for regulation. As mentioned by the New York Times,  
9 oversight of the hotel industry has essentially been  
10 laissez-faire.

11 Hotels that host criminals can be difficult to  
12 shut down as we saw all too well in Kew Gardens,  
13 Queens with the Umbrella Hotel - when hundreds of  
14 neighbors complained about that hotel - and, finally,  
15 in 2021, there was a murder. The City tried to shut  
16 the hotel down, but had difficulty doing so in large  
17 part because it was not licensed.

18 Hotel related complaints to DCWP have doubled in  
19 the past four years. There have also been over 14,000  
20 criminal complaints to the NYPD about hotels and  
21 motels and 39 murders.

22 That is why the five district attorneys, the New  
23 York Attorney General, HTC, Central Labor Council,  
24 32BJ, DC 37, NYSE and the PBA, and over 40 council  
25 members have signed on and supported the bill.

2 The Safe Hotels Act would ensure protections for  
3 communities and guests. It requires that hotels  
4 maintain the cleanliness of each guest room, equip  
5 all core employees with panic buttons, and provide  
6 human trafficking training.

7 The Safe Hotels Act prohibits subcontracting in  
8 larger hotels, which will ensure the hotel operator  
9 is accountable for what occurs on hotel premises  
10 rather than shifting responsibility for day to day  
11 operations to a third party. This will result in  
12 important public safety measures.

13 I want in particular to thank HTC for their  
14 incredible leadership and support. I wanna thank  
15 HANYC (Hotel Association of New York City) and the  
16 other stakeholders who gave us valuable feedback, and  
17 I want to thank Speaker Adams, Jeremy John, Jeff  
18 Baker, Rachel Cordero, Sarah Swaine, Natalie Meltzer,  
19 (TIMER CHIMES) Jonathan Szott, Brandon Jordan, and  
20 Mercedes Anderson, and I urge all of my colleagues to  
21 vote aye on this important legislation. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
23 Member.

24 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, Reports of  
25 Special Committees?

2 CLERK: None.

3 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reports of Standing  
4 Committees?

5 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Children and  
6 Youth, Introduction 87-A, juvenile justice  
7 statistics?

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

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer and  
11 Worker Protection, Introduction 991-C, licensing  
12 hotels?

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

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Education,  
16 Introduction 733-A, technical education programs?

17 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
18 Orders.

19 CLERK: Introduction 771-A, translation services?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
21 Orders.

22 CLERK: Introduction 797-A, student organizations?

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,  
3 Preconsidered Resolution 622, transparency  
4 resolution?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 CLERK: Preconsidered Resolution 623 through  
7 Preconsidered Resolution 626, property class shares  
8 and tax rates?

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 182 and Resolution 633  
11 through Preconsidered LU 184 and Resolution 635, tax  
12 exemptions?

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

14 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,  
15 Privileges and Elections Resolution 579 approving the  
16 appointment of Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Civilian  
17 Complaint Review Board?

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

19 CLERK: M 71 and Resolution 636, approving the  
20 appointment of Oudeshram "Raj" Rampershad, City  
21 Planning Commission?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation  
24 and Infrastructure, Introduction 468-A, DOT website  
25 information?



2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 CLERK: General Order Calendar, LU 149 and  
5 Resolution 637 through LU 152 and Resolution 640,  
6 135th Street Rezoning?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

8 I now ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote on  
9 the items coupled on today's General Order Calendar.

10 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I would like to  
15 congratulate the Hotel Trade Council and its members  
16 for fighting tooth and nail to get this bill across  
17 the finish line, and I'm glad we're gonna get it done  
18 today. I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Permission to explain my  
21 vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I'd just like to say on  
24 Introduction 991-C, I'd like to really commend the  
25 leadership of Council Member of Julie Menin, the

2 Speaker, her entire team, the Legislative Division,  
3 My partner on the Peninsula, Selvena Brooks-Powers,  
4 and Keith Powers.

5 We all met multiple times to make sure that each  
6 and every type of hotel received the proper attention  
7 it needed so that they would not be hurt by any  
8 broader based bill, and we were able to really carve  
9 out where we needed to. But the amount of time, the  
10 amount of Zoom calls, the amount of phone calls that  
11 were made, really, I cannot thank Julie Menin enough  
12 and the entire team, Bob from HTC, Incredible job.

