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Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker

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2                   SPEAKER QUINN: -Ceremonials today  
3 and the first one is led by our Majority member  
4 with Council member Vann and I am going to hand  
5 the mike to Al.

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you,  
7 Madam Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, we have  
8 something good for you this afternoon. We got a  
9 feel good story. We got a little inspiration. We  
10 got a New York story. No, we got a Bed-Stuy story  
11 here this afternoon.

12                   I am very very honored that today  
13 we recognize a young man whose name is Brandon  
14 Stanton. Now Brandon Stanton, he's the creator of  
15 Humans of New York, which is a street photography  
16 project. Brandon takes pictures of New Yorkers on  
17 the city streets everyday. Take a good look at  
18 him because he might be you next, right? And he  
19 posts all these pictures on the Humans of New  
20 York, which is a website and a Facebook page. And  
21 he has developed a tremendous following, more than  
22 700,000 people keep up with Brandon, which  
23 explains in part why he is here. Because he used  
24 his fan base to raise a lot of money for the  
25 Bed=Stuy Y summer camp. Bed-Stuy Y summer camp.

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2 And the Executive Director of the Bed-Stuy Y is  
3 here, Mr. Dordy Jordane. Raise your hand. And  
4 other members of the Bed-Stuy Y, Sonya Addelly,  
5 Ariel Matthews and Juwan Ramsey. All very  
6 important members of our staff.

7 Now here is what happened. In  
8 February DKNY, I think DK stands for Donna Karan  
9 perhaps, a clothing company. They used some  
10 pictures from his site in a store display without  
11 permission. Now this store was in Bangkok,  
12 Thailand. But his followers let him know what was  
13 going on so rather than asking to be paid  
14 personally Brandon asked DKNY to donate \$100,000  
15 to the Bed-Stuy YMCA to cover the cost of summer  
16 camp for 300 children.

17 Now the bad news is DKNY apologized  
18 and agreed to pay only \$25,000. The good news is  
19 that Brandon created an online fundraiser and  
20 encouraged his fans to do what DKNY did not do and  
21 in three short days they pledged more than  
22 \$103,000. Good news. So, Brandon turned a  
23 negative into a positive resulting in gifts to the  
24 Bed-Stuy YMCA totaling more than \$128,000 for the  
25 kids for summer camp.

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2                   Was that a good story? Is that a  
3 feel good story? Is that an inspiration? Brandon  
4 is a Bed-Stuy resident. He just wasn't passing  
5 through. Lives a few blocks from my house and  
6 that's what Bed-Stuy people are all about. So I  
7 am very honored Madam Speaker. Do you want to  
8 read the proclamation-

9                   [off mic]

10                   COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of  
11 New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the  
12 City of New York is proud to honor Brandon  
13 Stanton, the creator of the Humans of New York,  
14 Street Photography Project, for his extraordinary  
15 service to all New Yorkers. And whereas Mr.  
16 Stanton began photographing people on the streets  
17 of New York City on May 2010 and was so inspired  
18 by the photographic possibilities he relocated  
19 from Chicago to Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. In  
20 November 2010, he launched Humans of New York, a  
21 website of beautifully composed street portraits  
22 and personal stories, which showcased the  
23 incredible vitality and diversity of our city's  
24 residents. And whereas, in less than 3 years,  
25 Humans of New York has become enormously popular

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2 attracting critical acclaim and more than 677.000  
3 loyal followers who actively discuss Brandon's  
4 photographs, his commentary and the captivating  
5 stories shared by his subjects. And whereas in  
6 the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy Brandon posted  
7 photographs of survivors that highlighted their  
8 struggles and resilience. When fans responded  
9 strongly to these images, Brandon recognized the  
10 opportunity to harness this passion to benefit  
11 Sandy relief and partnered with Tumbler to create  
12 a fundraising project inviting Humans of New York  
13 fans to donate as little as \$5 to Sandy relief.  
14 In November 2012, nearly 5,000 people responding  
15 giving a total of \$318,530 in just ten days. And  
16 whereas in February 2013 Brandon learned that DKNY  
17 had used several of his photographs in a store  
18 display in Bangkok, Thailand without permission.  
19 Rather than seeking personal compensation, Brandon  
20 publicly requested that DKNY make up for the  
21 incident by donating \$100,000 to benefit the  
22 summer programs at Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA where  
23 he is a member. DKNY apologized for the  
24 unauthorized use and donated \$25,000 to the YMCA.  
25 Dissatisfied with the company's response Brandon

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2 turned to his community of fans once more,  
3 confident that they could collectively raise the  
4 remaining \$75,000. Again the community rallied  
5 and pledged \$103,710 in just 71 hours. Donations  
6 ranged from several hundred people at the \$1 level  
7 to dozens of others who gave over \$300 each. And  
8 whereas a donation of \$100,000 covers the cost of  
9 YMCA summer camp for more than 300 children,  
10 Brandon and the Humans of New York community  
11 raised more than \$128,000 for the Bedford  
12 Stuyvesant YMCA. The organization and the  
13 children it serves are deeply grateful for their  
14 profound generosity and incredibly meaningful  
15 support. Now therefore, be it known that the  
16 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors  
17 Brandon Stanton and the Humans of New York  
18 Community for their outstanding support of the  
19 Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA and to all of New York  
20 City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire  
21 Council. Albert Vann, Council member 36<sup>th</sup>  
22 District, Brooklyn.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: As usual Al is  
24 right. This is a very inspirational Bed-Stuy  
25 story so thank you all for the work you do at the

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2 Y. Thank you for using your great talent to make  
3 the world an even more beautiful place by  
4 supporting the Y and thank you for recognizing  
5 that your talent could give people inspiration  
6 through pictures and inspiration through what you  
7 capture but inspiration through helping the young  
8 people of Brooklyn. So it's great for all of us  
9 to get to meet you today. Thank you Al and  
10 congratulations.

11 Okay, and the next ceremonial is  
12 led by Council member Danny Dromm. And that's  
13 recognizing Immigrant Heritage Week and Small  
14 Business Owners so if the individuals who are here  
15 for that could make their way to the front that  
16 would be great. All right. Come on up.  
17 Immigrant Heritage Week. Just step up a bit.  
18 Just everyone line up. We will make a semi-circle  
19 of sorts. Danny I am going to hand you the mike  
20 to kick us off.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Well, thank  
22 you very much, Speaker Quinn. It's indeed a  
23 pleasure and honor to be able to present these  
24 proclamations today. Last week was Immigrant  
25 Heritage Week but we have decided to extend

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2 Immigrant Heritage Week four more days so that we  
3 can honor these small business owners,  
4 entrepreneurs from the borough of Queens because  
5 they represent to me the best in immigrant  
6 entrepreneurs. They are people who have come from  
7 a foreign country, landed here, have a deep belief  
8 in the American dream, took their skills, put them  
9 to work, took a lot of risk, took a lot of talent  
10 to be able to do what they have done and not only  
11 that, have they been successful business owners,  
12 they have also been civically engaged. The  
13 Jackson Heights Merchants Association has a Diwali  
14 celebration on 74<sup>th</sup> Street every year now for maybe  
15 15 or more years if I am not mistaken. The  
16 Bangladeshi Business Association has an Eve  
17 celebration on 77<sup>th</sup> Road and 73<sup>rd</sup> Street for many  
18 years now, 4 or 5 years if I am not mistaken. And  
19 the Korean Dry Cleaners Association worked with me  
20 this year to collect over 135 coats for New York  
21 Cares and they dry-cleaned every one of those  
22 coats, Madam Speaker, so they were beautifully  
23 prepared and ready to go.

