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of the

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Thursday, February 27, 2025  
Start: 2:05 p.m.  
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: *The Majority Leader (Council  
Member Amanda Farías) presiding as  
the Acting President Pro Tempore*

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams, *Speaker*

Joann Ariola,  
Diana I. Ayala  
Chris Banks  
Erik D. Bottcher  
Justin L. Brannan  
Gale A. Brewer  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers,  
Tiffany Cabán  
David M. Carr  
Carmen N. De La Rosa  
Eric Dinowitz  
Amanda Farías  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Jennifer Gutiérrez

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COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

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

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING  
A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by: Bishop George Shorts,  
Pilgrim Cathedral of East New York located at  
590 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11207

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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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SERGEANT LEONARDO: Check, check, check, check, check, there we go. Check two, one, two, coming to you live from the Chambers with the crew. This is a prerecorded soundcheck for the Stated Meeting. Today's date is February 27, 2025; it's being recorded by Michael Leonardo in Council Chambers.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Please place all electronic devices to vibrate.

AUTOMATED: Recording in progress.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Madam Majority Leader, it's all yours.

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting of February 27, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Fariás, and I would like to thank you for joining us. If you would like to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

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

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

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

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

11 ALL: (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

12 (PAUSE)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: (ABSENT)

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (ABSENT)

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (ABSENT)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Here

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: (UN-MIC'D) Present

24 CITY CLERK: Thank you

25 Council Member Narcisse?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (ABSENT)

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

14 Council Member Ariola?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (UN-MIC'D) Present

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

18 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I want to  
21 raise to members, as of right now, we must remain...  
22 Oh, we can scratch that.

23 Thank you, so, today, we will now have the  
24 Invocation, which will be delivered by Bishop George

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2 Shorts, Pilgrim Cathedral of East New York, which is  
3 located at 590 New Lots Avenue in Brooklyn.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

5 BISHOP GEORGE SHORTS: I greet you in the presence  
6 of the Lord God Almighty, and it's an honor to be  
7 here today. There are many changes, many things  
8 happening but hold fast, because the lord is with you  
9 and he's on your side.

10 Let's take a moment to pause while I ask the  
11 wisdom and the power of God to be in this assembly  
12 council.

13 Gracious and sovereign God, we come before you  
14 today seeking your presence as we gather to serve our  
15 community. We ask for your guidance over this meeting  
16 that our words be filled with wisdom, our actions be  
17 led by integrity, and our decisions be made with  
18 fairness and justice for all.

19 Grant the protection and strength of our city  
20 officials, leaders, and public servants as they carry  
21 the responsibility. May they lead with discernment,  
22 compassion, and deep commitment to the well-being of  
23 every resident in our community.

24 We ask for your covering over our city, families,  
25 businesses, schools, and neighborhoods, let peace

2 dwell within our streets; the prosperity grow within  
3 our borders; and unity be the foundation of all we  
4 do.

5 May this meeting be productive, collaborative,  
6 and filled with purpose. Guide us in every decision  
7 and every decision that we may serve with wisdom,  
8 humility, and a heart for the people that we serve.

9 No weapon formed against us shall prosper, and  
10 every tongue that rise against us shall be condemned  
11 in Jesus' name. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, I would now  
13 ask Council Member Chris Banks to spread Invocation  
14 upon the record.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: All right. Thank you, Madam  
16 Majority Leader.

17 Archbishop George Malachi Shorts is the senior  
18 pastor of Pilgrim Cathedral of East New York and an  
19 influential ambassador of God's kingdom. He's a  
20 spiritual son of Archbishop Roy Brown and serves on  
21 the Board of Bishops for Pilgrim Assemblies  
22 International.

23 Saved at the age of 14, Archbishop Shorts was  
24 mentored by late Bishop Brown and began his ministry  
25 in 1983. Over the years, he has held various roles

2 including president of Pilgrim Church Choir,  
3 Christian Academy instructor, and a district elder.

4 He became the senior pastor in 1993 and was  
5 consecrated bishop in 1994, and he was elevated to  
6 archbishop in 2016.

7 Known for his prophetic ministry, Archbishop  
8 Shorts delivers timely messages about faith,  
9 disruption, and holding fast in changing times. His  
10 leadership is recognized for his strengths, faith,  
11 and spiritual guidance; and he is deeply respected by  
12 the members of his church for his commitment and  
13 example.

14 I make a motion to spread today's Invocation in  
15 full on record. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: We will now have the  
17 Adoption of Minutes by Council Member Shahana Hanif.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I make a motion that the  
19 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 13, 2025 be  
20 adopted as printed.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Messages and Papers from  
22 the Mayor?

23 CLERK: None

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Communications from City,  
25 County and Borough Offices?

2 CLERK: Preconsidered Ms 111 and 112, Council  
3 Budget.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Finance.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Petitions and  
6 Communications?

7 CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Land Use Call-ups?

9 CLERK: M 113

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you. I know ask that the  
11 Clerk take a roll vote on today's Land Use Call-ups.

12 CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: (NO RESPONSE)

14 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Yes

16 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

17 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (ABSENT)

22 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (NO RESPONSE)

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2 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

3 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (ABSENT)

4 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (ABSENT)

6 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member De La Rosa?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (UN-MIC'D) Aye

13 CLERK: Thank you

14 Council Member Dinowitz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Feliz, Land Use Call-ups?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Thank you.

23 Council Member Gutiérrez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

25 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

3 CLERK: Thank you.

4 Council Member Hanks?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

6 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

8 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

10 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote no on LU 244, LU

24 245, LU...

