

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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June 29, 2011
Start: 11:00 pm
Recess: 12:50 pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
- Council Member Charles Barron
- Council Member Gale A. Brewer
- Council Member Fernando Cabrera
- Council Member Margaret S. Chin
- Council Member Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
- Council Member Elizabeth S. Crowley
- Council Member Inez E. Dickens
- Council Member Erik Martin Dilan
- Council Member Daniel Dromm
- Council Member Mathieu Eugene
- Council Member Julissa Ferreras
- Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
- Council Member Helen D. Foster
- Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
- Council Member James F. Gennaro
- Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
- Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member David G. Greenfield

Council Member Daniel J. Halloran

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Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio

Council Member Robert Jackson

Council Member Letitia James

Council Member Peter A. Koo

Council Member G. Oliver Koppell

Council Member Karen Koslowitz

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Viverito

Council Member Darlene Mealy

Council Member Rosie Mendez

Council Member Michael C. Nelson

Council Member James S. Oddo

Council Member Domenic M. Recchia

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Council Member Joel Rivera

Council Member Ydanis A. Rodriguez

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Council Member James Vacca

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Jr.

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Council Member Albert Vann

Council Member Mark S. Weprin

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

Council Member Ruben Wills

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Joel Rivera
Calling meeting to order
Majority Leader
New York City Council

Committee Clerk
New York City Council

Christine C. Quinn
Speaker
New York City Council

Christine C. Quinn thanks:
Legislative staff

Speaking on Intro 201-A thanks:
Rachel Cordero, Governmental Affairs Division
Lacey Clark, Human Services Division
Alex Pustilnik, Governmental Affairs Division
Diana Reyna, Council Member
Daniel Garodnick, Council Member

Speaking on Intro 354-A thanks:
Aysha Schomberg
Terza Nasser, Human Services Division
Jan Atwell, Human Services Division
Laura Popa, Governmental Affairs Division
Robert Jackson, Council Member

Robert Jackson
Speaking on Intro 354-A
Chairperson
Committee on Education

Robert Jackson thanks:
Council staff

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking on Intro 364-A
Speaker
New York City Council

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

Lewis A. Fidler
Speaking on Intro 364-A
New York City Council Member

Lewis A. Fidler thanks:
Council staff

Christine C. Quinn
Speaking on Intro 590-A thanks:
Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member
Patrick Mulvihill, Infrastructure Division
Jeffrey Haberman, Deputy Director, Infrastructure
Division
Kristoffer Sartori, Infrastructure Division

Speaking on Land Use Items thanks:
Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
Land Use Committee Staff

Welcomes Helen Diane Foster back from maternity leave

Speaking on Budgetary matters thanks:
Leadership Team of Minority Leader James S. Oddo,
Majority Leader Joel Rivera, Deputy Majority
Leader Leroy Comrie Jr., Assistant Majority
Leader Lewis A. Fidler, Assistant Majority
Leader Inez E. Dickens, Majority Whip Albert
Vann

Budget Negotiating Team
Harry Nespoli, Chairperson, Municipal Labor Committee
Michael Mulgrew, President United Federation of
Teachers

Domenic M. Recchia Jr., Chairperson, Committee on
Finance

Preston Niblack, Director of Finance Division
Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director of Finance
Division

Raymond Majewski and the Revenue Unit
Emre Edev, Finance Division
Latonia McKinney, Finance Division
Regina Poreda Ryan, Finance Division
Andrew Grossman, Finance Division

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Christine C. Quinn (continued) thanks:
Tanisha Edwards, Counsel to the Finance Committee
Scott Crowley, Finance Division
James Reyes, Finance Division
Nathan Toth, Finance Division
General Counsel's Office
Francesca DellaVecchia, General Counsel's Office
Kate Seely Kirk, Finance Division
Pamela Corbett, Finance Division
Phylesia Steele, Finance Division
Christina Perrotti, Finance Division
John Winkel, Finance Division
Jonathan Auerbach, Finance Division
All members of the Finance Division
Danielle Porcaro, Community Outreach
Margaret McGuinness, Speaker's Office
Phyllis Henderson, Speaker's Office
Selina, Speaker's Office
Carl D'Alba, Director of Security
All the Sergeant at Arms
James McShane, Press Office
Maria Alvarado, Press Office
Meghan Linehan, Speaker's Office
Nicole Anderson, Finance Division
Maria Pagan, Finance Division
Annabel Palma, Chairperson, General Welfare Committee
Megan Lynch, Annabel Palma's Chief of Staff
Chuck Meara, Speaker's Chief of Staff
Ramon Martinez, Speaker's First Deputy Chief of Staff
Barbara Scafiddi, Speaker's Office
Michael Bloomberg, Mayor, City of New York
Office of Management and Budget
Mark Page, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Stuart Klein, Office of Management and Budget
PV
Houda Mahoutis
Howard Wolfson, Deputy Mayor, City of New York

Robert Jackson
Remarks on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget
Chairperson
Committee on Education

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Domenic M. Recchia Jr.
Remarks on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget
Chairperson
Committee on Finance

Domenic M. Recchia Jr. thanks:
Christine C. Quinn, Speaker
Michael Bloomberg, Mayor, City of New York
Mark Page, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Office of Management and Budget staff
Stuart Klein, Office of Management and Budget
Patricia Harris, First Deputy Mayor, City of New York
Howard Wolfson, Deputy Mayor, City of New York
Houda Mahoutis
Nanette Smith
Marcel Garcia
Mayor's Legislative Affairs staff
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Kate Levin, Commissioner, DCA
Lillian Paolo, Commissioner DFTA
Michael Mulgrew, United Federation of Teachers
All Council Members for hard work
The Public
Robert Hart, Communications Director for Council
Member Recchia
Elizabeth Smukla, Special Liaison for Council Member
Recchia
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Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division
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Jonathan Auerbach, Finance Division
Anthony Brito, Finance Division
Pamela Corbett, Finance Division
Crystal Coston, Finance Division
Scott Crowley, Finance Division
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Andrew Grossman, Finance Division

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Domenic M. Recchia Jr. (continued) thanks:

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Latonia McKinney, Finance Division
Chima Obichere, Finance Division
Maria Pagan, Finance Division
Christina Perrotti, Finance Division
Regina Poreda Ryan, Finance Division
Jimmy Reyes, Finance Division
John Russell, Finance Division
Kate Seely Kirk, Finance Division
Pakhi Sengupta, Finance Division
Shadawn Smith, Finance Division
Phylesia Steele, Finance Division
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Nathan Toth, Finance Division
John Winkel, Finance Division
Eisha Wright, Finance Division
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Jessica Jimenez, Finance Division
Jonathan Haman, Finance Division
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The Recchia family

Charles Barron

Remarks on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget
New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer

Remarks on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget
New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer thanks:

Finance Division
Regina Poreda Ryan, Finance Division
Christina Perrotti, Finance Division
Pakhi Sengupta, Finance Division
Pamela Corbett, Finance Division
Andrew Grossman, Finance Division
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Latonia McKinney, Finance Division

Anthony Brito, Finance Division

Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division

Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director Finance Division

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Cal, Gale Brewer's Office

Gray, Gale Brewer's Office

Venturisa, Gale Brewer's Office

Romeo, Gale Brewer's Office

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Nathan Toth, Finance Division

Scott Crowley, Finance Division

James Reyes, Finance Division

Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office

Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office

Christine C. Quinn

Margaret S. Chin thanks:

Christine C. Quinn

Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

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Inez E. Dickens thanks:

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Christine C. Quinn

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Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division

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 Daniel R. Garodnick, Manhattan Delegation Co-Chair
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 Jeff Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division
 Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office
 Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office
 Barbara Scafiddi, Speaker's Office

Erik Martin Dilan thanks:
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 Christine C. Quinn
 Domenic M. Recchia Jr.
 All Council Members

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Lewis A. Fidler thanks:
 Finance Staff
 Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division
 Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division
 Crystal Coston, Finance Analyst, Committee on Youth
 Services
 Tanisha Edwards, Counsel to the on Youth Services
 Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office
 Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office
 Howard Wolfson, Deputy Mayor, New York City
 Jeannie Mullgrav, Commissioner, Department of Youth
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 Domenic M. Recchia Jr.
 All the Council Members

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Pakhi Sengupta, Finance Division
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Jake, David Greenfield's staff
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Nellie, David Greenfield's staff
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Vincent M. Ignizio thanks:

Christine C. Quinn

Robert Jackson

James S. Oddo

Robert Jackson

Speaking to honor Ricardo Perez Place street renaming

Robert Jackson thanks:

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Phylesia Steele, Finance Division

Christina Perroti, Finance Division

Aysha Schomberg, Counsel, Committee on Education

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Joan Povolny, Human Services Division

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Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

Elizabeth Hoffman, Governmental Division

Robert Newman, Director, Legislative Division

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Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office

Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office

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Pakhi Sengupta, Finance Division

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Ray Majewski, Finance Division

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Christine C. Quinn

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All Council Members

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Pakhi Sengupta, Finance Division
Antonio Reynoso, Chief of Staff, Diana Reyna's Office
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Office

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All the advocates
Speaking to honor Dr. Betty Shabazz street renaming

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Domenic M. Recchia Jr.
Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division
Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office
Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office
Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division
Scott Crowley, Finance Division
Nathan Toth, Finance Division
Brooklyn Delegation
Speaking to honor D. A. Murphy street renaming
Congratulate Council Members Williams and Lander for
Resolution 971

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James G. Van Bramer thanks:

Christine C. Quinn

Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division

Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division

Leroy G. Comrie Jr., Queens Delegation Chair

Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office

Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office

Shadawn Smith, Finance Division

Albert Vann thanks:

Christine C. Quinn

Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

Others too numerous to name

Tanisha Edwards, Counsel to the on Finance

Dottie LeBraun, Director of Legislation, Albert Vann's
Office

Mandela Jones, Director of Communications and Budget,
Albert Vann's Office

Ruben Wills thanks:

Christine C. Quinn

Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

Queens Delegation

Mark S. Weprin

Leroy C. Comrie Jr.

Speaking to honor Thomas White Jr. street renaming

James S. Oddo thanks:

Finance Division

Preston Niblack, Director, Finance Division

Jeffrey Rodus, First Deputy Director, Finance Division

Ramon Martinez, Speaker's Office

Chuck Meara, Speaker's Office

Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

Christine C. Quinn

Inez E. Dickens thanks:

Speaking to honor Ramona Jennett Way street renaming

Speaking to honor Detective Omar J. Edwards Way street
renaming

Lynette Velasco, Inez Dicken's staff

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Inez E. Dickens (continued) thanks:
Jorelle Burney, Inez Dicken's staff
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James G. Oddo, Minority Leader

Joel Rivera thanks:
All Council Members
All City Council staff

Margaret S. Chin
Speaking in support of Resolution 917
New York City Council Member

Robert Jackson
Speaking to honor Dorothy Maynor Place street renaming
Speaking to honor Phillip Reed Way street renaming
New York City Council Member

Albert Vann
Speaking to honor Charles C. Pinn Way street renaming
New York City Council Member

Gale A. Brewer
Speaking on local sourcing of food
New York City Council Member

Brad S. Lander
Speaking in support of Resolution 917
New York City Council Member

Stephen T. Levin thanks:
All Advocates
Kendal Randolph, Intern to Stephen T. Levin

Jumaane D. Williams
Speaking in support of Resolution 917
Thanks: Kay Bain, Budget and Legislative Director for
Jumaane D. Williams

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, we are starting the Stated Council,
4 please take your seats. Turn off all cell phones
5 and put them on silence mode and please stop all
6 conversations. At this point in time I'm
7 reopening the recessed meeting of June 28th, 2011
8 to be held on June 29th, 2011. Roll call.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And can we
12 get silence in the chambers.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet, please.