13 And, my smaller hotels, that are good actors,  
14 that are under a hundred rooms, really were taken  
15 into consideration and given a voice at those  
16 meetings to state what their needs were. So on that,  
17 I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

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

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to  
7 congratulate all of those passing bills today. And  
8 I'd like to just say on the record that I'm proud of  
9 the agreement we were able to reach on Introduction  
10 991, which ensures that hotel workers can thrive and  
11 work in a safe and secure environment.

12 This is a significant win for our workers,  
13 recognizing the vital role they play in supporting  
14 our local economy. I want to extend my gratitude to  
15 the Hotel and Game And Trades Council, the Restaurant  
16 Alliance, and The Hotel Association of New York City  
17 as well as Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Member  
18 Julie Menin, Council Member Joann Ariola , the entire  
19 staff for the open-minded approach and thoughtfulness  
20 through the negotiation process.

21 And together, we have worked to balance needs of  
22 workers, first and foremost, but also taken into  
23 account the concerns of local businesses,  
24 particularly in areas such as the Rockaway Peninsula.

25 And so with that, I vote aye. Thank you.

2 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote no on Resolutions  
4 623, 624, 625, and 626. Thank you.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Cabán?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote no on Preconsidered  
10 Resolutions 623, 624, 625, and 626, as well as  
11 Introduction 992-C, and aye on the rest.

12 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Permission to explain  
14 my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you so much.

17 I also want to extend gratitude and  
18 congratulations to Julie Menin for her work on the  
19 Hotel Safety Act.

20 I also want to congratulate the HTC and all of  
21 the unions who really truly ensured that workers were  
22 a top of mind on this bill, that will ensure that we  
23 have an industry, a hotel industry, that takes into  
24 consideration the lives of workers.

25

2 And, so, I want to congratulate everyone, and I  
3 vote aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

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

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I want to congratulate the  
11 Hotel Trade's Council and Council Member Menin  
12 getting 991-C to the finish line - a bill that's  
13 gonna help improve life and safety for hotel workers  
14 and so many others. Aye on all, thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye on all with the  
23 exception of Preconsidered Resolutions 623, 624, 625,  
24 and 626, thank you.

25 CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Holden?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except for  
4 Preconsidered Resolutions 623, 624, 625, and 626 of  
5 which I vote no.

6 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

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

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Just want to congratulate  
11 again, Council Member Menin, as well as HTC, and all  
12 of its workers on the passage of Introduction 991.

13 And I am aye on all with the exception of  
14 Resolution 579, for which I vote no. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all, and congrats to  
21 all my colleagues.

22 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all. Congrats to all  
24 bill sponsors.

25 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with  
3 the exception Preconsidered Resolutions 623, 624,625,  
4 and 626, and Intro 991-C, thank you.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Marte?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I want to congratulate  
10 everyone who's on a bill, and I vote on all, except  
11 for Resolution 623, for which I vote no. Thank you,  
12 and congratulations, Julie Menin.

13 CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member Menin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I proudly vote aye on all.

16 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Permission to explain my  
20 vote for one second?

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Permission granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Congratulations to my  
23 colleague, Julie Menin, and of course, HTC for  
24 especially (INAUDIBLE) for listening. And it's time  
25 to be responsible in New York City. And when I put

2 some questions on the floor and stuff, it's just  
3 making sure that whatever we do, we hold ourselves  
4 accountable to the people that we serve. Thank you,  
5 and I vote aye to all.

6 CLERK: Thank you.

7 Council Member Nurse?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye on all except  
13 for Preconsidered Resolutions 623, 624, 625, and 626,  
14 and no on Introduction 991-C. Thank you

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Restler?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all, and  
18 congratulations to HTC.

19 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I just want to say  
21 congratulations to Council Member Menin, and I vote  
22 aye on all. And you, too, Council Member Stevens.

23 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Congratulations to all of  
25 my colleagues, and I vote aye.



2 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Congratulations to my  
6 colleagues, and I vote aye on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.

