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President Pro Tempore

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

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## A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Iris Apfel

Sergio Fernandez de Cordova  
Chairperson of  
Entrepreneur Week

Domingo M. Flores

Joel Schnur

Gamaliel Lopez

Rev. Charles Galbreath  
Clarendon Road Church

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SPEAKER QUINN: We have three ceremonials, the first one of which is going to be conducted by Council Member Peter Vallone. So if I could ask Council Member Vallone to come on up and introduce us to the special guest who is joining us today.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Well everybody, I'd like you to meet Ms. Iris Apfel, who is a very, very famous woman. Unfortunately, she's famous in a lot of things I know nothing about, like clothing and makeup and perfume and things like that. But apparently, I mean she has been doing--

SPEAKER QUINN: [off mic].

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Come on up, right over here. This woman has worked for nine different presidents. She's done numerous fashion lines. She's a professor, a business owner. In fact, her age is in the proc, so I can give it up, but she's 90 years old. And right now, right now she's doing more than most of us have done in a lifetime. Right now, she's got a jewelry line coming out, a perfume line coming out, a makeup line coming out. She's starring in

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two documentaries right now.

One of the reasons I'm here with Dan Garodnick and the Speaker, and she's a constituent of Dan's and she's already taken his card, there are a couple of things they're going to be working on. But she hails from Astoria. Her grandparents were some of the original settlers of Astoria, back in the 1800s. In fact, they started off in Manhattan and then her grandfather was diagnosed with a condition that needed fresh country air, so they moved to Astoria.

Council Member Van Bramer is with us and your business is actually in his district, the old one you were telling me about.

So I wanted to make sure that she came down here today and we honored her for what she did. We're so proud of her. The clothing lines and the things that she has designed, the influences came from Astoria and from Queens and from New York City and now she is revered throughout the world by so many different people. She's one of our own.

Why don't we go to Dan Garodnick

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Well, I just wanted to echo Council Member Vallone's sentiments about our pride in everything that you have accomplished. I certainly am proud to be your Council Member. We appreciate that your roots are in Astoria but also are delighted that you are in the 4th Council District and recognize all of your accomplishments. We're glad that you were able to be here to join us today. Madame Speaker?

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SPEAKER QUINN: I just want to thank Council Members Vallone and Garodnick for bringing this event together today and for bringing you to all of us in the City Council, and just want to thank you for all you've done for this city. It's very, I think, thrilling for all of us to get to be here with you, someone who has literally seen so much of history happen in the White House and who has made, in a way, history in the White House and made things happen in this country. So we just want to thank you for all of your service.

And if I could ask the clerk to

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2 read the proclamation, which I assume you will  
3 critique the tacky, plastic frame and you would be  
4 correct. But I will say in deference to that, it  
5 was cheap and we didn't overspend your taxpayer  
6 dollars. But feel free to reframe it in whatever  
7 fabulous way you would have, had any of the nine  
8 presidents--is that right--that you served had it  
9 framed in the White House. Then we will hear from  
10 you.

11 If we could, get a little quiet.

12 Thank you.

13 CLERK: Council, City of New York,  
14 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York  
15 is proud to honor legendary tastemaker, fashion  
16 icon, businesswoman, interior designer and style  
17 maverick Iris Apfel for her profound impact around  
18 the world.

19 And whereas, Ms. Apfel was born,  
20 raised and schooled in Astoria Queens. After  
21 studying art history at NYU and art at the  
22 University of Wisconsin, Ms. Apfel found an  
23 interesting assortment of jobs: copy girl at  
24 Woman's Wear Daily; girl Friday to men's fashion  
25 illustrator Robert Goodman; apprentice to Eleanor

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2 Johnson, who decorated and sold elegant apartment;  
3 and after World War II, a lengthy stint as a  
4 newspaper reporter for Grossinger's Resort, the  
5 famous Borscht Belt resort. When the war ended,  
6 she put together her ragtag skills and opened her  
7 own interior design firm.

8                   And whereas, in 1948, after a  
9 whirlwind courtship of four months, she married  
10 Carl Apfel. Last February, they celebrated their  
11 64th wedding anniversary.

12                   SPEAKER QUINN: Yay.

13                   [Applause]

14                   CLERK: And whereas, Ms. Apfel has  
15 been interviewed by the world's leading print, TV  
16 and online publications. She has been  
17 photographed by the likes of Bruce Webber and  
18 Steven Klein, did an ad campaign for Coach and a  
19 line of makeup for MAC, which was an immediate  
20 sell-out in 22 countries.

21                   And whereas, today, at the age of  
22 90, Ms. Apfel remains a popular, outspoken, ornate  
23 muse for fashion designers and artists of all  
24 kinds. In addition to being an inspiration for an  
25 entire collection that Joanna Mastroianni, which



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2 debuted at the New York Fashion Week in February,  
3 she is also the subject of a documentary by  
4 acclaimed filmmaker Albert Maysles, scheduled for  
5 release in 2013.

6 Now, therefore, be it known that  
7 the Council of the City of New York proudly honors  
8 Iris Apfel for her extraordinary contribution to  
9 style in America and around the world. Christine  
10 C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council; Peter F.  
11 Vallone, Jr., Council Member 22nd District Queens;  
12 Daniel R. Garodnick, Council Member 4th District  
13 Manhattan.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay.

15 [Applause]

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank goodness we  
17 had you here, though the renovations are not done,  
18 after the chamber had been renovated. Because I  
19 think, Ms. Apfel, if you had seen it before, you  
20 would have turned and walked out. It would have  
21 been such an offense to your incredibly great  
22 taste. If we could, hear a few words from you?