24 So today it gives me great honor  
25 and privilege to honor these business owners

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2 during Immigrant Heritage Week which is now  
3 becoming almost like St. Patrick's Day, Immigrant  
4 Heritage Month. So, yes, clerk, please read the  
5 proc.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of  
7 New York Proclamation. In celebration of  
8 Immigrant Heritage Week, the Council of the City  
9 of New York is proud to honor Shiv Das and the  
10 Jackson Height Merchants Association, the Jackson  
11 Height Bangladeshi Business Owners Association and  
12 the Korean Dry Cleaners Association in recognition  
13 of their contributions to the vibrancy and the  
14 economic growth of New York City. And whereas  
15 according to a 2011 Fiscal Policy Institute Study,  
16 immigrants make up 69,000 or nearly half of New  
17 York City's 144,000 small business owners. And  
18 whereas immigrant small business owners are an  
19 extremely diverse group with no single group  
20 dominating and whereas these types of businesses  
21 owned by many immigrants are also diverse. From  
22 dry cleaning and restaurants to professional  
23 offices and technology firms. And whereas while  
24 the percentage of immigrant business owners is  
25 greater than the share of immigrants in the

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2 overall population it is similar to the share of  
3 immigrants in the labor force, meaning that New  
4 York's immigrants are more likely than their  
5 American born peers to both own small businesses  
6 and to be in the labor force. And whereas  
7 immigrants in the United State are nearly 30% more  
8 likely to start a business than non-immigrants  
9 according to a 2008 analysis by the federal small  
10 businesses administration. And whereas immigrants  
11 face many obstacles to starting a business from  
12 obtaining critical start up capital to navigating  
13 various bureaucracies in language and cultural  
14 issues can compound these challenges. And whereas  
15 Shiv Das and the Jackson Heights Merchants  
16 Association, the Jackson Height Bangladeshi  
17 Business Association and the Korean Dry Cleaners  
18 Association have all fostered the establishment  
19 and growth of small businesses throughout New York  
20 City ensuring that immigrant entrepreneurs remain  
21 the back bone of much of New York City's economy.  
22 And whereas they are dedicated t promoting civic  
23 programs and social activities amongst the  
24 merchants as well as forging constructive  
25 relationships between its members and others in

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2 the communities including elected officials. Now  
3 therefore be it know that the Council of the City  
4 of New York gratefully honors Shiv Das and the  
5 Jackson Height Merchants Association, the Jackson  
6 Heights Bangladeshi Association, the Korean Dry  
7 Cleaners Association for their many outstanding  
8 contributions to New York City's immigrant small  
9 business community. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker  
10 for the entire Council. Daniel Dromm, Council  
11 member, 25<sup>th</sup> District, Queens.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, thank you  
13 very much and thank you all for being here. Thank  
14 you for everything you do for our communities.  
15 Thank you for that amazing coat drive. Some of  
16 the folks here I have had the honor and privilege  
17 of getting to work with before and even being in  
18 some of your establishments. So Danny thank you  
19 so much for bringing everyone to us today. There  
20 is a long list of things about our city and  
21 particularly things about Queens that are better  
22 and stronger because of the commitment all of you  
23 and your families and your employees have made to  
24 our neighborhood so thank you so much. And I  
25 don't know Danny if one of the gentlemen- okay,

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2 great.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Mr. Das will  
4 say a few words.

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SHIVA DAS: I would like to thank  
6 honorable Speaker, our Council member Daniel Dromm  
7 and all Council members present for giving us this  
8 proclamation, this honor. I thank on behalf of  
9 Jackson Heights Merchants Association, on behalf  
10 of Bangladeshi Association and on behalf of  
11 friends from Korean Association. This is really  
12 is a real honor and we appreciate it from the  
13 bottom of our heart and I can tell you something  
14 about our Council member. Our Council member is a  
15 genuine person. He works so hard. Whenever we  
16 have any problems we run to him and he always help  
17 us. And we want to thank Speaker for giving the  
18 job of being the Chairman of the Immigrant Chair.  
19 He does a great job. He has done wonderful job  
20 and he helps all the immigrants in that area and  
21 we appreciate any from the bottom of your heart.  
22 Thank you so much.

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SPEAKER QUINN: We all agree Danny  
24 does a terrific job so thank you guys very much.

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And we are on to two weeks next year will have to

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2 be four. Thank you all. Well, thank you all.  
3 Thank you. We have one more ceremonial, which is  
4 a very, they are all special but this is a  
5 particularly special one to us in the City Council  
6 so if folks could for one second. As folks know  
7 this rehabilitation of City Hall has not been  
8 without a bump or two but DCAS has been terrific  
9 and there is one particular member of DCAS, our  
10 good friend Mike who has been particularly central  
11 in helping with the sound and what not so if  
12 everybody could come up. And he lives in Council  
13 member Ignizio's district who is here with his  
14 beautiful daughter. What's your name?

15 LENA IGNIZIO: Lena.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Lena. Well this is  
17 great. Here Mike move up a little bit so people  
18 can get behind you. I think Commissioner Handy is  
19 here from DCAS. Oh nice to see you. Great. Well  
20 Mike we just wanted to thank you because first of  
21 all before the rehabilitation and I use that word  
22 still loosely for those of us who are walking  
23 around City Hall, you are always there making sure  
24 our needs are taken care of, always there helping,  
25 always there when we have off site events and

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2 things like this but this process here has turned  
3 out to be much more Herculean than any of us have  
4 ever anticipated. And the sound apparently became  
5 an even bigger challenge than any of us ever  
6 anticipated and I think there was a period of time  
7 where Council members thought we weren't going to  
8 get mikes back from our desks that we were just  
9 going to have an Oprah Winfrey style Council  
10 meeting forever but clearly you and the rest of  
11 the team at DCAS weren't going to let that happen.  
12 So we just wanted to make sure you know how  
13 grateful we were that you knew how hard we know  
14 you are working and how much we are grateful and  
15 how don't take any of it for granted. So thank  
16 you very much. Vinny you want to say a few words?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I just  
18 want to say that when we found out that it was in  
19 your hands, coming from my district, I knew, don't  
20 worry about it, it will get done, it will get done  
21 right. We appreciate it. Thank you Commissioner  
22 and Mike you have done some great work here and  
23 you are going to continue to and we love having  
24 you in my district so don't go anywhere but  
25 congratulations. Lena, do you have anything? No,

