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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

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

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

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: All right. Better
3 late than never and [off mic] okay. The first
4 ceremonial is going to be led by Council Member
5 Margaret Chin and Council Member Julissa Ferreras
6 and it is in honor of some of New York City's
7 firefighters. So, I'm going to turn the mic over
8 to Julissa and Margaret. Here you go. Yay, let's
9 hear it for firefighters, for Julissa and for
10 Margaret, all right. And if we could ask, come
11 on. All right, Margaret, here you go. [off mic]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Come on
13 up. So, this is a very special day in the
14 council. As many of you have heard we had some
15 amazing, obviously our brave firefighters are
16 important to every integral part of our city. But
17 in particular we have some amazing, amazing
18 officers, firefighter John Ortiz [phonetic] James
19 Trainor [phonetic] and Shane Clark [phonetic].
20 They are, through their heroism [applause] they
21 demonstrated and we have one woman in uniform. As
22 Chair of the Women's Issues and working with the
23 Speaker of the City Council we work very hard to
24 fight against domestic violence. And these three
25 men, and three companies, Engine 9, Ladder 6,

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2 Engine 15 and Battalion 4. I know there's some up
3 there also, they're all here. [applause] These men
4 helped save the lives of a victim in New York
5 City, in Chinatown and Margaret Chin, Council
6 Member Chin will be speaking on that. But she is
7 amazing. She's recovering well. She still has to
8 go through several surgeries but one of the four
9 point plans that I worked on with the Speaker was
10 that people have to mind their business. They
11 have to not, and make sure that, you know,
12 oftentimes people say, mind your own business.
13 Don't mind your own business is what these
14 gentlemen did and they helped save a life. So, I
15 know that many New York City residents are far,
16 far safer because of the amazing firefighters that
17 we have in New York City. So, this is your day.
18 Thank you so much for everything that you do.
19 [applause] And we are not only honoring the
20 firefighters but we're also honoring the house,
21 the dragon fighters. So, thank you so much. Up
22 there, the dragon fighters. Council Member Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.
24 You know, we are so proud of our firefighters of
25 our FDNY 'cause every day they put their lives on

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2 the line to protect and serve our community. But
3 in February our firefighter went ever further to
4 save a woman's life. She was being chased down
5 the street by her estranged husband with a meat
6 cleaver, all right? But the firefighters in the
7 Chinatown Dragon Fighter Company, they didn't mind
8 their business. They came out to try to save the
9 woman. And because of their courage and the heart
10 to do so, Jose Ortiz, James Trainor and Shane
11 Clark, you are our hero. [applause] So, we want to
12 recognize you today and we want to recognize the
13 Chinatown firefighters for their heroism and
14 bravery and for sending their loves and prayer to
15 the victim. Today we had an informal meeting with
16 her so that she could personally thank the
17 firefighter that saved her life. And she was
18 crying. She was saying that if it wasn't for you
19 guys she would not have been here today. She
20 still have to go through surgery six months from
21 now and she was wearing a wig because her head has
22 suffered a lot of injury. But she also told me
23 that she actually with her family, she want to go
24 visit you guys, all right, to thank you in person.
25 So, we going to make that happen. We going to

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2 bring her to the Chinatown firefighters, for the
3 Dragon Fighters so that she can personally meet
4 all the hero who cares about her. And that's what
5 we want her to know 'cause she's here alone. She
6 only has her sister and her brother in law and
7 we've been trying to get her mother to come from
8 China to take care of her. But she's a young
9 woman and she's full of life and she is so
10 appreciative. And there are brave men and women
11 in New York City that care about her. So, thank
12 you today and can the Clerk read the proc? Thank
13 you. [applause] And thank you Speaker, for hosting
14 this. [applause]

15 MALE VOICE 1: Council, City of New
16 York, proclamation. Whereas the Council of the
17 City of New York is proud to honor firefighters
18 John Ortiz, Shane Clark and James Trainor and
19 their fellow Chinatown Dragon Fighters who make up
20 FDNY Engine 9 and Ladder 6, for their heroic
21 intervention of a gruesome domestic violence act
22 in Chinatown. And whereas statistics from the
23 Mayor's Office to combat domestic violence reveal
24 that family violence related deaths have been
25 steadily increasing from 63 in 2009 to 77 in 2010

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2 to 92 in 2011. The City Council has been
3 unwavering in its commitment to stop domestic
4 violence for decades. In 2012 the Council joined
5 NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly and NYC and company
6 continue in its fight against domestic violence
7 with a public service campaign called, Don't Mind
8 Your Business. The citywide outreach effort
9 raises awareness and gets the community involved
10 in reporting domestic violence and aids law
11 enforcement in its response. When everyone begins
12 to speak up, speak out and report such abuse
13 domestic violence will lose its accomplice,
14 silence. On this occasion we are proud to
15 recognize the Chinatown Dragon Fighters for
16 demonstrating the importance of not minding our
17 business. And whereas around 10:00 a.m. on
18 Sunday, February 24th, 2013 on Canal Street in
19 Chinatown an argument erupts between a deranged 28
20 year old man and his tearful, 23 year old wife.
21 He then grabs her by the arm and begins dragging
22 her down the street. Her screams are loud enough
23 to get the attention of firefighters from FDNY,
24 Engine 9 and Ladder 6, popularly known as the
25 Chinatown Dragon Fighters. And whereas three

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2 firefighters, John Ortiz, followed by James
3 Trainor and Shane Clark see the commotion across
4 Canal Street and run as fast as they can to stop
5 it. Before Mr. Ortiz can reach the scene the
6 assailant suddenly pulls out a meat cleaver from
7 his waistband and yells, and strikes the woman at
8 least six times. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Trainor
9 rush the man and manage to pin him against a
10 fence. In that second the disoriented,
11 traumatized and severely injured woman runs off as
12 fast as she can screaming for help. In fact, she
13 is so terrified that she runs for several blocks
14 before Mr. Clark can catch up with her to help.
15 Thanks to the proactive support of all the FDNY
16 Chinatown Dragon Fighters the woman was quickly
17 taken to Bellevue Hospital and her husband was
18 taken away by the NYPD. And whereas while
19 someone's physical injuries may heal domestic
20 violence leaves a deep scar on both the victim and
21 our society. One in four women and one in 13 men
22 will experience domestic violence in their
23 lifetime. These statistics are even more alarming
24 when we consider how domestic violence usually
25 goes unreported. Children exposed to domestic

