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Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Start: 2:45 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

Alexa Avilés

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

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James F. Gennaro

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Kamillah Hanks
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Crystal Hudson
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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
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Althea V. Stevens
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Susan Zhuang

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A P P E A R A N C E S

INVOCATION - Delivered by: Interfaith Minister,
Yaniris Urbáez, at Holyrood Episcopal Church
Iglesia Santa Cruz, located at 715 West 179th
Street, New York, NY 10033

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SERGEANT MESITI: This is a microphone check for the Stated Meeting of March 12, 2025— located in the Chambers, recording is done by Rocco Mesiti.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Find your seats, Council Members, please find your seats. Sergeants, please close those doors. Quiet in the Chambers, please, quiet in the Chambers, please. (BACKGROUND NOISE) Council Members, please find your seats so we can take a headcount, so we could see if we can get started.

(PAUSE)

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor, please, quiet on the floor, please.

AUTOMATED RECORDING: *Recording in progress.*

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, at this time please place all electronic devices, *all electronic devices*, to vibrate.

Madam Majority Leader?

MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: (GAVEL SOUND) (GAVELING IN)

Good afternoon, and welcome to the Stated Meeting of March 12, 2025. I am Majority Leader Amanda Farías, and I would like to thank you for joining us.

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

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

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

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

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise!

19 ALL: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Roll call?

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Abreu?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Presenté

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Banks?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Here

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: (NO RESPONSE)

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: (NO RESPONSE)

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: (NO RESPONSE)

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Carr?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Here

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here

25 CITY CLERK: Council Member Gutiérrez?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: (NO RESPONSE)

3 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: (NO RESPONSE)

5 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present

7 CITY CLERK: Council Member Holden?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here

9 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: (NO RESPONSE)

11 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here

13 CITY CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Present

15 CITY CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here

17 CITY CLERK: Council Member Lee?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here

19 CITY CLERK: Council Member Louis?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: (ABSENT)

21 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: Present

23 CITY CLERK: Council Member Marte?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present

25 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

2 Council Member Mealy?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: (NO RESPONSE)

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Menin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Here

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: (NO RESPONSE)

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Narcisse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: (NO RESPONSE)

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Powers?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: Present

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

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

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Restler?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Riley?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here

10 CITY CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: (NO RESPONSE)

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Present

14 CITY CLERK: Council Member Schulman?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here

16 CITY CLERK: Council Member Stevens?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Here

18 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ung?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present

20 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (NO RESPONSE)

22 CITY CLERK: Council Member Williams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

24 CITY CLERK: Council Member Won?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Present

2 CITY CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Here

4 CITY CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present

6 CITY CLERK: Council Member Farías?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: Present

8 CITY CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: (UN-MIC'D) Present

10 CITY CLERK: Speaker Adams?

11 SPEAKER ADAMS: Present

12 CITY CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you, we will now

15 have today's Invocation which will delivered by

16 Interfaith Minister, Yaniris Urbáez, from Hoylrood

17 Episcopal Church, which is located at 715 West 179th

18 Street in Washington Heights.

19 YANIRIS URBÁEZ: Good afternoon and greetings from

20 my parish, Rood Church, and the good people of

21 Washington Heights.

22 Let us pray.

23 Dear Lord, as we celebrate Women's History Month,

24 we have gathered here today to proclaim the lives of

25 all women who continue to be the foundation of life.

2 Lord, before the beginning of this session, help all
3 present here to maintain the humanist principle of
4 inclusion and the harmonious coexistence of all
5 genders, cultural, and religious traditions.

6 Divine creator, we ask you to bless this place...
7 this space where so many women and men before us have
8 been and continue to be committed to a legacy of
9 excellence, wisdom, and strength in the struggle for
10 a system that promotes actions for justice, peace,
11 and human dignity.

12 Dear lord, we are living in unprecedented times.
13 Hence, help this body not to lose sight of what's in
14 front of them. Further, I am asking you for the
15 protection of each member of this city council and
16 for them not to be distracted by the crossing of
17 fire. Instead, let each one of them remain attentive
18 to the vision of justice for which you fought and
19 sacrificed your life.

20 Lord, during this commemoration of Women's
21 History Month, help us to send our support to all
22 people, especially women who are being the victims of
23 abuse and denigration.

24 Creator of life, during this season of Lent, let
25 us look to you, the great friend, confident and

2 liberator of women. Let us to sustain and honor the
3 teachings you share with the women of your time— our
4 courageous ancestral companions who continue to be
5 our inspiration and the guiding light of faith,
6 justice, and hope for all humanity.

7 Amen.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you. I will now ask
9 Council Member Carmen De La Rosa to spread the
10 Invocation in full upon the record.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you, Madam
12 Majority Leader.

13 Interfaith Minister, Yaniris Urbáez, is a first
14 generation Dominican immigrant and a resident of New
15 York City for the last 60 years. She holds a
16 bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree
17 in social psychology, both conferred on her by the
18 City College of New York. She's a former teacher and
19 a director of various nonprofit institutions and the
20 cofounder of several women's organizations.

21 Yaniris is an interfaith minister and the current
22 copresident of The Board of Directors of Holyrood
23 Church, Iglesia Santa Cruz, located in my district in
24 Washington Heights. She is a member and former
25 president of the Riverdale Society of... Riverdale

2 Society of Ethical Culture and a council member for
3 the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

4 Yaniris has a long career dedicated to educating,
5 inspiring, and guiding people, especially women to
6 achieve their life goals. A human rights community
7 and women's activist, Yaniris uses her talents,
8 academic knowledge, and spiritual gifts to offer
9 conferences, workshops, seminars, and retreats for
10 personal and spiritual growth and the betterment of
11 our humanity.

12 Our district is served and blessed to have
13 interfaith minister, Yaniris Urbáez, and I thank her
14 for being here today.

15 Majority leader, I thank you for the opportunity
16 and I make a motion for unanimous consent to spread
17 the Invocation in full upon the Record.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Adoption of Minutes?

19 CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Messages and Papers from
21 the Mayor?

22 CLERK: None

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Communication from City,
24 County and Borough Offices?

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2 CLERK: M 114 through M 116, Comptroller and Tax
3 Commission Reports.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Received, Ordered, Printed and
5 Filed.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Petitions and
7 Communications?

8 CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Land Use Call-ups?

10 CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: Thank you, we will now
12 have communications from Speaker Adrienne E. Adams.

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

15 Before we begin, I do want to acknowledge the
16 recent deaths of two New Yorkers due to fatal fires.
17 Last Friday we lost a 65-year-old man in Sunnyside in
18 Council Member Won's district, as well as an 81-year-
19 old woman in Greenwich Village in Council Member
20 Bottcher's district. Our hearts are with their loved
21 ones and their neighbors as they mourn their tragic
22 loss.

23 I also want to acknowledge the passing of Dr.
24 Hazel Dukes, former president of the NAACP New York
25 State Conference. Dr. Dukes was a pillar of our

2 community and devoted her life to public service. She
3 was a true civil rights leader and we continue to
4 build on her work today. I was honored to be called
5 one of her daughters and I was also honored to
6 celebrate her life and legacy this morning.

7 Now I'd like to address the Trump
8 administration's decision to cut \$1.1 billion in
9 funding for food banks and free school lunches, as
10 well as his plans to dismantle the federal Department
11 of Education starting with yesterday's firing of half
12 of its employees. Families across this city and
13 country rely on our nation's schools for their
14 children's development. The key to a healthy and safe
15 society is an accessible and strong education system.
16 The severe implications of the Trump administration's
17 plans are disastrous for working families just like
18 the many chaotic actions being advanced by him. While
19 the Federal Education Department provides less than
20 10% of the nation's public school funding, its major
21 role is supporting students from working class
22 families including students with disabilities.