23 IRIS APFEL: I want to thank you  
24 all for this humbling honor. It's really  
25 remarkable that I've been able to live and

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2 practice my assorted madness in this most  
3 multileveled city in the world. It's really an  
4 extraordinary place. I thank you and I thank all  
5 the residents who have supported me and made me  
6 what I am today: a geriatric starlet.

7 [Laughter]

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay. A goal for  
9 all of us to aspire. So thank you for raising the  
10 bar. I'm going to give this to you to make sure  
11 it gets back to the home safely. Thank you very  
12 much. Thank you all.

13 Our next ceremonial is going to be  
14 led by Council Member Inez Dickens. So if we  
15 could ask our Deputy Majority Leader to make her  
16 way up.

17 [Pause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you  
19 so much, Madame Speaker. Today, I have the  
20 pleasure of introducing an organization that is  
21 doing great things to improve economic  
22 opportunity, growth and vitality in the City of  
23 New York.

24 I am joined by my colleagues in  
25 recognizing that April 16th through April 20th is

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2 New York Entrepreneur Week. This week was formed  
3 around the belief that every single person  
4 deserves to live in a world where their passion  
5 unlocks economic freedom, and entrepreneurship  
6 holds the key to catapulting our country's economy  
7 out of a state of downturn and decline.

8 New York Entrepreneur Week  
9 celebrates economic innovation and provides the  
10 necessary tools, resources, mentoring and access  
11 entrepreneurs need to play a transformative role  
12 in building economies.

13 We have with us Sergio Fernandez de  
14 Cordova, Chairperson of Entrepreneur Week; Domingo  
15 M. Flores [phonetic], Event Sponsor representing  
16 De Cordova Goldman Capital Management; and Joel  
17 Schnur--is he here--representing Schnur  
18 Associates. We thank you for the great work you  
19 are doing to bring vitality to New York economy.

20 Madame Speaker?

21 SPEAKER QUINN: [off mic]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: All right,  
23 can we have the proc read please?

24 CLERK: Council, City of New York  
25 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York

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2 is proud to celebrate April 16th-20th, 2012 as New  
3 York Entrepreneur's Week, as part of our ongoing  
4 efforts to support the entrepreneurs who make our  
5 city such an extraordinary success.

6           And whereas, the ambitious  
7 entrepreneurial spirit has helped define New York  
8 City's economy and identity since its earliest  
9 days, innovative people from around the globe have  
10 come to New York to unlock their passion, embrace  
11 economic freedom and change the world. New York  
12 Entrepreneur's Week, part of a global platform  
13 developed to scale entrepreneurship, was created  
14 to equip and unite these world changers and enable  
15 them to elevate the impact of entrepreneurship on  
16 education, communities and economies everywhere.  
17 Since its inception, Entrepreneur's Week has  
18 convened more than 5,000 entrepreneurs,  
19 representing more than \$8 billion in revenue.

20           Now, therefore, be it known that  
21 the Council of the City of New York celebrates New  
22 York Entrepreneur's Week for supporting the  
23 entrepreneurial spirit that fuels the economic  
24 engine of New York City and the nation. Christine  
25 C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council; Inez E.

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2 Dickens, Council Member 9th District, Manhattan;  
3 Joel Rivera, Council Member 15th District, Bronx;  
4 Leroy Comrie, Council Member 27th District,  
5 Queens; and many other Council Members.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you.  
7 Sergio, please?

8 SERGIO FERNANDEZ DE CORDOVA: Yes.  
9 As chairman and co-founder of Entrepreneur Week, I  
10 want to thank the Council and Inez for this honor.  
11 We started this about eight years ago with the  
12 idea of connecting New York entrepreneurs, to give  
13 them a resource, because of the fact that there  
14 were so many different organizations that were so  
15 vertically focused but not coming together.

16 And we figured that putting  
17 together a weekly event once a year or twice a  
18 year to bring all the various collective  
19 organizations to focus on collaboration, to focus  
20 on working together, making sure that they're  
21 utilizing the government's resources, all the  
22 resources that the city puts out there and making  
23 sure that they also have the education and see and  
24 learn from other entrepreneurs that have built  
25 businesses and multibillion dollar businesses here

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2 in New York. We're very excited that it's grown  
3 to what it's grown to be.

4 And now in the middle of it, this  
5 week, as we celebrate Entrepreneur Week this week,  
6 we're very excited, again, to have this honor. As  
7 a serial entrepreneur, I love New York and I'm  
8 happy to be the chairman of Entrepreneur Week.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you  
10 so much, Sergio. He's thanking on behalf of all  
11 of New York's entrepreneurs.

12 [Applause]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Inez for  
14 pinch hitting. I apologize for having to take  
15 that call. Our next and final ceremonial will be  
16 led by Council Member Danny Dromm and it'll be  
17 honoring--excuse me--in honor of immigration law  
18 clinics at law schools throughout the city during  
19 Immigrant Heritage Week. So, if Danny and the  
20 eight individuals, or more who are participating  
21 could make their way up.

22 [Pause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Make a line  
24 right here that would be great, on both sides.  
25 Thank you very much, Madame Speaker. It is indeed

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2 a privilege and an honor to be able to present  
3 these law schools with these proclamations in  
4 honor of Immigrant Heritage Week this week. This  
5 week, we take off some time to stop and think of  
6 the contributions that immigrants have made to the  
7 City of New York, to our country and to the ideals  
8 that immigrants have brought to this country that  
9 make this city and country great.