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2 violence, whether as victims or witnesses also
3 need our help. May all New Yorkers learn from our
4 heroic Chinatown Dragon Fighters to speak out and
5 intervene whenever we witness such abuse in our
6 community, on our streets or at home. Now
7 therefore be it known that the Council of the City
8 of New York gratefully honors John Ortiz, James
9 Trainor, Shane Clark and all of our heroic FDNY
10 Chinatown Dragon Fighters for their lifesaving
11 rescue on February 24th and for reminding all New
12 Yorkers, don't mind your business when it comes to
13 domestic violence. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker
14 for the entire Council, Julissa Ferreras, Chair,
15 Women's Issues Committee, and Margaret S. Chin,
16 Council Member, First District, Manhattan.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Well, I just, I
19 want to echo what Julissa and Margaret said to you
20 three, to everyone in Engine 9, Ladder 6 and
21 Battalion 4, we just really want to say thank you.
22 You know, we are grateful every day for our fire
23 department but we're usually grateful for you
24 fighting fires. Today, in this event and hearing
25 just how horribly horrific this attack was you

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2 underscore what we always talk about fire
3 department here in a broader public safety sense,
4 and why having fire houses open and out there in
5 neighborhoods, first and foremost will keep us
6 safe from fires but will keep us safer, period.
7 And the fact that you three individuals with the
8 support of everyone else in your firehouse ran
9 towards screams, having no idea what could happen.
10 And then a horrible thing happened, I mean, he
11 pulled out a meat cleaver and you ran towards that
12 man, is just another example of somehow people who
13 grow up to be firefighters, before God sent you
14 out he gave you a little more bravery than he gave
15 the rest of us, let me tell you. 'Cause the human
16 reaction would be to go away from a man with a
17 meat cleaver. The smart thing to do is to go away
18 from a maniac with a meat cleaver who just
19 butchered a woman and you all did the opposite.
20 You saved a life, you gave this woman the
21 opportunity to no longer be a victim but to become
22 the survivor she is. And you gave us all another
23 enormous reason to be proud and to remain indebted
24 to the New York City Fire Department. So, thank
25 you all very, very much and [applause] I welcome

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any of you to say a few words if you would like to. And if you did you would just say you were doing your job, which is another example of how great you guys are. Please.

MALE VOICE 2: Although we're very grateful to be up here it very much was a group effort with those individuals up there. [applause] So, just, and all the other guys that were working that day. So, thank you very much. [applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, guys. And be safe and be careful. Thank you all very much. Thank you. All right. And our next ceremonial as, thank you all very much, is, our next ceremonial is our great firefighters, have another round of applause for the Dragon Fighters as they leave the ceremonial. [applause] And the next, if I could ask anyone and everyone who's participating in the final ceremonial, would you, declaring the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Month which will be from May 15th to June 15th. The parade is June 9th. The grand marshal is Chita Rivera. If I could ask everybody who is here for that to come up. All right, if I could ask Melissa to come on up to accept our proclamation

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2 on behalf of the National Puerto Rican Day Parade
3 Month. It's a lot of words and if I could ask my
4 colleagues to come up. And I wanted to say it in
5 Spanish, that was the problem. And if I could ask
6 my colleagues to come on up and shhh. Well, I
7 just want to thank Melissa and everyone from the
8 parade committee. The parade, but importantly
9 this entire month, and I love the fact that in New
10 York things that are a day we make a month,
11 whether it's Saint Patrick's Day or the Puerto
12 Rican Day Parade. This month is a very important
13 time for all of us in this city to take a moment
14 to thank everyone who makes this parade happen
15 every year but also to take a moment to thank all
16 the members of the Puerto Rican community in the
17 five boroughs. Our city is a better place, a more
18 diverse place, a stronger place, a more creative
19 place because of the past, present and future
20 contributions of the members of the Puerto Rican
21 community. And better looking Maria, you are
22 absolutely right, better looking. By all of the
23 contributions of the Puerto Rican community so I
24 know that all of my colleagues very much enjoy the
25 parade. We have had our majority leader on film

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2 and in pictures dancing with Senator Clinton at
3 the parade as well so there's a lot of great
4 moments with the Council and the parade. But
5 thank you all. I know these events and these
6 months take a lot of work. It's almost all
7 volunteer work on top of everything else, Melissa,
8 thank you and the parade committee. And if I
9 could ask the Clerk to read the proclamation.

10 FEMALE VOICE 1: Council, City of
11 New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the
12 City of New York is proud to honor the National
13 Puerto Rican Day Parade for strengthening the
14 cultural fabric of our city and the United States.
15 And whereas since the National Puerto Rican Day
16 Parade was established in New York City in 1958 it
17 has grown into the largest demonstration of Puerto
18 Rican pride in the nation. Each year its 100,000
19 participants attract 2.5 million equally jubilant
20 spectators. And whereas on June 9th, 2013 the 56th
21 National Puerto Rican Day Parade will celebrate
22 with a focus on health to help promote the
23 healthier lifestyles that prevent some of the
24 largest epidemics affecting Puerto Ricans and
25 Latinos including diabetes, cancer, asthma and

