

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

CHARTER MEETING

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January 9, 2013
Start: 1:10 p.m.
Recess: 1:48 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Margaret Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Sara M. Gonzalez
David Greenfield
Daniel J. Halloran
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Letitia James
Andy King
Peter Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad Lander
Jessica S. Lappin
Stephen Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Darlene Mealy
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Christine C. Quinn
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah Rose
Eric Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Rise for the
3 Pledge of Allegiance.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

5 MULTIPLE VOICES: I pledge
6 allegiance to the flag of the United States of
7 America and to the republic for which it stands,
8 one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
9 and justice for all.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Roll call.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No
19 response].

20 [Pause]

21 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Can we get
22 some silence in the chambers?

23 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.
 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.
 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.
 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.
 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.
 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.
 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [No
 response].
 [Pause]
 COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.
 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.
 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.
 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [No

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response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: King.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [No response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [No
9 response].
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [No
12 response].
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Yeah.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: We have a quorum.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: A quorum is

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present. My colleagues, please rise for the

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invocation being delivered today by our colleague

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Council Member Helen Diane Foster from the 16th

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Council District in the Bronx.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: This is

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what you call being the ram in the bush, when you

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don't have a minister, you get a minister's

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daughter. If we'll just take a moment and bow our

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heads. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for

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this time and this place and the people assembled.

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We ask you to bless us as we do your work and

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remember our job is to do damage to injustice and

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go out and help the people. Lord, keep us from

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2 wandering from thee and remind us that we are held
3 to a higher calling, and to whom much is given,
4 much is required, and let us do what is required
5 of us. Bless everyone that is here, that is
6 assembled, and bless us as we go out and do your
7 work. These in all blessings we ask in your son
8 Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

9 MULTIPLE VOICES: Amen.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Now that has
11 to be one of the best invocations we've had in a
12 very long time. Council Member Mendez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Motion to
14 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.
17 If we can get silence again, I know we're excited
18 over Council Member Foster's invocation but--

19 [Crosstalk]

20 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] And
21 if I could ask my colleagues to rise. First,
22 before I do our one moment of silence, I also want
23 us to ask us during this moment of silence, there
24 was, I think most folks have heard, a serious
25 ferry accident in lower Manhattan today on a

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2 commuter ferry from New Jersey. There are a
3 significant number of people who have been
4 injured, two very seriously injured; one of those
5 two, critical. Numerous others, I think we're up
6 to about 50, is that correct? Fifty-two people
7 who are injured, and more information coming in,
8 obviously, as they are being treated, but we want
9 to keep them, particularly the two that are
10 serious and the one who is critical, in our
11 thoughts and prayers throughout the course of
12 today.

13 I also wanted to make note that on
14 January 8th, 2013, Jeanne Manford, 92, a retired
15 schoolteacher whose unconditional love for her gay
16 son led her 40 years ago to found PFLAG, Parents,
17 Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, she
18 passed away on January 8th.

19 In 1972, Jeanne turned on the TV
20 news and saw her son, Morty, being beaten at a gay
21 rights protest. Outraged, she took action and
22 marched with her son in a Gay Pride parade. She
23 then started the PFLAG movement before the advent
24 of e-mail, cell phone, Twitter, or anything like
25 that with only a sign she had made that read,

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2 "Parents of Gays, Unite and Support for our
3 Children." Today, there are 500 chapters of PFLAG
4 in all 50 states. Jeanne's activism, at a time
5 when many parents were hesitant to even
6 acknowledge that their children were gay, opened
7 many hearts and minds across the country.

8 In 2009, President Barack Obama
9 said that Jeanne's work--said, "Jeanne's work was
10 called the story of America, of ordinary citizens
11 organizing, agitating, educating for change, of a
12 hope stronger than hate, and of love more powerful
13 than any insult or injury."

14 Jeanne was a dear friend of Council
15 Member Danny Dromm and Danny's mom, and I'd like
16 to ask him to say a few words. I just want to
17 thank Danny 'cause I did not know that Jeanne had
18 passed. In his e-mail last night, I'm on his e-
19 mail list, let me know about this, so thank you,
20 Danny, for making sure many of us who are in such
21 debt to Jeanne have this moment to thank her and
22 to keep her and her family in our prayers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you,
24 Madam Speaker. I was truly saddened to learn of
25 the passing of my dear friend, Jeanne Manford.