14 Quiet.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No
21 audible response]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [No
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [No
audible response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Always
here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No audible
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: We have a quorum.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: A quorum

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is present, at this point in time we're asking for

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messages and papers from the mayor.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-538 City debt

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

Communication from City, County and Borough
offices?

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could get a
little quiet in the chambers, please.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes,
silence in the chambers.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Sit down please.

SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
printed and filed.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions
and communications.

COMMITTEE CLERK: No, no, no.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: No.

SPEAKER QUINN: And did we get
preconsidered M-540?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay.
Communications from City, County and Borough
offices again.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M-549,
withdrawing Rayann Besser from reappointment to
the City Planning Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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printed and filed.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-540, transfer of funds between agencies.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank God, Finance.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-541, revenue mod.

SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M-542 through M-559 on page 4, base station licenses.

SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions and communications.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Land use call ups?

COMMITTEE CLERK: M-560 to 563.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple these please and have a roll call on the coupled land use call-ups.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
11 audible response]
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No audible

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Today's

Land Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 47 in
the affirmative, with 0 in the negative.

Communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
much. Let me first discuss the non-budget matters
that we are voting on today. And I want to thank
the legislative staff for their work on these
matters and for keeping the legislative part of
the Council's work moving forward even while we

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were in the midst of budget negotiations.

First I want to speak about Intro 201-A, a piece of legislation dealing with towing rates. I want to thank Rachel Cordero, Lacey Clark and Alex Pustilnik. This industry has not had their rates addressed legislative in close to a decade, 201-A will address that past oversight. I want to thank the sponsor of the bill, Council Member Diana Reyna and the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee Dan Garodnick and I'm not sure if either one wants to speak on the matter. Great.

Let me speak to Intro 354-A and 364-A, two pieces of legislation which come out of the Education Committee. I want to thank Aysha Schomburg, Terzah Nasser, Jan Atwell and Laura Popa for their work on these pieces of legislation. 354-A is a bill sponsored by the terrific Chair of our Education Committee, Chair Robert Jackson. This is a piece of legislation which will require that the Department of Education keep better data regarding student discharges. This is very important for us to understand exactly what is happening in our

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2 schools, to track patterns, if there are some
3 schools that are doing higher level of discharges.
4 If we don't understand exactly what is happening,
5 then we can't address and fix the underlying
6 issues either with students or with schools or
7 with whatever else that is leading to a higher
8 rate of discharge in some schools than others.
9 And I want to thank the Chair for this piece of
10 legislation. And I don't know Chair Jackson if
11 you have anything you want to say about the bill.
12 Okay. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you
14 Madam Speaker. My colleagues I rise this
15 afternoon in order to add a little bit more
16 regarding Intro number 354-A. This is significant
17 because the Department of Education categorizes
18 many people that depart as discharges rather than
19 by considering them as dropouts as the Federal
20 government may consider those students as.

21 And so this bill will bring clarity
22 so that we really know whether or not students are
23 discharged because they're relocating to another
24 school or whether or not they're aging out or
25 whether or not a student is leaving because of

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2 pregnancy or parenting responsibilities. And this
3 also will bring about clarity as far as the
4 graduation rate 'cause right now we can't
5 distinguish some of these discharges in
6 determining whether or not the graduation rate
7 that the Department of Education is saying it is,
8 is truly what it is.

9 And so this will bring clarity and
10 transparency in all of the discharges so that we
11 will be better informed in making decisions and
12 holding oversight hearings on this particular
13 matter. So I thank all of the staff that have
14 been involved in bringing this to a conclusion
15 today. Thank you Madam Speaker.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
17 Mr. Chair. We're also voting on a bill which has
18 a similar focus on collecting data so we can
19 better understand what's happening to students
20 when they are transferred due to school closures.
21 Obviously school closures are an issue which has
22 been the focus of much debate and concern
23 throughout our five Boroughs. So I really want to
24 salute the sponsor of this legislation, Lew
25 Fidler, because as we continue to struggle with

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2 this issue in different ways from different
3 perspectives, the real focus does need to be on
4 the students and what the impact is on them and
5 their education. And this piece of legislation
6 which will require greater data collection will
7 help us keep that focus in a much sharper way. So
8 let me call on the sponsor of Intro 364-A, Council
9 Member Lew Fidler.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Madam
11 Speaker, thank you. And you said it all. I just
12 wanted to thank the staff members who worked on it
13 and urge my colleagues to support the bill.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
15 much. We are also voting out of the Parks
16 Committee today, Intro 590-A, a piece of
17 legislation which co-names many, a number of
18 streets and venues in the City of New York. I
19 want to thank the Chair of that Committee, Council
20 Member Melissa Mark-Viverito for her work on this
21 co-naming bill. I want to thank Patrick
22 Mulvihill, Jeff Haberman and Chris Sartori for
23 their work on this piece of legislation. And I
24 know the Chair has said she does not need to speak
25 which we also thank her for.

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2 I also want to thank the Chair of
3 our Land Use Committee, Leroy Comrie for his work
4 on the Land Use items that we are voting on today
5 and the Land Use staff for their work as well.
6 And just before we move onto the budget part of my
7 comments in today's Stated Meeting, I just want to
8 take a quick break for a moment to welcome back
9 our colleague Council Member Helen Foster and to
10 give her a small baby gift from all of us in the
11 Council to congratulate her and her husband on
12 their beautiful new daughter, Nia Amani
13 [phonetic].

14 [Applause]

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Congratulations
16 Helen. And now let me have a few comments on the
17 large part of today's agenda which is the budget
18 for FY 2012 that we are voting on. First let me
19 thank everyone for their patience, it took a bit
20 longer than we had anticipated in document
21 preparation last night. So I thank everyone for
22 being on call last night and for being back here
23 today.

24 Before I speak substantively on the
25 budget let me just take a moment to say a few

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2 thank yous to all of the folks, to some of the
3 folks, who helped get us to the point that we're
4 at today. First I want to thank my leadership
5 team for all of their work and support, our
6 Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo, our Majority Leader
7 Joel Rivera, our Deputy Majority Leader Leroy
8 Comrie, our Assistant Majority Leaders Lew Fidler
9 and Inez Dickens and our Majority Whip Al Vann for
10 all of their work as a leadership team. And they
11 do deserve a round of applause.

12 [Applause]

13 I want to thank all the members of
14 the Budget Negotiating Team for their focus and
15 their hard work and in particular for their
16 patience as we moved through the process with both
17 the UFT and the Municipal Labor Committee. I also
18 want to take a moment to thank Harry Nespoli the
19 Chair of the Municipal Labor Committee although in
20 the end we were not able to come to an agreement
21 with the MLC, Harry did yeoman's work, was there
22 and came to the table when we needed him to and we
23 asked him to and worked very hard to move things
24 forward.

25 And I think without Harry's work

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2 although we would have liked to come to an
3 agreement with the entire MLC, without that work I
4 don't believe we would have been able to come as
5 quickly to the agreement with the UFT that we did.
6 So I really want to thank Harry. And I
7 particularly want to thank Michael Mulgrew the
8 President of the United Federation of Teachers.
9 Without his work and focus we would not have been
10 able to prevent the layoffs. And he has been a
11 terrific partner in this effort.

12 [Applause]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: I want to take a
14 moment to thank our Finance Chair Domenic Recchia.
15 Domenic M. Recchia Jr., excuse me.

16 [Applause, cheering]

17 SPEAKER QUINN: You could not have
18 a better person in the foxhole with you, a better
19 wingman than Domenic M. Recchia Jr. There are so
20 many things, bad things, that were averted in this
21 budget exclusively, and you can rarely say that
22 but I say that with full confidence, exclusively
23 because of Domenic. Because Domenic wouldn't take
24 no for an answer, 'cause Domenic kept going across
25 the street, kept pushing and pushing and pushing

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2 while at the same time simultaneously telling all
3 of us it's going to be all right, as only Domenic
4 can do.

5 And that positive attitude and that
6 won't take no for an answer attitude I think is
7 one of the crucial things that made what is not a
8 perfect budget but what could have been a far
9 worse budget something that is much better for the
10 City of New York, better for teachers, better for
11 school children, better for the public safety of
12 our neighborhood, better for the libraries that
13 our school children need, better for the parks
14 that our families need, the pools our families
15 need and the cultural institutions we need to feed
16 the soul of our City. So Domenic, we are only
17 here today because of your leadership, because of
18 your positive attitude, and your hard work. So
19 thank you so much.

20 [Applause, cheering]

21 SPEAKER QUINN: And Domenic's
22 daughter's birthday party is at 2:00 o'clock so
23 come hell or high water he is back in Brooklyn at
24 2:00. We got to get him out of here or he is in
25 much bigger trouble.

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2 I also want to take a moment to
3 thank the staff. I want to particularly thank the
4 two folks who lead our Finance Division, our
5 Director of Finance Preston Niblack.

6 [Applause, cheering]

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Who Domenic still
8 can't say his last name right. And his wingman,
9 our First Deputy Director Jeff Rodus, they
10 together...

11 [Applause, cheering]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: They together are
13 really an amazing team that much like Domenic when
14 you tell them something needs to get done; they
15 don't come back until they've gotten it done. And
16 they really have worked tirelessly, endlessly, not
17 just in the past few weeks but really since the
18 Prelim came out in the winter to get us to the
19 point where we are at today where school teachers
20 are not getting laid off, fire houses are staying
21 open, and the child care cuts have been greatly
22 decreased. So thank you both very, very, very
23 much.

24 I also want to thank Ray Majewski
25 and the Revenue Unit. Never had we had such a

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2 good team of economists before. So thank you guys
3 very much.

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[Applause]

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6 SPEAKER QUINN: I want to just give
7 a little shout out to Emre who did his first tax
8 fixing resolution so thank you very much Emre for
9 that. I want to thank our Deputy Directors,
10 Latonia McKinney, Regina Poreda Ryan and Andy
11 Grossman for their work. I want to thank Tanisha
12 Edwards, Counsel to the Division for all of her
13 work but particularly on terms and conditions. I
14 want to thank Shawn Crowley and Jimmy Reyes for
15 their work on the discretionary part of the budget
and member items.

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17 And I know Jeff wants me to give an
18 enormous shout out for the return of Nathan Toth
19 who though SCA was a good place to go work but we
20 knew he was wrong and he realized it quickly. I
21 want to thank the General Counsel's Office and
22 Fran DellaVecchia in particular for their work on
vetting and the disclosure process.