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2 obesity among others. To further this cause the
3 parade also calls upon mental health professionals
4 to raise greater awareness of autism, ADD, ADHD
5 and depression. And whereas by promoting health,
6 economic development, education, social
7 advancement and environmental awareness, the
8 National Puerto Rican Day Parade has empowered
9 Puerto Rican communities across the country. We
10 wish a continued success. Now therefore be it
11 known that the Council of the City of New York
12 hereby proclaims May 15th to June 15th to be
13 National Puerto Rican Day Parade Month in New York
14 City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire
15 Council, Maria Del Carmen Arroyo, Council Member
16 17th District, Bronx, Daniel Garodnick, Council
17 Member, 4th District, Manhattan and many other
18 Council Members.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Yay. And Melissa,
20 I just also want to thank the Committee for this
21 particular theme of health and public health which
22 is incredibly important for every community but
23 particularly when you look at the statistics of
24 the incredibly high number of teenage Latinas who
25 commit suicide, which is something we've worked on

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2 trying to prevent in this Council. This message
3 of public health, including mental health, is a
4 very, very powerful one and I just want to offer
5 the assistance of the Council in any way on that
6 and all of the other public health messaging over
7 the next month. Any way we can help please don't
8 hesitate to ask. And I will take the proc and you
9 can take the mic.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

11 Thank you so much, Speaker Quinn. And I just want
12 to take the opportunity to thank you and to thank
13 all of the members of the New York City Council.
14 As you stated this is our 56th year and it's so
15 important to us that we are able to have an
16 opportunity to have an entire month, not one day,
17 not one week, but one month to really spread our
18 message of health awareness and especially in the
19 Puerto Rican and Latino community here in New
20 York. So, I thank you so much. This parade
21 started 56 years ago as an idea to highlight the
22 accomplishments and contributions of the Puerto
23 Rican community here in New York and it's now
24 grown to be an annual tradition in this great city
25 and we thank you.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Well, thank you.

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And we'll see everybody on the parade route. And

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that concludes ceremonials for the day. Better

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MALE VOICE 3: Ladies and

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gentlemen, can I have your attention please, can I

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all non Council employees please leave the main

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floor of the chambers? We have seating upstairs

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in the balcony. Thank you. [pause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: The Pledge

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of Allegiance, all rise. I pledge allegiance to

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the flag of the United States of America. And to

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the republic for which it stands, one nation,

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under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice

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for all. Roll call.

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MALE VOICE 3: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Chin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here

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MALE VOICE 3: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.

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MALE VOICE 3: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [no

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MALE VOICE 3: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [no

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MALE VOICE 3: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no

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MALE VOICE 3: GARODNICK?
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.
MALE VOICE 3: Gennaro?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [no
MALE VOICE 3: Gentile?
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.
MALE VOICE 3: Gonzalez?
COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.
MALE VOICE 3: Greenfield?
COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [no
MALE VOICE 3: Halloran?
COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: [no
MALE VOICE 3: Ignizio?
COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [no
MALE VOICE 3: Jackson?
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.
MALE VOICE 3: James?
COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [no
MALE VOICE 3: King?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
5 MALE VOICE 3: Koppell?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.
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8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
9 MALE VOICE 3: Lander?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
11 MALE VOICE 3: Lappin?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [no
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14 MALE VOICE 3: Levin?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [no
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17 MALE VOICE 3: Mark-Viverito?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:
19 Here.
20 MALE VOICE 3: Mealy?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.
22 MALE VOICE 3: Mendez?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [no
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25 MALE VOICE 3: Nelson?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Present.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.
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6 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.
7 MALE VOICE 3: Reyna?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.
9 MALE VOICE 3: Richards?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
11 MALE VOICE 3: Rodriguez?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
13 MALE VOICE 3: Rose?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
15 MALE VOICE 3: Ulrich?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [no
17 response]
18 MALE VOICE 3: Dilan?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.
20 MALE VOICE 3: Vacca?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
22 MALE VOICE 3: Vallone?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no
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25 MALE VOICE 3: [off mic] Van

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.

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MALE VOICE 3: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: [no response]

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MALE VOICE 3: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.

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MALE VOICE 3: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 3: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

MALE VOICE 3: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: We have a quorum. Can we please rise for the invocation being delivered by Reverend Peter Heltzel.

REVEREND PETER HELTZEL: Let us pray. Good an gracious God. We thank you for the verdant green, hope of spring, for this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Guide and bless the members of our City Council. Send down upon them the spirit of wisdom, justice, and love. That with steadfast purpose they may honestly and faithfully fulfill their duties this day through democratic deliberations promoting the peace of all New Yorkers. May they heed the call of the prophet Jeremiah who said, seek the shalom of the city and pray to the Lord for it. For in it's Shalom you will have Shalom. Make us prophets of your peace, oh Lord. Where there is hate, let us sow love. Wehre there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, joy. Grant our City Council courage and

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2 foresight as they provide for the needs of all New
3 Yorkers. Renew the ties of mutual regard between
4 faith leaders and our Council Members. May we
5 work together to eliminate poverty, prejudice and
6 oppression. Wherever someone is hungry and
7 hurting may we stand up for love. May we stand up
8 for justice, may we stand up for your shalom, oh
9 God, our refuge and hope. Let justice roll down
10 like a river and righteousness like an ever
11 flowing stream that peace may prevail this day and
12 forevermore. In your holy name we pray. Amen.
13 [crosstalk] [applause]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Council
15 Member Jackson is present. Well, thank you,
16 Reverend Heltzel. Let me thank you for this
17 inspirational prayer on behalf of our members of
18 the City Council. And especially now in these
19 hard times we do need peace and understanding
20 amongst all brothers and sisters throughout the
21 world and you provide the inspiration that we
22 need. On behalf of the Members of the City
23 Council I spread your invitation full upon the
24 record. Thank you.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my

