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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
Christine C. Quinn
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras
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A P P E A R A N C E S

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James Vacca
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James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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

Rossana Rosado
Publisher
El Diario La Prensa

Patrick Dolan
President
Steam Fitters Union

William McMurrough
President
Mechanical Contractors Association

Tony Saparito
Mechanical Contractors Association

Ann Kansfield
Reverend
Greenpoint Reformed Church

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: So we have three
3 ceremonials today and if I could ask everyone to
4 come up for the first one. Hang on one sec. And
5 if we could ask everyone to come up for this and
6 Rossana if you could be in the middle and this
7 particular council, oh good Council member Mendez
8 who is leading us in this particular ceremonial.
9 Move on over. We have an unbelievable, it is a
10 huge accomplishment for any newspaper to exist for
11 a hundred years. It is almost unheard of in
12 journalism. But to have a newspaper that is
13 targeting a particular community, to not just
14 exist for a hundred years, to grow in stature
15 significance and influence, it's unbelievable.
16 And we are so lucky in New York City to have El
17 Diario La Prensa, to have you as part of the
18 public discourse and dialogue. I don't feel that
19 every time I read the paper but I feel that most
20 of the time. But it's incredibly important
21 because if we are going to remain an immigrant
22 city, we are going to remain the most diverse city
23 in America, a city that recognizes that our
24 greatest strength is our diversity. That the
25 things that are different about us are actually

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2 what makes us all the same and more united. We
3 need publications like El Diario that remind us of
4 our diversity, that serve our diverse communities
5 and challenge all of us in government to do more
6 and do better in serving the diversity of New
7 York.

8 And Rossana, I just want to thank
9 you because in addition to what you do at El
10 Diario you have taken on too long a list of
11 additional civic and public and governmental
12 responsibilities. I think they must have cloned
13 you on those newspaper presses because it's
14 unbelievable how much you're able to get done. So
15 let me turn over the mic over to Rosie and thank
16 you for giving us this opportunity to say thank
17 you and thank you for your unbelievable service
18 and you being an amazing an amazing role model to
19 women, young girls and the entire Latino and
20 Hispanic community.

21 ROSSANA ROSADO: Thank you Madam
22 Speaker. That was very well said. As a native
23 New Yorker, a young Puerto Rican woman growing up
24 here, my weekdays and weekends were spent with my
25 parents bringing one English Daily and La Prensa

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2 and El Diario La Prensa home and it is the paper
3 that means so much to us as Latinos but it means
4 so much to everyone because it really has its
5 pulse on the issues that are happening not just
6 here in New York City but around the world in our
7 communities in Central, South and Caribbean
8 countries and Caribbean islands.

9 A hundred years is an incredible
10 milestone and I don't know who will be here for
11 the next 100 but I am sure that this, I am sure
12 that someone will be here to sing its praises in
13 the next 100 years. On behalf of all my
14 colleagues, thank you, thank you, oh excuse me,
15 gracias, gracias, mil gracias. [off mic] And can
16 the clerk please read the proclamation for the
17 record.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: And if you want,
19 Danny Dromm can read Spanish and make us all look
20 bad.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of
22 New York, Proclamation. Whereas the Council of
23 the City of New York is proud to honor El Diario
24 La Prensa for 100 years of journalistic excellence
25 and outstanding public service to the Latino

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2 communities across the five boroughs and beyond.
3 And whereas El Diario La Prensa is the longest
4 publishing Spanish language daily newspaper in the
5 United States.

6 Since it began as a small
7 publication in lower Manhattan called La Prensa,
8 the newspaper has grown into one of the largest
9 and most influential Latino media outlets in the
10 nation. And whereas in 1963 the original
11 newspaper merged with El Diario de Nueva York
12 forming El Diario La Prensa as it is known today.
13 Like other newspapers El Diario La Prensa has
14 endured incredible changes in the industry and is
15 now a state of the art multimedia operation. That
16 includes print, digital and other platforms.
17 While the technology behind it has undergone
18 tremendous changes the newspaper's commitment to
19 upholding the highest journalistic standards for
20 its readers has never wavered.

21 As a result it remains a major
22 player in New York' landscape, helping tell the
23 story and shape the destiny of the Hispanic
24 community while championing its most important
25 causes. And whereas true to form in El Diario La

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2 Prensa, celebrates its centennial milestone not to
3 reflect upon its rich legacy but instead to
4 reaffirm its commitment with readers, local
5 institutions and other partners to tell the
6 ongoing story of New York's Latino community.

7 We wish a continued success in the
8 years ahead. Now therefore, be it known that the
9 Council of the City of New York including all
10 members of its Black, Latino and Asian caucus
11 proudly honor El Diario La Prensa in celebration
12 of its 100th Anniversary. Christine C. Quinn,
13 Speaker for the entire Council, Rosie Mendez,
14 Council member, Second District, Leroy Comrie,
15 Deputy Majority Leader and many other Council
16 members.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay. Would you say
18 a few words?

19 ROSSANA ROSADO: Thank you.
20 Gracias and it's really my honor to be a steward,
21 the steward of El Diario. I know it seems like
22 I've been there 100 years but I haven't. But I
23 was in this building as a reporter in the early
24 80's and I can tell you that when all the Latino
25 Council people stood up here it was a very small

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2 crowd. So I'm really proud to have had kind of
3 the privilege of the perch that I've had all these
4 years and to watch the growth not just to the
5 community but also of this body and its diversity
6 and especially with so many Latino members
7 representing all parts of the city.

8 And I think that in an age where
9 everything is digital and wonderful and we all get
10 our stuff on I pads, I think it's truly a tribute
11 to be celebrating a hundred years for the brand
12 that is El Diario and that is the newspaper that
13 was started in this city way before there was a
14 word market next to Hispanic, right? It came out
15 of need and it has continued to serve that
16 population and so we hope it's around 400 years
17 more.

18 Some of us want to be gone when
19 that happens but I think it's not just about El
20 Diario's history but it's also about the history
21 of the Latinos in this town and how El Diario has
22 served not just to document that history but also
23 to be part of that history to kind of fight when
24 we needed to fight and I know you're not always
25 happy on the cover but we try to celebrate good

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2 news too and we try to remind people that this is
3 a, that Latinos in general as well as the paper
4 now is part of the fabric of new York. That we
5 come to enrich and most of all, we come to stay.
6 Thank you so much for this honor.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
8 much. Thank you. All right, thank you. Now we
9 are going to move on to our second ceremonial,
10 which I just have to get from Gary who and what it
11 is. Okay, we have two more ceremonials. The next
12 one is going to be led by Council member Crowley
13 on the 40th Anniversary of the Speaker Law,
14 Sprinkler Law, excuse me. And we are honoring the
15 Mechanical Contractors Association and the New
16 York Steam Fitters Local 638 on this the 40th
17 Anniversary of the Sprinkler Law. So if Council
18 member Crowley and those who are here for this
19 could make their way up. Oh here's Liz, okay.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you
21 Speaker. Good afternoon. Today we are
22 celebrating a lot of anniversaries this year.
23 Okay, we are all in place. Okay, so today we are
24 here celebrating the 40th Anniversary of a law that
25 this Council passed, which was groundbreaking,

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2 requiring buildings greater than a hundred feet in
3 height to have sprinkler systems. And we have
4 since passed other legislation similar over the
5 years that require residential units greater than
6 3 units to have similar systems.