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okay.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. The clerk could read the proclamation.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Mike Messano for his outstanding service to the Council and to the community. And whereas to provide the public with the best service possible, the City Council like all areas of municipal government depends upon the critical resources and support of one agency, the Department of City Wide Administrative Services, popularly known as DCAS overseen by Commissioner Edna Wells Handy, DCAS is an agency comprised of more than 2,000 employees including architects, engineers, plumbers, lawyers and mechanics, procurement specialists and more. Mike Messano has been one of the City Council's tireless go to gurus at DCAS for the last 11 years. And whereas since r. Messano has joined DCAS in 2002 he has played an instrumental role at countless events for the City Council as well as the Office of the Mayor and several other city agencies. Shortly before his arrival he helped

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2 bring an analog government into the digital age  
3 particularly with upgrades to audio equipment and  
4 whereas until recently Mr. Messano's official  
5 title has been Supervisor of Radio and TV  
6 Operations but this includes his work as project  
7 manager for Gracie Mansion, AV system upgrade,  
8 project manager for web streaming system for the  
9 mayor's office, audio consultant for NYPD pilot  
10 project for Commissioner Kelly, and designer of  
11 audio circuits for live remote audio transmission  
12 via cellphone of Mayoral events. He has also  
13 provided excellent audio support for the FDNY,  
14 NYPD and other city agencies. And whereas the  
15 City Council is particularly proud of Mr.  
16 Messano's work as an audio design consultant  
17 during the renovations of City Hall. Throughout  
18 the project he was responsible and responsive to a  
19 wide range of needs and protective of both the  
20 building and the budget. Now complete the sound  
21 engineer work has enabled the public and elected  
22 officials to be clearly heard though it still  
23 remains everybody's responsibility to listen and  
24 to make themselves understood. And whereas I  
25 March 2013 Mr. Messano was recognized for his

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2 stellar work and promoted to Executive Director of  
3 Special Events. He has truly distinguished  
4 himself in his work and has earned the enduring  
5 gratitude of all New Yorkers. Now therefore be it  
6 known that the Council of the City of New York  
7 gratefully honors Mike Messano for his outstanding  
8 service to the Council and community at large.  
9 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire  
10 Council, Vincent M. Ignizio, Council member, 51<sup>st</sup>  
11 District, Staten Island.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, I love the  
13 idea of a go to guru. I think we all wish we had  
14 coined that because it is very true of you. I  
15 didn't know about all those other particularly  
16 first responder agencies that you are part of.  
17 Well you wrote the resolution very well and  
18 congratulations on your new promotion and would  
19 you like to say a few words?

20 MIKE MESSANO: Sure. First of all,  
21 I have to say I am totally blown away by this.  
22 It's such a surprise. I never expected it. I  
23 love working for DCAS. I love my job. I never  
24 regret getting up in the morning. I work with a  
25 wonderful group of people. And I am so

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2 appreciative that you have given me this honor.  
3 It's wonderful so thank you. Thank the Council.  
4 Thank you Council member Ignizio for the work that  
5 you do in my district. Thank you Commissioner for  
6 just supporting my team. I have to thank my boss,  
7 Marty Preston who has been my mentor and he's been  
8 behind me the whole time. He has been a true true  
9 friend. I would like to tank Steve Fader and Phil  
10 Kelly who believed in me and got behind me with  
11 this project as well. I would be remiss if I did  
12 not thank my team, Paul Powell, Wayne McGregor and  
13 Chris Ozo, who are doing other events because we  
14 are always so busy. Without them I wouldn't have  
15 been able to do what I do and of course I have to  
16 thank my lovely wife for putting up with the  
17 countless phone calls and email interruptions  
18 24/7. Thank you. I love you.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: It's amazing what  
20 really makes city government run and you are a  
21 critical part of that so thank you very much.  
22 Thank you. And that concludes today's ceremonials  
23 with sound.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and  
25 gentlemen, can I have your attention please. At

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2 this time, please place all cellphones and pagers  
3 to vibrate. Will all non-council employees please  
4 leave the main floor of the chambers. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER: My colleagues  
6 please rise for the pledge of allegiance. All  
7 rise. [Pledge] Roll call.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

17 [no response]

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

21 [no response]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

25 [no response]

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.  
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER FERREAS: Here.  
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.  
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.  
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.  
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.  
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.  
19 [no response]  
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.  
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22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran.  
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24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.  
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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: James.  
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COMMITTEE CLERK: King.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.  
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.  
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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

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3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.  
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6 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.  
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.  
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9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.  
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.  
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.  
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.  
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.  
18 [no response]  
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.  
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.  
22 COUNCIL MEMEBR ULRICH: Here.  
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Quorum is

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present. My colleagues please rise for the

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invocation being delivered today by Reverend Chloe

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Breyer from Interfaith Center of New York.

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Good afternoon. Around the corner

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from where you are right now you can go and visit

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on the first floor of the United Nations a chapel

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2 dedicated to Dag Hammarskjold, the second  
3 Secretary General of the United Nations. He was  
4 the son of the Swedish Prime Minister and a  
5 statesman in his own right. And in 1952 or 1953  
6 he was elected to be the second Secretary General  
7 of the United Nations. Dag Hammarskjold died  
8 while serving as a peacemaker. In 1961 his plane  
9 crashed under mysterious circumstances on his way  
10 to negotiating a cease fire between the UN troops  
11 and Katonga forces in the then newly independent  
12 Congo. He had stood up to the Soviet Union who  
13 put pressure on him to resign. In this as in  
14 other efforts he exemplified a form of peace  
15 making that does not compromise with justice.  
16 Never for the sake of peace and quiet, he wrote,  
17 deny your own experience or convictions.

18                   So now as we open this session, let  
19 us pray together for wisdom and strength  
20 remembering the words of Dag Hammarskjold. Have  
21 mercy upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts that  
22 we before you in love and faith, righteousness and  
23 humility may follow you with self-denial,  
24 steadfastness, and courage and meet you in the  
25 silence. Give us a poor heart that we may see you

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2 a humble heart, that we may hear you. A heart of  
3 love that we may serve you. A heart of faith that  
4 we may live you. You, whom I do not know but  
5 whose I am. You, whom I do not comprehend but who  
6 has dedicated me to my faith. You. In the name  
7 of God, most merciful. Amen.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Council member

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you

Majority Leader, my colleagues. I motion the

invocation to spread in full upon the record.

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MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

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SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my

colleagues to please rise again for a moment.