23 New York City schools, like those across the
24 country, are largely funded by city and state taxes,
25 but federal funds supporting critical programming for

1 low income students with disabilities and financial
2 aid for working class students to attend college,
3 these programs are essential to the education of
4 Americans and New Yorkers. Our country's working
5 class families are under attack. None of this helps
6 our students, teachers, school staff, or the working
7 families counting on our federal government to do its
8 job to ensure every child can succeed.

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10 The gutting of our federal education department,
11 the chaos that economic forecasters say is pushing us
12 towards a recession, and the gross violations of
13 civil rights in The US constitution are not making
14 life easier for the working people in our city and
15 our country.

16 This orchestrated fear and chaotic uncertainty is
17 tanking the health of our country and economy. It
18 seems to be authoritarian rule for the sake of
19 demonstrating power, but not to help any hardworking
20 American. We cannot allow ourselves to be
21 desensitized to this. Each dangerous action brings us
22 closer to tyranny, weakens the country, and hurts our
23 city and New Yorkers. We must speak clearly about the
24 impact on the people who rely on our leadership and
25 unite to defend our democracy and each other.

2 There is a lot of work ahead of us, but this
3 council is committed to fighting for New Yorkers and
4 their needs.

5 February 28th marked the start of Ramadan. As our
6 Muslim neighbors fast from sunrise to sundown, I want
7 to extend my best wishes as you observe the blessed
8 month, Ramadan Mubarak.

9 March 6th was Ghana's Independence Day. I hope
10 our Ghanaian communities had a joyous celebration.

11 March 8th was International Women's Day, and we
12 know we are a historic women majority New York City
13 Council; we've prioritized solutions and policies to
14 confront some of the greatest challenges facing women
15 across our city. Women are the backbone of our
16 communities and when women are safe, healthy, and
17 have access to opportunity, we'll all succeed. Happy
18 International Women's Day.

19 This year, Purim is being observed tomorrow
20 evening and Friday. I want to wish our Jewish friends
21 and neighbors a joyous and safe Purim. Chag Purim
22 Sameach!

23 March 14th is Holi, the Hindu festival of colors,
24 love, and spring.

2 And on March 17th, we will be celebrating Saint
3 Patrick's Day. I look forward to once again marching
4 down Fifth Avenue next week at the annual Saint
5 Patrick's Day Parade.

6 March 23rd is Pakistan Day which commemorates the
7 adoption of the Lahore Resolution that led to the
8 formation of the nation of Pakistan. I join all
9 Pakistani New Yorkers who celebrate this day of
10 freedom and independence.

11 And March 25th is Greek Independence Day, and we
12 will join our city's vibrant Greek communities in
13 observance of this important celebration.

14 Next, I want to wish a happy birthday to, Council
15 Member Chi Ossé, who is celebrating on the 18th,
16 clap, clap, clap.

17 (APPLAUSE)

18 SPEAKER ADAMS: And Council Member Lincoln
19 Restler, whose birthday is on the 19th.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 SPEAKER ADAMS: I wish you both wonderful
22 celebrations with your loved ones.

23 Let's move on to our Stated Agenda.

24 First, we'll vote on the following Land Use
25 items:

1 H+H Operating Agreement mend the New York City
2 Health + Hospitals Operating Agreement to clarify H+H
3 ownership of nine properties. The properties are
4 located in the districts of Deputy Speaker Ayala and
5 Council Members Marte, Abreu, Dinowitz, Stevens,
6 Hudson, Ossé, and Banks.
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8 First, Queens Future Map Change and Amendment,
9 this is the first of several expected private
10 applications for land use approvals needed in order
11 for sites to be eligible to participate in the state
12 led process to award up to three gaming facility
13 licenses downstate, including in the city. The
14 applicant is seeking to redevelop the parking lots of
15 Citi Field into a casino complex that would include a
16 food hall, music hall, hotel, convention space,
17 parking, and 20 acres of new public park space in
18 Council Member Moya's district.

19 1093-1095 Jerome Avenue UDAAP will facilitate the
20 development of a new 11-story residential building
21 with approximately 59 affordable units in Council
22 Member Stevens' district.

23 2201 Davidson Avenue will facilitate the long
24 delayed rehabilitation of one building with 48
25 affordable residential units under HPD's Third Party

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2 Transfer Program in Council Member Sanchez's
3 district.

4 The Council will also disapprove Le Dive's
5 application for irrevocable consent to operate a
6 sidewalk cafe in Council Member Marte's district.

7 Next, we will vote on the following Finance
8 items:

9 Resolution 791, sponsored by Council Member
10 Justin Brannan, to approve the new designation and
11 changes in the designation of certain organizations
12 to receive funding in the Expense Budget.

13 Today we will also vote on the following pieces
14 of legislation:

15 Resolution 740, sponsored by Council Member
16 Lincoln Restler, calling on the State Legislature to
17 pass, and the Governor to sign, S.590/A.3665, would
18 protect ballot access for charter revision from
19 being blocked by mayoral enacted Charter Revision
20 Commissions and increase transparency requirements
21 for commissions. Thank you to our staff members Erica
22 Cohen, Jayasri Ganapathy, and Rachel Cordero.

23 Resolution 57-A, sponsored by Deputy Speaker
24 Diana Ayala, calling on New York state to create a
25 program to provide food benefits for those not

1 eligible for existing benefits, including anyone over
2 55 meeting income eligibility.

3 Resolution 41-A, sponsored by Council Member
4 Alexa Avilés, calling on the New York State
5 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
6 S.2082/A.3474 to create the New York State Working
7 Families Tax Credit. Thank you to our staff members
8 Nina Rosenberg and Sahar Moazami.

9 Resolution 717, sponsored by Council Member
10 Crystal Hudson, calling on the New York State
11 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
12 A.270/S.141, also known as the Access to
13 Representation Act, which establishes the right to
14 legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and
15 establishes consistent funding streams for
16 immigration legal services for New Yorkers.

17 Resolution 714-A, sponsored by Council Member
18 Hanif, calling on the New York State Legislature to
19 reintroduce and pass, and the Governor to sign
20 A.3506/S.2235, also known as the New York for All
21 Act, which would prohibit and regulate the discovery
22 and disclosure of immigration status by New York
23 state and local government entities. Thank you to
24 staff members Rebecca Barilla and Nicole Cata.
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1 Introduction 564-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Gale Brewer, would amend the New York City Charter
3 and Administrative Code to require that the
4 Department of Records and Information Services or
5 DORIS maintain a publicly accessible and searchable
6 online database with every post that any official
7 government account has shared on a social media
8 platform. All agencies and offices of elected
9 officials would be required to provide DORIS with
10 information about any official social media accounts
11 that are associated with the agency or elected
12 official in a form designated by DORIS. Thank you to
13 our staff members Jayasri Ganapathy, Erica Cohen, and
14 Rachel Cordero.
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16 Introduction 977-A, sponsored by Council Member
17 Althea Stevens, would increase the frequency of the
18 Department of Probation reports on programs offered
19 to probationers, compliance with departmental
20 mandates, and recidivism rates. In addition, the
21 reports would require information on the nature of
22 technical probation violations and clarify that DOP
23 is to provide information on all programs it
24 administers.
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1 Introduction 1036-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Sandy Nurse, would require the Department of
3 Correction to issue quarterly public reports on
4 people in custody who have been ordered to undergo a
5 mental health evaluation to determine if they are
6 competent to stand trial. Reports would include
7 information on the type of housing area where these
8 individuals are being detained, and the average
9 length of time spent in custody.
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11 Introduction Number 1026-A, sponsored by Council
12 Member Crystal Hudson, would require DOC to report
13 separately on in-person and televisits, and provide
14 more detailed reporting on the reasons jail visits
15 are not completed. The bill would also require DOC to
16 record interactions in which a person in custody is
17 informed about a visitor and refuses to attend the
18 visit, and upon request, provide those video
19 recordings to defense attorneys.