7 So today we honor the men and women
8 of the Steam Fitters Union local 638 and also the
9 Mechanical Contractors Association of New York for
10 the work that they do every day and have been
11 doing for years installing these systems, which
12 are lifesaving in a lot of ways. What they're
13 doing is fire suppression, whether we're at work
14 or we're at home or wherever we're visiting.

15 These systems are put in place to protect people's
16 lives. And over the years we have fewer and fewer
17 fire fatalities because of this despite that our
18 fire department working harder than ever before
19 and more and more structural fires happening. So
20 thank you. And I know that Council member Erik
21 Dilan has signed on and the Speaker? [off mic]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of
23 New York, Proclamation. Whereas, the Council of
24 the City of New York is proud to commemorate the
25 40th Anniversary of Local Law 5 and the 12th

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2 Anniversary of Local Law 10 as we honor the
3 members of the Mechanical Contractors Association
4 of New York and the Steam Fitters Local 638 for
5 their life saving contributions throughout the
6 five boroughs. Then whereas in 1973, the City
7 Council enacted Local Law 5. The first
8 groundbreaking fire safety law that required
9 office buildings 100 feet or more in height to be
10 equipped with a sprinkler system or in lieu of
11 that, compartmentation with stair pressurization,
12 one of the most effective means of limiting fire
13 damage.

14 Local Law 5 also requires two-way
15 communication between building lobbies and
16 individual floors for the purpose of fire
17 department command and communications. Many
18 experts recognize this landmark legislation with
19 other cities and buildings codes followed as a
20 watershed event in the reduction of fire deaths.
21 In 1970, three years before the law was enacted
22 310 New Yorkers were killed in fire fatalities.
23 In 2012 our City recorded the lowest of fire
24 fatalities in its history despite a 1% increase in
25 structural fires.

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2 And whereas, local law 10 enacted
3 in 1999 mandated that all newly constructed multi-
4 family dwellings with three or more units must be
5 fully protected by fire sprinklers. Local Law 10
6 also says that in existing buildings sprinklers
7 have to be installed as renovations or alterations
8 equal more than 50% of the value of the building.

9 In the last 10 years alone, fire
10 related deaths in New York City have declined 12%.
11 Last year marked the 7th consecutive year with
12 fewer than 100 fire related deaths and only the
13 12th time since the city began collecting fire
14 death statistics in 1916. And whereas the
15 declines in fire and fire related injuries and
16 deaths can be directly traced to the vast increase
17 in the use of sprinklers in buildings. Nearly
18 every sprinkler in New York City's residential,
19 industrial, and commercial structures which hover
20 above to protect lives, property, and extinguish
21 fires at their early stages owe their
22 effectiveness to the members of the Mechanical
23 Contractors Association of New York and the Steam
24 Fitters Local 638.

25 Now therefore, be it known that the

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2 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
3 Mechanical Contractors Association of New York
4 Incorporated, Steam Fitters Local 638 for their
5 life saving service to all New Yorkers. Christine
6 C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council,
7 Elizabeth Crowley, Council member, 30th District,
8 Queens, Erik Martin Dilan, Council member, 37th
9 District, Brooklyn.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, thank you. I
11 just want to first thank you, Chairs Crowley and
12 Dilan for reminding us about this 40th Anniversary
13 and giving us a moment to have this proclamation
14 and really see the amazing statistics that the men
15 and women of your union through your work have
16 helped bring to the city of New York.

17 You are literally as this
18 proclamation outlines, part of the public safety
19 infrastructure of this city that allows people to
20 go to work safely and put their heads on pillows
21 at night with the real, knowing they are going to
22 wake up in the morning and if god forbid something
23 happens in the middle of the night, there are
24 protections that will help them.

25 So I just want to thank you guys.

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2 This is important work. It's complicated work.
3 If it's work that's done wrong, in exactly the
4 moment of emergency when you need it to be right
5 you don't want it to be done by non-union folks
6 who have not had by no fault to their own the
7 training and the expertise and the apprentice time
8 they need because I don't want a sprinkler to be
9 like, oops. If somebody had a few more hours of
10 training it would have worked but then it's too
11 late. So thank you and if you would convey our
12 thanks to all the men and women who are part of
13 your union and have been for the past forty years.
14 And Liz, I think you're going to recognize
15 everybody and ask them to say a few words.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I just
17 want to thank Patrick Dolan, who is the President
18 of the Steam Fitters Union for being here today.
19 We have a few business agents who are also here
20 with Patrick. We have Robert Bartose, Patrick
21 Daly and Kevin Connelly and from the Mechanical
22 Contractors Association of New York we have Bill
23 McMurrough, we have Tony Saporito and Mr. Abadi,
24 Tony Bronco Abadi. And if I could ask if you
25 would like to say a few words on behalf of your

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organizations, that'd be great.

PATRICK DOLAN: First, I'd like to thank Speaker Quinn and also City Council member Liz Crowley and also many of my friends here that are standing up here from City Council. I would like to thank you because most important it's not about myself taking this proclamation it's for my union, my 7,800 members and our local that go out every day and work hard for a living and put in a piping system that protects the men and women that live in this great city of New York City. So I also would like to thank the City Council because anything that does come up regarding fire protection and any type of piping systems that City council also recognizes that the men and women of 638 are the best trained and quality people to do that installation of the system. So I want to thank City Council also. And now I give the mic to their President of the MCA, Billy McMurrough.

WILLIAM MCMURROUGH: Who will pass it on to Tony Saporito to say a few words. But thank you very much everybody, we really do appreciate it.

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2 TONY SAPARITO: Thank you very
3 much. In the proclamation certainly says it all
4 and I just wanted to thank Council member Crowley
5 and Madam Speaker for this honor of the day and
6 remind the city that our industry is ready,
7 willing and able to work with the Department of
8 Buildings with the City Council to improve
9 technology for our life safety, fire sprinkler
10 systems and all of our mechanical systems, power
11 plants and air conditioning systems but certainly
12 today to honor fire suppression systems which are
13 critical to life safety and thank you very much.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very very
15 much. Thank you. All right, our last ceremonial
16 is all about anniversaries. If I could ask
17 everybody here to help us celebrate the 10th
18 Anniversary of the Smoke-Free Air Act to come on
19 up. All right, if we could ask the folks who are
20 here to, note the 10th Anniversary of the Smoke-
21 Free Air Act to kind of ask themselves as they
22 make their way up we have the New York Coalition
23 for Smoke-Free City, The American Cancer Society
24 Action Network, the American Lung Association in
25 New York, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, the

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2 American Heart Association, the American Stroke
3 Association. So folks could just kind of hurry on
4 up and kind of line up here so we could get going,
5 that would be great. And just as folks are
6 getting lined up I just want to make note that
7 this obviously is an Act we passed 10 years ago
8 and in the Council we have a lot of the members
9 who were sponsors of the Smoke-Free Air Act.
10 Council member Brewer, Comrie, Fidler, Foster,
11 Gennaro, Koppell, Oddo, Recchia, Reyna, Vallone,
12 Vann and Quinn. We were here then and are still
13 here now so let's have a round of applause.