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2 CLERK: Council Member Mealy, this is Land Use  
3 Call-ups.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: So no on all.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Menin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Thank you

11 Council Member Narcisse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

17 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

18 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye

23 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: (UN-MIC'D) Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (ABSENT)

3 CLERK: Council Member Salaam

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: (NO RESPONSE)

10 CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye

12 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye

14 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye

16 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Council Member Won?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Today's Land Use Call-ups  
7 are adopted by a vote of 38 in the affirmative and 1  
8 in the negative.

9 We will now have Communications from Speaker  
10 Adrienne E. Adams.

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

13 I want to begin by discussing the dire need for  
14 leadership right now. The events of these past few  
15 weeks in our city have been troubling. The recent  
16 resignation of four deputy mayors who managed  
17 practically all of our city's agencies is a  
18 development we cannot afford. That is why I called  
19 for Mayor Adams to step aside. The stakes are too  
20 high for us to have a diminished mayoral  
21 administration. We need an administration that can  
22 sound the alarm about what is at stake and work with  
23 the city's partners to protect New Yorkers.

24 The federal budget proposal passed by the Trump-  
25 controlled congress this week is another action that

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2 would hurt families in our city and across the nation  
3 by defunding healthcare, food assistance, and other  
4 lifesaving programs. It would shutter hospitals and  
5 health clinics, hurting the health and safety of  
6 people across our city and country by deeply cutting  
7 Medicaid that provides health care to more than 70  
8 million Americans; up to 36 million Americans could  
9 lose their health care; over 41 million Americans  
10 depend on SNAP food assistance that this proposed  
11 federal budget seeks to cut.

12 These are actions that would be an attack on  
13 families and make life less affordable. This all  
14 comes as the proportion of New Yorkers living in  
15 poverty is almost double the national average and has  
16 been increasing. One in four children is living in  
17 poverty, and this federal budget is slashing  
18 resources for working families all to pay for tax  
19 cuts for the wealthiest. As the richest person in the  
20 world, *who no one elected* attacks services for  
21 working families.

22 Most of these tax cuts would go to the wealthiest  
23 10% of the nation, half of which would go to the top  
24 1% earning over \$700,000 a year.

1           This budget proposal only follows other actions  
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3 by the Trump administration to hurt all Americans and  
4 New Yorkers. They have cut the public health  
5 workforce at a time when we are grappling with spikes  
6 in the flu, norovirus, a bird flu outbreak, and the  
7 spread of other diseases. They have attempted to  
8 wreak havoc on our public transit system by  
9 interfering in a congestion pricing plan that was  
10 already approved by the federal government with no  
11 plan. It will leave New Yorkers to pick up the pieces  
12 from the removal of budgeted resources for our public  
13 transit system. They even went as far as cutting  
14 funds and staff for the federal health program that  
15 supports survivors of the 9/11 attacks. Donald Trump  
16 and Elon Musk only reversed course after tremendous  
17 outcry, but uncertainty still remains.

18           This is further proof that we must raise our  
19 collective voices to defend our values and the people  
20 of this city and country. The new administration is  
21 destabilizing our city and a nation at a time when  
22 families can least afford it.

23           Trump's agenda to sow chaos and fear is not only  
24 making our communities less safe, it's also hurting  
25 our small businesses, workers, and local economy.

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2 Again, none of this is making life more affordable  
3 for working people.

4 We must be prepared to defend the institutions  
5 and programs that protect our families, communities,  
6 and this city. There is a lot of work ahead of us,  
7 but this council is committed to fighting for New  
8 Yorkers and their needs.

9 We are mourning the death of six New Yorkers who  
10 died in fatal fires over the past several weeks  
11 including incidents in the districts of Council  
12 Members Paladino, Zhuang, Hudson, and Salaam. Each  
13 death represents a significant loss to our families,  
14 communities, and city in our hearts are with their  
15 loved ones.

16 On February 18, our city tragically lost two  
17 dedicated sanitation workers on the same day. Michael  
18 Biusu, who worked on Staten Island, served our city  
19 since 2000.

20 Nelvern Samuel, who joined the Department of  
21 Sanitation as an enforcement agent over a decade ago,  
22 served as a sanitation worker in Queens. Our hearts  
23 are with their families and loved ones and the entire  
24 DSNY family during this difficult time. Our city is  
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1 mourning their loss, but we will never forget their  
2 immense contributions and public service.

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4 Next I want to take a moment to honor the memory  
5 of Li Bengjun (phonetic), a revered figure in the  
6 judo world who passed away last week at the age of  
7 101 here in New York. A dedicated teacher and mentor,  
8 he shaped generations of athletes and Olympians. Our  
9 thoughts are with his family, friends, and students.

10 Today is Dominican Independence Day. New York  
11 City is proud to be home to a dynamic Dominican  
12 community. It is critical that we honor the many  
13 contributions of our vibrant Dominican community to  
14 our city and beyond. Last night we hosted a Dominican  
15 Republic Independence Day celebration right here in  
16 Council Chambers, and we thank the council members  
17 who hosted this annual celebration.

18 March 1st is Independence Movement Day, an  
19 important day for our Korean American community in  
20 commemoration of the March 1st Movement For  
21 Liberation and Independence. Please join our Korean  
22 American community in celebrating this important day.

23 March is almost here, everyone, and that means  
24 we're celebrating Women's History Month. I am always  
25 proud to lead our historic women majority Council

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2 which has demonstrated to the city and the world what  
3 strong women's leadership looks like. Women are the  
4 cornerstone of society and the backbone of our  
5 families. When women are healthy, safe, and have  
6 access to opportunities, we all succeed.

7 I look forward to continuing our progress  
8 together to advance solutions to support women across  
9 this city and beyond happy Women's History Month.