12 Council Member Menin mentioned that the Umbrella  
13 Hotel was the nexus for the Safe Hotels Act, and that  
14 hotel is in my district. And I want to thank Council  
15 Member Menin, HTC, and everyone involved, and the  
16 Speaker for doing this bill, because now we won't  
17 have to deal with hotels like that ever again, and it  
18 was something that we worked on for a long time.

19 And I also wanna congratulate my constituents  
20 from Kew Gardens, who actually came and testified on  
21 behalf of the bill. And with that, I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Won?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye, except Preconsidered  
10 Resolutions 623, 624, 625, and 626, and aye on all  
11 the rest.

12 CLERK: Thank you

13 Council Member Borelli?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I would like to be  
15 recorded as a no for Preconsidered Resolutions 623,  
16 624, 625, and 626, and Introduction 991-C, and on the  
17 rest, I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Thank you.

19 Council Member Farías?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye on all, and  
21 congratulations to my colleagues.

22 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's  
25 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in

1 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
2 abstentions; and Introduction 991-C, which was  
3 adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 4 in the  
4 negative, and 0 abstentions; and Resolution 569,  
5 which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative,  
6 1 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and Resolutions  
7 624, 625, and 626, which was adopted by a vote of 41  
8 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative, and 0  
9 abstentions; and Preconsidered Resolution 623, which  
10 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 10 in  
11 the negative, and 0 abstentions.  
12

13 (PAUSE)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Apologies, I just want to  
15 make a correction to the record, with the exception  
16 of Introduction 991-C, which was adopted by a vote of  
17 45 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 1  
18 abstention.

19 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
21 Committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you.

23 We will now move into Discussion of Resolutions,  
24 and I would like to recognize Council Member Hudson,  
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2 followed by Council Member Cabán, then Council Member  
3 Brooks-Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: L I B E R T Y, Let's go  
5 Liberty!

6 I want to congratulate our very own New York  
7 Liberty, whose home court at the Barclay Center is in  
8 the 35th district, for winning their first ever WMBA  
9 championship. They've brought championship basketball  
10 back to New York City after more than 50 years, and  
11 I'm proud to be introducing Resolutions 629 today,  
12 along with Council Member Cabán, declaring October  
13 20th as New York Liberty Day in the city of New York.

14 We're looking forward, yes, clap it up for the  
15 New York Liberty! (APPLAUSE)

16 We're looking forward to hosting our champions  
17 right here at City Hall tomorrow, where we can all  
18 come together to celebrate this momentous achievement  
19 and remember when we invest in women, we win. Thank  
20 you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council  
22 Member.

23 I would now like to recognize Council Member  
24 Cabán, followed Majority Whip Brooks-Powers.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Thank you.

1           The New York Liberty are the best of New York,  
2           and I couldn't be more proud to be a lifelong Liberty  
3           loyal. I made my mom take you to an open practice  
4           back in '98, and I have never looked back.

5           The liberty persevered through a tough loss last  
6           season, they met the moment making bold decisions,  
7           starting Fiebich for the playoffs, throwing Sabally  
8           in the final minutes, in a stroke of genius, despite  
9           those five players never logging a single minute on  
10          the court together that entire season. When they got  
11          cold the last two games, the stars found a million  
12          different ways to contribute, while others who don't  
13          normally get the shine stepped up on offense. They  
14          showed courage. They showed innovation. They showed  
15          creativity, and they did it all while fielding and  
16          rising above homophobic and sexist threats amid  
17          rising fame.

18          The Liberty embody the best of us, working as a  
19          team uplifting one another, and proving that  
20          diversity is our greatest strength. They bring our  
21          city world class athleticism and talent through grit,  
22          love, and determination led by black women, queer  
23          women, (TIMER CHIMES) and immigrant women, the New  
24          York Liberty deserved to be honored by our city. And  
25

2 to wrap it up, I am so proud to be sponsoring Reso  
3 629 to make October 20 New York Liberty Day annually  
4 in honor of the day they... (CROSS-TALK)

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

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: clinched the WNBA  
8 championship. As Liberty loyals know, "We all we got,  
9 we all we need," and now we got a championship, so go  
10 Liberty! (APPLAUSE)

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
12 Member. I would now like to recognize Majority Whip  
13 Brooks-Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you,  
15 Majority Leader.