10 I am especially pleased to honor  
11 the immigration clinics and externship programs at  
12 each of our city's law schools: Brooklyn, Cardozo,  
13 Columbia, CUNY, Fordham, New York Law School, NYU  
14 and St. John's.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yay.

17 [Applause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Their  
19 professors, practitioners and students provide  
20 hope to immigrants entangled in our country's  
21 dysfunctional immigration system. Their  
22 victories, large and small, have impacted  
23 countless New Yorkers in individual cases and in  
24 groundbreaking legal precedent they set.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: [off mic]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: It is worth  
3 noting that the students who are trained in these  
4 programs go on to become some of our most  
5 effective advocates. Most significantly, many of  
6 the immigrants assisted by these programs have  
7 themselves become activists, calling for justice  
8 in our communities.

9 At this point, I'd like to ask the  
10 clerk to read the proclamation for us please, and  
11 then I'm going to introduce the Speaker.

12 CLERK: Council, City of New York  
13 Proclamation. Whereas, with a population that is  
14 36 percent foreign-born, New York City is the  
15 quintessential immigrant city. The United States  
16 immigration system is notoriously difficult for  
17 immigrants and their families to navigate, and the  
18 need for expert legal guidance in complex cases is  
19 especially high. The ability of immigrants to  
20 find competent and ethical counsel is challenging,  
21 as recognized by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the  
22 judiciary and advocacy organizations.

23 And whereas, there are several New  
24 York City-based immigration clinics that represent  
25 some of the neediest and most challenging cases



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2 before the Department of Homeland Security and  
3 Immigration Courts. Their work on such cases is  
4 often groundbreaking and precedental, impacting  
5 immigration cases not only in New York City but  
6 across the country. These clinics also provide  
7 invaluable experiential learning to law students,  
8 many of whom go on to serve as prominent  
9 immigration attorneys and leading advocates for  
10 immigration reform.

11 Now, therefore, be it known that  
12 the Council of the City of New York proudly honors  
13 the following organizations for their outstanding  
14 service to immigrants in New York City: the  
15 Fordham University School of Law Immigrants Rights  
16 and Access to Justice Clinic, the Cardozo School  
17 of Law Kathleen O. Greenberg Immigration Justice  
18 Clinic, the St. John's School of Law Refugee and  
19 Immigrant Rights Clinic, New York's University  
20 School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic, CUNY School  
21 of Law Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic,  
22 Columbia Law School Immigration Defense  
23 Externship, Brooklyn Law School Safe Harbor  
24 Project, the Safe Passage Volunteer Project of the  
25 NYLS Justice Action Center, the NYLS Catholic

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2 Charities Field Placement Clinic, and the NYLS  
3 Advanced Immigration Seminar and Externship  
4 program. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the  
5 entire Council; Daniel Dromm, Council Member 25th  
6 District, Queens, and many other Council Members.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you.

8 Madame Speaker, one such person who has fought for  
9 justice in our communities is here with us today.  
10 I want to recognize Gamaliel Lopez [phonetic] for  
11 their courage in not only standing up for  
12 themselves but also for all immigrants throughout  
13 the city. Gamaliel, you're in good hands working  
14 with Professor Peter Markowitz at the Cardozo Law  
15 Clinic. Congratulations and let's hear from  
16 Gamaliel.

17 [Applause]

18 GAMALIEL LOPEZ: [Foreign  
19 language].

20 [Applause]

21 FEMALE VOICE: That was a mouthful,  
22 but Gama here wanted to thank all of the law  
23 school clinics, not just the clinic that helps  
24 fight his case, to thank Peter as well as the two  
25 students, myself and Brett, who are fighting for

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2 his case. But he wanted to say that he thinks  
3 that it's extremely important the work that all  
4 the clinics do for immigrants in the city that  
5 really need representation and would have  
6 difficultly finding it elsewhere.

7 [Applause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Finally, if  
9 I may just say, Madame Speaker, if we don't have  
10 legal representation, our immigrants cannot even  
11 stay here in this city. So that's why these  
12 clinics are providing such an important service to  
13 New York City. Thank you very much.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: I want to close by  
15 thanking Danny for organizing this and all the  
16 Council Members for participating in the  
17 proclamation. I want to thank everyone who staffs  
18 or volunteers at the clinics, all of the students  
19 who are participating in the clinics. I just want  
20 to put in a plug, if you're looking for an  
21 internship this summer, there's fabulous ones at  
22 the City Council in our Legislative Division  
23 and/or our General Counsel's office, you would  
24 learn a lot, or in district offices.

25 But I also want to just say, in

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2 addition to the individuals you're helping, I hope  
3 you know how much your work informs the work of  
4 the City Council. If it wasn't for the work that  
5 your clinics had done, I don't believe Peter would  
6 have had the information he needed to come to  
7 myself, to Danny, to Melissa Mark-Viverito, to  
8 Rosie, to others and make the case that we needed  
9 to reform ICE's involvement on Rikers.

10 [Applause]

11 SPEAKER QUINN: You know, when  
12 people come to us, like Professor Markowitz, and  
13 say this should be changed, we have to engage in a  
14 due diligence process and we need facts and we  
15 need evidence. All of your hard work and all of  
16 you who step forward to ask for the service, which  
17 is the first step and the most important and the  
18 bravest of steps in this is the evidence that was  
19 used first to convince us then to convince the  
20 Mayor to sign the bill. And it is now not a bill,  
21 it is the law. That is because of all of your  
22 work.

23 I know before we finish this term,  
24 because I know him, there will be other examples  
25 of bills and laws that get passed and introduced

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2 as a result of your work. So on behalf of all of  
3 us in the Council, thank you for that as well. I  
4 wish you all the greatest success in your legal  
5 careers. That concludes today's ceremonials.