14 And just to give us a sense of what
15 we accomplished, the Smoke-Free Air Act
16 documentation has shown it's prevented an
17 estimated 10,000 premature deaths, smoking rates
18 are down and life expectancy and restaurant
19 patronage are all up. 500 municipalities and the
20 country of Ireland have enacted similar
21 legislation following upon our action. 2009, we
22 extended it with this, with the leadership of
23 Council member Dickens and others to extend to
24 entrances and hospital grounds and in 2011, to
25 smoke free beaches and parks. These are really

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2 important accomplishments that have helped keep
3 our city healthy, to keep New Yorkers alive and
4 perhaps most importantly stopped young people from
5 starting smoking which is the best things that
6 could happen so thank you everyone. This is part
7 of the huge team that has made this happen. If I
8 could ask the clerk to read the proclamation and
9 then we will hear from whichever one of you has
10 been designated your representative. Or you can
11 arm wrestle for it while the clerk is reading.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of
13 New York, Proclamation. Whereas the Council of
14 the City of New York is proud to celebrate the 10th
15 Anniversary of the passage of Local Law 47 of
16 2002, better known as the Smoke-Free Air Act of
17 2002 that commends the numerous organizations that
18 diligently worked on the bill's passage. Then
19 whereas the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2002 was enacted
20 as Local Law 47 on March 30, 2003 to protect New
21 Yorkers from toxic second hand smoke in places of
22 work including bars and restaurants and has had a
23 tremendous and positive impact in the health of
24 all New Yorkers since the law's enactment.

25 And whereas the Coalition worked

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2 diligently to garner public support, educate law
3 makers and ensure the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2002's
4 successful implementation included the New York
5 City Coalition for a Smoke-Free city, the American
6 Cancer Society Action Network, The American Lung
7 Association in New York, The Campaign for Tobacco-
8 Free Kids, and the American Heart Association,
9 American Stroke Association as well as numerous
10 local and grassroots organizations in all five
11 boroughs.

12 And whereas the Smoke-Free Air Act
13 of 2002 has had far reaching effects in the lives
14 of all New Yorkers including longer life spans,
15 improved health, increased tourism, a vibrant and
16 growing number of successful bars and restaurants
17 in all five boroughs as well as most importantly
18 safe and smoke-free places of employment for our
19 city's workforce.

20 And whereas the Smoke-Free Air Act
21 of 2002 has not only served as a catalyst for
22 positive changes in our own city but has also been
23 a model for localities and states across the
24 country and nations around the globe inspiring
25 governments to protect the health of workers and

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bar and restaurant patrons.

Now let be it known that the Council of the City of New York celebrates this 10th Anniversary of the Smoke-Free Air Act and hereby honors the New York City Coalition for a Smoke-Free City, The American Cancer Society Action Network, The American Lung Association in New York, The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and the American Heart Association, American Stroke Association for their extraordinary efforts in advocating for the health of all New Yorkers. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council.

SPEAKER QUINN: And I just want to add to the accomplishments ten years ago. This passage of the Smoke-Free Air Act got Karen Koslowitz to quit smoking. Anything that is going to keep the cause around longer. In my book, that alone would have been enough so thank you all and I don't know if we could hear a few words from, oh here you go.

[off mic]

FEMALE VOICE: So on behalf of the NYC Coalition and our national voluntary partners,

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2 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Heart
3 Association, American Stroke Association, American
4 Lung Association and American Cancer Society, we
5 thank the NYC City Council for this proclamation
6 and commemorating the 10 year Anniversary of the
7 Smoke-Free Air Act, thank you very much. And just
8 as we move into this new era of tobacco control in
9 New York City, we applaud the city council for
10 taking the next bold steps to protecting the
11 health of our youth as well as leveling the
12 playing field for retailers who are complying with
13 the law. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Thank
15 you very much and with these three great
16 anniversaries we conclude today's ceremonials.
17 Thank you very much.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and
19 gentlemen, can I have your attention please. At
20 this time, please place all cell phones and pagers
21 to vibrate. All non-council employees please
22 leave the main floor of the chambers. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER: My colleagues
24 please rise for the pledge of allegiance. All
25 rise. [Pledge]. Roll call.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
5 [no response]
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.
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8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.
9 [no response]
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Chin.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
19 [no response]
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.
21 [no response]
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.
7 [no response]
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick,
11 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.
21 [no response]
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.
23 [no response]
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: James.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.
5 [no response]
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.
7 [no response]
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
15 [no response]
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
22 Here.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.
24 [no response]
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.
8 [no response]
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.
14 [no response]
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

[no response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER: Quorum is present. My colleagues please rise for the invocation being delivered by Reverend Ann Kansfield from Greenpoint Reformed Church.

COMMITTEE CLERK: All rise.

REVEREND KANSFIELD: How many of you can use a vacation? This is your one-minute

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2 moment of Sabbath, of vacation, of rest. I invite
3 you to pause for a moment and give thanks today
4 for someone who has shown you love. For someone
5 who has shown love to someone else, for a city
6 employee who you have seen showing love. I want
7 to pause and give thanks for the fire fighters who
8 raced into a burning building in Greenpoint this
9 morning, a three quarters house. A poorly
10 maintained slum. And they rescued a whole bunch
11 of people, people who needed a bit of love. I
12 give thanks today for the teacher at the ACS
13 funded daycare who so lovingly dried the eyes of
14 the new girl this morning explaining to the other
15 four year olds, my son among them, that she didn't
16 yet speak English. And so they needed to be extra
17 kind to her. I give thanks today for the
18 anonymous Council member who I caught turning the
19 compost in the back of my soup kitchen this
20 weekend because no one wants to do that job.
21 Guide this Council in all that it does to show
22 such love, to do justice, to love mercy and to
23 walk humbly. Amen.

24 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very
25 much. Council member Levin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Motion to
3 spread the invocation and full upon the record.

4 MAJORITY LEADER: Council member
5 Rose? Council member Rose, adoption of the
6 minutes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Adoption of
8 the minutes of the stated meeting of February 27th
9 and March 13th 2013 be adopted as printed.