16 It is such an honor to be before my colleague  
17 today as the proud daughter of Jamaican immigrants,  
18 and ask for your support on Resolution 518, which  
19 designates October as Jamaican Heritage month in New  
20 York City.

21 By establishing Jamaican Heritage Month in New  
22 York City, we recognize the rich history and enduring  
23 legacy of Jamaica and honor the incredible  
24 contributions Jamaicans have made both here and  
25 around the world.

2 I am again proud to introduce this legislation,  
3 and look forward to celebrating Jamaican Heritage,  
4 not only this October, but for years to come in New  
5 York City.

6 I'd like to acknowledge that we are joined today  
7 by Jamaica's Counsel General to New York, Alston  
8 Wilson. I'd also like to thank Chair Rivera, Speaker  
9 Adams, and our cosponsors for their support, and I  
10 encourage everyone to vote in favor. Thank you

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. Members, I am  
12 going to pause for one second as we are working  
13 something out with a member, then we will get right  
14 back to the Agenda.

15 (PAUSE)

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
17 Member Sanchez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority  
19 Leader. I ask for unanimous consent from the body to  
20 amend my vote?

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any objections?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, I vote no on  
25 Reso 579, and yes, aye on all the rest, thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I'm going to read into  
3 the record a revised vote on Resolution 579, which  
4 was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 2 in  
5 the negative and 0 abstentions.

6 Seeing no one else signed up to speak for  
7 Discussion of Resolutions, we will now have a voice  
8 vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote  
9 against or abstain from any of today's Resolutions,  
10 please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email  
11 or by approaching the dais.

12 I will now read today's Resolutions into the  
13 Record:

14 Resolution 193 designates October as Youth  
15 Empowerment Month annually in the city of New York to  
16 recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the successes of  
17 young people and their contributions to school and  
18 community life.

19 Will all those in favor say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.



2 Resolution 508 designates October 10th annually  
3 as Casey Benjamin Day in the city of New York and  
4 celebrating the genius of his music and his unique  
5 contributions to a variety of music genres.

6 Will all those in favor say aye?

7 ALL: Aye

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

13 Resolution 518 declares October as Jamaican  
14 Heritage Month in New York City.

15 Will all those in favor say aye?

16 ALL: Aye

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

18 ALL: (SILENT)

19 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

20 ALL: (SILENT)

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

22 Preconsidered Resolution 629 celebrates the New  
23 York Liberty's winning of the 2024 Women's National  
24 Basketball Association Championship and declaring

2 October 20th as New York Liberty Day annually in the  
3 City of New York.

4 Will all those in favor say aye?

5 ALL: Aye

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

7 ALL: (SILENT)

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

9 ALL: (SILENT)

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

11 We will now move into General Discussion, and I  
12 would like to recognize Council Member Hudson,  
13 followed by Council Member Louis, then Council Member  
14 Brewer.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Good afternoon again,  
16 colleagues.

17 As you know, our city is home to a significant  
18 and growing population of older adults. And today,  
19 I'm introducing Introduction 1092, a crucial piece of  
20 legislation aimed at increasing access to vital anti-  
21 fraud information, so we can help protect our older  
22 adult communities here in New York City.

23 In 2023 alone, scams specifically targeting older  
24 adults aged 60 and over resulted in over \$3.4 billion  
25 in losses.

1           These losses are not just statistics, but the  
2           hard earned savings and financial security of our  
3           beloved older adults, many of whom are living on  
4           fixed incomes.

6           This bill will ensure our older adult population  
7           has access to the resources they need to recognize  
8           potential scams, report fraudulent activity, and  
9           protect their financial well-being.

10          By equipping older New Yorkers with knowledge, we  
11          empower them to make informed decisions and to seek  
12          help when needed. Thank you.

13          MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
14          Member Louis, followed by Council Member Brewer, then  
15          Council Member Salaam.

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

18          On September 15th, as two NYPD officers sought to  
19          subdue a fare evader on the L Train in Brooklyn, nine  
20          shots were fired, leaving a police officer, a  
21          suspect, and two innocent bystanders wounded.