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2 colleagues to please rise. On May 4th, 2013 Lynn
3 Brooks, who was 82, passed away surrounded by her
4 husband and her family. Lynn was the loving and
5 adored wife of - - radio legend Stan Brooks. Lynn
6 was born and raised in New York City, attending
7 Julia Richman High School, Hunter College and
8 eventually getting a master's degree at NYU. Lynn
9 loved New York City and all of its vast cultural
10 institutions and parks and all of its different
11 neighborhoods. It was this love that led her in
12 1992 to found Big Apple Greeter, an organization
13 which has New Yorkers volunteer to take tours
14 around the city, not just to the big tourist
15 hotspots but to their own neighborhoods and the
16 own hidden treasures that they have and love in
17 their city. It's important to note that Big Apple
18 Greeter is not only an enormous success in New
19 York, Lynn's leadership has brought that to
20 countless other cities across this country and to
21 five different continents across the world where
22 other people replicate her great work. Lynn was a
23 lifelong activist for civil rights, women's rights
24 and social justice. Lynn's funeral was held
25 yesterday. She is survived, of course, by our

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2 good friend Stan, by their sons, Rick, George and
3 Bennett, three daughter in laws, seven
4 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, six nieces
5 and nephews, and by hundreds and hundreds and
6 hundreds of coworkers and friends. Our thoughts
7 and prayers go out to Stan and the entire Brooks
8 family. I also want to note the unexpected
9 passing of Martin Stark, the Governmental
10 Programming Manager and Scheduler at NCYTV.
11 Martin was born and raised in Laurelton, Queens.
12 Graduated from Springfield Gardens High School and
13 earned his bachelor's degree at Barouche. He
14 joined NYCTV in 1997 and he scheduled the filming
15 of a vast range of events, from celebrations,
16 including celebrations of his beloved Yankees, the
17 tragedy and the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks,
18 and, of course, endless recordings of thousands of
19 City Council hearings. Martin treated his
20 colleagues and coworkers as a family and touched
21 their lives with his kindness, humor, and above
22 all, strength and faith. This inner strength that
23 carried him through the every day struggles of
24 diabetes and provided those around him with a
25 portrait of courage. At 6'7" this gentle giant

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2 will be dearly missed by so many. Martin is
3 survived by his sister Beverly, his brothers
4 Gilbert and Tony and their families and Ann Marie
5 Stark who had been his wife and who is with us
6 today and we want to thank Anne Marie for joining
7 us today as we pay this tribute to Martin. And
8 to, of course, his second family at NYCTV. On
9 April 26th, 2013, Upper West Side resident Mary
10 Thumb [phonetic] who was 68, a chronicler of the
11 feminist movement and former Executive Editor of
12 Ms. Magazine died in a motorcycle accident in
13 Yonkers. Mary, the current editor in Chief at the
14 Women's Media Center was born in Akron, Ohio and
15 graduated Bryn Mawr before joining Ms. Magazine in
16 1970. Colleagues described her as a zealous
17 advocate for equal pay in the United States and
18 helped spread the ideals of the women's rights
19 movement in this country and abroad. At Ms.
20 Magazine Mary shaped the writing of many of the
21 feminist movements luminaries, including her close
22 friend Gloria Steinem. Although never married the
23 New York Times reported that her friends said that
24 her motorcycle was her true love and she used it
25 to zip around town for meeting to meeting. Ti was

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2 on her beloved motorcycle that she met her
3 untimely death. She is survived by a sister
4 Susan, a nephew Tom, and I would like to call upon
5 Council Member Gale Brewer to say a few words
6 about her good friend, Mary.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
8 very much, Madam Speaker. On May 6th, hundreds of
9 people gravitated to Lincoln Center for Mary's
10 memorial service and as you can imagine some of
11 the greatest feminist writers were there. You
12 hear about Gloria Steinem, but Robin Morgan and
13 Carolyn - - and Joanne Edgar [phonetic]. And she
14 was married to, from 1972 'til 1987, Editor and
15 Chief of Ms. Magazine. And I think that
16 particular experience shaped a lot of us because
17 she taught many people to write. She was very,
18 very clear about clear, concise writing. After
19 Ms. she actually wrote a history of Ms. Magazine
20 and she credited an oral history of her beloved
21 friend Rella Abzouk [phonetic]. And she titled
22 it, this was typical of Mary, Rella Abzouk, how
23 one tough broad from the Bronx fought Jim Crow and
24 Joe McCarthy, pissed off Jimmy Carter, battled for
25 the rights of women and workers, rallied against

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2 war and for the planet and shook up politics along
3 the way. And every time we saw Mary w would
4 wonder if she has her motorcycle or not. We would
5 check to see. She did love that motorcycle. She
6 had just brought it out of storage in Yonkers and
7 was riding back to her home on the West Side. She
8 absolutely adored her nephew Tom, in fact, he was
9 married some years ago and has one child, another
10 one on the way, and she loved them as much as she
11 loved her sister, Susan. They would ride their
12 motorcycles in Arizona where Susan is all during
13 the summer. And, in fact, she had a motorcycle
14 here and a motorcycle there. She will be sadly
15 missed and she contributed a great deal to the
16 feminist movement and to all of us who care about
17 those ideals. Thank you.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Thank
19 you, Mr. Joel Rivera, Majority Leader.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Messages
21 and papers from the Mayor? Oh, I'm sorry,
22 adoption of minutes?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: None.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Messages
25 and papers from the Mayor?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: M 1144 to M

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1151, Mayor's Executive Budget.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Number

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1152, Budget Summary?

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SPEAKER QUINN: M 1152? Finance.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: M 1153,

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City debt and reserves?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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printed and filed.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE:

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Communication from City, County and Borough

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Petitions

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and communications?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Land use

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: M 1154 to M

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SPEAKER QUINN: All of these are

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coupled land use call up's, please? I just want

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2 to remind folks, shh, that the hearings on the
3 Mayor's Executive Budget are beginning tomorrow.
4 If you are a member of the Finance Committee your
5 attendance is required at every hearing. In
6 addition to the hearings of which you, Committees
7 of which you are a member, in addition to Finance
8 and I also just want to make sure folks are
9 understanding that we may be calling budget
10 negotiating team or delegation meetings, you know,
11 at any time. So, I want to urge you as you make
12 your scheduling commitments in May and June to let
13 everyone know they are contingent on budget
14 negotiations. Roll call, please.