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2 Through her unconditional love for her gay son,
3 Morty, Jeanne was able to open countless hearts
4 and minds across the country. A former
5 schoolteacher, Jeanne taught us that lesbian, gay,
6 bisexual, and transgender people are your family,
7 friends, and neighbors.

8 When Jeanne stepped off into the
9 1972 New York City Gay Pride March as the proud
10 mother of a gay son, she started a worldwide
11 movement. Never before had a parent openly
12 expressed their support for a gay child. Jeanne
13 broke down those barriers. Her activism over the
14 last 40 years and the founding of Parents,
15 Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has
16 changed the way that parents and their LGBT
17 children relate.

18 In 1993, Jeanne and I founded the
19 Queens chapter of PFLAG because as she grew older,
20 she wanted to be able to continue her activism in
21 her home, from her home in Flushing, New York,
22 where we both lived. As a matter of fact, Madam
23 Speaker, we chose Jeanne to be the Grand Marshal
24 of the first Queens Pride parade that year because
25 the theme of the parade was A Family of Pride and

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we felt that she best represented that theme.

Jeanne will be remembered by history as being the mother of the modern day gay rights movement, in much the same way that Rosa Parks is remembered as being the mother of the black civil rights movement. May God bless Jeanne Manford.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader, but I'm going to ask everybody to stay standing 'cause you're going to--we now have good news to report, not somebody passing, but great news which is that I got a wonderful, wonderful e-mail a week or so ago from Jimmy Oddo, and in that e-mail... So--

[Off mic]

MALE VOICE: I've never seen her wordless.

SPEAKER QUINN: Well no, no, no, I'm not speechless 'cause of that, the e-mail, honestly, was one of the nicest e-mails I've ever gotten because Jimmy was at my brother-in-law's funeral and my brother-in-law, Anthony's twin, talked in his eulogy about it, he sat down at

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2 Anthony's desk to begin writing his eulogy and he
3 found a note on Anthony's desk that said Heather
4 on the Hills. And then Jimmy went and got the--
5 not this Jimmy, Jimmy Catulo [phonetic], went--
6 they're all Italians, go with Anthony, Jimmy, or
7 Louis and you'll be fine--but Jimmy Catulo went
8 and got the words of Heather on the Hills and it
9 was part of his eulogy. And then Oddo, in the
10 lovely e-mail said that he'd been so moved by that
11 that was part of his proposal to his wonderful
12 girlfriend, Kim, who is now his...

13 [Applause]

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Now you're all
15 assuming she said yes before I told you she said
16 yes. She said yes.

17 MALE VOICE: She said yes, he
18 kneeled down.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: So congratulations,
20 Jimmy Oddo.

21 [Off mic]

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Jimmy, you want to
23 say anything?

24 FEMALE VOICE: No.

25 MALE VOICE: No.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Okay. Let the record reflect it was one of the few times that Quinn and Oddo were tough to find words. But anyway, Jimmy, congratulations.

And that is that for that.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And congratulations, Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please, keep it down.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Adoption of the Minutes?

COUNCIL CLERK: None.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Messages and Papers from the Mayor? Can we get--

COUNCIL CLERK: None.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --silence in the chambers?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Communication from City Council and Borough Offices?

COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Petitions and
3 Communications?

4 COUNCIL CLERK: M 1026,
5 Communication from Council Member James Sanders
6 submitting his resignation as a member of the City
7 Council.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, Ordered,
9 Printed, and Filed.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Land Use Call-
11 ups.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: M 1027 and M 1028
13 on page two.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple
15 those and have a roll call vote on the coupled
16 Land Use Call-ups, please.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: [No

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COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No

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response].

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Halloran.

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[Pause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: ...Vote on

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all items on the calendar [off mic].