22          Gregory Delpeche, 49 years old, an employee at  
23          Woodhull Hospital, was shot in the back of the head  
24          sustaining a serious brain injury, and 26-year-old  
25          Kerry Gahalal was left with a bullet lodged in her

1 leg, which will remain there for the rest of her  
2 life. This incident will alter the course of their  
3 lives forever, an unfortunate and irreversible  
4 outcome incurred due to negligence by those who were  
5 sworn to protect us.

7 This tragedy results from a larger issue that  
8 demands our attention and decisive action. In  
9 response, I am introducing Introduction 1095, which  
10 mandates that any injury or death to a civilian  
11 caused by NYPD must be reported to the Civilian  
12 Complaint Review Board within 24 hours of the injury.

13 We must address pervasive trends and the lack of  
14 training our officers receive, especially in de-  
15 escalation of otherwise nonviolent situations. In  
16 risky interactions in our public spaces, we must set  
17 a precedent towards de-escalation as the norm and  
18 innocent bystanders will be protected.

19 The public safety of New Yorkers should be our  
20 utmost priority, and those who protect us should be  
21 accountable for their actions while serving and  
22 protecting others.

23 I urge my colleagues to sign on to this bill to  
24 protect our fellow New Yorkers and commuters from  
25 preventable tragedy, and I thank attorney, Keith

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2 White, for his swift and decisive support for the  
3 impacted families, and Council Member Chris Banks for  
4 cosponsoring this legislation. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (BACKGROUND NOISE) If you  
6 are leaving the Chambers, please do so quietly.

7 Recognizing Council Member Brewer, followed by  
8 Council Member Salaam, then Council Member Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

10 Introduction 1091 would mandate that the Parks  
11 Department identify tree pits that are on streets and  
12 that have no trees in them. It should go, that  
13 information, onto the online tree map, which it does  
14 not exist, and every single year, it should be  
15 updated. The reason I say that is because so often,  
16 we you vacant tree pits, we do not have that data.  
17 Saturday is the City of Forest Day when we raise  
18 awareness on the importance of our urban forest.

19 Number two, you know, that people call all the  
20 time wanting trees in their vacant tree pits, and  
21 that information needs to go on the map. There is a  
22 map, but it needs a layer to identify these  
23 vacancies. This is about transparency, and  
24 efficiency, and equity because if the tree pit is  
25 able to have a tree, that should indicate such. Or,

1 if it's no longer viable, because of the (INAUDIBLE)  
2 or something else, that should indicate as such.

3 So I wanna thank Trees New York, Big Reuse, and  
4 Nature Conservancy for their import and support of  
5 this legislation.  
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7 And finally, I too want to thank HTC, but I also  
8 want to thank Vijay Dandapani, who is head of the  
9 Hotel Association, who also participated in the  
10 Introduction regarding the hotels. Thank you very  
11 much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
13 Member Salaam, followed by Council Member Rivera,  
14 then Council Member Marte.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Honorable  
16 Speaker and distinguished colleagues, today, I'm  
17 proud to introduce Introduction 1101, a critical bill  
18 aimed at addressing the growing problem of identity  
19 theft in our city. This legislation will require the  
20 NYPD to provide essential public information on  
21 identity theft and ensure that all officers are  
22 properly trained to handle complaints of identity  
23 theft and their related crimes.

24 Identity theft is a serious issue that leaves  
25 many New Yorkers financially vulnerable and

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2 emotionally distressed. Too often victims don't know  
3 where to turn, and when they do, they need officers  
4 who are trained to help.

5 This bill will guarantee that our police  
6 department is prepared to support these victims by  
7 providing clear guidance and thorough investigations,  
8 ensuring a more secure environment for all.

9 I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Council  
10 Member Crystal Hudson for joining me as co-prime  
11 sponsor of this bill. Her dedication to ensuring the  
12 safety and security of all New Yorkers is admirable.  
13 And it has been a privilege to work alongside her.

14 Colleagues, I urge you to join us as co-sponsors  
15 on this crucial legislation. Together, we can make a  
16 significant step towards protecting New Yorkers from  
17 the devastating impacts of identity theft. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
19 Member Rivera, followed by Council Member Marte, then  
20 Council Member Williams.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, Majority  
22 Leader.

23 Today, I'm introducing legislation which would  
24 require the Department of Social Services to include  
25 justice system involvement in the last 12 months,

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2 eligibility parameters for any existing supportive  
3 housing program administered and wholly funded by the  
4 City.