15 MALE VOICE 3: Arroyo?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

17 MALE VOICE 3: Barron?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE 3: Brewer?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

21 MALE VOICE 3: Cabrera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

23 MALE VOICE 3: Chin?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

25 MALE VOICE 3: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Can I ask permission to vote aye on all calendar items and land use call up's?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote aye on all call up's and with permission on all general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank
you.

MALE VOICE 3: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FILDER: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

MALE VOICE 3: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: As the
Deputy Majority Leader I request permission to
vote on all general order items and coupled in
general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank
you, sir. I vote aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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MALE VOICE 3: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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MALE VOICE 3: King?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Majority

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Leader, may I have permission to vote aye on all

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items on today's general calendar and all land use

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call up's?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye and

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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MALE VOICE 3: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Nelson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Recchia?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I vote aye

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: And I want

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to thank Gale Brewer for her wonderful work on the

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paycheck leave bill.

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MALE VOICE 3: Reyna?

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote no on

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land use items 796, 797, 798, 799, and yes on all

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COUNCIL MEMBE COMRIE: Council

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Member Reyna, are you voting on the general order

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2 calendar now or 'cause we're only on the land use
3 calendar? We didn't move into the general order
4 yet.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I apologize.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: That's
7 okay.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

10 MALE VOICE 3: Richards?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

12 MALE VOICE 3: Rodriguez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and
14 I would like to vote aye on all general order.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would
17 like to vote aye and I would also like to
18 congratulate Council Member Brewer and the Speaker
19 Quinn for their leadership on this - - day bill.

20 MALE VOICE 3: Rose?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

22 MALE VOICE 3: Ulrich?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye
24 and request unanimous consent to vote on all items
25 of the general order calendar?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Vallone?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no

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MALE VOICE 3: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Yes, highly

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ask permission to vote on all land use items and

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye. And I

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would like to congratulate Gale Brewer on a great

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MALE VOICE 3: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

MALE VOICE 3: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye and with your permission Mr. Deputy Majority Leader I'd like to vote aye on all general order calendars and resolutions?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. I vote aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Today's land use call up's were adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, zero in the negative. Communications from the Speaker?

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. We're voting on a number of very important pieces of legislation today but let me start with one coming, a veto over, coming out of consumer affairs. This is intro 434-A. I want to thank Alix Pustilnik [phonetic] Rachel Cordero [phonetic] Damien Butvick [phonetic] for all of their work on this legislation. I want to thank

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2 the sponsor of the bill, Council Member Levin and
3 the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee, Dan
4 Garodnick. This is a pretty simple and common
5 sense piece of legislation. It's a piece of
6 legislation that responds to a set of facts that
7 were extraordinarily well presented and well
8 advocated on by vendors in the City of New York.
9 And let's be clear, vendors are small business
10 people. Vendors are a critical part of our
11 mainstream New York small business community. And
12 vendors and vending is often the first point of
13 entry into work in New York City for our ever
14 diverse and growing immigrant community. Now,
15 there are a lot of rules and regulations around
16 vending and we understand that because you're
17 doing your work on the street of the City of New
18 York. But these rules and regs should be applied
19 in a fair way, a transparent way. And if somebody
20 is an inch too close to a door 'cause the, one of
21 the rules is you have to be a certain number, a
22 certain distance away from a door, which makes
23 sense, you don't want to block people coming in
24 and out of a building. But if a vendor is an inch
25 too close should they have to pay \$1,000 over and

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2 over again? Of course not. That's why this piece
3 of legislation in addition to hopefully clarifying
4 and streamlining the rules also will reduce the
5 fines. Now, it won't do that in issues of public
6 health, it won't do that if you're vending without
7 a license 'cause that's unacceptable. But it will
8 reduce those fines and hopefully make enforcement
9 about education, not about gotcha. And this
10 Council has done a great deal of work towards
11 ending the gotcha ticket, 434-A and Council Member
12 Levin and Chair Garodnick's advocacy is another
13 example of putting the gotcha ticket to bed. I
14 want to thank everyone who's been part of the
15 vendor's rights project and all of their great
16 work. Let me call on the sponsor of the bill,
17 Council Member Steve Levin, and again, thank the
18 Chair who has indicated that he is not going to
19 speak, but thank you, Chair Garodnick.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you
21 very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank you for
22 your support of this vital piece of legislation
23 which is, as you said, supporting some of our
24 city's most industrious small business owners. By
25 decreasing these fines we are giving these hard

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2 working New Yorkers a fair shot of making it here
3 in New York and being able to support their
4 families. I want to especially thank you, Madam
5 Speaker, Chairman Dan Garodnick, Melissa Mark-
6 Viverito, Council Member, on the street member
7 project, especially Sean Basinski [phonetic]
8 Rachel Cordero [phonetic] and Damien Butvick from
9 essential staff and Rob Newman who worked very
10 long and hard and thank you to all of the co
11 sponsors for bringing this bill to the floor and
12 for voting in favor for this veto override. Many,
13 many New Yorkers will sing your praises and - -
14 thank you.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
16 Steve. I also want to thank, in our finance
17 division, Tenesha Edwards [phonetic], Jamie Stocks
18 [phonetic] Scott Crowley [phonetic] and Preston
19 Niblack [phonetic]. I want to thank Chair Recchia
20 for his work on what we are voting on out of that
21 Committee today as well. Also, in land use we
22 have a very important project as it relates to
23 Cornell and NYC Tech and the opening of a new and
24 very exciting university on Roosevelt Island, one
25 that's going to bring us a world class applied