10 March is also Greek American History Month and  
11 Irish American History Month. We look forward to  
12 celebrating the contributions of our Greek and Irish  
13 communities here in New York City and around the  
14 world.

15 Before we continue, please join me in wishing a  
16 happy birthday today to Council Member Yusef Salaam;  
17 (APPLAUSE) and a happy early birthday to our Majority  
18 Whip, Sylvia Brooks-Powers. (APPLAUSE)

19 Finally, colleagues, please do join me on Tuesday  
20 March 4th at noon for my final State of The City  
21 Address as the Speaker of the New York City Council.  
22 We'll be at the beautiful Jazz at Lincoln Center, and  
23 I hope to see all of you there.

24 Now, let's move onto our Stated Agenda.  
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1           NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING           24  
2           First, we'll vote on the following Land Use  
3 items:

4           441 & 467 Prospect Avenue Rezoning, also known  
5 as the Arrow Linen proposal. This proposal will  
6 facilitate the development of two new residential  
7 buildings in Council Member Hanif's district.

8           With the Council's modifications, the two  
9 buildings will each be 10 stories tall and include  
10 250 housing units, 100 of which will be permanently  
11 affordable. The project includes access to subsidized  
12 space for a childcare center and a domestic violence  
13 service provider.

14           Next, we will vote on the following Finance  
15 Items:

16           A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
17 Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-year  
18 Article XI Tax Exemption for three lots in Council  
19 Member Steven's district.

20           A Preconsidered Resolution, also sponsored by  
21 Council Member Justin Brannan, establishing a new 40-  
22 year Article XI Tax Exemption for one lot in Council  
23 Member Gutiérrez's district.

24           We will also vote on the Council's Fiscal 2026  
25 Proposed Operating Budget: \$84.7 million for Personal



2 Services and \$30.3 million for Other than Personal  
3 Services or OTPS.

4 Today we will also vote on the following pieces  
5 of legislation:

6 A Preconsidered Resolution, sponsored by Council  
7 Member Lynn Schulman, calling on the New York State  
8 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign  
9 A.2605/S.4801, relating to restoring the state aid  
10 reimbursement rate to no less than 35% for identified  
11 core public health services provided by a  
12 municipality in New York City. We thank our staff  
13 members Christopher Pepe, Sara Sucher, and Joshua  
14 Newman.

15 Introduction 794-A, sponsored by Council Member  
16 Althea Stevens, would require that appointments or  
17 recommendations for youth board members be made with  
18 best efforts to ensure that appointees have  
19 demonstrated relevant experience in the area of youth  
20 welfare. Additionally, this bill would require that  
21 to the extent practicable at least three members of  
22 the Youth Board between the ages of 16 to 24 to  
23 ensure actual youth representation on the board. We  
24 thank our staff member Christina Yellamaty.

1 Introduction 1101-A, sponsored by Council Member  
2 Yusef Salaam, would require the NYPD to publish  
3 information on its website to help the public  
4 understand what constitutes identity theft and how to  
5 report it. The department would also be required to  
6 train officers on responding to and investigating  
7 reports of suspected identity theft. Thank you to our  
8 staff members Josh Kingsley and Chad Benjamin.

9 Resolution 561, sponsored by Council Member  
10 Crystal Hudson, New York State Legislature to  
11 introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign,  
12 legislation to create a statewide public guardianship  
13 system to address current inequities and deficits and  
14 safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers in need of  
15 protective arrangements.

16 Introduction 1092-A, also sponsored by Council  
17 Member Crystal Hudson, would require the Department  
18 for the Aging in consultation with the New York City  
19 Office of Technology and Innovation and the  
20 Department of Consumer and Worker Protection to  
21 develop printed and digital informational materials  
22 to educate older adults about internet scams, phone  
23 scams, phishing scams, financial literacy, and end of  
24 life preparation. In addition to posting a digital  
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2 version of the materials on their website, DFTA would  
3 be required to distribute the materials to homebound  
4 older adults and ensure older adult centers  
5 distribute them in their facilities.

6 Thank you to our staff members Christopher Pepe,  
7 Chloë Rivera, Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham, Cristy Dwyer,  
8 and Saiyemul Hamid.

9 Introduction 1126-A, also sponsored by Council  
10 Member Yusef Salaam, would require the Department of  
11 Sanitation or another administering agency to  
12 distribute official NYC waste bins to owners of  
13 eligible buildings, which include those with up to  
14 two dwelling units where the building owner is  
15 enrolled in a New York Star or enhanced star tax  
16 benefit program. This bill would also require DSNY to  
17 establish a program to reimburse owners of eligible  
18 buildings who purchased official NYC waste bin on or  
19 before August 1, 2026.

20 Introduction 498-A, sponsored by Council Member  
21 Shaun Abreu, would require DSNY to collect organic  
22 waste from community gardens upon request. Community  
23 gardens would be able to make such requests through  
24 an online application portal.

2 Thank you to our staff members Morganne Barrett,  
3 Ricky Chawla, and Dirk Spencer.

4 Introduction 1061-A, sponsored by Council Member  
5 Farah Louis, would amend the Department of  
6 Corrections' semi annual reports on alleged incidents  
7 and investigations of sexual harassment and abuse to  
8 require a unique identification number for each  
9 alleged incident. It would also require DOC to  
10 provide a justification for not reporting any  
11 substantiated allegations to a district attorney's  
12 office.