5 Access to permanent and stable housing is a key  
6 component of well-being, and too often people with  
7 criminal legal system involvement face increased  
8 barriers to securing this housing. With some  
9 incarceration stays interrupting chronicity  
10 requirements that really deters the facilitation of  
11 access to supportive housing.

12 So supportive housing, as we all know, is an  
13 invaluable tool to support individuals in avoiding  
14 involvement with the criminal ecosystem, as well as  
15 reintegration with the community following  
16 incarceration or detention. And data shows that  
17 supportive housing results in fewer days spent in  
18 jail, shelter, and better individual outcomes all  
19 around, and it saves the government and taxpayers  
20 valuable funding.

21 We must update our housing policies to be  
22 sensitive to these unique vulnerabilities and expand  
23 access to and investments in support of housing  
24 across the board.



2 I respectfully ask you to sign on as a cosponsor  
3 to this bill, I want to thank the three introduction  
4 co-sponsors, Council Members Stevens, Hudson, Brewer,  
5 Nurse, Sanchez, and Narcisse, and, of course, all the  
6 advocates and supporters who helped craft this bill.  
7 Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
9 Member Marte, followed by Council Member Williams,  
10 then Council Member Restler.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Good afternoon, colleagues.  
12 Today, I'm introducing legislation that is not  
13 just a matter of policy, it's a matter of principle  
14 and justice.

15 Introduction 1096 seeks to protect the healthcare  
16 rights of our retired municipal employees,  
17 individuals who dedicated decades of their lives to  
18 serving the people of New York City - from teachers  
19 to sanitation workers, from police officers to  
20 firefighters, they built this city, and they deserve  
21 to retire with dignity and the promise of reliable  
22 health care.

23 For many of these retirees, healthcare is not a  
24 luxury, it is essential. We are talking about people  
25 who depend on their doctors and specialists for

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2 lifesaving treatments, individuals battling cancer,  
3 and others managing chronic conditions. Yet, the City  
4 is trying to push to strip them from their current  
5 Medicare benefits and force them into a Medicare  
6 Advantage Plan that threatens to restrict their  
7 access to care. This is unacceptable. The City made a  
8 promise, a promise that, after years of service, they  
9 will have the healthcare that they can rely on. But  
10 today, that promise is under threat. We cannot, and  
11 will not, allow them to be forced into a system that  
12 puts a hurdle between them and their health. This is  
13 more than just dollars and cents. It's about common  
14 sense and compassion. These retirees earned their  
15 benefits, and they deserve to keep them.

16 I ask my colleagues to stand with me today in  
17 solidarity with these retirees to keep the promise  
18 that was made to them, and to pass this legislation  
19 so that no one who served our city has to sacrifice  
20 their healthcare in their time of need. We owe this  
21 to them and nothing less. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
23 Member Williams, followed by Council Member Restler,  
24 then Council Member Mealy.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Today, we stand at the  
2 intersection of empowerment, transparency, and  
3 recognition. We have not simply voted on legislative  
4 measures, but we have taken steps to uplift and  
5 empower our communities, to celebrate the brilliance  
6 within us, and to make this city a more transparent,  
7 equitable place.  
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9 Thank you so much, uh, to my colleagues for  
10 voting on Introduction 468 that demanded transparency  
11 from the Department of Transportation, and in turn  
12 from our city government. We are saying that the  
13 people of New York deserve to know what is happening  
14 with the requests they make, whether for traffic  
15 control devices or speed reducers, because these  
16 decisions impact lives.

17 Transparency is also a form of power, the power  
18 to know, to question, to demand change when it is  
19 needed.

20 We must also look forward to the future toward  
21 the youth who will carry forward the work we are  
22 doing today. And, so, with Resolution 193, we  
23 declared October as Youth Empowerment Month in New  
24 York City. This is more than just a symbolic gesture,  
25 it is a recognition of the potential, the brilliance,

2 and the activism of our young people. It is about  
3 giving them the platform they deserve, the space to  
4 lead, and the encouragement to build and thrive. We  
5 are laying the groundwork for a generation of  
6 conscious, empowered, and activated youth.