6 Everybody we'll bunch up together  
7 and then we'll take a picture and Bill will try to  
8 get everybody.

9 [Pause]

10 CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, could  
11 I have your attention please? At this time,  
12 please place all cell phones and pagers to  
13 vibrate. Please place all cell phones and pagers  
14 to vibrate. Would all non-Council employees  
15 please leave the main floor of the chambers?  
16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: My  
18 colleagues please rise for the Pledge of  
19 Allegiance.

20 [Pledge of Allegiance]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Roll call?

22 CLERK: Arroyo?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

24 CLERK: Barron?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

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2 CLERK: Brewer? Brewer?  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.  
4 CLERK: Cabrera?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.  
6 CLERK: Chin?  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.  
8 CLERK: Comrie?  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No  
10 response].  
11 CLERK: Crowley?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No  
13 response].  
14 CLERK: Dickens?  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.  
16 CLERK: Dilan?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.  
18 CLERK: Dromm?  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.  
20 CLERK: Eugene?  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
22 CLERK: Ferreras?  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.  
24 CLERK: Fidler?  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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

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2 CLERK: Koo?  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.  
4 CLERK: Koppell?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.  
6 CLERK: Koslowitz?  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.  
8 CLERK: Lander?  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.  
10 CLERK: Lappin?  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.  
12 CLERK: Levin?  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.  
14 CLERK: Mark-Viverito?  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:  
16 Here.  
17 CLERK: Mealy?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No  
19 response].  
20 CLERK: Mendez?  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.  
22 CLERK: Nelson?  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [No  
24 response].  
25 CLERK: Palma?



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2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No  
3 response].  
4 CLERK: Recchia?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No  
6 response].  
7 CLERK: Reyna?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [No  
9 response].  
10 CLERK: James?  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.  
12 CLERK: Rodriguez?  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.  
14 CLERK: Rose?  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.  
16 CLERK: Sanders?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.  
18 CLERK: Seabrook?  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.  
20 CLERK: Ulrich?  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No  
22 response].  
23 CLERK: Vacca?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [No

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CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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CLERK: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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CLERK: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [No

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CLERK: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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CLERK: We have a quorum.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you

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very much. My colleagues please rise for the

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invocation being delivered today by Reverend

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Charles Galbreath from Clarendon Road Church.

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2                   REV. CHARLES GALBREATH: Let us  
3 pray. God of us all, we thank you and honor you  
4 for this day, a day we have not yet seen before  
5 and a day we will not see again. We ask for your  
6 presence and power in this chamber. We pray that  
7 you bless each Council Member, their staff with  
8 wisdom, justice, mercy and love. Help us as the  
9 writer of Proverbs states, to speak up for those  
10 who cannot speak for themselves. For the rights  
11 of all who are destitute, help us to speak up and  
12 judge fairly, defending the rights of the poor and  
13 needy. We thank you for all that you have done,  
14 all that you are doing and all that you are yet to  
15 do. We ask all these things as the one who is our  
16 creator, redeemer and sustainer. Amen.

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you  
18 very much. Council Member Williams?

19                   COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank  
20 you. I want to thank Pastor Galbreath from the  
21 Clarendon Road Baptist Church. He came there  
22 around the same time I was elected and doing a lot  
23 of great and powerful things over in that church.  
24 He took over the church at the age of 26, like  
25 another pastor, who a lot wasn't expected of him,

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2 by the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. So  
3 we're expecting a lot from him as well. A motion  
4 to spread the Invocation in full, upon the record.  
5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my  
8 colleagues to please rise.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Please  
10 rise.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: On April 16th,  
12 2012, New York City Fire Department Lieutenant  
13 Richard Nappi, 47, died while battling a three-  
14 alarm blaze in a Brooklyn warehouse. Lieutenant  
15 Nappi, a 17-year veteran, was assigned to Engine  
16 237 and was the commanding officer at the scene of  
17 the fire.

18 Back on 9/11, hero firefighter  
19 Richard Nappi rushed from his Suffolk County home  
20 on his day off to join his fellow firefighters  
21 from Engine 7, located on Duane Street, near  
22 Ground Zero. His heartbroken mother Regina said  
23 that Richard was "so wonderful, always happy,  
24 always good, I really got lucky to be his mother."

25 Lieutenant Nappi was a huge Bruce

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2 Springsteen fan and taught a new generation of  
3 firefighters as a volunteer firefighter and a  
4 deputy chief instructor in Suffolk County.

5 In addition, he was described by so  
6 many friends as having a heart of gold. They  
7 remember that a few years ago, he shaved his head  
8 to show support for a foundation that helped  
9 children with cancer.

10 Lieutenant Richard A. Nappi was the  
11 1,1142nd firefighter to die in the line of duty  
12 since the founding of the Fire Department of the  
13 City of New York in 1865. Lieutenant Nappi is  
14 survived by his wife Mary Anne, their daughters  
15 Kathryn, 12, their son Nicholas, 11, his mother  
16 Regina, family friends, fellow firefighters and  
17 millions of New Yorkers whose lives he has kept  
18 safe every day of the 17 years he was in our Fire  
19 Department.