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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[Off mic]

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: May I be

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excused to vote aye on all [off mic] items?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: King.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye, aye.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [No
response].
COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.
COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.
COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.
COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Today's Land

Use Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 49 in the
affirmative with zero in the negative.

Communication from the Speaker?

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: First, I just want
to make note we are voting on Council Member
Greenfield's legislation out of Consumer Affairs,
Intro 992. I want to thank Council Member
Greenfield and Chair Garodnick for their work on
this and I want to thank Rachel Cordero for her
technical correction work on this bill. I want to
thank Chairperson Recchia and the Finance staff
for their work on Intro 995. I also want to thank

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2 Chair Rivera and the staff for the Rules,
3 Privileges and Elections Committee for the new
4 committee assignments we have today.

5 But the significant piece of
6 legislation that we're voting on today comes out
7 of Housing and Buildings, Intro 967. I want to
8 thank Rob Newman, Laura Rogers, Ed Atkin
9 [phonetic], and in particular, Baaba Halm for her
10 and their work on this piece of legislation. I
11 want to thank the chair of the Housing and
12 Buildings Committee, Erik Dilan, for moving this
13 legislation, and Council Member Gale Brewer, the
14 prime sponsor of the bill.

15 Intro 967, it takes the success and
16 what we learned through Council Member Brewer's
17 Accelerated Enforcement Program and the Council's
18 Safe Housing law, Tish James and myself's law, and
19 takes the work and success of those programs and
20 finds a way to expand it more broadly to more
21 buildings in this city. And basically says that
22 buildings where the same problem reoccurs over and
23 over, landlords should be held responsible to fix
24 the underlying cause of that. It's crazy to have
25 an inspector go back every three or four months to

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2 the same building that has water coming out of a
3 ceiling and not be empowered, that inspector, to
4 require the landlord to either fix the roof or fix
5 the pipes.

6 This piece of legislation, which
7 looks at the underlying causes and now will
8 empower HPD inspectors to do that, will make sure
9 that, A, HPD inspectors are being used more
10 efficiently, and, B, will make sure landlords who
11 are actually slumlords or unscrupulous speculators
12 are held accountable; buildings are brought to
13 safe, livable standards; and we don't, therefore,
14 lose affordable housing by it deteriorating into
15 such a bad state of disrepair.

16 I want to also take a second to
17 thank the staff at HPD who worked with us on this
18 bill, particularly their head of enforcement, Vito
19 Mustaciuolo, who just does an outstanding job.
20 And I'm very excited about this bill and it's
21 ability to make the city a safer and better place
22 for tenants throughout our five boroughs.

23 Again, thank you, Chair Dilan. And
24 let me call on the sponsor of the bill, Council
25 Member Gale Brewer. Here you go, Gale.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair. I want to thank also Chair Dilan, I
4 want to thank HPD and all the advocates. This, as
5 the Speaker indicated, would be a new tool for HPD
6 to use for problematic landlords who do not make
7 needed repairs on their property.

8 It all started when we were talking
9 about how to improve the conditions from the roof
10 to the cellar, which is the kind of inspections
11 that years ago the Speaker and I and others as
12 tenant organizers, certainly Rosie Mendez, have
13 done over the years. This bill is kind of closing
14 the circle on the work that has been done in the
15 Safe Housing Act and those buildings, those 200
16 buildings that are in the AEP program, that AEP
17 program, which the Speaker has mentioned and it
18 has come up several times, has been very cost
19 effective. Repairs have been made, tenants can
20 stay in their apartments, and the city is a better
21 place.

22 So we're sending a clear message to
23 owners that when there's an underlying condition,
24 you need to fix the rest of the problem. We often
25 hear about mold in terms of the recent hurricane

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2 and how horrible it is. Well guess what, there's
3 a lot of mold in apartments in the city of New
4 York, even before the hurricane, and patchwork
5 doesn't work. As was indicated earlier, when you
6 have a mold problem and a leak, it's often a
7 situation when HPD inspectors have to come back
8 and back and back, and this particular legislation
9 would stop that.