7 And let us also take a moment to honor greatness  
8 in artistry. Today, with the Resolution of 508, we  
9 designated October 10th as Casey Benjamin Day in New  
10 York City. Casey was the son of South Jamaica Queens,  
11 a product of our community. He created soundscapes  
12 that were informative and revolutionary. And I just  
13 wanted to acknowledge Linette Townsley, who worked  
14 really hard on this. She's here today with the  
15 Jamaica NAACP Youth Division and Life Camp, and also  
16 the family of Casey Benjamin who has joined us today.  
17 Thank you so much.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
19 Member Restler, followed by Council Member Mealy.

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

22 I'll say firstly, go Liberty, go HTC, go Kevin  
23 Riley for 15 hours yesterday, go Madam Speaker for  
24 our new Charter Revision Commission legislation,  
25 which I'm very excited about to recalibrate

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2 (INAUDIBLE) the balance of power in city the  
3 government and ensure that there's necessary  
4 oversight and accountability of the Mayor's Office.

5 But, I am happy to speak today about a bill that  
6 we're not passing, a bill that would have eliminated  
7 the reckless form that the Mayor had imposed on  
8 elected officials at every level of government.

9 Over the last number of months, it's been harder  
10 for me, and I believe each and every one of you, to  
11 just do our jobs, to advocate for our constituents,  
12 to ensure responsiveness from city agencies, to keep  
13 our communities safe and clean and healthy. This form  
14 was unnecessary bureaucracy, and frankly, it was a  
15 political tool to make it harder for elected  
16 officials to be effective. We have a responsibility  
17 to our constituents and I am grateful that the  
18 Administration came to its senses and agreed to  
19 eliminate the form once and for all.

20 And, so, I just wanna thank each and every one of  
21 my colleagues for cosponsoring this legislation. With  
22 41 members in support of our legislation, it gave us  
23 the necessary leverage to be able to come to an  
24 agreement with the Administration. I want to thank  
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2 the speaker and her team for their strong support and  
3 partnership in this endeavor.

4 So thank you very much, and very happy that we're  
5 not passing the bill today, because we got it done  
6 through other means.

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
8 Member Metallurgy

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Again, L O V E, love, love  
10 should never hurt. In observation of Domestic  
11 Violence Month, I'm devoted to recognizing and  
12 honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence -  
13 raising awareness of breast cancer, preventing  
14 bullying, educating people about down syndrome and  
15 disabilities, including international stuttering, and  
16 supporting women in the military.

17 I was able to tour some of the domestic violence  
18 facilities where domestic abuse victims can start a  
19 new life in a long term care facility; attend  
20 numerous meetings in my district on various topics  
21 such as mental health, financial literacy, aging, and  
22 housing, and providing training and job fair  
23 opportunities for survivors. In accordance, Mealy's  
24 Corner, empowerment with our town hall meeting that  
25 was so well attended, it was standing room only.

2 I want to thank Madam Speaker for allowing the  
3 New York City Community Engagement Division, with  
4 Danielle Porcaro, and Jeremy John for putting up with  
5 me in regards to getting flyers to make sure my  
6 community is empowered. We had such a great time, and  
7 the community was informed.

8 I wanna thank the NYPD, the District Attorney  
9 Office, the 73rd Precinct, PSA 2, and our district  
10 leader, Anthony T. Jones, and our Van Dyke Community  
11 Center allies with the president, Lisa Kenner, and  
12 all the constituents came out and felt it was not  
13 robbery to be informed and empowered.

14 Again, I wanna thank you, Madame Speaker, for  
15 supporting the 41st district, and to everyone, please  
16 be safe (TIMER CHIMES) and think about others in this  
17 season - and go Liberty!

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, Council  
19 Member.

20 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I would  
21 like just give a good shoutout, and a great good  
22 luck, to our Bronx Bombers this Friday on game one,  
23 and let's bring home number 28 World Series victory.  
24 And, with that... silence in the Chambers... And  
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2 with that, I will call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to  
3 close today's Stated Meeting.

4 (BACKGROUND NOISE)

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Majority Leader, we are  
6 a sports chamber today, aren't we?

7 The Stated Meeting of October 23, 2024 is hereby  
8 adjourned.

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