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2 sciences institution to Roosevelt Island, spur
3 economic development and move New York City
4 forward as the high tech, innovation, applied
5 sciences capital of the world. I want to thank
6 Gale Benjamin [phonetic] and Emma Corhey
7 [phonetic] Alonso Carr [phonetic] Rob Muragali
8 [phonetic] in the land use division for all of
9 their work. I want to thank Chair Comrie, Chair
10 Weprin and Council Member Lappin. And Council
11 Member Lappin and the Roosevelt Island community
12 were aggressive in their effort to try to make
13 sure Roosevelt Island became the home of this new
14 applied sciences university. And then once they
15 won they kept working to make sure it was done in
16 a way that was a benefit for the community as well
17 as for the City as a whole, and that has
18 definitely been achieved. So, let me call on in
19 this order, Chair Comrie, Chair Weprin, and
20 Council Member Lappin. Chair Comrie, on Cornell.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'm sorry,
22 I'll pass.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Okay, thank you.
24 Chair Weprin? And Council Member Lappin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I just want

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2 to make sure I thank my Chief of Staff, Jane
3 Swanson, who I didn't thank at our press
4 conference earlier today for all of her tremendous
5 work and all that the community did from the very,
6 very beginning to say that we welcome this project
7 but that didn't mean we weren't going to negotiate
8 and make sure that they were good neighbors. It's
9 been a really fantastic partnership with Cornell,
10 with Mayor Bloomberg, with my colleagues here in
11 the Council and I'm very pleased and certainly
12 hope you will join me in voting for this game
13 changing development today. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much
15 and thank you Chair Comrie and Chair Weprin. Last
16 but absolutely not least and last on purpose is a
17 piece of legislation around paid sick leave in the
18 City of New York. And there is a long list of
19 people to thank organizationally. We want to
20 thank everyone who's been part of this coalition
21 but in the Council we want to thank Ray Majefski
22 [phonetic] Paul Stromm [phonetic] Lauren Axelrod
23 [phonetic] Jim Carris [phonetic] Tirza Nazir
24 [phonetic] Mark, Matt Carlin [phonetic] Faith
25 Corbett [phonetic] Preston Niblack [phonetic]

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2 Laura Poppa [phonetic] Laura Poppa, Laura Poppa
3 and Margaret Nelson and Molly Murphy for all of
4 their work and Shayla in Gale Brewer's office.
5 So, let's here it for all of them. [applause] We
6 want to really thank the lead sponsor of the bill,
7 Council Member Brewer and also Chair Mike Nelson
8 who chaired Civil Service and Labor. After we
9 vote today and then when we vote again, because I
10 believe the bill will be vetoed and we override
11 the veto, we will have passed into law a piece of
12 legislation which will bring paid sick leave to
13 just shy of a million workers in the five boroughs
14 and bring required leave with no retribution to
15 more than a million workers. We'll have done this
16 in a thoughtful and a deliberate way. A way at
17 the end of the process where opponents from the
18 Chambers of Commerce who were steadfastly against
19 the bill stood with us on the steps saying this
20 was a fair piece of legislation. That happened
21 almost exclusively because of the leadership of
22 Gale Brewer who listened to small businesses, who
23 listened to health advocates, who listened to
24 workers, how listened to her Council colleagues
25 and today can take credit for passing what I

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2 believe is one of the most expansive paid sick
3 leaves and worker rights pieces of legislation to
4 be passed, not just in this City but in this
5 country in quite some time. So, I just want to
6 thank everyone who has gotten us to this place
7 where we will be able to, through legislation,
8 make sure workers have this important right but
9 that we also did it in a fair and balanced way
10 that's not going to cause any small businesses to
11 choose between paid sick leave and employment of
12 an individual. This is going to be a great model
13 for all of us moving forward and for other cities.
14 So again, thank you, the staff. Thank you, the
15 coalition. Thank you everyone who has been part
16 of this effort and again, with our deepest thanks
17 and gratitude let me call on the lead sponsor of
18 the bill, Council Member Brewer and then Chair,
19 Mike Nelson. And let's, before Gale speaks, if I
20 could ask just for a round of applause for you?
21 [applause and cheers]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you,
23 all. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you,
24 Madam Speaker. I want to say that your staff is
25 incredible. I won't list them all again except

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2 Laura Poppo, Laura Poppo, Laura Poppo. But also,
3 Margaret Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Margaret Nelson.
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5 list. [off mic] You remembered him? Nothing at
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SPEAKER QUINN: No, in all

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Okay, he

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SPEAKER QUINN: Ramon Martinez was

not part of this [crosstalk] for the record.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: He did not.

He did not. You're absolutely correct. So, I
want to say that there are 37 sponsors who are
incredibly supportive from the very beginning,
more added on but the mighty 37. I know who you
are. You know who you are. I want to thank you.

Thank you, Council Member Nelson for bringing this
to the final stages and I want to thank some of
the people who made the coalition possible, a
better balance. Sherrie Ewan [phonetic] and Jared
May [phonetic] Center for Popular Democracy,
Andrew Freedman [phonetic] Amy Carroll [phonetic]
and Andy Barkin [phonetic] and Make the Road New

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2 York. Many, many workers came to every single
3 press conference, but - - Valdez was really one of
4 the leaders. The New York City Paid Leave
5 Coalition, Donna Dolan [phonetic] and Martha Baker
6 [phonetic] Working Families Party, Bill Lipton
7 [phonetic] and Emmanuel Casaro [phonetic],
8 Community Service Society, Nancy Rankin [phonetic]
9 and David Jones. Amazing numbers of public health
10 professionals, SCIU, Tim Foley as the Head of the
11 Doctor's Council. The New York State Nurses
12 Association, FANIC [phonetic] GMAC and Dr. Hill.
13 S many union including the Center Labor Council
14 and all of their affiliates, DUFT, Retail, 32BJ
15 and I want to particularly mention Alison Hirsch
16 [phonetic] 799, with all of their members, all of
17 the UFCW Local 1500, DC 1707, New York Community
18 for Change, many, many clergy members. I think
19 Rabbi Feinberg [phonetic] is here, Congregation of
20 Renee - - [phonetic] and many others. Moms Rising
21 and so many women, Gloria Steinem in particular.
22 Community Boards, I know the Manhattan Borough
23 Board passed a resolution in support of paid sick
24 days, the New York Civil Liberties Union, Common
25 Cause, and there are so many others. I want to

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2 just mention that after four years of non stop
3 advocacy and coalition building I want to thank
4 this coalition, this paid sick days coalition, and
5 my Council colleagues with all my heart for
6 supporting intro 97-A and never giving up. I also
7 thank my, thanks again Speaker Quinn and her
8 staff. Without them and their many hours of work
9 this legislation would not have passed.