20 On March 2nd, 2012, Luis Reyes  
21 Rivera, 66, passed away after a brief illness.  
22 Luis Reyes Rivera was known as the "people's poet"  
23 because of his embrace of the issues of everyday  
24 people. His sharpest point of focus was on the  
25 connection between African American and Latino

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2 culture. He hosted a radio show on WBAI, was the  
3 recipient of a New York Foundation for the Arts  
4 fellowship and earned countless awards and  
5 commendations for his poems and essays

6 In addition, he was a recognized  
7 scholar on African American and Caribbean history  
8 and literature. He was born in 1945 and raised in  
9 Brooklyn. He was a graduate of Boys and Girls  
10 High School and City College and was a key person  
11 in the struggle of black and Puerto Rican students  
12 in the 1960s. He was chair of the New York  
13 Chapter of the National Writers Union. He is  
14 survived by his wife, his two daughters, a son and  
15 four grandchildren.

16 I also would like all of us to send  
17 our prayers and best wishes for the recovery of  
18 New York City Police Officer Eder Loor, who was  
19 stabbed in the skull yesterday and remains in  
20 critical condition, but hopeful condition, after  
21 brain surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital.

22 Lastly, on April 5th, 2012, Gil  
23 Noble, 80, a seven-time Emmy Award-winning  
24 television journalist passed away due to  
25 complications of a stroke he suffered last summer.

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2 Born in Harlem in 1932, Gil Noble was the son of  
3 Jamaican immigrants. His mother was a teacher and  
4 his father owned an auto repair shop. Gil  
5 attended City College and served in the Army  
6 during the Korean War.

7           After working at WLIB radio for  
8 five years, he was hired at WABC-TV in 1967, where  
9 he worked as a reporter and was soon after named  
10 anchor of the weekend newscast. As a host of the  
11 award-winning Sunday morning public affairs show  
12 "Like It Is," which began broadcasting in 1968,  
13 Mr. Noble highlighted black leadership and the  
14 African American and Caribbean American  
15 experience.

16           Although "Like It Is" was a local  
17 New York City show, Mr. Noble attracted guests  
18 from around the world. They ranged from Lena  
19 Horne, Mohamed Ali, Harry Belafonte, Sammy Davis  
20 Jr., Dizzy Gillespie, to name a few, to mayors,  
21 national leaders and Caribbean and African heads  
22 of state.

23           When asked about some of his  
24 controversial guests, he responded that he saw his  
25 program as a platform for all ideas and all

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2 perspectives. Gil Noble was a broadcasting  
3 legend, who shaped the conversation in New York  
4 City and around the world for decades. He is  
5 survived by his wife Norma Jean, their four  
6 daughters and a son, along with eight  
7 grandchildren, and if I could call on Council  
8 Member Barron to say a few words?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you  
10 very much. Gil Noble and both Luis Reyes Rivera  
11 were close friends of mine and I'm going to miss  
12 them dearly. One, an activist poet, but Gil Noble  
13 was a legend. He was an icon in our community and  
14 "Like It Is" was an institution. We're very, very  
15 glad that at least he did, before he passed away,  
16 he has the rights to all of his "Like It Is"  
17 programs. So that way, it could be  
18 institutionalized and ABC and others, we're all  
19 working with him to see to it that it gets in our  
20 school system.

21 He was a historian, a gentle man, a  
22 gentle spirit. We all knew him for his great  
23 interviews, whether it's Minister Farrakhan, which  
24 was controversial, they say, or if it was Lena  
25 Horne, as was mentioned, W. E. B. DuBois, Adam



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2 Clayton Powell, Martin Luther King, and he did  
3 some great work on Malcolm X. It didn't matter  
4 who the leader was, as the Speaker said, and the  
5 range of people, no matter what the controversy  
6 was, he was there. He fought for freedom, for  
7 political prisoners, for anyone that he thought  
8 was doing something. He loved his community. His  
9 book, autobiographical book, "Black is the Color  
10 of my Tube," is a book that he put out there.

11 So Gil Noble and Lisa Noble, his  
12 daughter, is going to continue his legacy. We  
13 miss him greatly. He had a great home going at  
14 Abyssinian Baptist Church and everybody that you  
15 can think of was there: Danny Glover, Susan  
16 Taylor, Dr. Jeffries, all of us bid him farewell.  
17 But Gil Noble, you're going to be missed, my  
18 brother, but rest in peace for a job well done.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr.  
20 Majority Leader.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you,  
22 Madame Speaker. We move on to adoption of the  
23 minutes. Council Member Dromm?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: [off mic].

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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Messages and papers from the Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I wasn't on, sorry. I motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 14th, 2012 be adopted as printed.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Messages and papers from the Mayor?

CLERK: Preconsidered M 774, submitting James Stolpinski for appointment to the Waterfront Management Advisory Board.

SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Communications from City, County and Borough Offices?

CLERK: Preconsidered M 775, budget modification.

SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

CLERK: M 776, Battery Maritime Building.

SPEAKER QUINN: Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses.

CLERK: M 777 to M 794 on page four, base station licenses.

SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Petitions

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and communications?

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CLERK: None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Land Use

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Call-ups?

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CLERK: M 795 and 796.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Could we couple all

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of those please and have a roll call on the Land

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Use Call-ups?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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CLERK: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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CLERK: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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CLERK: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No

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CLERK: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: [No

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CLERK: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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CLERK: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: [off mic]

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CLERK: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

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CLERK: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.

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CLERK: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Yes.