20 Introduction 420-A, sponsored by Council Member
21 Carlina Rivera, would require DOT to establish a
22 child visitor program to improve the experience of
23 children visiting department facilities and report
24 annually on the status of the program. All new city
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2 jails would also be required to have a specially
3 designated visiting area for child visitors.

4 Introduction 1023-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Jennifer Gutiérrez, would require DOC to create and
6 operate an online scheduling system to facilitate
7 visits to incarcerated individuals. At minimum, the
8 system would give the public the ability to select,
9 reserve, and modify dates for jail visits, and
10 provide real time updates when DOC must cancel a
11 scheduled visit. Thank you to our staff members
12 Natalie Meltzer and Jeremy Whiteman.

13 Introduction 216-A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Hanif, would require the Department of Social
15 Services to implement various changes to improve the
16 IDNYC application process. The changes would improve
17 access to appointments for IDNYC applicants, and
18 ensure that all New Yorkers with proof of identity
19 approved under the program are not being
20 inappropriately denied. Thank you to our staff
21 members Nicole Cata, Rebecca Barilla, Jayasri
22 Ganapathy, and Declan McPherson.

23 Finally, we will be voting on a package of bills
24 related to improving the experiences of our foster
25 youth:

1 Introduction 56-A, sponsored by Council Member
2 Chi Ossé, would require ACS to survey and report
3 annually on the number and placements of LGBTQIA+
4 foster youth, including their racial and specific
5 LGBTQIA plus identities.
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7 Introduction 1052-A, sponsored by Council Member
8 Crystal Hudson, would require the expansion of the
9 Foster Youth Experience Survey that ACS is required
10 to distribute annually to foster youth. This bill
11 would expand that survey to include questions about
12 experiences relating to gender expression, gender
13 identity, sex characteristics, and sexual
14 orientation, and would allow foster youth to express
15 any additional feedback about their experiences.
16 Finally, this bill would require the survey to
17 include questions relating to a foster youth
18 relationship with ACS workers instead of asking
19 solely about their foster parents and placement.

20 And Introduction 81-A, sponsored by Council
21 Member Kevin Riley, would require an audit and report
22 on foster care placement notices. State law and
23 regulations issued by the office of children and
24 family services require that attorneys for foster
25 youth receive notice of changes in foster placement

1 ten days in advance or within one business day of the
2 change if it was anticipated. This bill would require
3 ACS to periodically audit case workers to ensure that
4 they provide notifications within an appropriate time
5 frame. Thank you to our staff members Christina
6 Yellamaty.
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8 Thank you for your attention, colleagues, I now
9 turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, Speaker Adams.
11 We will now move into Discussion of General Orders,
12 and I would like to first recognize Council Member
13 Brewer, followed by Council Member Nurse, then
14 Council Member Stevens.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

16 I'm here to talk about social media, Intro 564.
17 It requires DORIS to maintain a publicly accessible
18 and searchable database online of the social media
19 posts and websites of government officials. And it
20 requires city agencies to provide, along with
21 officials, DORIS with a list of each social media
22 account. Some social media accounts, such as NYPD
23 chief of department, on Twitter are carried over from
24 one administration to the other. However, others are
25 unique to the individual like NYPD Doherty on

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2 Twitter, which was recently deleted. We don't want
3 them to be deleted. All need to be captured and put
4 in the archive forever.

5 Because of my history of supporting municipal
6 archives, I feel strongly that such records are now
7 part of our history and must be saved for
8 generations. As council member previously and Chair
9 of Government Operations, I took on Mayor Bloomberg's
10 administration when they wanted to merge DORIS and
11 DCAS. I enlisted the help of every archivist in New
12 York state, and we made sure no such merger took
13 place. When mayor de Blasio took over, he undid the
14 merger. The rest is history. Today, DORIS, under the
15 leadership of the excellent commissioner, Pauline
16 Toole, she understands the importance of permanent
17 government records, it's foremost in the agency's
18 commission. The way it could happen is software can
19 scrub for all the social media accounts that are
20 listed as official, but there are ones that are
21 official, but that may not be as obvious. And the
22 purpose of this bill is to keep for archival interest
23 the entire list of social media. Thank you very much.

24 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
25 Member Nurse, followed by Stevens, then Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Thank you, Chair.

3 Good afternoon, colleagues, today I join, Council
4 Members Hudson, Rivera, and Gutiérrez as we'll be
5 voting on my bill to improve the conditions and
6 quality of life of people touched by the carceral
7 system.

8 Intro 1036 comes in response to reports of people
9 who have been deemed "unfit to stand trial" who are
10 languishing on Rikers despite being cleared for
11 transfer by a doctor and a judge. Some individuals
12 remained stuck for months with no end in sight, and
13 in one case a man was in limbo for fifteen years.
14 With over thirty-four confirmed deaths at Rikers
15 since the start of Mayor Adams Administration, it is
16 clear at this point that Rikers is no place for
17 anyone to be, let alone someone experiencing a mental
18 health crisis.

19 This bill will ensure consistent public reporting
20 on the amount of time people deemed unfit to stand
21 trial remain in jail and where they are housed. At
22 the end of the day, we cannot allow our jails to be a
23 substitute for mental health care. That's not what
24 they're designed for, and it's not what they should
25 be used for. Our priority should be safely reducing

2 the jail population and ensuring that people get the
3 care they need in the right setting— and Rikers
4 cannot serve as that mental health facility simply
5 because the state is failing to expand beds in
6 appropriate facilities.

7 Thank you to everyone who helped craft and push
8 for this legislation, and I ask for my colleagues to
9 support this bill today. Thank you, Chair.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
11 Member Stevens, followed by Riley, then Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Intro 977-A, which will
13 require the Department of Probation to provide
14 detailed reporting on technical probation violations
15 in all programs offered by the Department— this
16 legislation increases the frequency of reporting on
17 probation programs, compliance, and developmental
18 mandates, and recidivist rates. It also requires more
19 transparency around the nature of technical probation
20 violations and ensures that DOP is providing
21 information on all the programs they administer.

22 Probation is meant to be a second chance, an
23 opportunity for individuals to build their lives
24 outside of incarceration. This legislation will help
25 us identify gaps in service, address racial and

2 economic disparities, and probation enforcement, and
3 ensures that probation services is true to the
4 purpose, rehabilitation and not punishment.

5 When we're talking about public safety, we must
6 recognize that safety is more than just policing.
7 It's about creating a pathway to success and not
8 roadblocks to opportunity. We must ensure that
9 programming meant to support our communities are
10 actually working and not just existing. That's why I
11 will continue to push for greater transparency in our
12 justice system and ensuring our city resources are
13 used to drive real progress, not community
14 segregation.