First, let me make two happy notes. It is Council

member Jessica Lappin's birthday. I think she is

off the floor but we will say happy birthday in

her absence. And we are also joined by Lena

Ignizio who we want to say hello to. Bring your

child to work day. So that's wonderful to have

her with us. Yay. Our thoughts and prayers go

out to the city of Boston. We are especially

thinking of the families of Crystal Campbell, Lu

Lingzi, Martin Richard, the MIT Police officer,

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2 Sean Collier. All who lost their lives due to the  
3 senseless act of two individuals. Also in our  
4 thoughts are all those wounded and affected by  
5 this horrible tragedy. We all stand in solidarity  
6 with our neighbors and friends to the North.

7 Our thoughts and prayers also go  
8 out to the 14 victims, including 11 first  
9 responders who died in an April 17<sup>th</sup> industrial  
10 explosion at a fertilizer plant in West Texas.  
11 This is once again a reminder of how our first  
12 responders put their lives on the line every day  
13 in communities all across our nation. Our  
14 thoughts also go out to the almost 200 injured in  
15 this horrific explosion. Thank you Mr. Majority  
16 Leader.

17 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you, Madam  
18 Speaker. Adoption of the minutes.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER: Messages and  
21 letters from the Mayor.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

23 MAJORITY LEADER: Communications  
24 from the city, county and borough offices.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

MAJORITY LEADER: Petitions and  
communications.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

MAJORITY LEADER: Land Use Call  
Ups.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M1142 and M1143.

SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple  
those two please and have a roll call on the land  
use call ups please.

MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I request  
unanimous consent to vote on all general order  
items.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no  
on Intro 1026a and 1030a and I vote aye on all the  
rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer.

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 on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: If I can

10 ask permission to vote on all calendar items and

11 all land use call ups?

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote

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aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I request

17 unanimous consent to vote on all matters on the

18 general order calendar.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I vote

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote aye

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resolutions and coupled general orders.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I would

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like permission to vote aye on everything on the

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: 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: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes. I

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first want to thank my wife for everything that

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she does everyday and because I am asking for

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unanimous consent to vote earlier because of my

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guest who is great to have but a handful as well.

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So I am going vote aye on all including all land

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use orders and me and Lena are going to be on our

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way. And thank you all for being so kind to her

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Permission

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye

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COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Majority  
Leader, I request permission to vote aye on all on  
today's calendar.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye  
on the land use call ups and ask permission  
unanimous consent to vote aye on all items on the  
general order calendar and all resolutions.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes, can we get  
silence in the chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote  
aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLWOITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK=VIVERITO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMEBR MEALY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

[no response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on

all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye and

I would like to ask permission to vote aye on all  
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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to  
vote aye on all calendar items, general orders and  
land use call ups.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I would  
permission to vote aye on all orders and coupled  
today's agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I vote aye  
on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVER: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Yes.

MAJORITY LEADER: Today's Land Use  
Call Ups adopted by a vote of 47 in the  
affirmative, with 0 in the negative. We now move  
on to communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I just  
want to remind folks we are voting on two  
resolutions today. One, they are both important  
but one designating June Gun Awareness Month, but  
also a very important one regarding Long Island

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2 College Hospital and I want to join today that,  
3 note today that we are joined by Jill Ferrello,  
4 the Executive Director of the New York State  
5 Nurses Association and thank her and the other  
6 folks from NYSNA for being with us.

7           We are voting on a number of  
8 different Land Use items today particularly  
9 something relevant to the Coney Island Amusement  
10 Park plan amendment. I want to thank Chairs  
11 Comrie, Weprin, Lander and Levin for their work on  
12 that. We are voting on two pieces of legislation  
13 which tried to help make enforcement of illegal  
14 ebikes easier. It tightens up a bizarre loophole  
15 in the ebike law that says ebikes are basically  
16 illegal if they go over 15 miles an hour which  
17 doesn't make any sense because they are illegal  
18 because you cannot register them with the  
19 Department of Motor Vehicles and we don't want  
20 police officers and others to have to go around  
21 with speed camera.

22           So Intro 1026a and 1030a together  
23 will really give the city agencies the clarity and  
24 power they need to crack down, fine and confiscate  
25 ebike which we all know particularly feedback from

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2 seniors are a real danger on our city streets and  
3 sidewalks. So I want to thank Lyle Frank and  
4 Molly Frank for working on legislation. I want to  
5 thank Chair Vacca, Council members Garodnick and  
6 Lappin. If I could call on in this order, Chair  
7 Vacca, Council member Garodnick and Council member  
8 Lappin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you  
10 Madam Speaker. And I urge my colleagues to vote  
11 in favor of both bills today. Electric bikes and  
12 dirt bikes are illegal in the city of New York but  
13 because of loopholes, we have been unable to  
14 really effectuate progress in implementing both of  
15 these laws. They are dangerous to pedestrians.  
16 Any of you who have any seen an electric bike know  
17 that they take on speeds that absolutely frighten  
18 pedestrians. As many of those bikes are on  
19 sidewalks and in our streets the speed that they  
20 are able to get is frightening. That's why they  
21 are outlawed. Dirt bikes belong in the dirt.  
22 That's why they are called dirt bikes. Yet we  
23 have them throughout the city of New York on  
24 residential and commercial streets and in our  
25 parks. So I want to send the dirt bikes out to

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2 the dirt where they belong. And this legislation  
3 will give us teeth and allow us to do that.

4           Only 5 weeks ago in my district a  
5 man in his late 70s was run down on Pelham Parkway  
6 and Boston Road by a dirt bike. Several weeks  
7 later a police officer in a chase had a major  
8 accident trying to apprehend a dirt biker on a  
9 major thoroughfare. So these incidents are not  
10 few and far between. You can ask anyone about  
11 electric bikes and they will tell you the fear  
12 they are in when they see them going on a wrong  
13 way on a one street or travelling sidewalks in  
14 this city. So I thank Council member Garodnick  
15 and Council member Lappin for plugging these  
16 loopholes. I thank my committee members because  
17 the hearing we held certainly proved the necessity  
18 to pass this legislation. I hope you will all  
19 vote yes today. Thank you.

20           COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank  
21 you Madam Speaker and Chair Vacca. And of course  
22 my colleague Council member Lappin.

23           I wanted to speak specifically to  
24 1026a for a moment. Ebikes have long been a  
25 danger on our city streets. AS you heard from

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2 Chair Vacca. This is true all across the city. I  
3 know that my office is not alone in the complaints  
4 that received about ebikes that ebikes that  
5 quickly speed by deceptively riding on sidewalks  
6 in some circumstances and against traffic. And in  
7 fact the Council has long recognized the danger  
8 posed by ebikes. That is why in fact ebikes are  
9 banned in New York City.