13 Thank you to our staff members Natalie Meltzer,  
14 Josh Kingsley, and Jeremy Whiteman.

15 Introduction 565-A, sponsored by Council Member  
16 Gale Brewer, would require the Campaign Finance Board  
17 in consultation with the Board of Elections and  
18 Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence to  
19 develop guidance on the procedures under the New York  
20 State Election Law for making a voter record  
21 confidential and for voting by special ballot.

22 The bill would also require ENDGBV to distribute  
23 that guidance to Family Justice Centers and to  
24 provide survivors with information on how to get  
25 assistance in preparing and submitting written

2 statements to the Board of Elections to make their  
3 voter records confidential or establish their  
4 eligibility to vote by special ballot.

5 Thank you to our staff members Jayasri Ganapathy,  
6 Erica Cohen, and Rachel Cordero.

7 Introduction 9-B, sponsored by Deputy Speaker  
8 Ayala, would require the Administration for  
9 Children's Services to provide information about  
10 legal services for parents or guardians after ACS  
11 makes contact with them for the first time at the  
12 onset of an ACS child protective investigation or an  
13 ACS child protective response.

14 Thank you to our staff member Christina  
15 Yellamaty.

16 Thank you all for your attention, I turn it back  
17 over into your capable hands, Madam Majority Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you so much,  
19 Speaker Adams.

20 We will now move into Discussion of General  
21 Orders. I would like to recognize Council Member  
22 Louis, followed by Council Member Brewer, then  
23 Council Member Hudson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam Major  
25 Majority Leader, and good afternoon colleagues.

1 Today the City Council will vote on Introduction  
2 1061, a critical piece of legislation to bring long  
3 overdue accountability to our correctional system and  
4 address the persistent crisis of sexual abuse at  
5 Rikers Island.  
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7 For far too long, those in custody, particularly  
8 women and LGBTQ+ individuals have endured harassment,  
9 assault and abuse with no accountability.

10 More than 700 incarcerated women sued the City  
11 last year, under the Adult Survivors Act, exposing a  
12 pattern of systemic sexual violence by jail staff,  
13 wardens, and even medical personnel. Yet our current  
14 system has failed to ensure transparency or justice.

15 Introduction 1061 directly confronts this  
16 failure. It mandates the Department of Correction to  
17 assign unique identifiers for each incident and  
18 victim, clarify reporting procedures, and provide  
19 justifications when substantiated cases are not  
20 referred to district attorneys.

21 These measures will close longstanding gaps in  
22 oversight and demand accountability where there has  
23 been no silence (sic). An audit by the City Council's  
24 Data Team has shown that the Department's reporting  
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1 practices are deeply flawed, riddled with vague  
2 terminology and lacking transparency.

3 This bill ensures that no allegation of sexual  
4 abuse is ignored.

5 I thank Speaker Adams for prioritizing this  
6 legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote yes on  
7 Introduction 1061 one today. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
9 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Hudson,  
10 then Council Member Stevens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

12 Introduction 0565-2024 is called the Voter  
13 Confidentiality for Domestic Violence Survivors Bill,  
14 and this legislation builds upon the critical 2021  
15 law, signed by Governor Hochul, passed by the  
16 Legislature, which enables survivors of domestic  
17 violence to request confidential voter registration  
18 directly with the Board of Elections bypassing the  
19 court process.

20 In the past, when people who had been, uh, are  
21 survivors of domestic violence, they wanted to vote,  
22 they had to go to through court, and you know darn  
23 well that's not gonna happen.

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So while this State Law represented a significant step forward, many survivors remain unaware of how to access these protections. This law requires city agencies, particularly those serving survivors through the Family Justice Centers, and there are quite a few that do that, to provide clear guidance and resources on how survivors can ensure their voter registration remains confidential and how they can vote by special ballot.

I assume most people know that if you are a survivor, you are likely to be in a safe house. You are likely to have an order of protection. But the worst thing is to have your attacker, the person who has been your main opponent and has hurt you in the past, find your address. They are likely to return. So the idea here is to not have that happen.

I certainly wanna thank Cynthia Hornig from our office, the people mentioned by the Speaker in the Speaker's Office, and then groups like Crime Victim Treatment Center, Common Cause, League of Women Voters, Muslim Community Network, Sanctuary for Families, Voices of Women Organizing, New Destiny, Safe Horizon, and the Campaign Finance Board.



2 The bottom line is we want people to vote, but we  
3 don't want them to get killed for doing so. Thank you  
4 very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
6 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Stevens,  
7 then Council Member Salaam.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much,  
9 Majority Leader, and good afternoon.

10 Today, I would like to briefly discuss  
11 Introduction 1092, which the Council is voting on  
12 today.

13 Introduction 1092 is the seventh bill in my Age  
14 In Place 2.0 package to pass the Council.

15 This bill expands education on elder fraud and  
16 financial literacy for older adults throughout the  
17 city, and establishes requirements for the Department  
18 of Aging to develop printed and digital informational  
19 materials to educate older adults on internet scams,  
20 phone scams, and phishing scams, as well as provide  
21 quarterly guidance to Older Adult Centers about  
22 emerging scams.

23 Additionally, Introduction 1092 would require the  
24 Department to develop printed informational materials

2 to educate older adults about financial literacy and  
3 end of life preparation.

4 Introduction 1092 will ensure our older adult  
5 population has access to the resources they need to  
6 recognize potential scams, report fraudulent  
7 activity, and protect their financial well-being.

8 In 2023, older adults reported losing \$1.9  
9 billion to financial fraud and scams, but the Federal  
10 Trade Commission believes the real number could be as  
11 high as \$61.5 billion.