10 MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my
12 colleagues to please rise and before we have a
13 moment of silence I just want to make a couple of
14 other announcements. I want to recognize Assembly
15 member Inez Barron who is with us today. I also
16 want to note that today is Council member Donovan
17 Richards' 30th birthday so Happy Birthday to
18 Council member Richards.

19 Also, I wanted to make a sad note
20 that on March 18' 2013 Diane Manton the wife of
21 former Congress member and former Council member
22 and former Queens County leader Tom Manton passed
23 away. Diane Manton lived in Astoria, was nurse at
24 hospitals in both Queens and Manhattan. She was
25 known as a neighborhood leader who was involved in

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2 many community efforts in Woodside and was a very
3 active supporter of the Patricia Manning Memorial
4 Fund for Childhood Cancer. Diane is survived by
5 her four children and many grandchildren. Our
6 thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Manton
7 family.

8 And at one of our last stated
9 meetings we made note of the passing of Assistant
10 Majority Leader Inez Dickens' husband and Inez has
11 asked me if she could have a moment to express her
12 gratitude to everyone on the Council. So Inez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you
14 Madam Speaker. I want to express my sincerest
15 thank you to all the members of this body for the
16 support and care that each of you have provided
17 and given to me during this difficult time. Of
18 the personal visits by Speaker Quinn, Mark and
19 David and David G, Jumaane, Dan, Maria, Annabel,
20 Karen, Jessica, Leroy, Ruben, Gale, Tish, Vinnie,
21 Domenic, and the Speaker's central staff and her
22 staff and the calls and emails and texts that I
23 received from Al, Ydanis, Julissa, Melissa, Diane,
24 RJ, Fernando, Vacca, Sara, Charles and Inez, Peter
25 and Dad, Andy and Niva, Jimmy O, Sara G, and Dan

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2 G's car to drive me everywhere I needed to go and
3 Jimmy Van Bramer's daily uplifting texts.

4 I was really surprised and I don't
5 know why for such an outpouring. And for those of
6 you that have lost someone close and in this case
7 someone I shared my home and life with for 31
8 years gives me a void that is so challenging and
9 hard. It's difficult to go into an empty house.
10 That's why I wanted to express my appreciation to
11 all of you for the visits to my home and the calls
12 to check in and even the food that the staff
13 brought. And even to my staff, for Simian, for
14 Sylvia, for Dominique, for Verun, for Darrell, for
15 Lamont, for all of you for standing hard and tall
16 and fast with me.

17 One comfort in these final days was
18 that John was able to crossover to the other side
19 on his own terms. He was initially diagnosed in
20 2009 and the doctors at that time gave him three
21 months to live but I went to Speaker Quinn and she
22 in turn went to Mayor Bloomberg and they made a
23 call. And because of John's strength and the
24 support that they gave me with the hospital
25 facility that initially said that they could not

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2 take him, they did. And they provided four
3 excellent strong years for John to continue to be
4 with me. He lived to the fullest and in his final
5 words, he said, "I have no regrets". Thank you.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Inez.
7 Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

8 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you, Madam
9 Speaker. Messages and papers from the Mayor.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: M1096, Mayor's
11 veto and disapproval message of Introductory
12 Number 434a.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Consumer Affairs.

14 MAJORITY LEADER: Communication
15 from the City, County and Borough offices.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: M1097 Borough
17 President Queens submitted proposed modifications
18 for the Fiscal Year 2014 Preliminary Budget.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,
20 printed and filed.

21 MAJORITY LEADER: Petitions and
22 communications.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

24 MAJORITY LEADER: Land Use Call
25 Ups.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: M1098-1103 on

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SPEAKER QUINN: If we could please

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have a roll call, a coupled call on all of the

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Land Use Call Ups, please Mr. Majority Leader.

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MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: I vote aye

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order calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
aye and with permission I would like to vote on
all coupled general orders.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote
aye. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GNENARO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote

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general orders.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes. [off

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye and I

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would like permission to vote on all coupled

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general orders and resolutions.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye and I also want to have permission to vote on all items on general orders and Land Use.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Sorry. I vote aye and I'd like to vote aye on all matters on the general orders calendars and resolutions.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Thank you. I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye and I request unanimous consent to vote aye on the general order on the calendar as well.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye and

I'd like to ask permission to vote aye on all
general order.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye and I

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ask permission to vote aye on all calendar items?

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Okay. I

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MMEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote

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vote aye on all coupled general orders and

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote aye
with permission to vote on all Call Ups and
general order calendars.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER: Today's Land Use
Call Ups are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
affirmative, with 0 in the negative.
Communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. We have
a number of important pieces of legislation today
but the first one is Intro 694a, it's a piece of
legislation relating to studying the feasibility
of further development of geothermal energy in New
York City which is really a potential energy

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2 source, a clean energy source which could be
3 enormously helpful to the city and enormously
4 helpful to us meeting our goals of reducing the
5 city's carbon footprint.

6 I want to thank Laura Poppell, Bob
7 O'Han and Jeff Baker who have all worked on this
8 piece of legislation as well as Dan Avery and
9 Samara Swanson who have also worked on the
10 legislation but most importantly I want to thank
11 and call on the Chair of our Environmental
12 Protection Committee Jim Gennaro and I want to
13 make note that Chair Gennaro on April 19th will win
14 the 2013 Federal Environmental Protection Agency
15 Environmental Quality Awareness Lifetime
16 Achievement in Public Service which is an enormous
17 recognition from the highest ranking environmental
18 agency in the land about what Jim has done
19 throughout his entire career as a staffer, as a
20 geologist, as a public servant, as an elected
21 official, as a father to make this city, state,
22 country and planet a safer, healthier and greener
23 place. So, Jim, congratulations and tell us why
24 we love geothermal energy.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Oh my

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2 goodness. Thank you Madam Speaker and yes, this
3 is a- we all love geothermal. And this is
4 completely consistent with all the steps we've
5 taken to try to advance solar, to try to advance
6 wind and this is just the next step in that very
7 natural progression.

8 Half of the sun's energy is stored
9 in the Earth just beneath the surface. Constant
10 57 degrees and we can rely upon going down there
11 just putting some pipes in the ground and using
12 that, just using the presence of this natural heat
13 source to heat and cool our buildings. And it
14 will be a great great step forward.

15 It's something that the Bloomberg
16 Administration has embraced. They produced a
17 manual in the past to talk to some of their
18 contractors to try to get them interested and we
19 thought it was really important to go out there
20 and literally write the book on this technology,
21 which is what this bill will do. In talking to
22 the industry and what they needed to really bring
23 this industry forward, we came up with some very
24 very good ideas that will be part of the manual
25 and as a result of our actions they geothermal

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2 heat trade association was formed and this is what
3 we want to do in this city. We really want to
4 catalyze these good green businesses to move
5 forward.