10 We assume, we think there are about
11 100 buildings in the first year of this program
12 that could be targeted. I think the rulemaking
13 will take about six months. HPD will focus only
14 on buildings with a history of open violations,
15 particularly those with leak and mold violations,
16 but the rulemaking process will determine exactly
17 how many. The fines would be \$1,000 per unit, but
18 there would be a minimum of \$5,000 because HPD,
19 again, wants to go buildings where there are
20 several units that have leaks.

21 So I am absolutely delighted to
22 sponsor this bill with my colleagues and I think
23 that this would be a efficient way to deal with
24 some of these issues. Obviously, if the problem
25 is not fixed, then a tax lien would be placed on

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the property, just like in the legislation that we talked about earlier.

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, and I'm very excited that this will help tenants.

SPEAKER QUINN: That concludes Communications from the Speaker.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to Discussion of General Orders. Seeing none, we now move on to Reports of Special Committees.

COUNCIL CLERK: None.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Reports of Standing Committees?

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Consumer Affairs, Preconsidered Intro 992, stoop line stands.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Preconsidered Intro 995, date of submission by the mayor of a preliminary management report.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General

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Orders with a Message of Necessity.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the
Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro 967,
issuance of orders for repairs on buildings.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the
Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections,
Preconsidered Reso 1639, approving membership
changes to certain standing committees,
subcommittees, and chairs.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Reso
1632, amending Rule 7 of the Rules of the Council.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
Orders.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: General Order
Calendar.

COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 702, signs
advertising the price of gasoline.

SPEAKER QUINN: Laid over.

COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution
appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
3 Orders. And at this time, I'd like to ask for a
4 roll call on all items that have been coupled on
5 the General Order calendar, please. I just want
6 to make note there are two resolutions we'll be
7 voting on at the end of the meeting. One, Reso
8 1633, is something that has been added since the
9 democratic caucus, so if you're not aware of that,
10 please see Chuck or Ramon or somebody. Or just
11 vote aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Painfully,
16 aye on all.

17 [Background Noise]

18 SPEAKER QUINN: He votes aye on
19 all, Jimmy gets engaged, look out the window,
20 there are pigs flying in New York City, people.
21 And as Jimmy just said, the Mayans were right,
22 it's over.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

First, I just wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. And I just also want to share some good news. January 9th, 1963, was the year that I came to the United States, so 50 years later, I'm in the City Council. This is what American dream is about. So I vote aye. Thank you.

[Applause]

COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.
 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Yes.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Greenfield.
 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.
 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.
 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
 COUNCIL CLERK: King.
 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.
 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
 COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.
 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I would

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2 like to abstain on Preconsidered 992 and aye on
3 the rest.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

15 on all.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I

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just want to say to Speaker Quinn, City Council

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Members, and staff that words cannot express the

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comfort I found in your expressions of support,

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condolences, flowers, cards, and donations to the

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Sandy relief fund in honor of my dad, Louis

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Alexander Carrington. Your presence at the wake

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or funeral at a celebration of his life was

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comforting and a reaffirmation that this council

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body is composed of caring individuals.

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My dad, "Sweet Lou," was my rock

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and the maker of all things better in my life and

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he will be greatly missed. Thank you for helping

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me transition. With warm appreciation. Thank

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you. And I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [No

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on

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COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I

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please explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes, yeah.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Happy New

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Year to all. And I'm going to vote aye on all,

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but I wanted to give a special kudos to Gale

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Brewer for that bill. It's a fantastic bill, I'm

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slightly jealous that I didn't think of it first.

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It's amazing, the brilliance and simplicity.

When I was a tenant organizer, we would have frequent meetings informing tenants that there's nothing we can do if the landlord keeps doing patchwork, and to imagine that all we had to do was get a bill change. And so it's amazing that we had the power all along and none of the brilliant people in the tenant world thought about doing this earlier, and so I'm very happy that Gale Brewer did that. Again, the brilliance and simplicity of fixing this, it's going to be an amazing, amazing new tool for tenant organizers and tenants around the city, so thank you for that. Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

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

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I will be voting yes on all. And I just want to thank you for the kindness about the news. But I do want to say two things: One, I will be moving forward

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2 with my marital status harassment lawsuit against
3 Lew Fidler. And secondly, Inez Dickens, my new
4 engagement does not mean that you and I will have
5 to stop dancing. Thank you. Bye-bye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye on
8 all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All items on
12 today's General Order calendar were adopted by a
13 vote of 49 in the affirmative with zero in the
14 negative and zero abstentions, with the exception
15 of Preconsidered Intro 922, which was adopted by a
16 vote of 48 in the affirmative with zero in the
17 negative and one abstention; and the revised Land
18 Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 49 in the
19 affirmative with zero in the negative.