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24 I want to acknowledge some of the
25 new members of the Finance Division who can now
say they survived their first budget: Katy Seely

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2 Kirk, Pam Corbett, Felicia Steele, Christina
3 Perroti, John Winkle, Jonathan Auerbach, and all
4 of the members of the Finance staff who helped
5 those newcomers get through this first budget, but
6 all of the Finance staff, if we could get a big
7 round of applause for all members of our Finance
8 team.

9 [Applause, cheering]

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I want
11 to also give a thank out to Danielle Picaro, DVP,
12 came in as kind of somebody from the bench to help
13 us get over, finish the inning for capital so if
14 we could thank DVP for her work, she did more than
15 just bring candy this year, not that that's not
16 important. I also want to thank in addition to
17 again thanking all of the Finance staff I want to
18 thank the staff in my office, Maggie and Phyllis
19 and Selina for all of their help and assistance,
20 keeping everybody up to date.

21 I want to thank Barbara for all of
22 her assistance helping the members as we went
23 through the budget process. I want to thank Carl
24 D'Alba and all the Sergeants at Arms who have
25 dealt with a particularly exciting year from their

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2 perspective as it relates to the budget. I want
3 to thank Jamie McShane and Maria Alvarado in the
4 Press Office for helping us communicate the work
5 that we've done. I want to thank Megan Linehan on
6 my staff for all of her help for me and Preston
7 and Jeff for the help to the three of us as well
8 as Ramon and Chuck in this process. I want to say
9 that we really couldn't get very much done at all
10 in Finance if it wasn't for Nicole Anderson and
11 Maria Pagan so let's give a big round of applause
12 for them.

13 [Applause, cheering]

14 SPEAKER QUINN: They're kind of the
15 Barbara of the Finance Division. We would all be
16 lost without all of them. I want to particularly
17 make note of thanks to somebody who wasn't here
18 this year who is Annabel Palma, who is the Chair
19 of our General Welfare Committee who is thank god
20 again expecting and home on bed rest. She
21 participated in BNT on a speaker phone. Her chief
22 of staff, Megan Lynch made sure all of Annabel's
23 issues were in the room all of the time. And
24 Annabel and Megan were a terrific team, making
25 sure that the neediest New Yorkers did not get

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2 left behind in this process. So if we could have
3 a round of applause for Annabel.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I want to thank my
6 Chief of Staff, Chuck Meara and in particular my
7 First Deputy Chief of Staff Ramon Martinez who
8 oversees Preston and the entire Finance Division.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: None of this would
11 have happened without Ramon's tremendous
12 leadership. So if we could get a big round of
13 applause for all of the staff, BNT, and
14 leadership.

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[Applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: The budget we will
17 vote on in a few minutes for the fiscal year that
18 starts on Friday is not a perfect budget. It
19 would be impossible to have a perfect budget when
20 the City and our budget and our tax revenues are
21 still feeling the impact of the recession. That
22 said, from the moment the Preliminary Budget was
23 released in the winter, we in the Council had a
24 couple of clear messages and goals.

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One, we understood and agreed that

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2 the City needed to cut back on its spending to
3 make sure that we lived within our resources. And
4 as those resources got smaller, with the
5 expiration of the stimulus money and cuts from
6 Albany, that goal became even more challenging.
7 But we also knew that there is no piece of
8 legislation, no governmental document we vote on,
9 that is more of a statement of our priorities as
10 an institution and a City than our budget. It's
11 true about your house. It's true about a company.
12 It's true about a City.

13 What you spend your money on really
14 shows what you care about most. And that's why we
15 said together, Domenic and I, from Day One, that
16 we would do everything in our power to prevent the
17 layoffs of thousands of school teachers. Because
18 even in a time when you need to cut back on
19 spending, cutting back on teachers in the
20 classroom means you are cutting back on the
21 education our children are getting.

22 And that is a cut that simply goes
23 too deep and does not reflect the priorities of
24 this Council. And I am very proud that through
25 all of us coming together, Mayor Bloomberg, the

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2 UFT and the Council, that we are able to prevent
3 all of those layoffs.

4 We also articulated at the
5 beginning of this process that public safety is
6 one of the core issues of this City Council.
7 That's why when there was an attempt between the
8 Preliminary and the Executive to eliminate part of
9 the police class, 900 police officers, we stood up
10 in the middle of the budget process and said that
11 was unacceptable. And that's why if you looked in
12 the Adopted Budget, you saw all of the members of
13 the police class, it should have been two classes,
14 put back into one class that will start on July
15 1st, a further statement about this Council's
16 commitment to public safety.

17 And we kept that commitment to
18 public safety going by saying that we are not
19 going to close fire houses in a process that is
20 exclusively driven only by the bottom line of the
21 numbers. If people want to have a conversation
22 that is public and transparent about response
23 times and where neighborhood population is
24 growing, where neighborhood population is
25 shrinking, we can have that conversation. But we

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2 cannot have a conversation about public safety
3 that is exclusively only based on dollars and
4 cents. That is not the priority of this City
5 Council.

6 We also said that one of the things
7 we were deeply concerned about was the impact that
8 the cuts to child care would have. And although
9 we were grateful to Mayor Bloomberg and his staff
10 for the steps they took in the Executive Budget to
11 begin to address that, we knew they did not go far
12 enough. And I just here want to particularly
13 thank the Finance staff for delving into an
14 incredibly complicated area and coming up with a
15 solution that moves us very close to a solution on
16 this, gets us about 90% of the way there, and
17 makes sure that really no one will get left behind
18 in the area of child care. And these are
19 families.

20 We have met without what we did in
21 this budget our legal requirement but there's a
22 big difference between your legal requirement and
23 the reality of families whom without this support,
24 without these OST slots, without these vouchers,
25 will not have a safe, quality place for their

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2 child to be, leaving them only with the choice to
3 quit their job. Not a choice we want anyone to
4 have to make ever, certainly not right now when
5 jobs are so hard to come by.

6 Now there are many other places in
7 the budget where we have made restorations. And
8 some where we have not made the restorations at
9 the level we would have otherwise liked. But what
10 we did in this budget was identify the areas where
11 the pain that was proposed was simply too deep,
12 where the cuts would have gone in and made damage
13 that was unfixable. A fire house closes and a
14 life was lost. A child not having enough teachers
15 and having a class size so big that they couldn't
16 learn. A mom or a dad having to quit their job to
17 stay home and take care of their child and that
18 family's financial future being mortgaged.

19 Those were tough priorities to be
20 able to stay true to in this process. But because
21 of all of our hard work we did, we reshaped this
22 budget in a way that reflects what this
23 institution cares about, what I believe is most
24 important for this City as we come out of this
25 recession. And I thank all of you for your

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2 partnership in doing it. I also want to thank
3 Mayor Bloomberg and his staff for their
4 partnership in doing it. In particular I want to
5 thank all of the staff at OMB, Mark Page and Stu
6 Klein and PV and everyone else who has worked with
7 us on this. I want to thank Houda Mahoutis for
8 her work and Deputy Mayor Howard Wolfson in
9 particular for all of his hard work.

10 This is not a budget that comes
11 without any level of pain. To do that would be
12 almost dishonest with New Yorkers because we
13 simply in the midst of this recession don't have
14 the resources to meet every need exactly as we
15 have historically. But this is an honest budget
16 that articulated a set of core priorities, set out
17 a plan to meet those core priorities, implemented
18 those plans and when you vote on this budget today
19 you can know you've done it protecting school
20 children, protecting children, protecting families
21 and protecting the safety of our neighborhoods.

22 That is a very good budget
23 particularly in this difficult time. And I thank
24 you all for staying with the plan, being such a
25 great team, and getting us to this important point

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2 today. And I urge you all to vote yes on the
3 budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
5 very much Madam Speaker.

6 [Applause]

7 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: We now
8 move onto discussion of general orders. Council
9 Member Jackson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you
11 Majority Leader. My colleagues I rise again this
12 afternoon to comment on the 2012 budget. And let
13 me just say this to all of you, as the Chair of
14 the Education Committee and obviously as members
15 yourselves representing all of the schools and
16 principals and teachers and administrators and
17 students in your district, obviously when the
18 Mayor announced the layoff of approximately 4,500
19 teachers, that was devastating news.

20 I knew in my heart and my mind that
21 if all parties worked together that we could forgo
22 any of these layoffs. And in fact today we vote
23 on a budget in which no layoffs of teachers will
24 occur. And I thank everyone involved in that and
25 the Speaker has said it and has detailed who we

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2 should thank. But let me say this to you
3 Christine Quinn, our Speaker, I thank you for
4 being the leaders who you are in bringing together
5 all of the parties and all of the staff from all
6 sides in order to bring the budget today, which as
7 you indicated, has some pain but considering what
8 the pain was anticipated, we've come a long way.
9 So I thank you on behalf of all the people that I
10 represent, knowing that we've done very well, all
11 things considered.

12 Could we have done better?
13 Absolutely, yes. Could we have done worse? We
14 could have done much worse. And let me just
15 finally say to what I said to some of the people
16 outside when they said vote no on the City's
17 budget. I asked them do you know what voting no
18 means? Do you know how much pain will happen to
19 our constituents if we vote no?

20 Do you know that the Mayor then
21 decides on what our budget is in order for us to
22 prioritize that? Understanding that, there's no
23 way that I can vote no considering what's on the
24 table. And I explained that to them yesterday and
25 last night. So I vote yes on all and I just

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2 wanted to say thank you all for being involved and
3 doing a great job.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
5 very much Council Member. Back to Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I'm
7 sorry, I should have called on our Finance Chair
8 in Speaker's time so if we could now call with a
9 suspended clock, no, no, no, that was my fault
10 Robert, not yours. With a no clock on the Chair,
11 the great Chair of our Finance Committee, Chair
12 Domenic M. Recchia Jr.

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[Applause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Thank you
15 Madam Speaker. You know at the beginning of this
16 process we made some promises to all New Yorkers.
17 We would not let fire companies close. We would
18 not send thousands of teachers to unemployment
19 lines. We would do everything within our power to
20 protect child care. We wouldn't let our libraries
21 and cultural institutions suffer to make ends
22 meet.

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I'm proud to say that this City
24 Council delivered. We had to make some tough
25 decisions and compromises on all levels that were

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2 extremely difficult. Some services had to be
3 reduced. And some programs had to be eliminated.
4 Between the struggling economy and reduced aid
5 from Albany and Washington, we faced many
6 challenges.

7 But we won some important victories
8 for the people of New York City. We were able to
9 baseline funding for District Attorneys, the
10 Sexual Assault Response Teams and CUNY, as well as
11 Department for the Aging, so they can keep senior
12 centers open. We were able to work with the
13 Administration to ensure libraries would remain
14 open for five days a week. We provide almost a
15 full restoration to the Parks Department and
16 cultural institutions. The restorations for the
17 cultural institutions in particular are incredibly
18 important. Our economy is driven in large part by
19 tourism and it's because of our cultural
20 institutions that we are at the top tourist
21 destination in the world.

22 And of course we stopped teacher
23 layoffs and fire company closures. We did all
24 this without raising taxes, without going further
25 into the trust fund, and without going back on our

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2 word. Most importantly we didn't kick the can
3 down the road. Next year is going to be tough if
4 not tougher. The decisions that are saving that
5 we made today are going to protect us for
6 tomorrow.