12 By equipping older New Yorkers with knowledge, we  
13 empower them to make informed decisions and to seek  
14 help when needed. As the older adult population  
15 continues to rise and technology continues to advance  
16 rapidly, we must do everything in our power to  
17 establish the necessary safeguards to protect the  
18 well-being of all older New Yorkers. I urge my  
19 colleagues to vote aye. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
21 Member Stevens.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Today, we take a critical  
23 step forward by voting on the passage of bill  
24 Introduction 794, which would require the New York  
25 City Charter to formally establish a youth board.

1           This legislation mandates the appointment and  
2 recommendation board members prioritize individuals  
3 that demonstrate experience in youth development.  
4 Most importantly, it ensures that at least three  
5 members of the board are between the ages of 16 and  
6 24, giving young people direct voice in shaping the  
7 policies that affect their lives.  
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9           For far too often, decisions about young people  
10 are made without youth in the room. I've seen this  
11 firsthand throughout my years in youth development  
12 and even more upon entering city council.

13           Policies, program, and budget aimed at people  
14 cannot be truly affected if they are not crafted  
15 without their input. If we are serious about  
16 investing in next generation, we must do more than  
17 just talking about their future. We must include them  
18 in shaping it. Their voices are not just viable, they  
19 are essential to building a more just and equitable  
20 forward thinking city.

21           As representatives, we are responsible not just  
22 to lead, but to create a system that uplifts and  
23 empower those who will one day take our place,  
24 perhaps sooner than we think.  
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2 Ensuring youth representation is not just the  
3 right thing to do, it is necessary for a stronger and  
4 more inclusive New York.

5 As chair of Children And Youth, I am proud to  
6 champion this effort alongside my colleagues. Our  
7 commitment to uplifting young New Yorkers will fill a  
8 gap between city leadership and the voices that need  
9 to be heard, ensuring that every decision made truly  
10 reflects all the needs of our residents.

11 Let's stand together to make this clear. New York  
12 City youth deserve a seat at the table today,  
13 tomorrow, and always. Thank you.

14 And I urge all, uh, I encourage all my colleagues  
15 to vote aye. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
17 Member Salaam.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you, Madam Major  
19 Majority Leader, and good afternoon, everyone.

20 Today, two of my bills are being voted on,  
21 Introductions 1101-A and 1126-A, another step towards  
22 strengthening public safety and protecting New  
23 Yorkers from growing identity theft as it relates to  
24 1101-A. This ensures that the NYPD provide clear,  
25 accessible information to the public on identity

2 theft, what it is, how to protect yourself, and most  
3 importantly, how to report it. In addition, this bill  
4 requires specialized training for officers to  
5 properly receive and investigate identity theft  
6 complaints, ensuring that victims are met with the  
7 support and action they deserve.

8 Introduction 1126-A ensures that homeowners and  
9 buildings with up to two dwelling units who are  
10 enrolled in the New York State Star or Enhanced Star  
11 Tax Relief Program receive official New York City  
12 waste bins at no cost. Additionally, for those who  
13 purchased these bins before August 1, 2026, a  
14 reimbursement program will be established. This is  
15 about fairness, accessibility, and making sure that  
16 we are not burdening our residents as we work towards  
17 a cleaner city.

18 Thank you to the committee staff who worked on  
19 this, and thank you to my team. I urge my colleagues  
20 to stand with me and vote yes.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, seeing no one  
22 else signed up to speak, Report of Special  
23 Committees?

24 CLERK: None

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Standing  
3 Committees?

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Aging,  
5 Introduction 1092-A, educational materials for older  
6 adults.

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

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Children and  
10 Youth, Introduction 9-B, legal services and  
11 notifications?

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

14 CLERK: Introduction 794-A Youth Board.

15 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
16 Orders.

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal  
18 Justice, Introduction 1061-A, Department of  
19 Correction reports.

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

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,  
23 Preconsidered LU 242 and Resolution 785 and  
24 Preconsidered LU 243 and Resolution 786, tax  
25 exemptions.

2 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

3 CLERK: Preconsidered M 111 and Resolution 787 and  
4 Preconsidered M 112 and Resolution 788, Council  
5 Budget.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental  
8 Operations, State, and Federal Legislation,  
9 Introduction 565-A, confidential voter records.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General  
11 Orders.

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public Safety  
13 Introduction 1101-A, identify theft.

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

16 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation and  
17 Solid Waste Management, Introduction 498-A community  
18 gardens.

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

21 CLERK: Introduction 1126-A, waste containers.

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

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1 NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 40

2 CLERK: General Orders Calendar LU 212 &

3 Resolution 789 and LU 213 and Resolution 790, 441 and

4 467 Prospect Avenue Rezoning.

5 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

6 I know ask that the Clerk take a roll call vote

7 all of the items coupled on today's General Order

8 Calendar.

9 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: I vote aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Thank you

14 Council Member Abreu?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

16 CLERK: Thank you

17 Council Member Avilés?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

20 DEPUTY SPEAKER AYALA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher:

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: (ABSENT)

25 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?



2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

6 MAJORITY WHIP BROOKS-POWERS: (ABSENT)

7 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (ABSENT)

9 CLERK: Council Member Carr?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all, congratulations  
17 to everyone.

18 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (PARENTAL)

23 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Permission to explain my  
25 vote?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

Today I'm excited to speak in support of the Arrow Linen Rezoning in my district.

Through a community driven process, we were able to secure important changes that strengthened affordability and addressed concerns about building height.

Initially, the proposal called for two 13-story buildings at 25% affordability under the R71 Zoning. However, through the City of Yes Initiative, we successfully negotiated a more fitting R7A Plan, lowering the height to 10-stories and 250 units with no unit loss.

In addition, we increased the affordability to 40% ensuring that 100 units will be offered at below market rates.