10                   Unfortunately there is a loophole  
11 in the ban because it defines an ebike as being  
12 able to travel more than 15 miles and hour. So  
13 let's be realistic for a moment. Nearly every  
14 ebike is capable of exceeding 15 miles an hour but  
15 because of that language in order to enforce this  
16 ban a police officer has to document the speed in  
17 order to issue a violation. I think we can all  
18 agree that should not be asking our police  
19 officers to zap every bike like vehicle that goes  
20 by their radar gun to uphold this relatively  
21 straight forward ban. This bill would close that  
22 loophole.

23                   Finally, the police will be able to  
24 enforce the ban as intended at the same time it  
25 will empower the Department of Transportation to

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2 enforce as well so that the NYPD would not have to  
3 shoulder the burden alone. We need to patch this  
4 loophole in the law so that our officers can do  
5 their jobs and I believe that the result will be  
6 safer streets and safer sidewalks for all New  
7 Yorkers. I want to also thank Council member  
8 Lappin and encourage you to support her bill as  
9 well which I know you are going to hear about from  
10 her in a moment. I wish her a happy birthday of  
11 course and also to Chair Vacca, thank you for your  
12 support and Lyle Frank and the committee, we  
13 really appreciate it. Now Council member Lappin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I just want  
15 to thank Chair Vacca and Council member Garodnick  
16 and the Speaker. This bill 1030a would make it  
17 illegal for businesses to possess these ebikes and  
18 prohibit them from allowing their employees to use  
19 them. I think it's an interesting and innovative  
20 way for us to go after the businesses and not the  
21 riders and to help keep these illegal bikes off  
22 our streets. Thanks.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you guys very  
24 much. Next, we have coming out of our Technology  
25 Committee, Intro 984a. I want to thank Jeff Baker

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2 and Collin Howell for their work on this  
3 legislation. I want to thank Council member  
4 Cabrera who is the sponsor. And the Chair, and  
5 this is a very smart forward looking piece of  
6 legislation which will create a crime mapping  
7 website on the New York City's website. So you  
8 will actually be able to go on the website, put in  
9 an address or a precinct or a block and then on  
10 the website will pull up a list of what crimes  
11 have happened in that area up to the point of that  
12 year and the prior calendar year. It will really  
13 help New Yorkers know in a truly transparent way  
14 what is happening in their neighborhoods and in  
15 their city. We have seen other cities use this  
16 tool quite effectively.

17 I want to thank the Chair very much  
18 for his idea of this and his moving it forward and  
19 let me call on the Chair and the sponsor, Council  
20 member Cabrera and at the end of his comments that  
21 will conclude communications from the Speaker.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you  
23 so much Madam Speaker and all your staff for being  
24 able to put forth this very important bill. Today  
25 the bill that we are considering today requires

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2 that the Department of Information Technology and  
3 Telecommunications, known as DOITT, to provide to  
4 the public at no charge an interactive crime map  
5 on the city's website displaying the total numbers  
6 of crime complaints that have been filed with the  
7 New York City police department on a monthly  
8 basis.

9           The use of crime mapping as a tool  
10 for public safety has a long history and it has  
11 been adopted by growing numbers of cities and  
12 towns across the United States. The New York  
13 Police Department uses an organizational  
14 management tool known as COMPSTAT short for  
15 Computer Statistics which among other things  
16 employs geographic information systems to map  
17 crimes by locations and time. The NYPD has  
18 control over the data made public on their  
19 website. However a crime mapping website  
20 available to the public would allow users to  
21 request crime data on their own searchable by  
22 address, zip code or NYPD patrolled precincts.  
23 Users will also be able to produce reports from  
24 this information.

25           The crime mapping bill is

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2 significant in providing greater accessibility and  
3 transparency to each class of crime that is  
4 reported to the police or for which an arrest was  
5 made including crimes that occurred in parks and  
6 subway stations. The bill will enable elected  
7 officials, community organizations and the general  
8 public to localize curing high crime areas and use  
9 resources more strategically and efficiently. The  
10 available data will have the potentiality to  
11 create a culture of atmosphere and trust between  
12 the various community and the NYPD.

13 And I want to give a special thanks  
14 also to Alex Crafts from New York News who really  
15 was one of the catalyst in this as he reported his  
16 lack of being able to get crime stats, sector  
17 stats and he serves truly as a catalyst for this  
18 bill. Thank you so much Madam Speaker.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much  
20 Chair Cabrera and that concludes communications  
21 from the Speaker.

22 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you Madam  
23 Speaker. We now move on to discussion of general  
24 orders. We have Council member Jackson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you

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2 my colleagues. I rise in support of Intro 984a.  
3 I am also a sponsor of this I've signed on and  
4 clearly I was thinking about when this had been  
5 discussed the number of crimes that have been  
6 taken place especially up in Inwood near Inwood  
7 Hill Park and other parks in the area. And I  
8 would love to see if in fact the mapping of where  
9 crimes take place are, I remember this was  
10 discussed in Northern Manhattan, and if a crime  
11 took place in the park they would map it next to  
12 the nearest street and not specifically where the  
13 crimes were taking place in the park. And Inwood  
14 Hill Park is 200 acres and in fact, many of you  
15 know that Sarah Fox who was murdered up in Inwood  
16 Hill Park, it took about 5 or 6 days to find her  
17 body because it's clearly the last natural forest  
18 in the city of New York. So I am hoping that this  
19 will actually cite exactly where in the parks a  
20 crime is taking place. Just like for example many  
21 crimes take place especially iPhones and other  
22 electronic gadgets when people are leaving the  
23 subway and they are looking at their blackberry or  
24 iPhone and being robbed near the subways. That's  
25 very very important so this is a good tool in

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2 order for people to look at where crimes are  
3 taking place and to hopefully prevent crimes in  
4 our city. Thank you very much.

5 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
6 much. Seeing no others we will now move on to  
7 reports of special committees.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
9 Committee on Consumer Affairs.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Adopted and laid  
11 over.

12 MAJORITY LEADER: M1096, Mayor's  
13 veto of Intro 434a.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Filed and laid  
15 over.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
17 Committee on Land Use a Preconsidered LU 819 and  
18 Reso 1744, Coney Island Amusement Park Project  
19 Plan, Brooklyn.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under  
21 general orders.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 782 and Reso  
23 1745 and LU 800 and Reso 1746 Tax exemptions.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under  
25 general orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
3 Committee on Technology and Intro 984a Crime  
4 Mapping Website.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and  
6 coupled under general orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the  
8 Committee on Transportation. Intro 1026a  
9 Enforcement of Motor Scooter Provisions.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and  
11 coupled under general orders.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1030a  
13 Prohibition of motor scooter use by businesses.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Mandated and  
15 coupled under general orders.

16 MAJORITY LEADER: Reports of  
17 standing committees. So now go on to general  
18 order calendar.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution  
20 appointing various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under  
22 general orders and at this time I would like to  
23 ask a roll call on all items coupled under general  
24 order calendar please.