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8 We did the best we could with a bad
9 situation. And I believe this budget is the best
10 possible outcome we could have hoped for. And
11 that is a lot and our victory is due because of
12 our wonderful Speaker Christine Quinn who worked
tirelessly on this plan.

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14 Chris, it was an honor to work with
15 you throughout this process. Thank you for
16 putting your faith in me and for your commitment
17 to the people of New York City. And now that
18 we're done with the budget, we all have free time
19 again. You have plenty of time to plan your
20 wedding. Don't worry. I called Nino's, I called
21 Gorjulo's [phonetic] in Coney Island, and he's
dying to have your wedding at Gorjulo's.

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23 I also want to thank Mayor
24 Bloomberg for working with us. I know we didn't
25 always agree on everything but we all had the best
interests of the City at heart. And because of

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2 that we were able to make a deal. I want to thank
3 Chuck Meara and Ramon Martinez who were always
4 there. I want to thank Mark Page, Stu Klein, OMB
5 and the staff there for their work and for dealing
6 with my City Council great Finance staff. I want
7 to thank First Deputy Mayor Patty Harris, Deputy
8 Mayor Howard Wolfson, Houda Mahoutis, Nanette
9 Smith, Marcel Garcia who will be leaving us after
10 today, and the Mayor's entire Legislative Affairs
11 staff.

12 I want to thank all the
13 Commissioners who came out to testify before the
14 Finance Committee including DCA Commissioner Kate
15 Levin and DFTA Commissioner Lillian Paoli.
16 Lillian really stepped up to the plate to make
17 sure this budget protects seniors. And I
18 personally want to recognize her and thank her for
19 her dedication to the seniors and all that she has
20 given over the years and especially throughout
21 this entire budget.

22 I want to thank Michael Mulgrew of
23 the UFT for working with us to avoid layoffs. I
24 also want to thank my colleagues in the City
25 Council for their input and dedication. You all

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2 did an amazing job fighting for your constituents.
3 I know because my phone never stopped ringing. I
4 want to thank the public for coming out to our
5 hearings and speaking so passionately about their
6 needs. I want to thank my Communications Director
7 Rob Hart and my Special Liaison Elizabeth Smukla
8 and my intern Houston Adair, for all their long
9 hours, the late nights and the Dunkin Donuts runs.

10 [Applause]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: And last
12 but certainly not least I want to thank our
13 Finance Division under the leadership of Director
14 Preston Niblack and First Deputy Director Jeff
15 Rodus. Let's give them a round of applause.

16 [Applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: It has
18 been my honor to work with the men and women of
19 this Finance Division. It wasn't easy. They
20 worked a lot of long hours. They did a lot of
21 great work. And most importantly, they put up
22 with me. So I really want to recognize all of
23 them and just bear with me for a few minutes. I
24 want to thank Nicole Anderson, Jonathan Auerbach,
25 Anthony Brito, Pam Corbett, Crystal Coston, Scott

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2 Crowley, Emre Edve or a/k/a E-Square, Tanisha
3 Edwards my great attorney who's always at my side-
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5 [Applause, cheering]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Lionel
7 Francois, Gloria Garcia, Andy Grossman, John
8 Lisansky, Ray Majewski, Danielle Porcaro, Latonia
9 McKinney, Chima Obichere, Maria Pagan, Christina
10 Perroti, Regina Ryan, Jimmy Reyes, John Russell,
11 Kate Seely Kirk, Pakhi Sengupta, Shadawn Smith,
12 Phylesia Steele, Michael Strasburg, Paul Sturm,
13 Nathan Toth, John Winkel, Eisha Wright, Domenic
14 Giordano, Jessica Jimenez, Jonathan Haman
15 [phonetic] and Edrin Cliffnot [phonetic]. Please
16 join me in giving the Finance staff a round of
17 applause and thank you.

18 [Applause]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: And last
20 but not least I want to thank my entire family, my
21 wife and all my children, who I will spend the
22 next two weeks with. And thank them for putting
23 up with me. Thank you Madam Speaker. I will be
24 casting my vote to approve this budget. I
25 encourage all my colleagues in joining me. Thank

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you very much.

[Applause, cheering]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much Domenic. Next we move on to Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: My colleagues I rise, I encourage you not to vote for this budget. This is a budget that reflects a bullying Mayor, a rich Mayor, in this budget you're going to see a summer youth employment program slashed by 5,000 slots. When I first came in here they had a \$40 billion budget and we had 53,000 slots for summer youth. How do you get \$66 billion to spend and it gets cut down to 31? It's going to be a long, hot summer for some of us.

This budget cuts, fires 1,200 workers. No, they're not going to be teachers and they're not going to close our fire stations. They never were going to do that. That's a red herring to make you think you have a victory when they put it back. Black, brown, poor, working class families are going to suffer because of this budget. And what about the CUNY students? They already raised the tuition in the State \$300 a

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2 year for the next 5 years and we cut the Vallone
3 Scholarships out. Zeroed it out, \$6 million cut.

4 What about day care slots?
5 Vouchers? In my community, we need it. How do
6 you devalue it down from \$4,700 to \$2,700? That's
7 tough decisions for poor, working class people
8 that are going to have to make those decisions.
9 This budget should be a reflection of our
10 morality, our principles, and Jackson we should
11 vote no. We should have never committed a yes
12 vote to this budget because it's going to hurt our
13 people. The Mayor is building a \$100 million
14 theater in Tish James' district for white folk to
15 see Shakespeare. But what about the \$20 million
16 we need for a youth center, 1, in our communities.
17 We could have had 5 youth centers.

18 So when you have a budget that has
19 a \$3.7 billion surplus--

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
21 [Interposing] Council Member.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --and a
23 budget that also has a \$10.2 billion contract--

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
25 [Interposing] Council Member.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --budget,
3 they should have cut 10% from that. We would have
4 had \$1 billion to save this City. It's immoral.
5 It's wrong. Vote no on Bloomberg's cutting
6 budget. This is a Mayor for the rich, not for the
7 poor. Tax the rich, not the people.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
9 very much. Seeing no others, we'll move on to
10 reports of special committees.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of
13 standing committees.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
15 Committee on Consumer Affairs, Intro 201-A, towing
16 of motor vehicles.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
18 on general orders with a message of necessity.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
20 Committee on Education, Intros 354-A and 364-A,
21 reports on student data.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
23 on general orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
25 Comte on Finance, Intro 473, taxi fees.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 570, filing

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 571, Board

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of Standards and Appeals fees.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered

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Resos 912 and 913, certifying base percentage and

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-495 and Resos

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-496 and Resos

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920 and 921, Executive Capital Budget.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M-497 and Reso

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922, CD budget.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-574 and Reso 923, Chancellor Amendment to the 5-year Educational Facilities Capital Plan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-565 and Reso 924, fixing the tax rate.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-540 and Reso 925, funds transfer.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M-541 and Reso 926, expense mod.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M-395 and Reso 927 through M-402 and Reso 938, various expense, capital and contract budget documents.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
Committee on Land Use, LU 405 and Reso 939,
sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed
pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 406 and Reso
940, unenclosed sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 413 and Reso
941, zoning map amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 414 and Reso
942 through LU 416 and Reso 944, sidewalk cafes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 417 and Reso
945 through 419 and Reso 947, zoning amendments.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 420 and Reso
948, zoning map amendment.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed
3 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 421 through LU
5 423, zoning amendments.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with
7 modifications and referred to the City Planning
8 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the rules
9 of the Council and Section 197(d) of the City
10 Charter.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 425 and Reso
12 949, school facility.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
14 orders.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
16 Committee on Parks and Recreation, Intro 590-A,
17 naming of 56 thoroughfares and public places.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
19 on general orders.

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: General
21 order calendar.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 395 and Reso
23 950 and LU 400 and Reso 951, zoning amendments.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
25 orders.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution
appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders. And at this point I like to ask for a
roll call on all of the items that have been
coupled on the general order calendar please.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no
on Intro 201-A. I vote no on the budget, M-495 and
its accompanying Resos. I vote no on M-495 and
its accompanying Resos. I vote no on 497 and its
accompanying Resos. And I vote no on 564 and its
accompanying Reso and aye on all the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.
But I also want to add that as Co-Chair with Dan
Garodnick of the Manhattan Delegation, I want to
thank my colleagues for agreeing to meet on a
regular basis. And we talked about all the issues
from Human Services, schools, cultural, child

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care, etcetera.

And we sat and debated. At every step, the Finance Division has been supportive. Regina, Christina, Pakhi, Pam, Andy, Phylesia, Chima, Latonia, Anthony and all of those and of course we will never forget the incredible work of Preston, Jeff, Tanisha and our own staff, Will Call, Gray, Venturisa, Romeo who worked tirelessly for the Manhattan delegation.

I personally thank, as we all do, Domenic Recchia. Like everyone else we have in Manhattan the culturals, the parks and the libraries. They are very, very important to our constituents. I think libraries should be seven days a week. They should be open in the evenings. And I know we will keep working on that issue.

Nathan and Scott and James Reyes and of course Chuck and Ramon have been helpful. Schedule C is probably the number one hit on the web today. I admit that I did send it out personally to 50,000 people on my list. It is frustrating when a \$66 billion budget, we can only have input to \$1 billion but those are the dollars that are the most important to New Yorkers who

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2 need the support. So I thank Speaker Quinn and
3 her amazing staff for their leadership and I worry
4 of course about these cuts like we all do but we
5 will continue to support in any way we can.

6 And I'm particularly pleased that
7 the OMB staff and the Council Finance managed to
8 find the collective bargaining increase of \$8,000
9 per Community Board. It will make a big
10 difference for the little City Halls in our
11 neighborhoods and for our constituents. Thank you
12 very much Madam Speaker.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye
17 and I also wanted to thank the Speaker and Chair
18 Recchia for their leadership on this budget that
19 saved our teachers and its essential services.
20 And I'm also glad that today we're also
21 introducing a Resolution to support the extension
22 of the millionaire tax. That will give us the
23 revenue to continue to save these essential
24 programs in our budget. And I want to thank all
25 the Financial staff and all the staff in the City

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2 Council. It's a tough budget but I'm glad we can
3 vote on it today, thank you.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Pardon me
5 Council Member, that's actually not an item that
6 we're voting on.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I know. I
8 just said we're introducing it today.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Do you
10 want to proceed with general discussion?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Right. So that's
12 to matters that are being introduced, you can
13 discuss, raise, Council Member Chin at the end of
14 the meeting.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yeah.
16 We'll put it on the list for you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on
18 all.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
20 very much Council Member.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I vote aye
23 on the budget. I just want to take an opportunity
24 to thank all of the people that have been named
25 before and the Finance staff and the Speaker's

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2 staff. This budget is painful and it will
3 definitely impact communities but it's something
4 that we did with a lot of forethought and a lot of
5 insight thanks to the detailed briefings by the
6 Finance staff, from the public and from all the
7 advocates. We tried to do as much as we could
8 with our limited opportunities. I want to just
9 thank all of those who reached out to me. All of
10 those who expressed their viewpoints on what we
11 need to do to try to make our City better.