15 With this bill, we take meaningful steps towards
16 making sure probation is a tool for opportunity and
17 just not another arm of incarceration. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
19 Member Riley, followed Council Member Rivera, then
20 Hudson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

22 Colleagues, today we have the opportunity to
23 strengthen our foster care system and uphold our duty
24 to the most vulnerable children in our city. Foster
25 care should provide stability and security, but

2 without accountability and transparency, we fall
3 short.

4 The Care Act, Introduction 81, ensures ACS audits
5 foster care placements, preventing delays and
6 disruptions that can harm a child's well-being. Data
7 driven oversight empowers us to craft stronger
8 policies, allocate resources wisely, and create a
9 system that works, not just for agencies, but for
10 children and families who depend on it.

11 Transparency builds trust, support, efforts, and
12 ensures every child receives the care they deserve. I
13 urge you to vote yes on Introduction 81. This is more
14 than legislation, it's a commitment to making foster
15 care a system of stability, safety, and justice.
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Rivera, followed by Council Member Hudson,
19 then Council Member Gutiérrez.

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

22 Good afternoon, everyone. Today we're voting on
23 Introduction 420 which will require the Department of
24 Correction to develop a program to improve the

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2 experience of children visiting their loved ones in
3 city correctional facilities.

4 I want to thank all of the advocates for their
5 help, especially Osborne Association in crafting this
6 bill. According to the Osborne Association, one in
7 fourteen children have an incarcerated parent.

8 Visiting a loved one in jail should not be a
9 traumatic or dehumanizing experience, especially for
10 children, but I've heard from families and advocacy
11 organizations about how unpleasant or intimidating it
12 can be to take a child to visit a loved one.

13 Maintaining family bonds is critical to the well-
14 being of individuals who are incarcerated and their
15 families, yet for too long the visiting process in
16 our city jails has been rife with issues.

17 This legislation will create a more humane and
18 supportive environment for children visiting their
19 parents ensuring they are met with compassion, not
20 fear.

21 My bill will require that all children visiting
22 areas provide toys, games, books, and arts and
23 crafts. All staff who interact with child visitors
24 will receive specialized training. All new or
25 substantially remodeled city jails shall have a

1 specifically designed visiting area for child
2 visitors. And the Department shall conduct a study on
3 the feasibility of implementing televisits on weekend
4 days, without reducing the number of hours for in
5 person visits on weekend days, and that the
6 Department produce a report on the program for child
7 visitors, including information on the number of
8 visits by child visitors, number of staff who receive
9 training, the average length of time between the time
10 a child visitor arrives at a jail and the time such
11 child visitor commences a visit, and more.

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13 These reforms are a critical step in breaking
14 cycles of harm and prioritizing dignity and care
15 within our correctional system. I ask for your
16 support in voting aye on Introduction 420. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Hudson, followed by Council Member Gutiérrez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Good afternoon, and thank
20 you, Madam Majority Leader.

21 I'd like to briefly discuss two of my bills,
22 Introduction 1026 and introduction 1052, which this
23 body is voting on today.

24 In late 2023, the nonprofit news organization,
25 The City, released an investigation that revealed the

1 Department of Corrections canceled over 15,000 video
2 visits since 2020. Those in custody rely on external
3 social support and connection for their
4 rehabilitation and well-being, and any impediment to
5 receiving visits from family and friends is a
6 violation of our country's most fundamental human
7 rights.
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9 Introduction 1026 would address concerns that
10 correction officers are canceling visits by falsely
11 claiming detainees are rejecting the visits by
12 requiring more detailed record keeping for jail
13 visits. The bill would mandate the Department of
14 Correction to provide more thorough explanations for
15 any canceled visits.

16 My second bill, Introduction 1052, expands the
17 Foster Youth Experience Survey, administered by ACS,
18 to include questions about the treatment of foster
19 youth by ACS and foster care providers, as well as
20 questions about their experiences with gender
21 expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

22 According to a report from the Human Rights
23 Campaign, 30% of youth in the foster care system
24 identify as LGBTQIA+ compared to the national average
25 of just 11.4% LGBTQIA+ youth facing horrendous cases

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2 of homophobia and transphobia end up in our foster
3 care system, and in many cases, this discrimination
4 continues even in the system. This bill would ensure
5 that our government has the information it needs to
6 give LGBTQIA+ youth across our city the opportunity
7 to feel safe and protected. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Gutiérrez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Thank you so much.

11 For too long, visiting a loved one in jail has
12 been a dehumanizing ordeal, punishing not just the
13 incarcerated but their families and communities. This
14 isn't just an inconvenience; it's a systemic failure
15 that makes reentry harder and recidivism more likely.

16 Many of us, myself included, have made a
17 difficult journey to visit at Rikers. We know the
18 toll it takes. That's why the Family Connect Act is
19 so important. It makes visitation accessible,
20 transparent, and dignified by creating an online
21 system to schedule visits, removing barriers that
22 have been that have kept families apart.

23 This bill also ensures accountability, preventing
24 visits from being arbitrarily reduced or denied, and

1 requiring clear communication on visitation
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3 decisions. This is about justice and humanity.

4 With 80% of Rikers detainees in pretrial
5 detention and 50% with a mental health diagnosis,
6 families should not be forced to suffer alongside
7 their loved ones.

8 With this bill, we are making it clear— families
9 matter, dignity matters, and every person deserves a
10 system that treats them with respect.

11 I want to thank Speaker Adams for her support and
12 leadership, and my cosponsors, including Committee
13 Chair, Council Member Nurse. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
15 Member Sanchez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you so much, madam
17 majority leader.

18 I want to take a moment to thank, the Tenant
19 Association, President Arturo Miranda, Northwest
20 Bronx Community Clergy Coalition, the Legal Aid
21 Society for their advocacy of the residents at 2201-
22 05 Davidson, the HPD team, of course, our Planning
23 and Land Use Division, and my Director of Land Use
24 Policy and Budget, Ben Ratner, for their work on
25 behalf of this building.

1 The 2201-05 Davidson Avenue building owes \$28
2 million in municipal arrears, has nearly 600 open HPD
3 violations, nearly 90 DOB violations, 60 health
4 violations with persistent issues of mold, water
5 damage, including collapsed ceilings, structures, and
6 vermin. Needless to say, these living conditions are
7 unacceptable.
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9 Time after time, hearing after hearing, HPD says
10 that agencies use code enforcement tools to the full
11 extent of the law to keep New Yorkers safe within
12 their homes. Yet in the case of this property, up
13 until very recently, the City was failing residents
14 with inaction at the hands of negligent ownership.
15 We're talking about the alternative enforcement
16 program, 7-A, underlying conditions, and even
17 previous rounds of the Third Party Transfer Program.
18 The City failed.

19 But this is precisely why when I took office, I
20 petitioned to reactivate TPT proceedings against this
21 property. Gratitude to Speaker Adams, to Chairs
22 Salamanca and Hanks, and all of my colleagues for
23 their support in improving conditions for these
24 residents through today's Article XI in urban area
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2 development project in connection with the reinstated
3 Third Party Transfer Application.

4 I hope my colleagues will also join me in signing
5 on to Introduction 1063, which completely reforms the
6 Third Party Transfer Program to ensure that we are
7 able to go after the worst landlords, like the owners
8 of 2201-05 Davidson, and ensure good conditions,
9 better conditions for residents. Thank you, Madam
10 Majority Leader, thank you all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
12 Member Hanif.

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

15 Today, we are voting on Introduction 216-A the
16 Access to IDNYC Act. Thank you to Deputy Speaker
17 Ayala and Council Member Brewer for introducing this
18 bill alongside me, to Immigration Chair Avilés for
19 moving it through committee, and to Speaker Adams for
20 bringing it to the floor today.