We also secured a separate R6-B Zoning for the area within the U-shape between the two Arrow Linen buildings, addressing concerns about potential future speculation, and ensuring the inclusion of mandatory inclusionary housing affordability.

In addition, we finalized a comprehensive community benefits agreement which will be managed by

2 the Fifth Avenue Committee. This agreement includes  
3 the creation of a childcare center and a subsidized  
4 domestic violence survivor space operated by Sakhi  
5 for South Asian Survivors.

6 It also establishes a Construction Task Force and  
7 ensures the implementation of essential resiliency  
8 and flood mitigation infrastructure.

9 Furthermore, we reached an agreement with 32BJ to  
10 ensure that this project will generate good local  
11 union jobs.

12 I want to express my gratitude to every  
13 constituent who shared their thoughts through the  
14 public review process. Thanks to Housing Not High  
15 Rises, Community Board 7, the Windsor Terrace  
16 community for your advocacy. The project is much  
17 stronger because of your engagement.

18 Finally, I'd like to extend my sincere  
19 appreciation to Speaker Adams, Chair Riley, Chair  
20 Salamanca, Borough President Reynoso, State Senator  
21 Myrie, Perris Straughter, Brian Paul, Gabriela  
22 Valerio, Arthur Huh, Mara Davis, (TIMER CHIMES) Matt  
23 Malloy, Musarrat Lamia, Alex Lian, my Land Use  
24 Director, Mia Perez, who led these complex  
25 negotiations and deserves commendation for bringing

2 this important project to the Council today. Thank  
3 you. And I vote aye on all.

4 CLERK: Thank you

5 Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: (MEDICAL)

7 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye

9 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all.

19 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Mealy?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye

24 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye

2 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Thank you.

5 Council Member Narcisse?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

9 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

10 MINORITY WHIP PALADINO: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye, congrats to Council

15 Member Hanif.

16 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

18 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (ABSENT)

20 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye. Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Thank you.

3 Council Member Schulman?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Won?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 Council Member Zhuang?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye

18 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

19 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Farías?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

22 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

23 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

24 (PAUSE)

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2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's  
3 Geneal Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 42 in  
4 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0  
5 abstentions.

6 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

7 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to  
8 the Committee as indicated on today's Agenda.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

10 We will now move into the Discussion of  
11 Resolutions, and I would like to recognize Council  
12 Member Schulman, followed by Hudson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you.

14 I want to ask everyone to vote yes on  
15 Preconsidered Resolution 782-A. What it is, is  
16 basically in 2019, there's monies that are reimbursed  
17 back to every county of in the state of New York for  
18 community health services. And New York State decided  
19 in 2019 to take some of that money away from New York  
20 City.

21 So that results in nine up to \$90 million being  
22 taken from the Department of Health and Mental  
23 Hygiene for community health services that affect  
24 every district.

1 I want to thank the Speaker for being an  
2 unwavering champion on this, and there's legislation  
3 in the State now to get that money back to us, and  
4 we've been fighting this since I've been in the  
5 council and chair of the Health Committee, and I urge  
6 my colleagues to please vote yes. Thank you.

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8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Reorganizing Council  
9 Member Hudson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much, Madam  
11 Majority Leader.

12 Today, I'd also like to briefly discuss  
13 Resolution 561, which calls on the New York State  
14 Legislature to introduce and pass legislation, and  
15 the Governor to sign, that would establish a  
16 statewide network of nonprofit guardians to meet the  
17 growing demand for services while expanding capacity  
18 in communities where guardianship programs don't yet  
19 exist.

20 For too long, access to ethical, high quality  
21 guardianship has been inconsistent, leaving too many  
22 older adults and New Yorkers with disabilities  
23 without the support they need.

24 By fully funding nonprofit guardianship, we'll  
25 meet the need for the system while removing the



2 potential harm of a profit motivated guardian that  
3 we're all too familiar with.

4 I urge my colleagues to vote aye. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, seeing no one  
6 else signed up to speak, we will now have a voice  
7 vote on today's Resolutions. If you wish to vote  
8 against or abstain from any of today's Resolutions,  
9 please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by  
10 emailing or by approaching the dais.

11 I will now read today's Resolutions into the  
12 Record.

13 Resolution 561 calling upon the New York State  
14 Legislature to introduce and pass, and the Governor  
15 to sign, legislation to create a statewide public  
16 guardianship system to address current inequities and  
17 deficits and safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers in need  
18 of protective arrangements.

19 Will all those in favor say aye?

20 ALL: Aye

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All opposed say nay?

22 ALL: (SILENT)

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

2 Preconsidered Resolution 782-A calling on the New  
3 York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to  
4 sign, A.2705/S.4801, relating to the amount of state  
5 aid reimbursement for public health services by a  
6 municipality in the city of New York when the  
7 municipality is providing some or all of certain  
8 identified core public health services.

9 Will all those in favor say aye?

10 ALL: Aye

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any opposed say nay?

12 ALL: (SILENT)

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Any abstentions?

14 ALL: (SILENT)

15 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: The ayes have it.

16 We will now move into General Discussion, and I  
17 would like to first recognize Minority Leader Ariola,  
18 followed by Council Member Hanif, and Council Member  
19 Hudson.

20 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Thank you, Majority  
21 Leader.

22 The Republican Delegation and Common Sense Caucus  
23 has several solution oriented bills that members have  
24 introduced which have bipartisan support that I'd  
25 like to discuss here today.

2 Council Member Paladino has Introduced  
3 Introduction 60, a Local Law to amend the  
4 Administrative Code of the City Of New York in  
5 relation to prohibiting the operation of electric  
6 scooters, bicycles, with electric assists in our  
7 parks.