25 MAJORITY LEADER: So ordered.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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students, Koobea Amate, and Fumata Sumora. Thank

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you very much.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission  
to explain my vote.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I just  
want to give a special thanks to Council member  
Dan Garodnick and Council member Jessica Lappin  
regarding their bill. I have these bikes, dirt  
bikes, yesterday I saw ten in my district. It was  
like a pack coming through and so you are ahead of  
really what I was thinking about doing here and so  
I want to thank you for such a great bill. I'm  
looking forward to the full enforcement of it.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I would like  
to vote aye and I would like to get unanimous  
consent to vote on all Land Use Call Ups.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: To which I  
vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: aye.

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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: Yes.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: With

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congratulations to Council member Cabrera. I vote

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aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote

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aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: King.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all

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2 and I would like to wish Jessica Lappin happy  
3 birthday to you.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I

14 want to vote aye also on all. I also want to  
15 congratulate Garodnick and Lappin for their bills.  
16 I actually had to put my car in the shop recently  
17 because one of the packs of unregulated dirt bikes  
18 coming up Third Avenue hit my car as they were  
19 weaving in and out, destroyed my tire and  
20 destroyed my fender. But also the other issue  
21 that comes with that is a lot of them are  
22 unregulated in the sense that they do not have any  
23 sort of insurance clearly. They won't stop to  
24 give you their information and they are very  
25 dangerous. So I really do want to thank them for

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2 the bill. And congratulations to Cabrera as well.  
3 And aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye  
6 on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Nelson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on  
17 all.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: May I be  
22 excused to explain.

23 MAJORITY LEADER: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I am going  
25 to vote aye on all and I am going to abstain 1030

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2 and the reason I am voting for 1026 is because I  
3 agree with Council member Vacca and the rest of  
4 the Council members these dirt bikes need to be  
5 off the street. They don't even belong on dirt  
6 because there is not enough dirt in new York City  
7 for a dirt bike. They are in our parks now. You  
8 have seen they go up in our parks and they do 360s  
9 and its pathetic. I've actually tried to chase a  
10 few down but they are very difficulty to catch.  
11 But I do have, I am going to abstain on 1030. I  
12 understand there is a reason for it.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: I'm sorry can you  
14 be a little quiet for Council member Vallone and  
15 just add some time back on the clock for him  
16 please.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you  
18 I will be done quickly. I understand the reasons  
19 for it. I am just a little concerned that the  
20 city didn't reach out to these businesses prior to  
21 this to, it was tough for us to figure out what  
22 was legal and what was not legal. I'm sure the  
23 businesses had the same problems. I would rather  
24 see it phase in over time so that our businesses  
25 weren't fined. I know it's 6 months so I commend

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2 everybody involved with these bills. They are all  
3 very good and especially Cabrera with his crime  
4 bill so I vote aye on all except 1030 on which I  
5 abstain.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on  
8 all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oddo.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

25 MAJORITY LEADER: All items on

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2 today's general order calendar are adopted by a  
3 vote of 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
4 and 0 abstentions with the exception of Into 1026-  
5 a, which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the  
6 affirmative, 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions  
7 and Intro 1030-a which was adopted by a vote 48 in  
8 the affirmative, 1 in the negative and 1  
9 abstention. And the revised land use call ups  
10 were adopted by a vote of 15 in the affirmative  
11 and 0 in the negative. We now move on to  
12 Introduction and reading of the bills.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are  
14 refereed to committees as indicated on the agenda.

15 MAJORITY LEADER: We now move on to  
16 discussion of resolutions. The first resolution  
17 we will discuss is Preconsidered Resolution 1738,  
18 resolution calling on the State University of New  
19 York and New York State Department of Health to  
20 work with stakeholders to pursue the acquisition  
21 of Long Island College Hospital by another  
22 healthcare institution to preserve critical  
23 healthcare services for the community and to  
24 ensure that all resources gained from any sale or  
25 transfer of LICH assets are used exclusively for

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2 the preservation of these services. And  
3 authorizing the Speaker to file or join in AMACUS  
4 brief on behalf of the Council in support of the  
5 preservation of such services. Anyone wanting to  
6 speak on Preconsidered Reso 1738? Seeing none I  
7 just call for a voice vote on this Preconsidered  
8 resolution. All in favor say aye.

9 ALL: Aye.

10 MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed say  
11 nay. Any abstentions? Preconsidered Resolution  
12 1738 passes. We will now move on to Preconsidered  
13 Resolution 1743, resolution recognizing June as  
14 Gun Violence Awareness Month in New York City  
15 adopted by the Committee on Public Safety. Anyone  
16 wanting to speak on this item? Is Council member  
17 Jackson here?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well,  
19 thank you my colleagues. I rise in in order to  
20 say how important this is that as Jumaane Williams  
21 and Fernando Cabrera who are the Co-chairs of the  
22 Gun Violence Task Force has indicated that we need  
23 to bring attention to the gun violence in our  
24 city. And having June as the gun violence  
25 awareness month is extremely important overall to

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2 heighten awareness of all New Yorkers. The  
3 devastation that guns play in the lives of New  
4 Yorkers and so I just compliment them and everyone  
5 for joining in and maybe all of us as Council  
6 members should have a contest in our schools in  
7 order to bring awareness on this particular matter  
8 so that we can reduce and hopefully eventually  
9 eliminate gun violence in our great city. Thank  
10 you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
12 much. Can we get some silence in the chambers.  
13 We have Council member Williams is next.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I want to  
15 thank the Speaker for working with us to get this  
16 Reso moving forward. I think it is very important  
17 and one of the things that frustrates me is that  
18 we view public safety as only belonging in the  
19 domain of the NYPD. They are responsible for law  
20 enforcement and there are other partners around  
21 the city including other agencies and the  
22 community itself that have to do their part to  
23 make public safety a reality and keeping gun  
24 violence down. I think what we, anything that we  
25 can do we should do to protect another child and

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2 this is one other avenue that as elected officials  
3 that we can do to make a month particularly June  
4 because as it begins to get hotter, it gets hot  
5 all over, the temperature, on the streets,  
6 people's anger and gun violence tends to arise.  
7 There is no better time to try to raise the  
8 discourse on gun violence particularly gun  
9 violence in places like New York City and Chicago  
10 that sometimes and too often ignored throughout  
11 the nation in the discussion. Hopefully through  
12 the work that was done with Council member Cabrera  
13 and I, thanks to the leadership of the Speaker, we  
14 can continue doing good work. So I thank her  
15 again and of course I am going to aye on this  
16 resolution.