21 As you know, the IDNYC is a municipal
22 identification card that is available to all New York
23 City residents regardless of immigration status. The
24 card can be used in many important situations,
25 including a parent who needs proof of residency to

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2 get food for their family from a food pantry, an
3 older adult applying for a discounted MetroCard, a
4 person seeking asylum who needs some form of photo ID
5 to apply for an employment authorization document,
6 and a young person who was offered their first job
7 but needs a photo ID to complete the onboarding
8 paperwork. However, for over a year, same day walk-in
9 appointments have not been available, and an
10 inefficient website made it extremely difficult to
11 schedule appointments. And I'm sure many of your
12 teams have encountered constituents frustrated about
13 the challenges of obtaining an ID.

14 Introduction 216-A will address these operational
15 issues and significantly improve the IDNYC
16 application process. This bill will reinstate same
17 day walk-in appointments, on a pilot basis, ensure
18 the number of available application slots meet the
19 demand from New Yorkers, codify improvements to the
20 online appointment scheduling system, implement
21 annual staff training for efficient processes,
22 establish a refuse system for applicants who are
23 denied, and add an issue date to the card so
24 cardholders can demonstrate how long they've resided
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2 in New York City, which is important for federal
3 immigration proceedings.

4 I want to thank all the advocates, Brooklyn
5 Defender Services, and the entire legislative team,
6 Nicole Kata, Rebecca Barilla, Rob Kalandra, Declan
7 McPherson, and my team members Matt Malloy, Alex
8 Liao, Mus Lamia, and Nisha Choudhry, I urge my
9 colleagues to vote yes. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Seeing no one else signed
11 up to speak, Report of Special Committee?

12 CLERK: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Report of Standing
14 Committees?

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Children and
16 Youth, Introduction 56-A, 81-A, and 1052-A, foster
17 youth.

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

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Criminal
21 Justice, Introductions 420-A, 1023-A, 1026-A, and
22 1036-A, correctional facilities.

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

2 CLERK: Introduction 977-A, Probation Department
3 Programming.

4 SPEAKER ADAMS: Amended and Coupled on General
5 Orders.

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance,
7 Preconsidered Resolution 791, transparency
8 resolution.

9 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

10 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental
11 Operations, State & Federal Legislation, Introduction
12 564-A, government social medial accounts.

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

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Immigration,
16 Introduction 216-A, New York City Identity Card.

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

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU
20 225 and Resolutions 803 through LU 228 and Resolution
21 806, the Beacon.

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 237 and Resolution 807, 1093-1095
24 Jerome Avenue.

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: LU 241 and Resolution 808, Le Dive.

3 SPEAKER ADAMS: Motion to Disapprove.

4 CLERK: LU 247 and Resolution 809 and LU 248 and
5 Resolution 810, 2201 Davidson Avenue.

6 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: LU 249 and Resolution 811 and LU 250 and
8 Resolution 812, Queens Future Map Change and
9 Amendment.

10 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

11 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar, Resolution
12 appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

13 SPEAKER ADAMS: Coupled on General Orders.

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

17 CLERK: Council Member Moya?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you, Madam Majority
19 Leader, if I can make some remarks before my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER FARIAS: So granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you so much, thank you
22 to you, and thank you, Madam Speaker and my
23 colleagues, for the opportunity to share a few words
24 about the project before us today, because it has the
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1 potential to boost the economy of the borough Of
2 Queens and the City as a whole.

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4 Throughout my career in public service, my
5 priority has been to support initiatives that truly
6 reflect the community's needs and strengthen our
7 local economy. So when I was approached about the
8 proposal for Metropolitan Park, a new sports,
9 entertainment, and recreational destination
10 envisioned by New York Mets owner Steve Cohen and the
11 Hard Rock International, I made it clear that I would
12 only support the project if it genuinely served our
13 community.

14 This project is about more than building a new
15 venue. It's about creating lasting job opportunities,
16 transforming this area into a world class
17 destination, and elevating our local economy to
18 unprecedented heights. Metropolitan Park will provide
19 100% union jobs in both construction and operation.
20 There will also... there's also a firm commitment to
21 diversity and local hiring with contracts for
22 minority and women-owned businesses and opportunities
23 for local residents. Community involvement has been a
24 part of the plan, and that's why Metropolitan Park
25 has actively engaged with community leaders and has

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2 shown real dedication to partnership with local
3 organizations. Together, through ongoing dialogue
4 with Mr. Cohen, local leaders and residents, we've
5 crafted a vision that truly serves Queens, and that
6 includes a vibrant community-centered sports
7 entertainment recreational destination complete with
8 new open spaces, entertainment venues, a hotel, and a
9 gaming facility. I'm ecstatic at the prospect of
10 finally turning huge swaths of often vacant pavement
11 into usable recreational space by transforming these
12 underutilized parking lots into a dynamic hub of
13 recreation, commerce, and entertainment.

14 We can create an economic engine that will draw
15 visitors year round, enhancing the experience for
16 millions who come to Citi Field, the USCA, and the
17 soon to be New York City Football Club, first state-
18 of-the-art soccer stadium, and truly have usable
19 recreational space.

20 This project deserves the opportunity to compete
21 in the established process (TIMER CHIMES) for one of
22 the new gaming licenses, and I'm proud to vote yes on
23 allowing them to do that. And I vote yes on the
24 future of Queens.

2 And I just want to take this opportunity to thank
3 my Chief of Staff, Meghan Tadio Benham, Paris
4 Slaughter, James Cotone, and all of the Land Use
5 staff for their work on this project.

6 I vote aye, and I encourage my colleagues to vote
7 in the affirmative. Thank you.

8 CLERK: Thank you.

9 Council Member Abreu?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye

11 CLERK: Council Member Avilés?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye

13 CLERK: Council Member Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye

15 CLERK: Council Member Banks?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye

17 CLERK: Council Member Bottcher?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHER: Aye

19 CLERK: Council Member Brannan?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye

21 CLERK: Council Member Brewer?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: (UN-MIC'D) Yes

23 CLERK: Council Member Brooks-Powers?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye

25 CLERK: Council Member Cabán?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABÁN: I vote aye on all, except
3 for LUs 249 and 250 and the accompanying Resolutions,
4 on which I abstain, thank you.

5 CLERK: Thank you, one moment.

6 Council Member Carr?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: No on Introduction 216-A,
8 and aye on the rest.

9 CLERK: Council Member De La Rosa?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Council Member Dinowitz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Council Member Feliz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Council Member Gennaro?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Pass

17 CLERK: Okay.

18 Council Member Gutiérrez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIÉRREZ: Aye

20 CLERK: Council Member Hanif?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye

22 CLERK: Council Member Hanks?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

24 CLERK: Council Member Holden?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all with the
3 exception of Introduction 216-A on which I vote no.

4 CLERK: Council Member Hudson?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

6 CLERK: Council Member Joseph?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Krishnan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Lee?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Council Member Louis?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: (ABSENT)

14 CLERK: Council Member Marmorato?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye on all with
16 the exception of Introduction 216-A, I vote no.

17 CLERK: Council Member Marte?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all; except I
19 abstain on LU 249 and LU 250.

20 CLERK: Thank you.

21 Council Member Mealy?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all.

23 CLERK: Council Member Menin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: I vote aye on all, except
3 for Land Use item 241 and accompanying Resolution
4 808, for which I abstain.