8 Council Member Robert Holden has a bill,  
9 Introduction 606, which would require every bicycle  
10 with electric assist, electric scooter, and other  
11 legal motorized vehicle that is otherwise not  
12 required to be registered with the DMV, to be  
13 registered with the DOT, and receive an identifying  
14 number which would be displayed on a visible plate  
15 affixed to the vehicle.

16 Council Member Marmorato has introduced  
17 Introduction 1002. This bill would require all  
18 schools to stock airway clearance devices, a  
19 lifesaving device that would be a tool for school  
20 personnel to use while waiting for first responders  
21 to arrive.

22 Council Member Susan Zhuang put forth  
23 Introduction 907, which would require the Police  
24 Department in collaboration with the Department of  
25 Housing Preservation and Development, Department of

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2 Information Technology and Telecommunications, and  
3 any other relevant agency to use a quarterly report  
4 on locations in which persons are squatting in this  
5 city.

6 Council Member David Carr has introduced  
7 Introduction 1166, which would amend the existing  
8 community notification requirement to require the  
9 Department of Homeless Services to notify elected  
10 officials and community boards for affected areas  
11 when an emergency homeless shelter contract is  
12 renewed.

13 Our veterans are extremely important to our  
14 caucus and this body, and that is why I'd like to  
15 discuss a number of bills dedicated to ending  
16 homelessness for those who have risked their  
17 everything for our country.

18 Council Member Vernikov has sponsored  
19 Introduction 465 which would require an annual report  
20 from the Department of (TIMER CHIMES) Housing  
21 Preservation and Development on the amount of  
22 veterans applying for housing in the city run  
23 Mitchell-Lama Developments an amount of veterans  
24 being selected for occupancy and documenting  
25 requirements and safeguards in place.

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Minority Leader, your  
3 time has expired.

4 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: Okay, and just Resolution  
5 465, that's mine, please sign on, please support.  
6 These are bills that we can all get behind, and we'd  
7 love to see them pass in this body. Heard, passed,  
8 and enacted. Thank you

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, I would now  
10 like to recognize Council Member Hanif, followed by  
11 Council Member Hudson, then Council Member Zhuang.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you, Madam Majority  
13 Leader.

14 Today I'm introducing the Affirm Act,  
15 Introduction 1201 alongside Bottcher, Rivera, Ossé,  
16 Restler, Hudson, Nurse, and De La Rosa, and Brooklyn  
17 Borough President Reynoso.

18 In the 1990s and 2000s, the Council responded to  
19 violent protests at reproductive health clinics by  
20 passing and strengthening the Clinic Access Law,  
21 which established protections for reproductive health  
22 patients and the providers who serve them.

23 The Affirm Act would expand these protections to  
24 also cover facilities that provide gender affirming  
25 care. If passed, the bill would prohibit unsafe

1 activities that impede physical access to facilities  
2 providing gender affirming care, including blocking  
3 doors, harassing patients within 15-feet of  
4 entrances, and interfering with facility operations.  
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6 This bill will be heard at tomorrow's Women and  
7 Gender Equity Committee hearing. I encourage my  
8 colleagues to join as a sponsor and champion access  
9 to essential health care.

10 I would also like to take a moment to thank my  
11 outgoing Education and Land Use Director, Mia Perez,  
12 who has served District 39 with distinction for more  
13 than three years. Mia has led an impressive array of  
14 infrastructure projects including five rezonings, the  
15 Gowanus Oversight Task Force, the Litch Task Force,  
16 the Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force, the Brooklyn  
17 Queens Expressway Visioning, the NYCHA Comprehensive  
18 Modernization, and the Ninth Street Bike Lane, just  
19 to name a few.

20 Mia has been a tireless advocate for our students  
21 and families, touring every school in our district  
22 with me raising funds for the for Title I schools  
23 through our Annual Fun Run and organizing against  
24 budget cuts. Her work has strengthened our  
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2 communities and will leave a lasting impact on  
3 District 39 for years to come.

4 Mia, thank you for everything you've done.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
6 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Zhuang, and  
7 Council Member Brewer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you, and good  
9 afternoon yet again colleagues.

10 I'd like to take a brief moment to discuss a  
11 resolution I'm introducing alongside a package of  
12 bills my colleagues in the LGBTQIA+ Caucus are  
13 introducing today.

14 Resolution 744 calling on the New York State  
15 Department of Health to implement regulations  
16 requiring hospitals in New York City to adhere to the  
17 World Professional Association for Transgender  
18 Health's Standards of Care 8, to ensure medical  
19 professionals can provide high-quality and ethical  
20 treatment for individuals with gender dysphoria.

21 The federal government is making consistent and  
22 aggressive efforts to undermine the rights of the  
23 trans community. And as a member of the New York City  
24 Council's LGBTQIA+ Caucus and its former co-chair,

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2 I'm proud that our body is matching its solidarity  
3 with real action.

4 I'd like to thank speaker Adams for her fierce  
5 allyship and unwavering leadership, as well as  
6 Council Member Lewis for holding Friday's hearing and  
7 her support of the LGBTQI+ community.

8 This legislative package works to improve  
9 standards for trans health care, strengthen privacy  
10 measures, protect access to gender affirming care,  
11 and takes crucial steps to uphold fundamental human  
12 rights at both the city and state level. And these  
13 bills will not only protect our trans, gender  
14 nonconforming, and nonbinary neighbors, but will also  
15 safeguard all New Yorkers, because when our most  
16 vulnerable communities are protected, everyone  
17 benefits. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
19 Member Zhuang, followed by Council Member Brewer, and  
20 Council Member De La Rosa.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you, Madam Majority  
22 Leader.