17 MAJORITY LEADER: Okay. Thank you  
18 very much. Anybody else want to speak on this  
19 item? Council member Ruben Wills.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I wanted to  
21 thank and congratulate Council members Cabrera and  
22 Williams in their work and designating June as a  
23 gun violence awareness month. As Council member  
24 Williams said as the weather gets hot,  
25 unfortunately we have a lot of communities with

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2 acts of violence so I think this is only fitting  
3 from the leadership of the speaker and these two  
4 co-chairs to deal with this in the combining of  
5 the cease fire cure violence initiative that has  
6 helped so many communities like mine. Again,  
7 congratulations and thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
9 much. Next we have Council member Donovan  
10 followed by Council member Cabrera.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Good  
12 afternoon. I wanted to bring your attention to  
13 Intro 1040. I'm elated to introduce the Sandy  
14 Tracking Bill with my colleague Brad Lander today  
15 which will enable us to track federal, state, city  
16 dollars being utilized to rebuild communities  
17 throughout New York City that were devastated  
18 during Hurricane Sandy. The Sandy tracking bill  
19 is a way to provide a type of transparency that  
20 not only new Yorkers ask for but that we as  
21 elected officials always promise. Any time of  
22 uncertainty is our duty to give the public  
23 something they can rely on, transparency. It's  
24 not enough to just hear about expected funds to  
25 assist those affected by hurricane Sandy. New

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2 Yorkers deserve to know how these funds are being  
3 allocated. The beauty of this bill lies not only  
4 in helping those who are receiving funding but it  
5 also helps agencies who are-

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MAJORITY LEADER: I apologize  
7 that's not on the resolution, we are still on the  
8 resolution.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Oh I am  
sorry.

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MAJORITY LEADER: No. That's not a  
problem. So you want to be put on general  
discussion.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Okay,  
sorry about that.

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MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you.  
Council member Richards. Council member Cabrera  
followed by-

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you  
so much. I'll make it real short. I want to  
thank Madam Speaker and Council member Jumaane  
Williams regarding this resolution. What we are  
trying to do is raise the level of awareness and I  
have to accentuate this point the fact that this  
Council and the leadership of Madam Speaker that

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2 we were up and front, we were the forerunners  
3 before it became a national issue. We were  
4 addressing this issue and we were able to put  
5 forward a new initiative last year to address this  
6 very issue and we're starting to have some great  
7 results. So I am looking forward to being able to  
8 and this month draw more attention to the need and  
9 drawing more resources to this particular matter.  
10 Thank you very much.

11 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
12 much. Seeing no others to speak on this  
13 particular resolution. I now call for a voice  
14 vote for Preconsidered Reso 1743. Okay. All in  
15 favor say aye.

16 ALL: Aye.

17 MAJORITY LEADER: All opposed say  
18 nay.

19 ALL: Any abstentions?

20 MAJORITY LEADER: The ayes have it.  
21 We now move on to general discussion. We have  
22 Council member Jackson followed by Council member  
23 Reyna.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you.  
25 My colleagues, we lost a warrior just recently,

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2 Eno Tavares who is a parent activist that has  
3 fought for decades on behalf of the children of  
4 New York City. And she was one of the plaintiffs  
5 in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit. Her  
6 name and her children's names are on the actual  
7 filing documents. And she was buried yesterday  
8 and her wake was Monday and Tuesday out in Forest  
9 Hills, Queens and I went by there to pay my  
10 respects to the family. And on the funeral card I  
11 would like to read to you what is said. She  
12 passed away on April 19<sup>th</sup>. But it says, and this  
13 is a poem. A hundred years from now it will not  
14 matter what bank account or the sort of house I  
15 lived in or the kind of car I drove. But the  
16 world may be different because I was important in  
17 the life of a child. And clearly this was  
18 reflective of Eno and her advocacy on behalf of  
19 the children of New York City. So I wanted to  
20 just communicate to you that a warrior fighting  
21 for children's' education has passed on. May she  
22 rest in peace. Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you,  
24 Council member Reyna followed by Council member  
25 Richards.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you so  
3 much. Good afternoon, my colleagues. I would  
4 like to share with you the Introduction of Intro  
5 1039, a local law to amend the administrative code  
6 of the city of New York in relation to the review  
7 and approval of petitions for revocable consent  
8 operate sidewalk cafes. This intro will help  
9 streamline the sidewalk café process that is  
10 inefficient and places a strain on restaurants and  
11 businesses despite community support.

12 I would like to thank the  
13 regulatory review panel which convened in order to  
14 review the onerous process through several  
15 regulatory levels of government that prolongs what  
16 would be the issuing of a permit and Speaker Quinn  
17 for her leadership in addressing the burdensome  
18 policies affecting the small business community.

19 I would also like to thank Rachel Cordero, counsel  
20 for the Committee on Consumer Affairs for directly  
21 working with me on this bill.

22 I would also call upon your  
23 attention on resolution 1741, calling upon the  
24 United States Department of Labor to assume the  
25 cost of all Hurricane Sandy related unemployment

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2 claims through the federal disaster unemployment  
3 assistance program and on the New York State  
4 Department of Labor to exempt businesses from  
5 paying unemployment claims due to Hurricane Sandy  
6 and all future disasters. This unemployment  
7 disaster assistance will reduce the hardships  
8 endured by unemployed individuals and businesses  
9 directly impacted by Hurricane Sandy. I would  
10 like to thank the Small Business Committee staff,  
11 Faith Corbett, Policy Analyst and Jeff Campagna,  
12 Committee Counsel and Ralph Fernandez, Financial  
13 Analyst for all of their work on this bill.

14 I would like to call upon my  
15 colleagues to consider these two introductions.  
16 One, Intro 1039 and Resolution 1741 and I look  
17 forward to your participation on the hearing for  
18 these two items. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
20 much. Council member Richards followed by Council  
21 member Fidler.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank  
23 you. I got it right this time, I guess. Good  
24 afternoon. I am elated to introduce Intro 1040,  
25 the Sandy Tracking Bill. With my colleague,

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2 Council member Brad Lander, which will enable us  
3 to track federal, state, city dollars being  
4 utilized to rebuild communities throughout New  
5 York City that was devastated by Hurricane Sandy.  
6 The Sandy Tracking Bill is a way to provide the  
7 type of transparency that not only new Yorkers ask  
8 for but we as elected officials always promise.  
9 Any time of uncertainty it is our duty to give the  
10 public something they can rely on, transparency.  
11 It's not enough to just hear about expected funds  
12 to assist those affected by Hurricane Sandy. New  
13 Yorkers deserve to know how these funds are being  
14 allocated. The beauty of this bill lies not only  
15 in helping those who are receiving funding but it  
16 also helps agencies who are allocating the funds  
17 as well. We must ensure that the people's tax  
18 dollars are being utilized to eradicate mold,  
19 rebuild homes, help businesses reopen and create  
20 good jobs.

21                   Conversely we must also make  
22 available where the funding came from as to  
23 contracted organizations. One way to prevent  
24 concerns about stands, waste of lack of knowledge  
25 on the billions of dollars designated for

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2 Hurricane Sandy relief is to pass this bill. This  
3 funding is not something to be discreet about. We  
4 must let the people know where their tax dollars  
5 are going and how they are being utilized.