6 I want to thank in a very very
7 special way the Speaker for her ongoing
8 environmental leadership, all the members of the
9 environmental committee, the sponsors of the bill,
10 and the counsel to the committee, our own very
11 good Samara Swanson, who is just so happy with
12 this bill. She worked really long and hard on it
13 and she's just delighted and everyone should be
14 delighted with this bill. And my own guy, Bill
15 Murray, who is here, who works on all my
16 environmental stuff, Paul Leonard, who did the
17 communications and I will end where I began with
18 thanking you Madam Speaker. It's been a great 23-
19 year ride from here on the Council working on this
20 committee and there's more to come and thank you
21 very much for your support. I appreciate it.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
23 much, Jim. And I think we all know that there
24 will be more to come on this issue from you and we
25 thank you for that.

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2 We are voting on a number of pieces
3 of legislation. Three that come out of Government
4 Operations, two that come out of Small Business
5 Committee that relate to the City Council's
6 ongoing efforts to support small businesses in
7 this city of New York and I want to thank Rob
8 Newman, David Sitzler, Tim Metchuzovo, John
9 Russell, Faith Corbett, Ralph Hernandez, Teresa
10 Nozzo, Jeff Campagna, for their work on these
11 pieces of legislation. I want to thank Chair
12 Brewer and Chair Reyna also Council members
13 Koslowitz and Comrie who are also sponsors of this
14 legislation. These pieces of legislation, Intro
15 941a and 956, 949a and 942a collectively take many
16 of the recommendations of the Regulatory Review
17 Commission and I wanted to also thank Council
18 members Oddo and Comrie who served on Reg Review
19 with Council member Reyna, move forward the
20 important issues we heard and concerns from small
21 businesses in that process.

22 Coming up with a standardized
23 customer service training for agency inspectors,
24 particularly 1) that focuses on being able to help
25 businesses where the owner may not speak English,

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2 to make sure we are embracing the same customer
3 service businesses have to. 2) to making sure
4 that the Business Owner's Bill of Rights is
5 something that business owners get in their hand
6 every time an inspector comes into their business.
7 A report that will be issued at the end of the
8 summer that will give us a list for the agencies
9 of any rule, regulation or law in the books that
10 we could change from a first time fine to a first
11 time warning which makes tremendous, tremendous
12 sense and requiring the city agencies that most
13 frequently interact with small businesses to have
14 a liaison appointed in their agency who will
15 report directly to the city's Chief Business
16 Officer within the Mayor's Office. All of this
17 together is going to be another step forward for
18 businesses.

19 I want to thank all of the staff
20 who worked on this. Let me call on Chair Brewer,
21 Council member Koslowitz, Chair Reyna and then
22 Council member Comrie.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
24 very much, Madam Chair. And I'm here to talk
25 about Intro 941, which as you indicated came out

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2 of the Council's regulatory review process and has
3 the goal of making the inspection process for
4 business owners more standardized and consistent.

5 I think we hear time and time
6 again legitimate complaints from businesses about
7 inspectors who give inconsistent and often
8 contradictory instructions on how to comply with
9 agency's rules. The inspectors have mentioned, I
10 mean the Speaker has mentioned several time if you
11 have a sign, maybe it should be on the right side,
12 maybe it should be on the left side but inspectors
13 have to be consistent as to where that sign should
14 be and often they are not. You think you've
15 completed an inspection, somebody else comes in
16 with a new inspection criteria and it is endless
17 frustration for businesses and we need to just
18 stop that.

19 So the Mayor's office will
20 coordinate with different agencies for
21 standardized customer service training curriculum.
22 At the same time we heard from businesses also
23 from Council member Koo regarding the issue of
24 making sure that the training program produces
25 inspectors who are culturally appropriate and know

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2 how to communicate effectively with our many
3 fabulous non-English speaking businesses. This is
4 a huge problem and will be addressed with this
5 legislation. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

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7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank
8 you, Madam Speaker. Intro 956 is a very important
9 change to Local Law 18. Local Law 18 of 2010
10 required the publication of a Business Owner's
11 Bill of Rights. This was an imperative step that
12 informed all business owners of what to expect
13 before and after an inspection by city agencies.
14 Through this legislation business owners were
15 informed of consistent enforcement of agency
16 rules. Business owners were given the ability to
17 give feedback about an inspector or inspectors and
18 the ability to contest a notice of violation.

19 This law also gives business owners
20 a peace of mind by knowing what to expect from
21 each inspector such as an inspector who behaves in
22 a professional and courteous manner, an inspector
23 who can answer reasonable questions relating to
24 the inspections and an inspector with a sound
25 knowledge of the applicable laws, rules, and

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Intro 956 is a minor change to Local Law 18 explicitly requiring that a physical copy of the Business Owner's Bill of Rights be handed out at all non-undercover inspections, which was not previously required. This bill aims to ensure that small businesses are getting as much use out of the Bill of Rights as possible and should be a guide to all business owners during any city inspection. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too often hear from small business owners that want to obey the law. The question whether the goal of city regulations is to improve public safety or to impose fines to cover budget shortfalls. Intro 949a addresses this concern by emphasizing compliance through education, transparency and outreach not punitive measures. 949 will require Department of Buildings, Consumer Affairs, Health and Mental Hygiene, Environmental Protection, Sanitation, Fire and Transportation to conduct a review of the violations they each enforce and to recommend to the City Council and to Mayor Bloomberg violations

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2 that could include a cure period, a period of time
3 for a business to correct any compliance issue
4 without being fined.

5 I look forward to working with my
6 colleagues, Speaker Quinn and the Administration
7 once the agencies report their findings. Intro
8 949a will begin the process of retrospective
9 review but act to change the regulations for which
10 there should be opportunities to cure, will still
11 need to take place.

12 Thank you again to Speaker Quinn
13 and to the Chief Business Operations Officer,
14 Tokumbo Shobowale, for their leadership on the
15 issue of regulatory review. Thank you to my
16 colleagues of the City Council and my committee
17 members for supporting this bill and the Small
18 Business Committee staff, Jeffrey Campagna, the
19 committee's counsel, Faith Corbett, the
20 committee's policy analyst, Ralph Hernandez, the
21 committee's finance analyst and my staff,
22 legislative director Malcolm Sandborn Han for all
23 of their work and dedication and we look forward
24 to further improvement of the environment and
25 culture we are building to allow for small

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2 business growth and protection for our small
3 business owners in the city of New York.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Intro 942a
5 will create an opportunity to have agency liaisons
6 in the major city agencies that will interface
7 with the local Chamber of Commerce and other
8 industry groups which will help keep the lines of
9 communication open enabling city agencies to be
10 more responsive to their questions and concerns.
11 As we look to ensure that New York's economy
12 continues to grow, the relationship the city has
13 with its entrepreneurs will be increasingly
14 important. These new liaisons will make sure that
15 we continue to enhance the opportunities to expand
16 our small business environment, to create
17 opportunities for small businesses to have a one
18 stop shop to find out about their questions within
19 their agencies and to hopefully reduce the process
20 that happens only too often where a person tries to
21 find out information at one agency and gets passed
22 around to five different people.