10 Approximately one million New Yorkers will now
11 have the fundamental right to a paid day off when
12 they or a family member falls ill and no worker
13 will be fired if they must stay home. This is a
14 tremendous accomplishment of which all fair minded
15 New Yorkers can be proud. The argument over
16 created sick time was always about common sense
17 and fairness. I believe this law enshrines the
18 principal that American exceptionalism is not just
19 about large profits and small elites but a
20 workplace that is safe, fair and respectful of the
21 lives of workers. As many historians have noted
22 when workers get to share in the prosperity the
23 create, everyone benefits. Workers who have an
24 incentive to invest themselves in their jobs will
25 remain loyal and be better employees. Paid sick

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2 days rewards these qualities. Today's vote
3 projects a positive message to all New Yorkers
4 that this government of the people is not only
5 about those who have everything but that each of
6 us has a right to benefits created by the labor of
7 all and I think the City Council should be proud
8 of passing one of the most progressive pieces of
9 legislation ever in the history. Thank you very
10 much, Madam Speaker and to all of my colleagues,
11 my deepest thanks. [applause]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Chari Nelson?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Thank you,
14 Madam Speaker. At first glance I wasn't for this
15 intro fearing that it would overly burden the
16 business community which wouldn't affect, not help
17 any of their workers or many people as well. But
18 after we worked on it, we tweaked it a bit, I
19 believe a fair bill was hammered out. We struck a
20 balance where neither side is completely happy,
21 that's exactly what compromise is about. New
22 Yorkers may very well, and I believe they will be,
23 healthier by this Council's tweaking and hammering
24 and I want to thank Gale Brewer and her staff so
25 much, Margaret Nelson, my wife, no. [laughter]

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2 Tweak a little bit of controversy, you know, no
3 relation at all. And [off mic] oh, yeah, okay, a
4 little levity in the proceedings. And especially,
5 of course, Christine Quinn, for bringing this to
6 the floor and for a vote. And we'll all, as I
7 said, be a lot safer. Thank you.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
9 much, Mike. And that concludes communications for
10 the Speaker and again, I just want to remind folks
11 about the Executive Budget Hearings starting
12 tomorrow. And there is one resolution we're
13 voting on later in want to remind folks about.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Discussion
15 and general orders, Council Member Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you
17 very much. My colleagues, as we celebrate I want
18 you to also focus on those who will be excluded
19 from this bill. Too often when bills come down to
20 this body they're watered down from the original
21 version, as in the living wage bill. It's watered
22 down from the original version. We're talking
23 about manufacturing workers not included. We're
24 talking about the very workers that brought this
25 bill its attention, the restaurant workers and the

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2 retail workers and now are going to be in this
3 shifting or changing, swapping their time instead
4 of getting access to sick and paid leave. There's
5 hundreds of thousands of poor, working class
6 blacks and Latino's, immigrants, working class
7 families that will not be included and should have
8 been included had we stayed strong on the first
9 bill we had with all of the support we had for it.
10 We can celebrate today for the million workers but
11 there are hundreds of thousands who will not be
12 celebrating today because they're not included in
13 this bill and it wasn't necessary to water it down
14 to the point that it is now. Now, I'm not going
15 to vote against a million workers getting sick
16 leave because they deserve it. But I'm sick and
17 tired, no pun intended, of having bills exclude
18 the neediest people, sometimes, in this city to
19 appease the other elements. So, while we
20 celebrate, don't forget those who are not included
21 in this and should have been included in this.
22 They will not be getting sick leave and they'll be
23 working in a place where there's 15 workers and 10
24 workers, they're not going to get it and if
25 they're manufacturing, there not going to get it,

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2 and if they're in restaurants and in retail,
3 they're not getting sick leave. They're still
4 going to be having to go to work because they
5 can't afford to stay home and be sick. Don't over
6 celebrate.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.
8 [applause] Seeing no others? Seeing no others I
9 - - oh, I thought we were general orders. Sorry,
10 Council Member Vallone?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you.
12 While I understand the goals of the paid sick
13 leave bill and appreciate the hard work and the
14 changes that have been made. As a former small
15 business owner I'm going to speak in opposition to
16 it. Today we just reduced fines on small business
17 owners, our vendors. Last meeting we told the
18 City to come back to us with fines that should be
19 warnings. Now, we're subjecting our struggling
20 small businesses to even more fines and more
21 regulations. And if you don't think the City will
22 descend on our businesses like a swarm of cicadas
23 then you don't know what's happening towards small
24 businesses right now. This is going to hurt all
25 of our businesses, not just the large ones, even

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2 the ones under 50 employees who have to, if, for
3 example, they own a deli with one person, they're
4 going to have to keep records now. And they're
5 going to have to hold onto those records for 18
6 months or they're going to be subject to a lawsuit
7 and they're going to be subject to the
8 jurisdiction of consumer affairs and the health
9 department. This is going to result in a lot of
10 extra money and cost to our small businesses. So,
11 I am, I ask the Council to stop telling our small
12 businesses how to run a small business before we
13 run them all into the ground. And again, I do
14 appreciate the work that's been done on this.
15 It's a much better bill than the original bill. I
16 appreciate the goals behind it but as a former
17 small business owner I'm going to, I will be
18 voting against it.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council
20 Member Jackson?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well,
22 thank you, Deputy Majority Leader, my colleagues.
23 I rise to speak in favor of the bill. Gale
24 Brewer, let me thank you for your leadership in
25 working on this particular bill. And let me just