5 CLERK: Thank you.

6 Council Member Narcisse?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

8 CLERK: Council Member Nurse?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Council Member Ossé?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: (ABSENT)

12 CLERK: Council Member Paladino?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote on all, except
14 for Introduction 216-A and Land Use items 249 and 250
15 and that's it. And accompanying Resos.

16 CLERK: Thank you.

17 Council Member Powers?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I vote aye.

19 CLERK: Council Member Restler?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Riley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Rivera?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Salaam?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Council Member Salamanca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Council Member Sanchez?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye on all, with the
7 exception of Land Use 249 and 250 and accompanying
8 Resolutions, on which I abstain.

9 CLERK: Thank you.

10 Council Member Schulman?

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you. I just want
15 to say, Queens Future is not in my district, but it's
16 in my backyard. And two things I wanna point out
17 about it, one is that it's going to create over
18 23,000 Union jobs, and the other is that the
19 recreation piece is built specifically for families
20 and people with disabilities which is very rare. So,
21 with that I vote aye on that and aye on all the rest.
22 Thank you.

23 CLERK: Thank you.

24 Council Member Stevens?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Council Member Ung?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Council Member Vernikov?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye on all except no on
6 Introduction 216-A, thank you.

7 CLERK: Council Member Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: (ABSENT)

9 CLERK: Council Member Won?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

11 CLERK: Council Member Zhuang?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Ariola?

14 MINORITY LEADER ARIOLA: I'd like to disclose for
15 the record that my son works for DSNY, which is on
16 today's transparency resolution. I am a no on
17 Introduction 216-A, as well as Land Use 249 with
18 accompanying Reso 811 and Land Use 250 with
19 accompanying Reso 812, and I am an aye on all the
20 rest.

21 CLERK: Thank you.

22 Council Member Farías?

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.

24 CLERK: Speaker Adams?

25 SPEAKER ADAMS: I vote aye.

2 CLERK: Excuse me, Council Member Gennaro?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes, I vote aye on all,
4 with the exception of 216-A, on which I vote no.

5 CLERK: Thank you, Council Member.

6 (PAUSE)

7 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: All items on today's
8 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 46 in
9 the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and no
10 abstentions; with the exception of Introduction 216-
11 A, which was adopted by a vote of 39 in the
12 affirmative, 7 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; LU
13 241 and Resolution 808, which was adopted by a vote
14 of 45 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1
15 abstention; and LUs 249 and 250 with accompanying
16 Resolutions, which was adopted by a vote 41 in the
17 affirmative, 2 in the negative, and 3 abstentions.

18 Introduction and Reading of Bills?

19 SPEAKER ADAMS: All bills have been referred to
20 the committees as indicated on today's Agenda.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you. We will now
22 move into Discussion of Resolutions, and I would like
23 to recognize Council Member Hudson, followed by
24 Council Member Avilés, and Council Member Hanif.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you so much.

1 Today, I'd also like to briefly discuss
2 Resolution 717, which the Council is voting on today.

3 Two years ago, this vote... this body voted to
4 pass a resolution that urged Albany to approve the
5 Access to Representation Act, which guarantees the
6 right to legal representation to all New Yorkers
7 regardless of citizenship status. Today, we're once
8 again passing a resolution in support of this
9 legislation, not because we didn't get it right the
10 first time, but because the urgency has only grown.
11 We've seen a rise in xenophobia across the nation
12 promulgated by a presidential administration that has
13 opted to scapegoat an already vulnerable population
14 instead of actually addressing issues our country is
15 facing. But here in New York, we know the truth—
16 without immigrants, this city and this nation cannot
17 thrive. As a city, we have rejected the idea that
18 immigrants facing deportation or detention should be
19 denied civil and legal protections. And now more than
20 ever, we need the State to pass this vital
21 legislation and show that it too still stands strong
22 with immigrant communities across New York.

23 I urge my colleagues to join me once again and
24 vote yes on Resolution 717. Let us send a message to
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1 Washington and the country that New York will remain
2 (TIMER CHIMES) a place where every person, regardless
3 of immigration status, has the protections they need
4 to thrive. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
7 Member Avilés followed by Council Member Hanif.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Thank you, Madam Majority
9 Leader.

10 I know many of us have worked in some form or
11 fashion on addressing and reversing childhood poverty
12 trends that have impacted our districts and children
13 across the city. Through this state legislation
14 S.2082/A.3474, we have the opportunity to lead where
15 the federal government has failed by increasing to
16 support those families most in need.

17 Under this legislation, tax benefits would be
18 offered to all families with children through the age
19 of 17. If passed, the State will begin to chip away
20 at the massive increase in child poverty rates since
21 2021, which impacts so many of our communities. With
22 the federal government again launching attacks on
23 working families, not only in this city, but across
24 the country every single day, our state needs to step
25 up now.

2 I want to thank you all for your vote today, and
3 I particularly wanna thank the Speaker and Chair
4 Ayala, as well as many of the (TIMER CHIMES)
5 cosponsors, and thank you to Senator Gounardes for
6 centering working families at the state level. Thank
7 you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
9 Member Hanif.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Today we are voting on
11 Resolution 714-A, which urges the New York State
12 Legislature and the Governor to swiftly enact the New
13 York for All Act.

14 This bill would expand sanctuary city protections
15 statewide, especially in the context of the Trump
16 administration's family separation agenda. State
17 resources should not be used to perform federal civil
18 immigration enforcement. Immigrant New Yorkers must
19 be able to interact with state employees, including
20 those from the MTA, the Department of Labor, and the
21 CUNY and SUNY systems without fear of deportation.
22 Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
24 Member Restler.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you, Madam Major
3 Majority Leader.

4 I hope that you all will support Resolution 740
5 today, which calls on this... which would essentially
6 ensure that all ballot proposals that come from the
7 City Council or come from the voters are actually
8 able to reach the ballot.

9 For administration after administration, mayor
10 after mayor has used Charter Revision Commissions,
11 some organized at the eleventh-and-a-half hour to
12 block good proposals from reaching the ultimate
13 decision makers, the voters. This is undemocratic and
14 it's unfair.

15 So I am immensely grateful to originally the
16 great Assembly Member Dick Godfried for originally
17 sponsoring this bill, the longest serving assembly
18 member in the history of the body, and now Assembly
19 Member Tony Simone, his successor, and the great
20 state Senator Liz Krueger for sponsoring this
21 legislation in Albany. It has been championed by our
22 Speaker, Adrian Adams, who has really pushed for this
23 idea to ensure that even if there are multiple
24 competing Charter Revision Commissions, all of their
25 ideas should reach the final decision makers, the

2 voters. This is the right thing to do for our
3 democracy, and I hope that with the strong passage
4 today, we can all advocate together (TIMER CHIMES)
5 for passage in Albany.

6 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you.

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

13 I will now read today's Resolutions into the
14 record.

15 Resolution 41-A calls the New York State
16 Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign,
17 S.2082/A.3474 to create the New York State Working
18 Families Tax Credit.

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 Resolution 57-A calls on New York state to create
3 a program to provide food benefits for those not
4 eligible for existing benefits, including anyone over
5 55 meeting income eligibility.

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 714-A calls on the New York State
14 Legislature to reintroduce and pass, and the Governor
15 to sign A.3506/S.2235, also known as the New York for
16 All Act, which would prohibit and regulate the
17 discovery and disclosure of immigration status by New
18 York state and local government entities.