20 We now move on to Discussion of--

21 MALE VOICE: Introduction of
22 Reading--

23 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --Introduction
24 of Reading of the Bills.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are

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2 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda,
3 please.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
5 much. We now move on to Discussion of
6 Resolutions. We have two resolutions on today's
7 calendar, we have Reso 1352, resolution calling
8 upon employers in New York City to hire more
9 workers over the age of 55, and Preconsidered Reso
10 1633, resolution calling upon the President's
11 Interagency Task Force to Reduce Gun Violence to
12 support the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act and the
13 Fix Gun Checks Act in the final report.

14 We have Council Member Dickens to
15 speak on 1633.

16 Can we get silence in the chambers?

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down,
18 please, keep it down.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you,
20 Mr. Majority Leader. I want to thank Speaker
21 Quinn and her staff and Finance Chair Recchia and
22 the entire Finance committee for their fast and
23 tremendous work on Reso 1633, calling on the
24 President's Interagency Task Force to Reduce Gun
25 Violence to support the Gun Trafficking Prevention

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2 Act and the Fix Gun Checks Act in its final
3 report.

4 The Gun Trafficking Prevention Act
5 of 2012 would amend the United States Code by
6 creating the crime of trafficking or assisting in
7 the trafficking of firearms. Eighty-five percent
8 of the guns recovered at crime scenes in New York
9 City were originally sold--

10 SPEAKER QUINN: [Interposing] I
11 don't mean to interrupt you, but put Inez's time
12 back on the clock, it's loud in here.

13 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down,
14 please, keep it down.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Thanks.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you,
17 Madam Speaker.

18 And purchased in other states.
19 This piece of legislation covers five crucial
20 aspects of which are to focus on entire criminal
21 networks, and ably tough penalties for criminals,
22 cracking down on corrupt gun dealers, providing
23 funding for the ATF, and providing protection for
24 responsible law abiding gun owners. In all,
25 almost every aspect of gun trafficking is

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penalized and covered by this legislation.

We need to stop the gun violence occurring in the neighborhoods of our beloved city. Just the night before last in my district, there were three shootings, resulting in one death. This comprehensive legislation is a start in the right direction to eradicate the illegal guns on our streets.

I am asking my colleagues to please support this resolution for our city, our future, our youth, and our families. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much, Council Member. Council Member Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you, my colleagues. Happy New Year to all of you, health, happiness, peace, and prosperity.

I rise in support of the resolution that my colleague, Inez Dickens, spoke about, understanding that these illegal guns, guns in majority all of them that are doing the killing in New York City, are illegal guns that have come up through the pipeline and we need to be able to stand up and say what's right. If you're interested in saving lives, saving children,

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2 saving adults, saving maybe your mother, father,
3 sister, or brother, I ask you to vote aye on this
4 particular preconsidered resolution, understanding
5 that it's going to help all of us in the long term
6 in New York City, but not only that, around the
7 country if it's passed by congress.

8 As the co-chair of the Black,
9 Latino, and Asian Caucus, we had a meeting with
10 Commissioner Kelly and his chiefs where we talked
11 about all of the killings and shootings, and let
12 me just say I'm not happy to say that any killings
13 or shootings have taken place, but majority all of
14 them are people of color, blacks and Latinos. So
15 I ask all of you all to stand up to support this
16 preconsidered resolution.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
19 much. Council Member Williams.

20 MALE VOICE: Thank you, sir.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I also
22 want to rise in support of the resolution and
23 thank the Speaker for--

24 [Pause]

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: --for it

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2 quickly as well. We got to do all that we can.
3 The main thing I want to say we have to do the gun
4 control laws, we have to support this resolution
5 and the resolutions of Senator Schumer and
6 Gillibrand, but we can't just do that.