23 I want to thank Speaker Quinn and
24 my colleagues in the Council for sponsoring this
25 bill and the other bills today and also

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2 congratulate my colleagues on the other bills that
3 are being passed today as part of the regulatory
4 review process and together we will continue to
5 work with small businesses and entrepreneurs in
6 the city to make this a more business friendly
7 city. As we need to ensure that our small
8 businesses are encouraged and entrepreneurs are
9 certainly encouraged. We need to remove the red
10 tape that is shackling them from being able to
11 move forward in their opportunities.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you all for
13 your important work on this package. I also want
14 to thank folks in the Finance Committee for Pre-
15 considered Intro 1032 particularly Tanisha Edwards
16 and Chair Recchia. I also want to thank Chair
17 Comrie and Chair Weprin and the other Chair Levin
18 and Chair Lander for their support in the Land Use
19 Committee around Pier 57 and the Hudson River Park
20 Trust, which is in my district which we're very
21 excited about. The new cultural and
22 entrepreneurial and open space that will bring in
23 particular I want to thank Chuck Maro Martinez,
24 Danielle Deservo and Amy Stokes for their work on
25 Pier 57 and that concludes communications from the

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Speaker.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to discussion of general orders. Seeing none we will now move on to reports of special committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER: Reports of standing committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental Protection Introductions 694a Geothermal Energy.

SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and coupled in general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance. Intro 1032 Budget dates Fiscal Year '14.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 789 and Resolution 1724 Linden Harman, Brooklyn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Governmental Operations Intro 941a

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Training for Agency Inspectors.

SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and
coupled in general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 956
Business Owner's Bill of Rights.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
Committee on Land Use LU 741 and Reso 1725 UDAP
Manhattan.

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

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 783 and
Resolution 1726 through LU 786 and Resolution 1729
on Page 5.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 787 and
Resolution 1730 Special Downtown Jamaica District
Queens.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 788 and
Resolution 1731 Unenclosed Sidewalk Café.

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

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
5 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections.
6 Pre-considered Reso 1732 Membership Changes.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
8 orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the
10 Committee on Small Business Intro 942a Agency
11 Liaisons.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and couple
13 in general orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 949a
15 Agency's Existing Violations.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and
17 coupled on general orders.

18 MAJORITY LEADER: General order
19 calendar.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution
21 Appointing Various Persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
23 orders although this time I would like to ask for
24 a roll call on items that are coupled under
25 general order calendar and also remind folks that

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we have two resolutions to vote on at the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

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

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'd like to commend the Chair of the Environmental Committee, James Gennaro for the work that he's doing particularly with the geothermal energy and looking at solar energy and wind and hydro. Those alternative clean, inexhaustible sources that is much better than the energy that is making profits for people but dangerous to the health of us like nuclear energy and the hydro-fracking for gas and coal and oil. This is a nation and state and a city that really needs to move to those inexhaustible, clean sources of energy. And even in the geothermal program the earned income tax credits that you can even get for your home to have that as a part of a geothermal energy plan coupled with solar. We can get to clean energy, we can get to a greener economy and I just wanted to commend Chair Gennaro for the work he is doing

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in the environmental arena and vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

Congratulations to Jim Gennaro also.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I vote aye

on all matters except for Land Use 741 and Reso

1725 on which I abstain out of my concern that the

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2 filing and withdrawal of this UDAP will lead to
3 the worst of the three possible results, which is
4 nothing.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I vote aye
7 on all on everything that's been on the calendar
8 prior to me arriving. Thank you.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr.

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Leader, I vote yes. And I'd like to thank Council
14 member Barron and Brewer for their kind and
15 gracious remarks. I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Majority

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2 Leader, may I be excused to explain my vote?

3 MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well,
5 thank you. My colleagues have arrived. I'd like
6 to compliment my colleagues Diana Reyna, Leroy
7 Comrie, Karen Koslowitz, Andy and who else? And
8 also Jim Gennaro for the bills that they have put
9 forward knowing that the ones that were involved
10 in this group that is trying to help small
11 businesses in New York City, you are doing a great
12 job.

13 And quite frankly small business is
14 the backbone of our great city. So many people
15 have said it from Mayor Bloomberg and Christine
16 Quinn and all of the candidates I believe that are
17 running for Mayor and many other people. And it
18 is the backbone of our great city. And these are
19 bills that we're passing today is going to help
20 small business to do their job and to give them
21 the type of rights that they have and reduce the
22 burdens that they are constantly have on them as
23 small business owners so I congratulate all of my
24 colleagues that have been involved with that. And
25 I'm sorry if I missed out anyone in that

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2 particular matter. I believe I said Reyna,
3 Comrie, Koslowitz, was there anyone, Diana, on the
4 small business side? No. And Gale Brewer, I'm
5 sorry, and Gale Brewer. So congratulations to all
6 of you and clearly this is a step in the right
7 direction for small businesses. Thank you very
8 much and I vote aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all
11 and I want to congratulate Gennaro on his award
12 and the great work that you are doing. Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN:

19 Congratulations to my Environmental Chairman, Jim
20 Gennaro, and with that, aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye
23 on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY:

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Congratulations to Jim Gennaro and aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I

congratulate Jim Gennaro and I hope they left an
ample amount of time for his acceptance speech and
I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

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MAJORITY LEADER: All items on

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SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are

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referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

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If we could get just a little quiet because there

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is an important resolution from Council member

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2 Mendez and an important resolution from Council
3 member Dromm.

4 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very
5 much, Madam Speaker. We now move on to discussion
6 of resolutions. The first one we will be
7 discussing will be Pre-considered Resolution 1711,
8 a resolution calling upon the Congress to pass and
9 the President to sign a comprehensive immigration
10 reform bill in 2013. Anyone want to speak on this
11 item? Okay, we have Council member Dromm.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you
13 very much. I just want to call on my colleagues'
14 attention and ask them to vote in favor of this
15 resolution. It's about time that we have
16 comprehensive reform in this country and
17 comprehensive reform means to me the inclusion of
18 LGBT families and any comprehensive immigration
19 bill that goes before Congress so I'd like to
20 thank the Speaker and my staff, Julian Beckford
21 and Jennifer Montalvo for all the work that they
22 did in this resolution and hope that my colleagues
23 will join me in voting yes for this resolution.
24 Thank you very much.

25 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very

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much. Any others? Council member Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I just want to talk on the pre-considered resolution. I'm calling upon the New York City Housing Authority to meaningfully engage resident-

SPEAKER QUINN: Council member Chin.

MAJORITY LEADER: We're focusing on 1711 right now, which is the first resolution. We'll get to that one in a second. Any others on Resolution 1711? Seeing no others, I now call for a voice vote on Resolution 1711. All in favor, say aye.

ALL: Aye.

MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed, say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Thank you very much. We now move on to Pre-considered Resolution 1719, a resolution calling upon the New York City Housing Authority to meaningfully engage residents on proposed lease plans to provide predominately and permanently affordable units and to include certain requirements on any ground leases for NYCHA land. At this point we will call on Council member Chin. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

First, I wanted to thank the Speaker for her support on this and also all the committee staff that worked on this and definitely Chair of our Public Housing Committee, Council member Rosie Mendez. I'm one of the co-sponsor of this Reso along with Council member Mark-Viverito.

There's a lot of concern about this NYCHA plan and not the least that NYCHA is forging ahead without any apparent need to consult and engage with the local community. We have had public meetings scheduled in my district for dates that tenant leadership can not make and we have tenants under the impression that they will be evicted if they don't support infill and my office has been asked to provide translation services for NYCHA at meetings, services that NYCHA should be providing themselves. So what we're asking is for NYCHA to slow down the process, to substantially engage with the residents and the local community and the elected official and if this infill go forward that it is predominately affordable units to be built. So I ask my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very
3 much. Council member Mark-Viverito followed by
4 Council member Jackson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
6 also wanted to add my voice. I just want to make
7 clear that in sponsoring this resolution it does
8 not mean that we are in agreement at least
9 speaking for myself with the proposed plan. I
10 think what we're trying to say is that if NYCHA
11 does decide to move forward that there has to be
12 significant consideration of tenant voices in this
13 process and that all the things that have been
14 outlined in the resolution, an increase in
15 affordable units, and a lot more consideration of
16 the tenant voices.

17 One of the things that I've been
18 hearing from my residents is that they are
19 completely overwhelmed. There are meetings after
20 meetings after meetings being called by all types
21 of different parties. There is a lot of
22 information that has to be processed and there is
23 not time being given to this process to be
24 thorough. And also that the residents need to get
25 technical assistance and legal assistance to be

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2 able to be fully vet was is before them so I hope
3 our colleagues will sign on to this resolution and
4 thank the Speaker and Chair Mendez.

5 MAJORITY LEADER: Council member
6 Jackson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.
8 Even though in my community that I represent in
9 Northern Manhattan, I don't have any developments
10 in which the proposals are taking place. But I
11 attended the hearing and the residential leaders
12 of the various developments spoke out basically
13 against moving forward and not having enough
14 information, not being given information way
15 before they started the process. And all things
16 considered some people expressed well, they are
17 not necessarily opposed to it but they don't have
18 enough information. They are not involved in the
19 process. They don't know what the impact is going
20 to be. They don't know what percentage of
21 affordability versus market housing. All of these
22 things have to be discussed and what our colleague
23 Rosie Mendez who chaired the Public Housing
24 Committee basically said, "let's put this off for
25 now and engage in the process".

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2 And so I support this Pre-
3 considered Resolution that our colleague
4 indicated, this does not mean we agree with NYCHA
5 in their position at this moment. Thank you very
6 much.

7 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very
8 much. Any others want to speak on Resolution
9 1719? Seeing no others, at this point in time I
10 will call for a voice vote on Pre-considered
11 Resolution 1719. All in favor, say aye.

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed, say
14 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. We now
15 move on to general discussion. We have Council
16 member Williams followed by Council member
17 Dickens.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
19 you. I just want to call on my colleagues'
20 attention to Intro 1035 sponsored by myself and
21 co-sponsored by Council member Fidler. It's about
22 the increase of sweepstakes cafes that are coming
23 into New York City. There's a lot, plethora of
24 them down south. The problem is they have been
25 going under the guise of not gambling when in fact

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2 we believe they are gambling institutions. So two
3 things, it does require mandatory license
4 verification for any gaming café engaged in
5 offering cash prizes or other unlawful gambling
6 activity. And even more importantly it gives the
7 relevant community boards time to hold a public
8 hearing when a café applies for DCA for a gambling
9 license and would permit a discretionary call up
10 at the Council to review the application.

11 If they are gambling they should be
12 treated as gambling companies. Unfortunately they
13 haven't been doing so I would also invite my
14 colleagues to a hearing that we'll be having on
15 this Consumer Affairs under Chairperson Koslowitz
16 next week April 11th on the 14th Floor at 10:30am.
17 Thank you. And I invite my colleagues to sign on.
18 [off mic] What did I say? April 18th, 14th Floor,
19 10:30. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you. Now
21 we move on to Council member Dickens followed by
22 Council member Garodnick.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: In 2005,
24 New York's legislature created an Amistad
25 Commission to review state curriculum regarding

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2 the slave trade so that all New Yorkers would know
3 of and remember the human carnage and dehumanizing
4 atrocities committed during the period of the
5 African Slave Trade and Slavery in America.

6 This critical mission especially
7 for our young people has been at a deficit of
8 resources and more importantly of attention.
9 Today I call on Secretary of State Cesar Parel,
10 State Education Commission John King, CUNY
11 Chancellor Nancy Semphora to take this mission
12 seriously and commit the time, resources and
13 energy to ensure that all young people are
14 knowledgeable about this critical period in our
15 history. I thank Council members Barron, Jackson
16 and Williams for bringing to our full body this
17 resolution. I hope all colleagues will sign on to
18 Reso 1709.

19 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very
20 much. We now have Council member Garodnick
21 followed by Council member Barron.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
23 you very much. I wanted to draw my colleagues'
24 attention to two bills that I'm introducing today.
25 The first is Intro 1026 which would close a

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2 loophole in the current ban on motorized scooters
3 also known as ebikes.

4 Currently the ban is poorly
5 enforced because the definition of an ebike
6 includes a requirement that would be able to
7 exceed 15 miles and hour so in order for the
8 police to issue a violation they need to prove
9 that such a vehicle can in fact exceed that speed.
10 I happen to think that police officers should not
11 be required to zap ebikes with radar guns in order
12 to enforce what was meant to be a relatively
13 straightforward ban. This bill is intended to
14 close that loophole and I ask my colleagues to
15 take a look.

16 The other bill is Intro 1025
17 regarding mobile food truck locations. Despite
18 being popular the fact is that many food trucks do
19 not have a legal place where they may park and
20 operate. Food truck owners have to live with the
21 constant worry of being towed not to mention
22 parking tickets that inflate the cost of doing
23 business. And at the same time, residential
24 communities and bricks and mortar businesses feel
25 frustrated that there is not regulatory scheme to

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This bill would charge the Department of Transportation with creating designated mobile food truck locations. There would essentially be parking spots from which food trucks would be explicitly permitted to vend. The bill would also bring an end to the days of food trucks parking haphazardly and unsafely since DOT would select these new locations with an eye toward pedestrian and traffic safety and with the input of local community boards and Council members.