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2 CLERK: Greenfield?  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [No  
4 response].  
5 CLERK: Halloran?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [off  
7 mic].  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on  
10 all.  
11 CLERK: Ignizio?  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No  
13 response].  
14 CLERK: Jackson?  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
16 all.  
17 CLERK: James?  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.  
19 CLERK: Koo?  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.  
21 CLERK: Koppell?  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.  
23 CLERK: Koslowitz?  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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CLERK: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye. And

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on the General Order Calendar.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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CLERK: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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CLERK: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No

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CLERK: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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CLERK: Nelson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [No

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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CLERK: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [No

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CLERK: Recchia?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.  
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.  
5 CLERK: Rodriguez?  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.  
7 CLERK: Rose?  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.  
9 CLERK: Sanders?  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [off mic]  
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12 [Background noise]  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote  
15 aye.  
16 CLERK: Seabrook?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.  
18 CLERK: Ulrich?  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.  
20 CLERK: Vacca?  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.  
22 CLERK: Vallone?  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.  
24 CLERK: Van Bramer?  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [off mic] I request consent to vote on all the Land Use Call-ups and all coupled on General Orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Can we get silence in the chambers?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on all.

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [No response].

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CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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CLERK: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Yes. May I have permission to vote on all Land Use Call-ups and General Order Calendar?

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SPEAKER QUINN: I apologize. We are still working on the audio in the chambers, clearly. Every vote you take, you have to wait for the sergeant to get you a microphone. If you don't say your vote into the microphone, there is no way that there will be a permanent record of it. So you need to say your votes into the

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIS: With  
consent, I would like to vote on all the General  
Orders now.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIS: Aye on all.

CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and  
I would like to ask permission to vote aye on all  
on the General Order.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I didn't  
speak in the mic, do I have to reiterate?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes, for  
safe bets, yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Unanimous  
consent to vote on all Land Use Call-ups, all  
coupled on General Orders on today's agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on

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all. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Can I get a mic to the Minority Leader? The Minority Leader right there?

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all Land Use Call-ups.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I request unanimous consent--

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Can we get silence in the chambers?

SPEAKER QUINN: Sorry. Quiet. Sorry, Charles.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: That's all right. Thank you. To abstain on Preconsidered Reso M 797, to abstain on Reso 1310 and to abstain on Preconsidered LU 593, Reso 1305 and aye on all the rest.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Today's Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative. We now move on to Communications from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I first want to make note for everyone in the chambers about an important birthday. Now it's not one of our colleagues, it's not even a human being, but it is an entity that I think you hold as dear as some of your personal friends, it's NY1. I bet some of you may not have realized, but we are coming up on NY1's 20th birthday.

So I just wanted to take a moment on behalf of the entire City Council to congratulate NY1 on it's 20th birthday. In particular, to note that it began in 1992, the year I began working here as a chief of staff, the same year our Minority Leader began here as a chief of staff. So I think clearly, Jimmy, they are following us and always a wise position for anyone or anything to take.

But more seriously, I want to thank NY1, because in a city that is this big, where you

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2 have enormous news outlets and competition for  
3 news coverage, it is sometimes hard to get  
4 attention on local stories and local issues, the  
5 exact kind of issues we're charged with dealing  
6 with as the City Council, the exact kind of issues  
7 that can be life or death for our constituents,  
8 the exact kind of issues that can make life much  
9 more challenging and difficult for our  
10 constituents.

11                   The 20 years of having NY1 on the  
12 scene of politics and government has helped us get  
13 those local stories out and often get relief for  
14 our constituents and change for our constituents.  
15 So I just want to ask us all to take a moment and  
16 give a round of applause to NY1 on its 20th  
17 birthday.

18                   [Applause]

19                   SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. We are  
20 also voting today on Intro 711-A, which was  
21 introduced by Chair Jimmy Van Bramer, the chair of  
22 our Cultural Affairs Committee. I want to thank  
23 Terzah Nasser and Tami Hu [phonetic], who worked  
24 on this bill. Intro 711-A is an expansion of the  
25 Library Card Act which we passed a number of years

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That law requires that the  
Department of Education--

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SPEAKER QUINN: And we should check  
if that's a real situation or not. Let's just  
find out if we... It's amazing what \$150 million  
renovation doesn't get you, I'm just saying.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Well, we'll just  
finish the Library Act until we figure out if we  
have to evacuate.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Quiet in  
the chambers.

SPEAKER QUINN: This piece of  
legislation expands the requirement beyond the  
Department of Education onto other city agencies,  
like the Administration for Children's Service,  
DYCD, HRA, Department of Homeless Services that  
interact with young people, requiring all of them  
to make library card applications available. I  
want to thank the chair and author of the bill,  
Chair Van Bramer, and call on him for a few words.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank

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2 you very much, Madame Speaker, for your advocacy  
3 on behalf of libraries.

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SPEAKER QUINN: It's a false alarm.

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Go ahead, Jimmy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: That's

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a very good thing. I want to just say that Intro

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711-A is part of our ongoing efforts to make sure

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that every child in the City of New York has a

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library card and therefore access to all of the

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free programs and services that they have to

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offer. Nearly a million children in the City of

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lot already and need to do more to address.

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Since the Library Card Act of 2010

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making sure that kids in pre-kindergarten have

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access to library cards and also families and

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children who are interacting with DYCD, HRA, DHS

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and ACS are made aware of all of the treasures

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that are inside libraries. And some of the

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families that are obviously interacting with those

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2 agencies are going through crises and what better  
3 place to have those children and families go to  
4 than our local public libraries.