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 717 calls on the New York State
3 Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign
4 A.270/S.141, also known as the Access to
5 Representation Act, which establishes the right to
6 legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and
7 provides for the administration thereof.

8 Will all those in favor say aye?

9 ALL: Aye

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any opposed?

11 ALL: (SILENT)

12 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

13 ALL: (SILENT)

14 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

15 Resolution 740 calls on the State Legislature to
16 pass, and the Governor to sign, S.590/A.3665, which
17 would eliminate the rule that provides whenever a
18 city charter commission puts a proposal on the local
19 ballot, other referendum proposals are barred from
20 the ballot.

21 Will all those in favor say aye?

22 ALL: Aye

23 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: All opposed say nay?

24 ALL: (SILENT)

25 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Any abstentions?

1 ALL: (SILENT)

2 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: The ayes have it.

3 We will now move into General Discussion.

4 I would like to recognize Council Member Hanif,
5 followed by Council Member Lee, then Council Member
6 Brewer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Thank you.

8 I am using my time to urge colleagues to sponsor
9 Introduction 214, the New York City Trust Act, which
10 works towards the same goals as Resolution 714-A of
11 ending illegal local collaboration with ICE.

12 This bill currently has 26 sponsors and would
13 ensure city agencies follow the sanctuary city laws
14 that are currently on the books by empowering those
15 who have had their rights violated with the ability
16 to sue for damages. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
18 Member Lee, followed by Council Member Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Good afternoon, Madam
20 Speaker, Majority Leader, and colleagues.

21 I'm proud to be introducing 1216 today along with
22 my colleague Council Member Hanif.

23 The facts are clear, there is a hidden epidemic
24 of domestic and gender-based violence in our country.
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2 The CDC estimates that one in five women in The US
3 experience severe intimate partner violence in their
4 lifetimes with their assaults often going unreported
5 to the police.

6 This legislation would require the Mayor's Office
7 to End Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence to
8 make available, at no cost, posters about recognizing
9 gender-based violence to nail, hair, and beauty
10 salons, and other cosmetology establishments across
11 the city. These posters would include information
12 about services available in the city including but
13 not limited to free hotlines.

14 As a social worker, I know the importance of
15 meeting people where they are. I hope this
16 legislation raises awareness and prompts conversation
17 about this understated crisis and connects those
18 affected to the necessary resources and care they
19 need. I hope that you can join me in this effort.
20 Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
22 Member Brewer, followed by Council Member Carr, then
23 Council Member Zhuang.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very much.

2 I too want to join the Speaker in saying how much
3 we're going to miss Dr. Hazel Dukes. I was able to
4 appoint her to Community Board 10 at the same time
5 she could pick up the phone and get any presidential
6 or incumbent on the phone. She was an amazing woman
7 and we will all miss her tremendously. I was there
8 last night for her wake.

9 I'd like to talk about Intro, uh, I think it's
10 120 - has to do with the fact that there is a need, I
11 think, to have a possibility of a strike. It could...
12 uhm, have a shutdown of the federal government, and
13 the city of New York needs to make sure that we are
14 prepared for that.

15 And then second, I think it's 1206, has the...
16 with Council Member Abreu, we are sponsoring a bill
17 that basically says that those large buildings that
18 are not composting need to do so. You will find many,
19 many complaints from people who want to compost in
20 their buildings and the management is actually saying
21 they're not gonna do it. And April 1st is the
22 deadline. So there's increased fees, and there's the,
23 you know, you have to figure out how you're going to
24 compost, but it is gonna be the law, it's part of our
25 planet- saving our planet, and we make sure... we

2 have to make sure that it gets done. So that's the
3 purpose of that bill. We hope you'll join. Thank you
4 very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
6 Member Carr, followed by Council Member Zhuang, then
7 Council Member Joseph.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Majority Leader.

9 I just want to recognize that next Wednesday, a
10 week from today, is Saint Joseph's Day, a day of
11 significance for many Italian Americans as well as,
12 many Christians around the city.

13 And I just wanna wish a Buona Festa, happy Saint
14 Joseph, on behalf of the Italian Caucus here in the
15 Council to everyone here, and to all the Joes and
16 Josephines and others around the city.

17 And also, just wanted to report on the annual
18 Saint Joseph's Day pastry contest. We had guest judge
19 Lidia Bastianich with us today in the Rotunda judging
20 the pastry. (APPLAUSE) And we have the winner of the
21 custard section, PIECE-A -CAKE from New Dorp in my
22 district, and then we had a tie for the winners of
23 the cannoli section to Tutto Calcio from Whitestone
24 and La Torre from Howard Beach. So congratulations to
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2 this year's participants, and again, Buona Festa,
3 happy Saint Joseph's to all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Zhuang, followed by Council Member Joseph,
6 then Council Member Banks.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you, Madam Majority
8 Leader.

9 Today, I'm introducing two bills to help our
10 streets be safer and cleaner.

11 The first bill, Intro 1218, would require signs
12 to be install near each speed camera so the drivers
13 get a warning and slowdown before they even hit the
14 camera. Every year, we put more cameras, but more
15 lives still get lost. In 2023, we saw the most
16 traffic deaths in nearly a decade; in 2024 pedestrian
17 fatalities continue to rise. When the drivers see the
18 sign warnings, then they can, before they see the
19 camera, they can slow down, stop at the red light,
20 and drive more responsibly. This is a simple cost
21 efficient, cost effective solution that will save
22 lives.

23 The second bill is in 1217 which would require
24 the city Department of Health to respond to 311

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complaints regarding the rats, pests, or condition within 10 days?

As we know, New York City already has serious issue with rats. I get complaints every day from our office. Our residents call 311, but they never hear anything back. So our people in our city right now, they deserve to know what happened and what DOH has done within 10 days. And public who reports it— people should know the end result, what they did get so far. And we need a better tracking record and better accountability for all the city agencies, and the residents deserve to know more and also make sure our government is functioning. We owe it to our community to take this issue seriously. Let's make our city cleaner, safer, and more transparent. I urge all my colleagues to sign all my bills, and thank you all.

MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council Member Joseph, followed by Council Member Banks, then Council Member Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you, Majority Leader.

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2 Also want to take a moment to honor Dr. Hazel
3 Dukes. Thank you for all that you've done for New
4 York City and for us as one of your children.

5 Thank you, Majority Leader Farias. Earlier today,
6 I was honored to recognize No Kid Hungry with a
7 proclamation along count with Council Member Shekar
8 [Krishnan] and our speaker, Adrienne Adams. As we
9 recognize National School Breakfast Week and
10 celebrate the incredible work of No Kid Hungry,
11 during the month of March, we shine a spotlight on
12 School Breakfast Programs, a critical resource that
13 ensures millions of children start their day with the
14 nutrition they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

15 Here in New York City, we know that food
16 insecurity is an unfortunate reality for too many of
17 our students. A hungry child cannot focus in a
18 classroom, and no child should have to wonder where
19 their next meal will come from. That's why programs
20 like school breakfast are essential. They not only
21 fill empty stomachs, but also empower our youth with
22 the foundation for success.

23 We are deeply grateful to No Kid Hungry for their
24 tireless advocacy and commitment to ending childhood
25 hunger. Your work has really made a difference in the

2 lives of so many children and families today. We are
3 proud to recognize that impact. Together, we will
4 continue fighting to ensure that every child in our
5 city has access to healthy, nutritious meals. Because
6 food is not a privilege, it is a right.

7 Thank you, and congratulations to No Kid Hungry
8 on this well deserved recognition. Thank you,
9 Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
11 Member Banks, then Council Member Riley, then Council
12 Member Won.