12 I especially want to take the
13 opportunity to highlight and thank my Legislative
14 and Budget Director, Mr. Reggie Thomas, for
15 everything that he did, working with my Queens
16 Delegation members to make sure that the Queens
17 Delegation understood all of the aspects, all of
18 the implications and all of the nuances regarding
19 the new filing, the electronic filing system, the
20 online filing system.

21 He actually did some innovative
22 work with putting together town meetings
23 throughout the Borough to let our groups know how
24 to work the new system, how to file on Sharepoint
25 also with the capital system which was very

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2 difficult systems to work with and manage. So I
3 really want to give Reggie a shout out because I
4 may not be able to give him a raise. So I want
5 everybody to--

6 [Laughter]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: --I want
8 everybody to give him a round of applause for the
9 work that he's done.

10 [Applause]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I vote aye
12 on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I'd like
15 to thank the Speaker for her leadership, my
16 colleagues, especially Finance Chair Domenic
17 Recchia, and the entire City Council for once
18 again restoring the fire companies. This body has
19 demonstrated time and time again that maintaining
20 our fire protection is a top priority.

21 And in the interest of disclosure,
22 in the Schedule C report, New York Visiting Nurse
23 Service, my sister Alice is a dedicated nurse and
24 works for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.
25 And my own discretionary funding, I fund Sacred

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2 Heart Youth Program which my son, Owen O'Hara,
3 plays basketball for, and also the YMCA, my son
4 Owen plays. Within the discretionary funding I am
5 supporting the local Ridgewood YMCA.

6 Lastly I'd like to thank Meredith
7 Burrick who is my Communications Director. Today
8 is Meredith's last day. She'll be moving on to
9 Merrill Lynch. I know that Meredith will do great
10 things. And I wish her continued success and I
11 want to thank her for the 2.5 years that she
12 dedicated here to the City Council on my staff and
13 also to the whole organization, the bodies in the
14 City of New York. Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I vote aye
17 and I too want to add my voice to say thank you to
18 a phenomenal Finance Chair Domenic Recchia, to a
19 Speaker who fought very hard, who stood up and
20 held her ground in support of her members in this
21 City Council. I thank all of the Finance staff
22 particularly Preston Niblack for the hard and
23 dedicated work her did. I want to thank my Co-
24 Chairs in the Manhattan Delegation, Gale Brewer
25 and Dan Garodnick and all of the Manhattan

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2 Delegation for the hard work and the diligent
3 effort that we put in to protecting and supporting
4 our ATIs, our parks, our libraries, including our
5 research libraries such as the Schomburg.

6 I want to thank Tanisha Edwards,
7 Jeff Rodus, Ramon Martinez. You are phenomenally
8 mean but you are a great hard worker.

9 [Laughter]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: And Chuck
11 Meara, you're great. Jeff, I love you. But I
12 want to add a shout out. I haven't heard him,
13 maybe I'm wrong, to Barbara Scaffiddi and say thank
14 you Barbara for all that you have done to tolerate
15 our attitudes, our mean spiritedness. Oh, I'm
16 sorry if the Speaker said it so I apologize.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Because I'm a
18 little afraid of Barbara, I didn't want her to
19 think I didn't thank her. So I just-

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS:
21 [Interposing] Well I think all are a little afraid
22 of Barbara.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: And we live well
24 that way.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: And even

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2 though this is a difficult budget, it was very
3 hard for the cuts, I thank Robert Jackson for what
4 he did, the work he did, and the UFT for--and Mike
5 Mulgrew for what they did in order to save our
6 children, our future, by keeping our teachers in
7 place. Thank you and may we all have a blessed,
8 safe summer.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I would like
11 unanimous consent to vote on all Land Use call
12 ups.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
14 ordered.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.
16 And just to Ramon, you know, Inez didn't go after
17 you until everything was in print so she's no
18 dummy. And with that I'd just like to thank the
19 Speaker and Council Member Recchia and all my
20 colleagues. I vote aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to
23 vote aye on all. I would like to thank the
24 Speaker as well as the Finance Chair Domenic
25 Recchia for the hard work that they did on this

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budget. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Majority
Leader Rivera, may I be briefly excused to explain
my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: First, I
just want to point out that I don't particularly
care for Shakespeare and that's the danger you get
when you throw stereotypes around. I'd like to
take this opportunity to say some thank-yous. I
know you get into trouble when you name names but
I want to thank the entire Finance staff starting
with Preston and Nutrition Director Rodus.

My Finance Analyst Crystal Coston
at the Youth Services Committee and Tanisha and
really everybody. I also want to thank Chuck and
Ramon for putting up with my persistent
obnoxiousness and [off mic comment] here, here,

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2 you didn't have to say that. And Deputy Mayor
3 Wolfson and Commissioner Mullgrav for working with
4 me on the other side.

5 I want to say a special big thank
6 you to our Speaker and to my lifelong buddy
7 Domenic Recchia. It takes a tremendous amount of
8 skill and persistence and a little guile to bring
9 home a ship safely to port through some very, very
10 dangerous waters. And they did an absolutely
11 magnificent job.

12 And last I want to thank all of
13 you. There are very, very few areas in this
14 budget where we were able to not only restore City
15 cuts but from Federal and State cuts as well. And
16 one of those was for the shelter beds and services
17 for the 3,800 kids who sleep on our City's streets
18 every night. They don't have lobbyists. They
19 don't write campaign checks. But this Council,
20 each and every one of you stood up for them today
21 by restoring that money and on their behalf I want
22 to say thank you. Thank you all and I vote aye on
23 all.

24 [Applause]

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: May I be
3 excused to explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I just want
6 to thank everyone that's been thanked but
7 especially thank the Finance Chair, Council Member
8 Recchia and Council Member Dickens, who while I
9 was on maternity leave made sure that they watched
10 out for the 16th District. I want to thank the
11 Bronx Delegation who in my absence made sure that
12 the District was protected. But most importantly
13 I must thank my staff who carried on in my absence
14 while I was on maternity leave.

15 [Applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Yes, thank
17 you, they did an awesome job. Martin Munoz, Jim
18 Fairbanks who was down here most of the time and
19 then Isabelle Ramos, Margaret Page and Niama
20 Mohammed who held down the District Office. It
21 made being out a lot easier knowing that the
22 office and the constituents were being taken care
23 of. So thank you very much and I vote aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader
I'd like the opportunity to speak on my vote.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you.
One thing that certainly should be said about this
budget, that notwithstanding all that we had to
do, we still did a \$30 million agreement which is
going to speed the removal of PCBs from the
hundreds of schools that we want to have that
happen to. The Council made a big issue of this
and has been making an issue of it for many years.

It's certainly one thing to make an
issue of it but another thing to figure out in a
tough budget year how to allocate money for it and
move that around and get that done. And this is
going to hasten the day that our schools are free
of PCBs. This is something that should not be
overlooked on this good day.

And I want to thank in a special
way the Speaker for making that happen, for
Chairman Recchia, for Chairman Jackson who not
only did everything he could to save the teachers

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2 but also pushed very hard on this. The Speaker's
3 staff, the Finance staff, the Bloomberg
4 Administration. It's just wonderful that we did
5 not forget this issue and figured out a way to put
6 our money where our mouth was and get this done.

7 I also want to thank in a special
8 way my Chief of Staff David Choice Jr. who really
9 did a lot of work for me this budget season and
10 was really, really terrific. And with that said I
11 proudly vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With
14 congratulations to all, especially the Speaker and
15 my paisano Domenic Recchia Jr. and hearing a great
16 sigh of relief from all three library systems in
17 all five Boroughs, I vote aye on all. And also
18 mention the fact that I shout out to my
19 Legislative and Budget Director Brian Guttmann who
20 will be leaving after today. He's done a great
21 job. And certainly we wish him well as he and his
22 wife go off to Bean Town in that tiny city called
23 Boston. So thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: May I
be excused to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank
you. I would very much like to thank the Speaker
for her leadership, especially for her commitment
to working class New Yorkers, many of whom would
have been impacted by the budget. And the
restorations, they're going to make their lives
considerably easier. I want to thank my good
friend Domenic M. Recchia Jr., his terrific staff,
both Liz and Rob and the interns and of course the
great folks at Finance, Preston and Jeff and
Tanisha and Latonia for putting up with the
Brooklyn Delegation and Pakhi for putting up with
me and Chuck and Ramon and the Speaker's Office.

I also want to thank Annabel Palma
who I know is out on bed rest for leading the
fight to restore child care. I want to thank the
DFTA Commissioner and my colleague Jessica Lappin
for working hard to fight for senior centers and
especially congratulate them and the Speaker for

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2 base lining \$14 million in senior center funding
3 which is incredibly, incredibly significant. I
4 want to thank my hardworking staff including
5 Stephanie and the two Jakes and Nellie and Barry.

6 And, you know, I just want to end
7 with this final thought. Last night I was at a
8 Community Board meeting and after I left a woman
9 on the street walked over to me, never met her
10 before, and she had tears in her eyes. And she
11 says I want to thank you Councilman. She said my
12 husband and I both work and we have low paying
13 jobs and we got one of those letters in the mail
14 that said that next year we're going to lose our
15 child care.

16 And she said I just read that the
17 child care is going to be restored. And she said
18 it literally is going to allow me to sleep at
19 night. And that's because of the great work that
20 every single person on this legislative body does
21 every single day. So I congratulate all my
22 colleagues. I thank them all. I'm proud to work
23 with them and to vote with them, aye on this
24 budget.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: May I be excused to explain my vote?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: First, prior to voting I would disclose that I am and have always been a member of the Boy Scouts of America. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to look back on the last few weeks and say we managed to balance and juggle in a way that does this body credit. The Speaker of the City of New York showed an incredible amount of courage, tenacity and I am very grateful for her efforts, particularly on behalf of the firemen and women in the City of New York who owe her tenacious spirit to two years of salvation. And it won't be forgotten I'm sure.

I would like to thank her for getting the Administration to base line our Distinct Attorneys. Also something we should not be coming back year after year to have discussions on. I salute the UFT for their ability to make some hard choices despite the fact that they gave back, they did so in a spirit of genuine dialog and that's fantastic.

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2 Domenic Recchia of course did a
3 spectacular job and I would like to salute the
4 Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo who has constantly
5 provided us with the data, the information, to
6 make our decisions not only right but meaningful
7 and significant.

8 With that said I regretfully with
9 be voting no on Intros 473, 570, 571. I don't
10 believe we're in a position where we should be
11 increasing fees to anyone, proposed Intro 201-A
12 with regards to the towing of motor vehicles fee,
13 Intro 590-A I'm going to abstain on. And
14 Preconsidered Resolutions 912, 913, and 565 for
15 reasons related to my position on not increasing
16 taxes, I will vote no.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, thank
19 you. If I could briefly explain my vote. I first
20 want to start off by thanking the taxpayers, for
21 whom all this money it is theirs. And we
22 appreciate their entrusting us with their taxes so
23 that we can provide great City services. I've got
24 to take a step back though and really point out my
25 fondness for a decision that the Speaker had made.