23 I stand before you today to once again urge  
24 everyone to support Introduction 907, legislation  
25 that could require NYPD, HPD, 311, and other relative



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2 city agency to track and publish data on homes with  
3 squatters. This is critical information we need to  
4 prevent future deviations.

5 As our Speaker just mentioned today, I had a fire  
6 in my district. This is a house with squatters there.  
7 This is sixth fire in just three years. A squatter  
8 died in the fire. And then the fire spread to  
9 neighbor's house. This left the 16 innocent neighbors  
10 homeless – hardworking immigrant families with small  
11 children. Some of them live in their cars now. These  
12 families did everything right, yet they lost  
13 everything because the dangers and the illegal  
14 squatting.

15 Sadly it's not an isolated instance. Illegal  
16 squatting is a citywide crisis, and it can happen in  
17 any one of our districts. Squatters often restore  
18 unsafe method of heating or electric, putting entire  
19 community at risk. How many more fires? How many more  
20 families left homeless? How many more lives lost  
21 before we act?

22 The solutions start with better data. We need to  
23 equip the city agency with the tools to understand  
24 and address this issue. Without access tracking, we  
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2 are leaving homeowners, tenants, and the entire  
3 neighborhood vulnerable.

4 Last week, the tragedy was preventable. And if we  
5 fail to act, we will see more tragedies.

6 And I ask my dear colleagues, please sign on  
7 Introduction 907. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
9 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member De La Rosa,  
10 then Council Member Louis.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I just want to  
12 say, I am a big supporter of interns as we all are.

13 I want to introduce Stephanie Jenkins— you should  
14 stand up, Stephanie— from Fordham University. And  
15 Noah Sigelson, who is a student at Columbia School of  
16 Social Work. (APPLAUSE) Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
18 Member De La Rosa, followed by Council Member Louis.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you, Majority  
20 Leader.

21 I want to join Speaker Adams today in celebrating  
22 the Dominican diaspora across our city, state, and  
23 nation as we celebrate a 181 years of independence.

24 Dominican Independence Day provides a special  
25 opportunity for us to pay tribute to the countless

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2 Dominicans and Dominican Americans who have made New  
3 York City such an extraordinary place to live. Our  
4 profound contribution has shaped all areas of society  
5 and culture, economy, politics, government for  
6 generations.

7 Last night, we had a wonderful, vibrant event,  
8 and I just want to take the opportunity to say out  
9 loud, as I do every day, Haley (SPEAKING FOREIGN  
10 LANGUAGE) from Washington Heights, Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council  
12 Member Louis.

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

15 Today, I am proud to introduce two critical  
16 resolutions, Resolutions 775 and 776, focused on  
17 dignity and burial and equity and education.

18 Resolution 775 calls on New York State to raise  
19 the funeral cost limit of burial services for low-  
20 income residents of New York from \$3,400 to \$6,000.

21 In this day and age, families already struggling  
22 financially are left without the means to provide a  
23 dignified burial for their loved ones. This issue  
24 became West Indian American Day Carnival Parade when  
25 Denzel Chan, a resident of Council District 45 was

1 tragically killed by gun violence. His family,  
2 already grieving the loss of their loved on, was  
3 denied full burial assistance because their funeral  
4 expenses exceeded the current cap.  
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6 Despite months of effort to secure support, they  
7 were left struggling to cover the basic cost of  
8 laying him to rest. No family should have to choose  
9 between honoring their loved one and financial ruin.

10 By increasing this limit, we can ensure that all  
11 New Yorkers regardless of income have access to the  
12 dignified borough services they deserve.

13 Resolution 776 urges CUNY to collect and publicly  
14 report data on its associate degree apprenticeship  
15 programs co-sponsored broken down by gender, race and  
16 ethnicity, and income.

17 Apprenticeships are proven pathways to stable  
18 careers, but must ensure that access is equitable.  
19 Women, students of color, and low income students  
20 deserve the same opportunities to build meaningful  
21 careers in growing industries. Transparency is the  
22 first step in closing these gaps.

23 As we push for these changes, we must also fight  
24 back against the dangerous ideologies being forced  
25 upon our communities by the federal administration—

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2 whether it is dismantling DEI initiatives that help  
3 level the playing field for marginalized groups or  
4 stripping education, the rights and freedoms of  
5 immigrants or communities of color. So I urge my  
6 colleagues to support Resolutions 775 and 776.

7 I also want to give a shoutout to Joy-Ann Reid,  
8 (TIMER CHIMES) the first Black woman to anchor  
9 primetime tv news on a major cable network, who was  
10 removed, and we stand with her. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council  
12 Member Mealy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I would like to just ask  
14 everyone to give their condolences to my former staff  
15 member, Arna Lipkind. Her husband passed yesterday,  
16 Reuven Lipkind. He has been a community leader,  
17 worker. He worked for a Senator Carl Andrews, when he  
18 was the senator, Eric Adams, then he worked for Jesse  
19 Hamilton. Anything the community needed, he was  
20 there, and he was the in between to the Caribbean,  
21 African American, Hasidic Jewish community and he was  
22 a leader. And I just hope that everyone could give  
23 their condolences to Arna Lipkind. She worked with me  
24 for eight years. Today is the funeral. It's over now,  
25 but she will be having Shiva for seven days.

2 So I just want the City to know that we lost  
3 someone that was for the community. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Council  
5 Member. Please send our condolences.

6 Seeing no one else signed up to speak, I will now  
7 call on Speaker Adrienne Adams to close today's  
8 Stated Meeting.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you.

10 The Stated Meeting of February 27, 2025 is hereby  
11 adjourned.

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