5 So on this Library Day, here at  
6 City Hall Park, with Council Member Gentile and I,  
7 we take the next step into making sure that every  
8 child has a library card. I just want to thank  
9 the heads of our three public library systems, Tom  
10 Gallante, the CEO of the Queens Library; Linda  
11 Johnson, the president and CEO of the Brooklyn  
12 Public Library; Tony Marx, president and CEO of  
13 the New York Public Library; Laura Popa, Terzah  
14 Nasser, Tai Meah, Tonya Cyrus, Shadawn Smith and  
15 Matt Wallace from my staff for all the work that  
16 they've done on this. Thank you very much.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr.  
18 Chair. I also want to thank the Finance Committee  
19 Chair Domenic Recchia for his work on  
20 Preconsidered M 775 and Preconsidered Intro 838.  
21 I want to thank the chair of our Rules, Privileges  
22 and Elections Committee for work on the  
23 appointments we are voting on today. Lastly, I  
24 want to call on the chair of our Environmental  
25 Protection Committee and sponsor of Intro 544-A.

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2 I want to thank Laura Popa, Samara Swanston and  
3 Jeff Baker for their work on 544-A.

4 This piece of legislation is going  
5 to require the Department of Environmental  
6 Protection to undertake an assessment of the  
7 electricity generation capability of the city's  
8 water supply and waste treatment city and other  
9 bodies of water within the city's jurisdiction as  
10 it relates to hydroelectric power.

11 There are other cities in this  
12 country, such as Boulder, Colorado that are  
13 generating a significant amount of the city's  
14 power using hydroelectric power. And it's kind of  
15 odd if you think about it, as a city that is made  
16 up in significant part of islands, a city that is  
17 a river city, a city whose greatness began as a  
18 significant port, that we are behind the curve or  
19 behind the tide, if you will, as it relates to  
20 hydroelectric power.

21 This study is going to get us on  
22 target to begin using, in a much greater way  
23 beyond the pilot we presently having going with  
24 Verdant Energy to be using and expanding  
25 hydroelectric power in a way that will allow us to



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2 meet our goal of reducing the city's carbon  
3 footprint the equivalent of the entire carbon  
4 footprint of the City of Oakland, by 2030, moving  
5 us off of fossil fuels and allowing us to really  
6 achieve our goal of being a greener, greater city.

7           So I want to thank all of the staff  
8 who worked on this, particularly Laura Popa, who  
9 is so focused on making sure we meet all of our  
10 green goals, and now call on our green leader,  
11 Chair Jim Gennaro.

12           COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you,  
13 Madame Speaker. Thank you for your leadership and  
14 thank you for all of your staff that worked very  
15 hard on this bill. We also used a lot of  
16 committee time, had a fair amount of hearings on  
17 this very important subject.

18           This is a first in the nation type  
19 of bill, where we really call upon the city's DEP  
20 to do a comprehensive analysis of not just  
21 conventional hydropower, which we already do some  
22 of, but new style, very, very high tech hydro that  
23 is certainly gotten the attention of a lot of  
24 folks. In all of the work that we've done, we  
25 know that large corporations are putting a lot of

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2 money into this, also green energy startups, you  
3 know, fueled by venture capital. The federal  
4 government we were in concert with on this with  
5 the Department of Energy and the Idaho National  
6 Laboratory, working with the good folks also from  
7 the state on this.

8           This would, like the Speaker said,  
9 require the DEP to perform a very, very  
10 comprehensive assessment so we would know how much  
11 power we could get from this kind of technology.  
12 We are looking at for the future of having one  
13 percent of more of the energy needs for the city  
14 met by this technology. This is not only  
15 something that will be helpful to the city, but  
16 all of the people that are involved in this  
17 technology throughout the country are looking at  
18 what the results of our study are going to be.

19           So this is a very, very good bill  
20 and it took us a long time to get here. We worked  
21 with many partners that I mentioned, from the  
22 state and federal government. But I would like to  
23 echo what the Speaker said regarding thanks to  
24 Laura, who's worked so long and hard on this and  
25 also to Jeff Baker and to Samara Swanston and Dan

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2 Avery, Amber Gonzalez and the good folks from DEP  
3 and the Bloomberg administration, with whom we  
4 reached agreement on this bill. So this is  
5 negotiated and everyone is for it and I would  
6 certainly urge a yes vote.

7 Thank you very much, Madame Speaker  
8 for this time and for your leadership on this  
9 important issue.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Chairman  
11 Gennaro. I just want to say that I noted that as  
12 Intro 544-A but it's Intro 534-A, so just to  
13 correct the record. That concludes Communications  
14 from the Speaker.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you  
16 very much, Madame Speaker. We move on to  
17 discussion of General Orders. Seeing none, we  
18 move on to Reports of Special Committees.

19 CLERK: None.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of  
21 Standing Committees?

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
23 Civil Service and Labor, Intro 658-A.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and laid  
25 over.

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International  
4 Intergroup Relations, Intro 711-A, Library Card  
5 Act.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled  
7 on General Orders.

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
9 Environmental Protection, Intro 534-A, Electricity  
10 Generation of the City's Water Supply.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled  
12 on General Orders with a message of necessity.

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
14 Finance, Preconsidered Intro 838, Mayor's  
15 Executive Budget.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
17 Orders.

18 CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 1298,  
19 transparency reso.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
21 Orders.

22 CLERK: Preconsidered M 775 and  
23 Reso 1302, budget modification.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
25 Orders.

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2 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 591 and  
3 Reso 1303 through 593 and Reso 1305.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
5 Orders.

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
7 Land Use, LU 586 and Reso 1306 through 589 and  
8 Reso 1308, landmark designations.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
10 Orders.

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
12 Rules, Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered M  
13 774 and Reso 1309, approving the appointment of  
14 James Stolpinski, Waterfront Management Advisory  
15 Board.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
17 Orders.

18 CLERK: Preconsidered M 797 and  
19 Reso 1310, approving the re-designation of Robert  
20 F. Nolan, Health and Hospitals Corporation.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: General  
24 Order Calendar?