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2 You know I served some time in
3 Albany. And Albany is a very leadership-driven
4 place whereas the local Assembly Member or Senator
5 sometimes doesn't have a say. That is not the
6 case in this body. And I want everybody to know
7 that. When I approached the Speaker about my
8 concern about PCBs in schools, she wrapped her
9 arms around it and said how can we help, what can
10 we do, how do we get to the problem.

11 We had hearings and with my
12 colleague Robert Jackson, I'm just singling out
13 the Speaker for her role in this I don't mean to
14 dissuade you or put you down. She had said
15 there's got to be a way we can help and kept
16 pushing the issue along with me and Chairman
17 Jackson of how we could rid the schools of
18 potentially cancer-causing PCBs. And we came up
19 with a plan in a very, very difficult budget year.

20 And without the help of Regina Ryan
21 and Margaret Nelson and Jeff Rodus, that really
22 wouldn't be the case. So one Council Member that
23 has an issue can be heard as long as the
24 leadership is open enough to want to be heard, to
25 want to be able to be discussing about the issues

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And that's why I really wanted to single out the Speaker and thank her for that. She has really taken a leadership on this issue and 700 schools and countless amounts of school children will be safer because of it. Thank you Madam Speaker on behalf of the people in my district.

You know, leadership goes through. And on this side of the aisle we have an unbelievable leader who was there fighting for us tooth and nail, always in the Speaker's Office, always as Chuck's here and everyone else to fight for this delegation and that's my friend and colleague, Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo who has done an enormous job. Thank you on behalf of this delegation for what you've done for us this year.

And that's about it. So my time's up so that worked out pretty well. Yes, and now I have to vote my nose. So I'm going to vote no on Intro 473, 570, 571, 201-A, 590-A, Preconsidered Reso 912, 913, Preconsidered 565 which are the tax fixing resolutions, and with that I hope everybody has a great summer and God bless you all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Majority
Leader may I rise to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.
First, my colleagues, on Intro number 590-A, co-
naming streets, Ricardo Perez Place in my
district, on behalf of the Perez family, Ricardo
Perez Jr. asked me to convey this is a very
special day for his family, on behalf of his
father, who dedicated decades of services to our
community trying to help make it better.

And he has promised the Perez
family to continue to make northern Manhattan,
Hamilton Heights, a better place for all families
to live and work. So on behalf of the Perez
family, I thank all those involved in bringing
finality to Intro 590-A in which Ricardo A. Perez
Place is named in honor of his father.

Let me just disclose that I am a
Trustee of the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz
Cultural and Educational Center in Northern
Manhattan. I've been so since Day One. Even
though I am not allocating any discretionary

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2 monies myself, they are receiving City Council
3 funding, as a matter of full disclosure.

4 But also I'd like to thank everyone
5 involved in this budgetary process. And there are
6 so many people to thank. Obviously our leader
7 Christine Quinn has named all of the individuals
8 but specifically regarding the Education
9 Committee, you know, you talk about Regina Poreda
10 Ryan, you talk about Phylesia Steele, Christina
11 Perroti, Aysha Schomburg, Jan Atwell, Joan
12 Povolny, Matu Sambamania and all the others that
13 have been involved in the budgetary process from a
14 policy point of view and also from a fiscal point
15 of view.

16 But also my individual staff Joanna
17 Garcia, Etienne David Adorno, Tiomo Ohakem,
18 Octavia Johnson, Amanata Kamara, Oshia McGoldrick,
19 these are all staff and interns. And I thank them
20 all for being involved in this budgetary process.
21 And I wish all a happy summer.

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: And did
23 you vote aye?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
25 on all items on the calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Unanimous consent to vote on all Land Use call ups.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: And may I be allowed to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: First I want to thank Speaker Quinn. I want to congratulate Finance Chair Council Member Recchia. And I want to join in congratulations to my Co-Chair with the Brooklyn Delegation Council Member Dilan and to the entire Brooklyn Delegation for reaching consensus with regards to this budget.

I too have concerns with regards to the budget. I too have concerns that in this City and in this State and in this nation there is a policy of shifting the tax burden from millionaires and billionaires to the middle class and to the poor, basically eviscerating the safety net for the public interest. But I also recognize that notwithstanding that we have had to make some

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difficult choices. And this is the time when leadership is required.

And I also recognize that this budget could have been must worse. And so I thank all of my colleagues for making those difficult decisions. I want to thank Council Member Jackson on all of his work with respect to restoring the teachers and UFT and Michael Mulgrew.

I want to thank Council Member Crowley on her effort to restore funds for fire fighters. I want to thank Council Member Palma in her absence for all that she has done for child centers. I want to thank Council Member Greenfield for joining me and others in helping to restore the vouchers. It was his leadership that was responsible for that.

But I also want to say to the Mayor of the City of New York, the Mayor has significant and incredible power in the City of New York, he has relationships with financial institutions and with mass media. And the Mayor unfortunately in my district as was mentioned earlier has engaged unfortunately in inequitable treatment and funding of cultural organizations in a cultural district

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which is very diverse.

In addition to that central
Brooklyn has experienced a significant amount of
violence--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

[Interposing] Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: --so I am
urging the Mayor of the City of New York to meet
with a coalition of elected officials in central--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

[Interposing] Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: --Brooklyn
to address the lack of funding and also the
violence that we are experiences on the streets of
Brooklyn. And lastly I vote aye on this budget.
I hope that again we can work with the City and
with the Mayor to address the needs, particularly
in the Administration--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

[Interposing] Council Member.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: --for
Children's Services to keep our children safe. I
vote aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much. I'm going to ask everyone to try to
3 stay within the 2-minute timeframe. I understand
4 everyone wants to say their thank yous but we do
5 want to pass the budget. Next.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Majority
8 Leader may I explain my vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: First I want
11 to thank the Speaker and her staff for doing a
12 very wonderful job and then I want to thank
13 Finance Chair Domenic and his staff for their
14 dedication and the wonderful job to the City and
15 also my Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo for his
16 guidance and his work for helping us. And please
17 I want to thank all my colleagues for their
18 patience and for their cooperation for passing
19 this budget. And I vote yes on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Mr.
22 Majority Leader may I explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Mr.
25 Majority Leader we are all pleased that the

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2 negotiations under the leadership of our Speaker
3 has restored many important priorities. The
4 Speaker has entrusted me with the Chair of the
5 Mental Health Committee. Unfortunately the Mayor
6 in his Executive Budget particularly cut a number
7 of programs of support for mental health care in
8 the City of New York.

9 And not only did we restore Council
10 initiatives in this area but we restored funding
11 in a number of programs that were really not
12 Council responsibilities, they were Department
13 responsibilities that the Mayor sought to
14 extinguish from the budget. There are many
15 consumers of mental health services that will be
16 benefited by those restorations of mental health
17 programs in the budget. And I want to call
18 attention to that in addition to the other things
19 that are positive steps forward in this budget
20 that we're adopting today.

21 I want to thank the Fiscal staff
22 for assistance. And I want to particularly thank
23 my Counsel Jamin [phonetic] Sewell who played an
24 important role in brining to light the need to
25 restore these items. Thank you very much. I vote

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aye on the budget bills.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be excused to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I would like to thank our Speaker Christine Quinn for her leadership, Finance Chair Domenic Recchia Jr. for his leadership and the entire Finance staff, Chuck and Ramon, and I also would like to thank my Director of Budget, my office, Vickie Morales for her great work. I vote aye on everything.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Ask permission to explain my vote.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. I'll be voting yes on this budget with enthusiasm. It restores our central priorities, those teachers, those fire companies like Engine 220 in my district, where Park Slope's bravest can continue to keep us safe; those day care services, those libraries; playground associates like Kathleen Henderson the Den Mother of Carroll Park.

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2 I'm especially enthusiastic as others have
3 mentioned about the \$30 million to get the PCB
4 remediation going more quickly and grateful to
5 Margaret Nelson, Regina Poreda Ryan and Jeff Rodus
6 for the work to make that happen.

7 There are, as the Speaker said,
8 painful cuts here and I wish we could have avoided
9 them. I remain concerned about rising class size
10 and diminishing after school programs. We've got
11 to keep a long term eye on achieving budget
12 balance with real attention to tax fairness and
13 income inequality and especially preserving
14 essential services. But overall a very good job
15 was done addressing these budget issues.

16 And I really do want to call out
17 the Speaker who was out in my district, helping
18 parents organize to preserve those teacher
19 positions, to Domenic who I think doesn't always
20 understand the Park Slope liberal instincts but
21 has nonetheless been a real mentor to me as he's
22 fought incredibly for this budget, to Chuck and
23 Ramon and Preston and Jeff.

24 A few staff people who have done a
25 lot to tolerate all my questions, Tanisha Edwards,

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2 Pakhi Sengupta, Regina, Latonia McKinney, Rob and
3 Liz on Domenic's staff and my Budget and Policy
4 Director Michael Friedman Schnap.

5 A big thank you to the advocates.
6 We missed having you on the steps this year.
7 Hopefully next year you'll be back there. But
8 there's nothing like being brought back down to
9 reality how these things matter to the real people
10 in our communities than to have you kind of
11 reminding us every day. And so I'm grateful and I
12 want to thank Jimmy Oddo for offering his office
13 last night so we could wile away the hours waiting
14 to get this budget moved along.

15 I have to do a couple of quick
16 disclosures. My children take part in activities
17 at the 78th Youth Precinct, the Brooklyn Arts
18 Exchange, the Park Slope Armory which are funded
19 in this budget; my synagogue is a member of the
20 Brooklyn Congregations United. My kids go to
21 Public School 107 and Middle School 51. They
22 should be getting some capital items along with
23 all the other schools in my district--

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

25 [Interposing] Council Member.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I'm sorry. I just have to finish my disclosures. I'm a former Director of both the 5th Avenue Committee and the Pratt Center for Community Development. I'm an ex officio board member of the Prospect Park Alliance. And my wife is newly a Vice President at Planned Parenthood NYC. We're proud to be very active citizens in New York City and want to disclose all those conflicts--

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:
[Interposing] If you can wrap it up Council Member. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Again, just try to keep to the 2-minute timeframe. If you have disclosures, please say it in the beginning and then try to curtail your comments within the 2 minutes. Next.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: May I be excused to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I want to thank the Speaker and the Finance Chair Domenic

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2 Recchia for the base lining of funds for DFTA. I
3 want to particularly thank Preston Niblack. He
4 made this a very personal and passionate goal and
5 worked incredibly hard for many, many months and
6 never gave up. And I'm very, very grateful for
7 that as are the seniors in this City.