For the first time, communities will have a say in where food trucks may set up shop. The bill will result I hope in the creation of safe, legitimate food truck locations that are in accord with the needs of communities and a positive outcome for all involved. So I just encourage you to take a look at Intro 1026 and 1025. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very much. Council member Barron followed by Council member Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you

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2 very much. I want to thank Council member Inez
3 Dickens for raising a very serious question on the
4 Resolution 1709 calling on the State to implement
5 a curriculum on African American History that's
6 been in the State for over the last five years.

7 So we're now calling for the
8 Amistad Commission, as a matter of fact
9 Assemblyman Keith Wright is a part of the
10 development of that, and it is important that the
11 3 million people of African ancestry that's in
12 this state and the 2 million that are residents in
13 this city that the history be told.

14 Our forbearers, our ancestors built
15 America, built this city right here. It was built
16 on enslaved Africans' labor. And people need to
17 know the truth about how New York City was built.
18 Riding by East New York we have an African burial
19 ground right downtown here in Manhattan, there's
20 an African burial ground. Under this building
21 right here 20,000 of our remains. When we came
22 here, forced here, it was nothing but forest. We
23 cut down the forest, built the roads, built the
24 bridges, built the forts and everything only to be
25 raped, murdered, treated horribly, enslaved, free

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2 labor to build this nation and this every child
3 should know this and know that we didn't start our
4 history in slavery. It started in Africa where we
5 were the first people on the planet. We built
6 pyramids. Gave the world mathematics and science
7 and we should have this history taught.

8 And I'm fighting hard for this one.
9 It would be great if this Council could provide
10 the leadership to say that every child ,because I
11 bet if I gave you all a test in here now on the
12 history of African people you would fail. Every
13 last one of you. Who would pass the test? Raise
14 your hand. All right. All right. That's 3.
15 That's 3 out of 51. I need support for this
16 resolution. Thank you very much.

17 MAJORITY LEADER: Council member
18 Chin followed by Council member Dromm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Okay. Hi,
20 I'm introducing two pieces of legislation, Reso
21 1710 and Intro 1023 that I believe will contribute
22 to further order and safety in the Wild West of
23 the interstate bus and commuter van industry. I
24 want to thank the staff who worked on the draft of
25 these important pieces of legislation including

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2 Timare Jonathon, Melissa Serrano and Lyle Frank.

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The Introduction and Resolution calls for interstate buses and intracity commuter vans by requiring them to post information in the window or the exterior of the vehicle to make it clear to anyone walking down the street where they're going, who they are and how to contact them. There are many unmarked vans and busses that operate off the curb in the city and not only is it difficult for the consumer to see which busses are which but it also makes it difficult for inspectors of safety regulation to understand who is who and which are legal and authorized to operate.

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So I urge my colleagues to sign on to these two pieces of legislation and to help promote further safety in the bussing and van industry. Thank you.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very much. Council member Dromm followed by Council member Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very much. I want to call on my colleagues' attention to two pieces of legislation that I'm

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2 introducing also. Intro 1924 which is a local law
3 in relation to requiring the Commissioner of
4 Department of Correction to post a monthly report
5 on its website regarding punitive segregation or
6 solitary confinement.

7 Statistics for city jails, it's
8 vitally important that we know what's going on in
9 the city jails. As best as I can tell at this
10 point we've seen a 44% increase in the use of
11 solitary confinement over the last year and that
12 deeply concerns me when you consider the fact that
13 many people being put into solitary confinement
14 are those who are mentally ill or have substance
15 abuse issues. That's why we need to get this data
16 and we need to get it soon.

17 In addition, I have a resolution
18 calling on the New York City Department of
19 Correction to end the practice of placing
20 individuals returning to city jails after they've
21 left the system and they have days owed in
22 solitary confinement they are immediately placed
23 back into solitary confinement even though they
24 have been out of the system, out of the jail
25 system, out of the state prison system, been on

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2 the streets, been living good lives no matter what
3 if they owe time they still have to complete that
4 time. They have to go back into solitary
5 confinement. I believe that the New York City
6 Department of Correction should end that practice
7 and that it is what that resolution is about. I
8 urge my colleagues to sign on to both pieces of
9 legislation. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you. We
11 have Council member Jackson followed by Council
12 member Mealy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
14 Majority Leader, my colleagues, I rise in order to
15 speak in favor of and ask our colleagues to sign
16 on to Resolution 1709 sponsored by colleagues
17 Barrons and Williams calling on the State of New
18 York to make active the Amistad Resolution calling
19 the Commission and to promote a curriculum such as
20 the Underground Railroad and to teach African
21 American History in New York public schools.

22 As someone of African descent I say
23 to you that I have not found my total history as
24 of yet and I say that loud and clear because I did
25 some research as to my mother who was born in

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2 Athens, Georgia and my grandmother who died giving
3 childbirth. My mother and her siblings never had
4 a birth certificate because in the laws of Georgia
5 did not require birth certificates until 1930.

6 But I do know that my family slave name was
7 Willingham and that going back around 1860 there
8 were a lot of slaves owned by the Willingham
9 families. In fact my Aunt Cheney and Aunt Bobby,
10 their last names were Willingham. And thus when
11 my grandmother married, her name was Jackson and
12 thus my mother's name was Zelma Jackson. And if
13 you know anything about the Southern names when
14 you talk about Zelma Ann and Ruby Mae and Emma
15 Mae, those are old Southern names. And I say to
16 you that I don't really know my history going back
17 because of the families were torn apart and during
18 slavery.

19 And so I want to know the history
20 of African Americans be taught not only in New
21 York City and New York State but around the
22 country. Because clearly it's part of America's
23 fabric so I ask all of you to sign on to
24 Resolution 1709 on our behalf. Thank you very
25 much.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER: Council member
3 Mealy.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I stand just
5 for my fast food workers who striked on April 4th
6 in my district. Myself and New York City, New
7 York Community for Change joined the fast food
8 workers outside of Kentucky Fried Chicken on
9 Picken Avenue as they walked off the job to demand
10 higher wages and the right to form a union without
11 intimidation.

12 I'm standing with the fast food
13 workers in this city because they need wages that
14 are high enough to provide for their families and
15 support themselves. They also deserve the right
16 to organize without fearing that they will lose
17 their jobs. More money in these workers' pockets
18 is good for all of us. It lifts up our collective
19 dignity and the economy in this city.

20 45 years ago today, Sanitation
21 workers in Memphis, Tennessee were facing the same
22 struggle. They wen on strike to demand dignity
23 for all workers joined by our Reverend Dr. Martin
24 Luther King, Jr. on the eve of his assassination
25 in Memphis, strikers declared their rights. Fast

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food workers organized, they strike because they feel they can no longer survive on \$7.25 an hour.

In November 2012 fast food workers in New York took part in a historic strike to demand \$15 an hour, the right to form a union without intimidation, I'm just letting everyone know that I'm going to continue to work with them and strive so we can have a living wage of \$15 an hour for our fast food workers. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very much. Seeing no others. This meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Sung Bin Park 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sung Bin Park", written over a horizontal line.

Date __April 23, 2013