25 CLERK: Resolution appointing

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various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders. And at this time I'd like to ask for a roll call on all items that have been coupled on the General Order Calendar please.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CLERK: Brewer? Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No response].

CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Am I on?

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Thank you, Mr. Leader. I just would ask for the

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opportunity to speak on my vote. This is

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something I should have mentioned before during my

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remarks. But my Legislative Director Bill Murray

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Murray. I want to give him due recognition.

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Thank you, Bill, for that. With that, I vote aye

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CLERK: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: During

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colleague Jimmy Van Bramer and vote aye on all.

CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: She needs  
the mic, I believe. She needs the mic.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
all.

CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: DCAS, you  
can call 311 for DCAS.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote  
aye on all and I ask permission to vote aye on the  
call-ups as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
all.

CLERK: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.



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3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.  
4 CLERK: Koslowitz?  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.  
6 CLERK: Lander?  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.  
8 CLERK: Levin?  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.  
10 CLERK: Mark-Viverito?  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye  
12 on all.  
13 CLERK: Mealy?  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No  
15 response].  
16 CLERK: Mendez?  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.  
18 CLERK: Palma?  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye  
20 on all and I--  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:  
22 [interposing] Hold on one second, Council Member.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye  
24 on all Land Use Call-ups and I vote aye on the  
25 General Order Calendar.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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CLERK: Seabrook?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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CLERK: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

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CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye  
on all.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items  
on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by  
a vote of 47 in the affirmative with zero in the  
negative and zero abstentions, with the exception  
of Preconsidered M 797 and Reso 1310, which was  
adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero  
in the negative and one abstention; and  
Preconsidered Land Use item 593 and Resolution  
1305, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the  
affirmative, zero in the negative and one  
abstention; and the revised Land Use Call-ups were  
adopted of 47 in the affirmative and zero in the  
negative.

We now move on to Introductions and  
Readings of the bills.

SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are

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referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you.  
Discussion of resolutions? We have no resolutions  
for today, so we move on to--we need Council  
Member Crowley to vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote  
aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay, she  
votes aye. We'll move on to general discussion at  
this point. We have Council Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.  
My colleagues I rise this afternoon to let you  
know, if you're not aware, tomorrow the Education  
Committee will be holding a hearing on the 16th  
Floor Hearing Room at 1:00 p.m. and the subject is  
co-location of schools. It's a huge hearing, so I  
ask you to get there early. There are going to be  
a lot of people that are going to ask a lot of  
questions and a lot of people are going to be  
speaking. So it's co-location of schools,  
tomorrow, 1:00 p.m. on the 16th Floor.

But also, I wanted to just let you  
all know that obviously I heard Charles Barron  
speak about the passing of Gil Noble. I was at

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2 the wake and at the funeral. It was truly, truly  
3 a tribute to his life and his legacy. Obviously,  
4 "Like It Is" will stay on forever with respects to  
5 that he owned the right to every particular show  
6 that was recorded. His family and friends,  
7 there's a fund in order to preserve those and  
8 digitize those. So we're asking people, if you  
9 want to know, we'll send out information where  
10 contributions can be sent.

11 But also, someone, a very, very  
12 famous artist that was living in Mexico, Elizabeth  
13 Catlett, if you don't know, she passed away I  
14 believe at the age of 94. She was a leader in the  
15 arts. And in fact, when she passed away, "The New  
16 York Times" ran an obituary of her, almost an  
17 entire page. So I'm looking to do something in my  
18 district at the statue that she built on 151st  
19 Street and Riverside Drive, entitled "The  
20 Invisible Man."

21 So those two giants in various  
22 fields, we just wanted to say thank you for the  
23 life and legacy that they have put forward to the  
24 entire world. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you

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very much. We now have Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. First I want to call my colleagues to Resolution 1301, in support of creating a tickertape parade for the veterans in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Although I'm personally opposed to those wars, I believe that our veterans have in best faith gone forward to help this country and help their families. They come looking for jobs and other such and not getting a thing that was promised to them. The least that we can do is give them a tickertape parade like other cities have done. So I ask my colleagues to sign on.

I also, I would like to lend my voice to that of Gil Noble. Every Sunday, growing up, my mother forced me to watch "Like It Is," and little did I know the great work she was doing, learning so much about my history and many things that were not taught in schools. It was one of my dreams to one day get on "Like It Is." Unfortunately, that will not happen now but his impact has remained on me. So thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. We next have Council Member Darlene

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I would like to vote aye on all General Call-ups and all General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.  
Next, we have Council Member Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.  
I'm urging all my colleagues to sign on a resolution that I'm introducing, Resolution 1293. The resolution calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass and Governor to sign the bill legislation to establish Asian Lunar New Year as an official holiday for New York City students.

The Asian population has grown tremendously and about 14 percent of the students in our school are considered to be Asian American and Lunar New Year is one of the most celebrated holidays in our city. Some schools in my district, where close to three-quarters of the students are Asian, they are marked absent for the day and it still reflects on their record.

So I just wanted to urge my colleagues to sign on to this resolution to make Asian Lunar New Year a holiday that all of us can

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celebrate together. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Seeing no others, the revised items on the General Order Calendar was adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative and zero abstentions, with the exception of Preconsidered M 797 and Reso 1310, which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, with zero in the negative and one abstention, and Preconsidered Land Use item 593 with Reso 1305, which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and one abstention, and the revised Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative with zero in the negative.

This meeting is now adjourned.



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ *Donna Hintze* \_\_\_\_\_

Date May 2, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_