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

15 Today I come with a heavy heart; I would like to
16 take the moment to pay tribute to a friend,
17 supporter, community leader in the 42nd Council
18 District, Anabelle Diaz Alston.

19 Sadly Anabelle passed away recently, and she will
20 be deeply missed by all who knew her. Anabelle was a
21 fierce advocate for residents and Boulevard Houses
22 and NYCHA public housing developments throughout my
23 district. She fought tirelessly, not only for her
24 neighbors, but for youth and seniors throughout the
25 East New York community. Her dedication and passion

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2 for her community was unwavering. I want to honor her
3 memory by offering a few kind words and expressing my
4 gratitude for her commitment and service.

5 Thank you, Anabelle, for your years of selfless
6 service. Your legacy will continue to inspire us all.

7 To Anabelle 's family and friends, please accept
8 my deepest condolences during this difficult time.

9 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
11 Member Riley, then Council Member Won, then Council
12 Member De La Rosa.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you, Majority Leader.

14 On January 10th of this year, the residents at
15 2910 Wallace Avenue experienced the worst horrific
16 fire that we've seen in my district recently, and it
17 was due to negligence from a 2015 "worst landlord"
18 named by then Public Advocate, Tisha James, who is
19 Ved Parkash.

20 This is why today I'm introducing a Resolution,
21 with Council Member Won and Council Member Sanchez,
22 Resolution 802, which takes a critical step forward
23 to ensuring that tenants displaced by fires caused by
24 landlord negligence are not left without alternative
25 housing or financial support.

1 Property ownership comes with responsibility and
2 when a landlord is found at fault, they must be held
3 accountable. If their failure to maintain safe living
4 conditions leads to a fire, they, not the tenants,
5 not the City, should bear the financial
6 responsibility for temporary relocation. This measure
7 is not about punishing responsible landlords, it's
8 about assuring basic safety, preventing displacement,
9 and reinforcing accountability. It creates an
10 incentive for landlords to prioritize fire
11 prevention, reducing risk for tenants, and easing the
12 strain of emergency housing services.

14 Ultimately, preventive maintenance is more cost
15 effective than facing relocation liabilities. I also
16 want to be clear, this applies only in cases of
17 proven negligence, not unforeseen accidents. Our goal
18 is simply to protect tenants, reinforce responsible
19 ownership, and ensure no family is left homeless.
20 like the residents at 2910 Wallace Avenue, due to a
21 landlord's failure to act.

22 I want to thank my colleagues, Council Member
23 Julie Won and Pierina Sanchez for their leadership on
24 this issue. I urge my colleagues to support this
25 resolution so we can advance it to the State

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2 Legislature and strengthen protection for tenants
3 across our city. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Recognizing Council
5 Member Won, followed by Council Member De La Rosa,
6 and then Council Member Avilés.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Thank you so much, Speaker
8 Fariás, uh, sorry, Majority Leader Fariás and Madam
9 Speaker. Uh-oh.

10 (LAUGHTER)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (LAUGHS) Today... Let's stay
12 on topic here... Today, I'm introducing Reso 802,
13 urging the New York State Legislature to pass,
14 S.3886, sponsored by Senator Michael Gianaris, as
15 well as A.5427 by Claire Valdez.

16 This is a crucial legislation that would... that
17 requires building owners found responsible for fires
18 that result in a vacate order to cover the cost of
19 temporary housing for displaced tenants until repairs
20 are completed.

21 No tenant should be left in a limbo after an
22 emergency. Yet, too often displaced tenants are
23 forced to wait for months or even years, as we're
24 seeing in my district, without clear communication

2 from property owners, uncertain of when they when
3 they can or even if they ever will return home.

4 In 2023, a fire caused by A&E Real Estate
5 displaced 250 tenants in Sunnyside in my district.
6 This was a fire blatantly caused by the landlord's
7 negligence. A year later, the 107-unit building
8 remains empty, and not a single step has been taken
9 to repair the building or reconstruct it. We're in
10 the middle of a housing crisis and it's
11 unconscionable for these units to sit vacant
12 indefinitely.

13 My constituents lost their home through no fault
14 of their own. They should not have to wait for years
15 living with relatives, going from shelter to shelter,
16 couch surfing while A&E, their millionaire landlords,
17 keep their building vacant. What's more, there's a
18 financial incentive for landlords like A&E to delay
19 making repairs until tenants move on so that they can
20 relinquish their rights to return to a rent regulated
21 unit. This is this then allows the landlord to build
22 new non-regulated apartments which are much more
23 profitable for their bottom line.

24 By holding negligent landlords accountable, the
25 state bill would provide strong incentive for timely

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2 repairs, ensure tenants can return safely and stable
3 into their housing as quickly as possible. So passing
4 these bills in the state assembly is a necessary step
5 to strengthen housing security, promote fairness, and
6 uphold the dignity of New Yorkers in a time of
7 crisis.

8 I urge my colleagues to support this resolution,
9 and I stand with the displaced tenants across our
10 city due to fires. Thank you Council Member Riley and
11 Council Member Sanchez (TIMER CHIMES) for co-priming
12 this resolution.

13 I also want to acknowledge Efraim Pasquel
14 (phonetic), who the Speaker also acknowledged, who
15 passed away this past week from a Sunnyside fire as
16 well. Thank you.

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

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you.

20 Today, we are introducing Introduction 1207, and
21 I want to give a special thank you Council Member
22 Krishnan for being a partner on this, and also the 18
23 other council members that have signed on.

24 The International Union of Operating Engineers
25 Local 30 operates our power plants, powers our health

2 care facilities, and maintains our higher education
3 facilities. They are crucial to our city's
4 infrastructure.

5 As we look towards a green New York City through
6 retrofits, increased development in housing projects,
7 and stability for our working families, we must
8 consider how we can bolster our workforce to meet
9 that need. Our unions already provide apprenticeship
10 options to prepare union hands, but there are
11 unnecessary barriers to obtaining boiler operating
12 licenses that delay new engineers from entering the
13 workforce.

14 Today's introduction seeks to include the two-
15 year apprenticeship time into the supervised
16 practical experience time requirement, including
17 their current relevant and informed experience into
18 the three-year time requirement.

19 We encourage members to continue to sign on and
20 support aspiring union engineers who help keep our
21 city running. Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Recognizing Council
23 Member Avilés.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: I urge my colleagues to
25 stand up to demand the release of Mahmoud Khalil, a

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2 Columbia graduate student whose green card and
3 student visa was revoked when ICE showed up to his
4 home, removing him from his US-citizen wife, who is
5 eight months pregnant. His offense? Standing up for
6 Palestinian rights, exercising his first amendment
7 rights.

8 Make no mistake, if you thought that you'd never
9 see it here in The United States, this is the first
10 disappearance of someone here legally. This is
11 authoritarianism. This is an assault against our
12 democracy, an assault against the first amendment
13 rights, an assault against human rights, an assault
14 to due process.

15 If you are not alarmed, you are not paying
16 attention. Jailing people for their beliefs is wholly
17 un-American and quite frankly frightening.

18 Free Mahmoud Khalil now.

19 We should never allow this in this country and
20 you must ask yourself who is next. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER FARIÁS: Thank you, seeing no one
22 else signed up to speak, I will now call on Speaker
23 Adrienne Adams to close today's Stated Meeting.

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SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam Majority Leader,
the Stated Meeting of March 12, 2025 is hereby
adjourned.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



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