8 I would like to disclose that my
9 son has taken music classes at the Turtle Bay
10 Music School and has taken swimming classes and
11 been a camper at Asphalt Green. Both groups are
12 receiving funding in the budget. I'd like to
13 abstain on 590-A and vote aye on the rest.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission
16 to explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: First I want
19 to echo my colleagues' sentiments about, I think,
20 what are some very valuable gains in this budget.
21 I want to particularly express my gratitude to
22 Speaker Quinn, Finance Chair Domenic Recchia and
23 his staff Liz and Rob, Annabel Palma and her staff
24 Megan Lynch, Ramon Martinez, Chuck Meara, the
25 entire Finance staff, Preston Niblack, Jeff Rodus,

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2 Scott Crowley, Nathan Toth, Latonia McKinney, John
3 Musanski, James Reyes, Anthony Brito, Tanisha
4 Edwards, Pakhi Sengupta, Regina Poreda Ryan, Ray
5 Majewski, Andy Grossman, Barbara Scaffiddi and my
6 staff Ashley Thompson, Kevin Carroll, Ivan Acosta,
7 Marianne Wood, Robin Medal and Hope Reichbach for
8 all their wonderful work on this budget. Thank
9 you. And I vote aye on all. And disclosure, I am
10 an ex officio board member of the Metro Tech BID
11 and the Dumbo area BID. Thank you.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: May
14 I please be excused to explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
17 want to just thank anyone that gave thought, that
18 gave breath, that gave effort towards this budget.
19 I know a lot of people have been thanked but there
20 are many others who have contributed to this
21 process. I want to particularly thank my staff
22 person, Joe Toronto, who has been exceptional in
23 this process, in helping me get through it.

24 And I think all of us, these are
25 difficult times as we all know and difficult

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2 decisions have had to be made. And I want to
3 really thank all of my colleagues for the
4 professionalism, for the decorum, for the courtesy
5 that we have extended to each other during these
6 difficult times and this difficult process. And
7 in particular as has been indicated, the
8 exceptional leadership of Domenic Recchia and our
9 Speaker Christine Quinn and also our Finance
10 Director Preston.

11 I think people sometimes forget
12 that for us sitting on the other side, we
13 understand very deeply the painful decisions we
14 have to make. And so with that I really thank all
15 of the colleagues for the effort that we put
16 towards making this budget be what it is. And
17 with that I vote aye on all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I'd like to
20 change my vote on the following items. On 912,
21 913 and M-565 I vote no on those.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye
24 on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I also
would just like to recognize--

[Off mic outburst]

[Gavel banging]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Can we
just get silence in the back.

[Off mic outburst]

SPEAKER QUINN: Sergeant at Arms
remove the protestors. Could the Sergeant at Arms
remove the protestors?

[Off mic outburst]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
we can proceed.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I just
wanted to thank the General Counsel's Office,
Nadir, Liz Fine and Jim Caras and the entire staff
and my colleagues on the Brooklyn Delegation and
Tish James and Eric for doing a great job. And
Megan Lynch from Annabel Palma's Office. I vote
aye on all. And I have conflicts. There's

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Speaker for her commitment to the \$8 million industrial fund, committing to a citywide effort to preserve and expand industry, a diversified economy, to provide opportunities for small business growth as well as workforce that is welcomed in the City of New York to continue to expand the services that we know our tax base supports in this budget.

I want to thank and associate myself to all of the comments of the people who have been mentioned before in the Finance Department, specifically Latonia and Pakhi who have been so patient in dealing with a lot of the day care and senior center cuts. Personally I want to thank them on behalf of the senior and children of my district.

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And I wanted to just immensely thank my staff, my Chief of Staff Antonio Reynoso who has been a tremendous individual and has grown in the last four years. This anniversary of four years has been completed as of this week and I hope to see him in greater positions in the future because he has a bright future ahead of him. But I really wanted to take this opportunity to thank him personally on the floor. And my Legislative Director Peter Patia, thank you so much. I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: May I explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. First of all I would like to thank all the advocate groups that came to the steps of the City Hall in the thousands defending all the programs that we have citywide. It was because of the hard work that you did in the steps of City Hall and visiting all the Council Members that we've been able to restore as much funding as we could.

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This was a hard time and we know that next year is going to be worse. When I became a Council Member I know that when you play baseball with three outs, then you're out of the game. So I think that one of the things that I learned is that you've got to play the rules of the game and I tried to advocate as hard as I could to be part of the team that was restoring as much funding as possible. I know that we did the best we could.

This was not the ideal budget as it has been said but this is the budget that we were able to put in place. There's no doubt that the working class and the middle class, we've been suffering so much with these cuts, however we've been able to restore funding for our senior centers, for the fire houses, and also not to lay off the thousands of teachers. As a former teacher that I was, I know how important it is to bring back those positions.

Besides the budget I would also like to, and I vote aye on the budget and the rest of the pieces that we have today, but I would like to end saying that today we are also voting--

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[Off mic outburst]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA:

[Interposing] Okay please remove the protestors.

SPEAKER QUINN: Remove the
protestors.

[Gavel banging]

SPEAKER QUINN: Sergeant at Arms.
Remove the protestors.

[Off mic outburst]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I suppose
they're only protesting the people whose last name
beginning with R, don't take offense. You can
proceed. Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: How much
time do I have?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Can we put
back 30 seconds onto the Council Member's clock?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: It was
33, 33 ones.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: 33,
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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: No
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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

So I just want to say that I want to say like--and again even that group that they've been advocating in front of 250 Broadway, they've even been also playing the role of being sure that we listen to all the interests of all New Yorkers in the City. But I want to end saying that today we are also voting on the Dr. Betty Shabazz Way.

This is an important renaming that we're doing in the City. As everyone knows honoring the civil rights hero Dr. Betty Shabazz, we are recognizing someone that dedicated decades for fighting for human rights, not only for people of color but also for the whole nation. I hope that in the near future together with my colleague Council Member Jackson we will be doing a big ceremony honoring Dr. Betty Shabazz. Thank you. And I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I would like to thank the Speaker for her leadership

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2 and Domenic for his fortitude and tenacity. It's
3 that Brooklyn spirit. I want to thank the Finance
4 staff and especially Preston, Ramon, Chuck, Jeff,
5 Scott and Nathan. And I'd really like to thank
6 the Brooklyn Delegation for adopting me. And I'd
7 like to thank Antonio Whitaker for helping me
8 through this budget process.

9 I'd also like to thank this Council
10 for voting to adopt the street naming for D. A.
11 Murphy who was a distinguished Democrat in the
12 Staten Island 49th District. I'd also like to
13 congratulate C. M. Williams and Lander for
14 bringing forth Resolution 971 promoting the
15 millionaire tax extension. And I vote no on
16 Preconsidered Reso 912, Reconsidered Reso 913,
17 Preconsidered Reso 565 and I vote aye on all
18 others. Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on
21 all.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
24 all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Mr.

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Majority Leader, I ask for unanimous consent to

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vote on all Land Use call ups.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

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no on Intro 473, Intro 570, Intro 571,

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Preconsidered Resos 912, 913, and M-565. I vote

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aye on all others. Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye

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teacher at P. S. 304, Bronx. Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote no

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on Intros 201-A, 473, 570, 571, Preconsidered Reso

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abstain on Intro 590-A. I provided a list of my

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father's clients to the Counsel to the Council and

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the Conflicts of Interest Board and I vote aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER:

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2 Permission to briefly explain my vote.

3 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I would
5 just like to thank Speaker Quinn and Finance Chair
6 Recchia for their unending support for our
7 cultural institutions and our libraries. Finance
8 Chair Recchia who had the Cultural Affairs
9 Committee before myself has been an unbelievable
10 supporter. Our City would not be what it is
11 without our culturals and our libraries. So thank
12 you Finance Chair Recchia for all of that.

13 And of course Preston and Jeff who
14 care about libraries and culturals just as much as
15 I do. And we all do thank you so very, very much.
16 And I don't think we've heard our Queens
17 Delegation Chair Leroy Comrie's name mentioned so
18 I want to thank him for his work. And...

19 [Applause]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Ramon
21 and Chuck and someone who's not here today but who
22 cares greatly about culturals and libraries and
23 that's Shadawn Smith. And I want to recognize her
24 role in all of this as well. Thank you. And I
25 vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Explain my

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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I have become close, I think, as we have come

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leadership of the Speaker, and of course his

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Counsel Tanisha with whom we've worked very well.

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And I'd like to commend my staff

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both Dottie LeBraun who is the Director of

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Legislation and of course Mandela Jones who is

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Director of both Communications and our Budget.

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I am fully aware of the leadership

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2 of this Council and its leadership and the core
3 value that they have for those who are young and
4 old and disabled and unemployed. That's been a
5 motivating factor in the negotiations which I
6 definitely appreciate.

7 I withdraw my request and I vote
8 aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all
11 and I'd like to disclose that my sister-in-law
12 Ronnie works at Queensborough Community College.
13 My two sons attend two of the New York City public
14 schools that are funded in the capital budget.
15 And they also participate in two of the sports
16 programs that are funded in the budget. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes. I'm
20 sorry. I have to disclose, because I didn't think
21 of it, my 3.5-year old daughter goes to summer
22 camp at the YMCA which I pay for but she goes to
23 camp there. I just want to disclose that. Thank
24 you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be excused to explain my vote?

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Wills or Williams? I'm voting aye on the budget. I'm doing so with a heavy heart. I don't believe that it's a celebratory budget. I do believe it is better than what we may have had. With cuts to many services, with 1,000 people being laid off, I definitely don't think it's celebratory. I think the Mayor and everything he does shows me that he mostly cares about rich people and perhaps the prison industrial complex. I'm most upset that the Peter Vallone Scholarship has been zeroed out which will probably mean a \$400 per student.

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I'm voting yes because the parameters that were given, the parameters that I saw, showed that Council Member Recchia and the Speaker and staff did a good job in restoring a lot of things that I believe were important and I fought hard for many of those restorations.

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I'm hoping next year, however, that we can revisit those parameters and stretch them to really see the power of the Council. In

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2 addition now we have a whole year to research and
3 work on revenue options that we discussed this
4 year, perhaps a little bit too late, for a budget
5 that is slated to be worse than this one. And
6 we'll actually probably have some of the same cuts
7 at the beginning that were proposed this year and
8 last year.

9 I'm happy to start that today as
10 the Co-Prime on Intro Reso 971, the millionaire's
11 tax on behalf of the Progressive Caucus. I can't
12 keep asking my constituents to understand a budget
13 that will be horrific to their lives. And I'm
14 going to end with, I'm going to call him Jamal as
15 I gave a speech at a graduation, he came up to me
16 and explained that his wife had just left him with
17 two kids. And he felt like giving up. And as he
18 started to cry, I didn't know what to tell him.
19 But I know with this City and this budget,
20 hopefully next year we can provide something
21 better. I hope he doesn't give up. And I hope we
22 have that opportunity next year because there must
23 be something better next year. Thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: May I take a

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Thank you.

This is actually my first budget so I wanted to just thank the [off mic cheer]--yeah, thank you; I just wanted to thank the leadership of our Speaker, Domenic Recchia and the Finance staff. I wanted to thank the Queens Delegation but I wanted to start with Weprin because we get named last in everything because of our alphabetical order, to the Delegation leader Leroy Comrie, yea, Leroy Comrie, yea, for their leadership in this.

We had a lot of hard decisions to make in this budget. But certain things were done to protect the vital services that we needed. And I'm also thankful that everyone, well hopefully everyone, would choose to make sure that Thomas White Jr., my predecessor's boulevard, this co-street renaming will be taken care of.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Thank you.

And aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: May I be

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Thank you.

In the two decades that Christine Quinn and I have been at the City Council, there has been one thing that has been constant. Our Finance Division has had many fewer people and many fewer resources than the folks on the other side. But no one, no group, has as much determination and expertise and patience and endurance as our Finance folks. And I want to thank each and every one of them.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I want to thank obviously Preston and Jeff and Ramon and Chuck who not only provide us with the tools to do this job well but make it bearable at times and provide a lot of humor and great spirit. I want to thank Domenic Recchia Jr. for everything he's done.

[Applause, cheering]

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Fabulous job.

And I recognize the point that Council Member Barron made, having been here for now my 13th budget, I understand there's a lot of Kabuki

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2 theater that goes on between the Administration
3 and the Council. To deny that is being
4 disingenuous. But I absolutely believe in my
5 heart of hearts that the last two years, the only
6 thing standing in between Mike Bloomberg and
7 having fire companies closed has been Speaker
8 Christine Quinn. I believe that in my heart of
9 hearts.

10 If left on his own, engine
11 companies would have closed. And as someone who
12 was right on the chopping block when the original
13 five at Engine 161 I want to express my deep
14 appreciate for Speaker Quinn for being unwavering
15 in saying this will not happen on my watch. And
16 not being unreasonable, acknowledging that fire
17 departments across this country are having to
18 reinvent themselves and become more efficient and
19 saying let's have that process. Cutting engine
20 companies doesn't make the Department more
21 efficient. And she has been unwavering and that's
22 why we have this victory today.

23 And if I can just offer a different
24 perspective, forgive me for being a little bit of
25 a wet blanket, but I just want to read something

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2 to you really quickly. And that is the point is
3 that unless we get to the heart of the matter of
4 what is driving these multibillion dollar
5 deficits, those of us that have limited time here
6 and even our successors will always have to deal
7 with the pressures of threats to fire houses and
8 senior centers.

9 And we continue to have a
10 structural imbalance in the City of New York. We
11 continue to have more recurring expenses than
12 recurring revenue. And that is a challenge for
13 us. And I hope we don't lose sight of that
14 despite passing what I think under the conditions
15 is a responsible budget. Those are my words at
16 this time last year. I think they ring true this
17 year as well. And that transformative,
18 fundamental change has to start with the
19 Executive. It can't come from this body. And I
20 continue to wait for that.

21 I vote aye on all with the
22 exception of Intros 473, 575, 571, 201-A, 590-A,
23 Preconsidered Reso 912, 913 and M-565 on which I
24 vote no.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I neglected to say that my sister is a principal in the City of New York. In fact she is a Blue Ribbon Principal.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Full disclosure.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

[Crosstalk, off mic comments]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: The new Minority Leader, Inez Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: [Laughing]

I want to note that I am using the Republican mic here. And we're taking it over.

[Laughter]

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I just wanted to mention and we were a little remiss in the Ramona Janette Way. Ramona was one of our unsung heroes. This is a block that will be named for her, in her honor, in recognition in my colleague Robert Jackson's district. But I just wanted to mention her joined with my colleague Robert to say that she was a wonderful and hard, dedicated worker, for not only Harlem and for the

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2 West Side Washington Heights, but for the entire
3 City. She was very supportive and a hard fighter
4 for our youth, our future. And I just wanted to
5 mention her name and to say thank you to her
6 family for having shared her with us.

7 And I also just wanted to mention
8 that we also, today, are doing the Detective Omar
9 Edwards Way. And this is very important in
10 recognition of his family, to say thank you
11 because we've lost him too early, too fast and in
12 error. And I say thank you to the Edwards family.
13 And I thank Lynette Velasco, Jorelle Burney and
14 Varoon Sanyel [all phonetic] for their hard and
15 dedicated work in helping me through this process.
16 And thank you to the Minority Leader.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I wanted to
19 disclose that my son works for the New York Junior
20 Tennis League as an assistant coach.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I just
23 wanted to say thank you to everybody who took part
24 within the process. You all did a great job. And
25 to the staff, everyone did a job well done. I

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vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I'll wait for
general discussion.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye on all.

[Pause]

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: All items
on today's general order calendar were adopted by
a vote of 50 in the affirmity, affirmative,
[laughing] that's a new word, 0 in the negative
and 0 abstentions with the exception of Into 201-A
which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the
affirmative, 5 in the negative with 0 abstentions;
and M-495 with the accompanying Reso 918 and Reso
919 which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the
affirmative, 1 in the negative, 0 abstentions; and
M-496 with the accompanying Reso 920 and 921 which
was adopted by a vote of 4 9 in the affirmative, 1
in the negative, 0 abstentions; and M-497 with
Resolution 922 which was adopted by a vote of 49
in the affirmative, 1 in the negative, 0
abstentions; and M-564 with Reso 923 which was
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7 and 0 abstentions; and Intro 571 which was adopted
8 by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 5 in the
9 negative, and 0 abstentions; and Intro 590-A which
10 was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 2
11 in the negative, and 3 abstentions; and M-565 with
12 Reso 924 which was adopted by a vote of 43 in the
13 affirmative, 7 in the negative, with 0
14 abstentions; and Resolution 912 which was adopted
15 by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 7 in the
16 negative, with 0 abstentions; Reso 913 which was
17 adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 7 in
18 the negative, with 0 abstentions; and revised Land
19 Use call ups were adopted by a vote of 50 in the
20 affirmative, with 0 in the negative. Whoo, I got
21 through it. I now--

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please,
23 sit down please.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I now
25 formally declare the Executive Expense, Revenue,

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2 Contract Budget, the Executive Capital Budget for
3 Fiscal Year 2012 and the Capital Program for the 3
4 succeeding fiscal years all as modified in
5 accordance with the relevant sections of the New
6 York City Charter, are hereby adopted on this 29th
7 day of June, 2011 at 12:40 P.M.

8 [Applause]

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: We now
10 have introduction and reading of the bills.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
12 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda,
13 please.

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So
15 ordered. No resolutions so we move on to general
16 discussion. We have Council Member Chin.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet, please.
18 Sit down.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I
20 just wanted to call and ask all my colleagues to
21 support Resolution 917. It is so appropriate that
22 we're introducing this resolution to extend the
23 millionaire's tax in New York City 'cause we need
24 the tax revenue to make sure that we can save all
25 the essential programs. So I urge all my

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colleagues to support it.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you Majority Leader. My colleagues, I rise again, under Intro 590-A which is the Report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, I was remiss--

SERGEANT AT ARMS: [Interposing] Quiet. Sit down please.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: -- communicating to my colleagues that we are co-naming Dorothy Maynor Place in Manhattan on St. Nicholas Avenue. For those of you who do not know, she was the founder of the Harlem School of the Arts where thousands and thousands of young individuals now adults have been involved in that. And some of them are very famous and well known. She deserves recognition. She was known not only in New York City but nationally.

But also I noticed that one of our former colleagues, Phil Reed; we are co-naming a street after him. And as you know Phillip Reed was a City Council Member representing, I believe, the 8th Councilmatic District. I had the

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2 opportunity to serve with him for approximately 4
3 or 5 years. He clearly deserves recognition for
4 all he has done--

5 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] Can
6 we get quiet in the chambers for this part of the
7 comments and give the Council Member a few more
8 seconds back, please.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Clearly
10 Phil Reed deserves recognition by his colleagues
11 as a member of our community, especially as
12 someone that clearly stated that he was a gay
13 Council Member that was HIV positive which was
14 well known. And he did everything that he could
15 to represent his district and to clearly work on
16 behalf of people that have been discriminated
17 against for one way or the other. So we honor
18 Phil Reed today by co-naming a street in his
19 honor. So with that I thank you and I wish
20 everyone a happy summer.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council
22 Member Vann.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you. I
24 would, for the record, I wanted to acknowledge
25 that we are renaming Charles C. Pinn Way in my

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2 district in the legislation we've passed today.
3 He was taken from us at a very young age. He was
4 a very outstanding young man. As a matter of fact
5 he started a junior VIDA in our organization, VIDA
6 being the Vanguard Independent Democratic
7 Association. His father was Charles Pinn who was
8 a leader of the Brooklyn Corps back in the day in
9 the 60's. His mother, C. Doris Pinn is a leader
10 in our community, great leadership on Community
11 Board 3. I cannot tell you the type of young man
12 he was, the leadership he provided. He was a
13 liaison from my office to all the community youth
14 organizations in the area.

15 Subsequent to that he worked for
16 Assemblywoman Annette Ramos and she has similar
17 accolades as myself. So I did not want to leave
18 here today without recognizing Charles C. Pinn,
19 all that he was, all that he did, and to let his
20 parents know how proud I was of him that there
21 will be in our community an area that's named
22 after Charles Pinn. Charles C. Pinn Way. Thank
23 you very much.

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you
25 very much. We move on to Council Member Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Something fun which is following up on the issue of food and local sourcing and the Mayor's interest, err, no, not the Mayor's interest, the Speaker's interest in the topic. We are going on July 7th to farms upstate to look at issues regarding local sourcing and also to see if there are ways in which economic development, lettuce washing machines, etcetera, can be part of our ongoing efforts.

So anybody who wants to join us, please let us know. We will be following up with material in your boxes. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: On behalf of the family of Julian Brennan, I want to thank my colleagues for voting to rename a block of Prospect Park West in his memory. Julian was a 25-year old kid from my district who was killed in Afghanistan a couple of years ago and a real exemplary citizen. And I'm honored to have the opportunity to do it. So thank you.

Also I want to encourage people to sign on to Resolution 917 which is for the

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2 extension of the millionaire's tax. I want to
3 point out this is in support of legislation in
4 Albany introduced by Speaker Silver that would
5 extend the high income surcharge on those making
6 more than \$1 million per year.

7 We were able to do a good budget
8 today. But we're going to have a very hard time
9 next year if we give millionaires and billionaires
10 a tax break that's going to cost the State more
11 than \$4 billion. That expires on December 31st.
12 So in the interest of trying to make next year's
13 budget something that we can preserve essential
14 services as we did this year, I urge my colleagues
15 to sign on to 917. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you.
17 Next we move to Council Member Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you.
19 I was remiss earlier in not recognizing the work
20 of the advocates who have placed so much of their
21 time and efforts into making sure that this is a
22 good budget. So I wanted to make sure that we
23 recognize their efforts over the last several
24 months. And also one of my interns, Kendal
25 Randolph for her work as well. Thanks.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Next we have Council Member Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I just also wanted to ask my colleagues to sign on to Reso 917. Everything has been said. It's a very important Reso. We need to support the millionaire's tax. And I wanted to give a shout out to Kay Bain, my Budget and Legislative Director.

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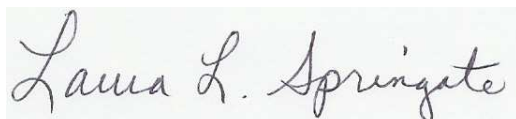
MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very much. This meeting is adjourned.

[Gavel banging]

[Applause, cheering]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature Laura L. Springate

Date July 11, 2011