7 If we only do one part of the
8 problem, we're not going to solve it. There's a
9 supply side and there's a demand side. I'm glad
10 that these gun control laws are going toward the
11 supply side, but there are many things that we
12 need to do to get to the hearts and the minds of
13 people who are picking up the guns and we have to
14 make sure we're just as adamant toward the supply
15 side as well, so I hope we focus on both of them
16 equally. And of course, I rise to support. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
19 much, Council Member. Any others? Council Member
20 Koo?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: First, I want
22 to thank all my colleagues in City Council, and
23 especially Speaker Quinn, for guiding me, you
24 know, in my fruitful few years in City Council.
25 Just like Margaret Chin, I am an immigrant myself,

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2 I came to this country like 42 years ago when I
3 was 17 years old. So and I achieved my American
4 dream and finally have become a representative of
5 my district. So I want to thank each one of you
6 for helping me and guiding me and I look forward
7 to work with you in the years to come. Thank you
8 very much. Happy New Year.

9 [Off mic]

10 [Applause]

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
12 much. Seeing no others, we'll vote on the
13 resolutions. The first one is Reso 1352, all in
14 favor say aye.

15 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All opposed,
17 say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

18 We will now vote on Preconsidered
19 Resolution 1633, all in favor say aye.

20 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Any opposed?
22 Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

23 We'll now move on to General Order
24 Calendar--General Discussions.

25 MALE VOICE: Jackson.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
3 Jackson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.
5 My colleagues, I rise in support of my Intro, and
6 it is Intro number--it's 993, which is a bill, if
7 turned into law, that basically will allow you, if
8 you own a piece of property, a building, or
9 anything like that that is being--someone submits
10 a request to consider your property for landmark
11 status, that you be notified in writing that
12 someone has considered your property for
13 consideration. Right now, if I put in a request
14 to evaluate your property, they don't even notify
15 you, they never even let you know that someone has
16 put in a request. So this bill will basically,
17 within ten days the Landmarks Preservation
18 Commission must notify the owner in writing that
19 someone has put in a request to consider your
20 property for landmark status. That's all the bill
21 does, quite plain and simple. And I ask you to
22 sign on to that particular Intro. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
24 Williams.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sorry. I

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2 don't know if Michael is here, Michael Tomi
3 [phonetic], my intern from the New York Law
4 School, class of 2014, he's been with us since
5 mid-May, he's done a fantastic job and I just
6 wanted to make sure I recognize him. He has
7 decided that concentrating on the last semester of
8 law school was more important than an unpaid
9 internship so he is going back. And I just want
10 to say thank him very much for the great job that
11 he did. Thank you, Michael.

12 [Applause]

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
14 Foster.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.
16 I rise to congratulate the college-educated women
17 of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. January 13th,
18 1913, they were founded. They are the second
19 oldest sorority for college-educated women after,
20 of course, the illustrious women of Alpha Kappa
21 Alpha sorority, of which I am one. But
22 nonetheless, if you think about 100 years ago
23 where we were in this country, for college-
24 educated women to come together to do service for
25 others is a big deal. And, of course, Alpha Phi

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2 Alpha led the way in 1906, of which Council Member
3 Al Vann and Council Member Comrie are members, and
4 then you have Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

5 And so Speaker Quinn is going to
6 give her remarks at a breakfast tomorrow, which is
7 launching their centennial, and they will come
8 together in Washington, D.C., they were founded on
9 Howard University's campus, of which I'm a
10 graduate, but they will come together just like we
11 did in 2008. And at the Rose Bowl parade, Delta
12 Sigma Theta was the first black sorority, but
13 black anything, to have a float in the parade to
14 commemorate their centennial. So I just want to
15 congratulate my sisters because we all are one
16 when it talks about service to mankind, so
17 congratulations. Thank you.

18 [Applause]

19 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
20 much, Council Member. Seeing no others, this
21 meeting is now adjourned.

22 [Gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 *Tammy Wittman*

Date January 22, 2013