6 Let's make sure we tie loose ends  
7 that there is full transparency on this funding.  
8 I urge my colleagues to sign on to the Sandy  
9 Tracking Bill to ensure that we rebuild a stronger  
10 more resilient New York City. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
12 much. Council member Fidler followed by Council  
13 member Lander.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you  
15 Majority Leader Rivers. I want to ask my  
16 colleagues to consider signing on to Resolution  
17 1736 which we have introduced today. It calls  
18 upon the Department of Education to create a  
19 moment of silence during the school day. Just a  
20 few seconds, maybe 20 or 30 seconds.

21 I know some of you are probably  
22 thinking. When did Fidler become a religious  
23 fanatic. The fact of the matter is it is  
24 absolutely nothing in a moment of silence that  
25 requires religious thought unless it is the

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2 voluntary thought of a child on their own  
3 volition. We began today's meeting with a moment  
4 of silence. We frequently have a moment of  
5 silence. It can be something as simple as  
6 thinking about the events of the day, thinking  
7 about our first responders in Boston, thinking  
8 about nothing more than getting yourself together  
9 for the thoughts of what's important for you to do  
10 that day. I know the Department of Education is  
11 not likely to do this first. Because they don't  
12 generally take on ideas that come from the Council  
13 and second, because they can't test for it. But  
14 the fact of the matter is there is studies that  
15 show that taking a moment to compose yourself at  
16 the beginning of the day helps in educational  
17 outcome.

18                   So I would ask you to consider  
19 signing on to it. It's Resolution 1736. Thank  
20 you.

21                   MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
22 much. Council member Lander followed by Council  
23 member Chin.

24                   COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you  
25 very much. I missed my opportunity to say just a

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2 word about Preconsidered Reso 1738 in which this  
3 Council is calling on the SUNY and the State  
4 Department of Health to help us to save Long  
5 Island College Hospital. I won't give a long  
6 speech about it I just want to say some thank  
7 yous. We really appreciate Speaker Quinn's  
8 support. She really is out there last week at our  
9 toddler rally with young people who had been born  
10 at Long Island College Hospital or had been taken  
11 care of there, so many colleagues that joined  
12 Council member Levin and I both in the community  
13 over the past few weeks and months and also today  
14 this morning at a great rally that we had with the  
15 New York State Nurses Association, 1199, the  
16 Cobble Hill Association and the Concerned Doctors  
17 Group.

18 LICH saves so many lives and is so  
19 important to our community. There is a path to  
20 keeping it open and I am really grateful to my  
21 colleagues for authorizing this body to sign an  
22 AMACUS brief, an interesting lawsuit, and calling  
23 on the State Department of Health to work with us  
24 to make sure that we can keep it open. So thanks  
25 very much to all of you and just also want to say

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2 in addition to what Council member Richards  
3 already said about Introduction 1040. Those of  
4 you who looked at what the administration did  
5 around the stimulus funds. Remember they had a  
6 very very good website up that really enabled you  
7 to track transparently how the money was spent and  
8 what it was really buying. And that stands in  
9 contrast to the 9/11 money where it was much  
10 harder for the public and for the Council to see  
11 what was being done with those funds so this bill  
12 would establish something more like what happened  
13 with the stimulus funds and I hope people will  
14 sign on. Thank you very much.

15 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you very  
16 much. Council member Chin followed by Council  
17 member Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I  
19 would like to ask my colleagues to support  
20 Resolution 1733. It's a resolution calling the  
21 New York State Legislature to pass and the  
22 Governor to sign into a law that would grant the  
23 city the authority to levy a school impact tax on  
24 developers of new or converted non-senior housing  
25 to help us build schools.

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2                   So in Lower Manhattan, right now  
3 there are 148 children that are currently on a  
4 waiting list in their zoned elementary school.  
5 This is an increase from a wait list of 99  
6 students from last year. The school overcrowding  
7 crisis now public school is a direct result of  
8 building conversion from commercial to residential  
9 use and an explosion in the rate of construction  
10 of residential units throughout New York City.  
11 When these new residential buildings opened  
12 hundreds of families and their children are  
13 absorbed by our existing schools. So by requiring  
14 developers of non-senior housing to contribute to  
15 a fund for new school construction I hope this  
16 will end the strain on our public schools and our  
17 city and also alleviate the budget limitations  
18 that makes the construction of new schools such a  
19 challenge.

20                   And I also wanted to say thank you  
21 and good bye to my Communications Director Kelly  
22 McGee, who is here. For over 2 years she has made  
23 tremendous contributions to my office for her  
24 advocacy not just with the media but also on  
25 behalf of our constituents. We are going to truly

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2 miss her but she is not going too far. She is  
3 going over to the Department of Buildings and  
4 hopefully we can still count on her help over  
5 there. So thank you Kelly and we wish you the  
6 best of luck.

7 MAJORITY LEADER: We now move on to  
8 Council member Levin followed by Council member  
9 Mealy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you  
11 Mr. Majority Leader. I just want to also, I  
12 missed my opportunity to speak on the LICH  
13 resolution but I wanted to thank Speaker Quinn and  
14 staff Daniel Havitz, Crystal Goldpond, Krillian  
15 Francisco and Council member Lander as Council  
16 member Lander said this is a major development the  
17 passing of this resolution in our fight to keep  
18 Long Island Hospital open. I want to thank all of  
19 my colleagues for coming out this morning and over  
20 the past several weeks and months to express their  
21 support. This is a long term effort. The  
22 community has been out there in force with the New  
23 York State Nurses Association, 1199, Concerned  
24 Physicians and all of the neighborhood  
25 associations that have dedicated themselves to

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2 keeping Long Island College Hospital open. I  
3 think that we are in a good position to turn the  
4 corner and to convince all the stakeholders there  
5 is value in keeping a hospital facility on this  
6 campus and this resolution is a touchstone in that  
7 effort so thank you very much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you,  
9 Council member Mealy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes. I rise  
11 today to ask my colleagues to sign on to Reso  
12 1739. Today I am proud to introduce this  
13 resolution 1739 which adopts the procurement  
14 policy board rule amendment to increase the city  
15 micro purchase limit from \$5,000 to \$20,000. This  
16 new rule will help small businesses who contract  
17 with the city. While the checks and balances are  
18 necessary to ensure fairness and transparency too  
19 often small businesses have been discourage from  
20 doing business with the city. Some have found the  
21 process too difficult to complete for the sake of  
22 such a small contract. The micro purchase and  
23 limit has not been raised since 2002 when we raise  
24 it from \$2,500 to the current \$5,000 limit.  
25 \$20,000 is the right limit for 2013.

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I ask my colleagues to sign on to this great resolution to support the raise in this limit. It will help the small businesses that are the backbone of this city and I beg you to sign on to it. 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 \_\_May 9, 2013