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2 be quite frank, is it everything that we wanted?
3 The answer is, absolutely not. But it's better to
4 have a half a loaf of bread than to have no bread
5 at all. And that's what this is about. It's
6 about a start to move towards what we want. Would
7 I rather have us not starting at all? Absolutely
8 not. So, this is the beginning. And you know one
9 thing? Like any bills in the City Council, there
10 are compromises. Are there political
11 ramifications? Of course there are and we all
12 know that. But I say to all of you, a million
13 workers is better than no workers. And Gale, you
14 are to be congratulated, you work hard and
15 bringing this about and let me tell you and Chris
16 and everyone else, because the Mayor plans on
17 vetoing this bill. If we don't stand united we
18 going to be in trouble. And that's what we have
19 to do in order to send a message that we're going
20 to move this bill forward on behalf of a million
21 people. So, my colleagues, don't be discouraged.
22 Don't let anyone divide us. Let's stand united
23 behind Gale Brewer, our Speaker and this bill.
24 There's 37 members that signed on, let's move it
25 forward, thank you. [applause]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council
3 Member Dickens? Quiet, please.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you,
5 Deputy Majority Leader. I too come from a small
6 business background. And when the 32 BJ and the
7 advocates and Council Member Gale Brewer came to
8 my office I asked them the question about small
9 business and MWBE's. And they said that they had
10 not sought the answers from the MWBE community but
11 that they were willing to go back and research it.
12 I thanked them, told them that at that point I
13 would not sign on but that I would be most
14 interested in signing on if they were interested
15 in making the changes, some of the changes, I
16 asked for. To 32 BJ's credit, to my colleague
17 Gale Brewer's credit, to the advocate's credit,
18 they did just that and then they got back to me
19 and said, you are right. The MWBE's had not been
20 taken into consideration and that we have to make
21 necessary changes. When they made the changes and
22 came back I said, I'm with you. I stand with you.
23 So, I come from a small business background and I
24 am supporting this legislation and I want to thank
25 Council Member Gale Brewer for taking the lead.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Any others
3 on general discussion? Going once, going twice?
4 Al right. Just, all right, the report of Special
5 Committee?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: None.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Report of
8 Standing Committee?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Report of
10 the Committee on Civil Service and Labor, Intro
11 97-A, Employee Sick Time.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
13 under General Orders, please.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Report of
15 the Committee on Finance Reso 1740-A, tax
16 exemption?

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
18 under general orders.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
20 Preconsidered reso 1750, transparency resolution.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
22 general orders.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
24 Preconsidered LUA 23 and reso 1752 to LU 826 and
25 reso 1765.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
3 general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Report of
5 the Committee on Land Use, LU 790 and reso 1756
6 through LU 792 and reso 1758, sidewalk café's.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
8 general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: LU 793 and
10 reso 1759 and 794 and reso 1760.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to follow
12 pursuant to a letter or withdrawal.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: LU 725 and
14 reso 1761, off street parking.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
16 general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: LU 796 and
18 reso 1762 through LU 799 and reso 1765, Roosevelt
19 Island?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
21 general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: LU 801 and
23 reso 1766, sidewalk café.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
25 general orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: General

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order calendar intro 434-A, vending regulation?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: M-1096,

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Mayor's veto of introductory number 434-A?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Resolution

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appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under

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ask for a roll call on all items that are coupled

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there's one resolution at the end.

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MALE VOICE 3: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I'm sorry,

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but I just want to remind folks that when we vote

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on Intro 434-A, the question before the Council is

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shall the bill pass the objection of the Mayor

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MALE VOICE 3: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye, again.

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MALE VOICE 3: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be excused to explain my vote? I just want to remind Council Member Jackson, since you brought up the loaf of bread, when you have the whole loaf and you have everybody on board with the whole loaf so that it includes everybody and you decide to cut it in half, that's not necessarily when you have the vote for the whole loaf. So, it's not about, you're not going to get all you want because even the whole loaf wasn't all we needed and wanted. But the whole loaf included the neediest workers in this City and we decided to cut it in half, nobody asked you to. We decided to cut it in half. So, you could have had a whole loaf and more people could have been included. So, while that's a cute analogy it doesn't fit when you have the whole loaf and you can include everybody in this City that needs paid sick leave. Some people are going to go home and when they have to choose between being home sick and taking care of themselves, they're not going to be able to stay home and nurse their illness. They're going to have to go to work. 300,000 people are going to

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2 have to do that. That wasn't necessary, you had
3 the loaf and the votes or the loaf and the votes
4 to override the Mayor if he didn't vote for your
5 loaf. With that, I'd like to vote no on Cornell
6 University's project, LU 796 with the accompanying
7 reso, 796, 797, 798, and 799. And aye on all of
8 the rest, including the paid sick leave.

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MALE VOICE 3: Brewer? [applause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I want to
11 vote aye on all. I want to particularly thank in
12 terms of paid sick days, Shula Warren [phonetic]
13 Chief of Staff in our office. Thank you very
14 much, Shula Warren, a special, special thank you.
15 [cheering and applause] And also the budget
16 legislative director, Will Colgrove [phonetic] and
17 Gabriel Valiz [phonetic] with the, so much
18 scheduling in the office and scheduling hundreds
19 and hundreds and hundreds of meetings, conference
20 calls, press conferences, and discussions, thanks
21 all three and thank you to the staff and thank you
22 to all my colleagues. I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye. Aye,
25 congratulations to Council Member Brewer.

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2 MALE VOICE 3: Chin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to explain my vote? First, I do want to congratulate Council Member Brewer and to thank the Paid Sick Leave Coalition. We're talking about close to a million workers getting paid sick leave and the other one that didn't get paid sick leave. They still don't, they don't have to worry about losing their jobs when they are sick. So, I think that is a step forward so I think our city will be healthy and stronger because we vote on this today and I strongly vote aye. Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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I want to congratulate Council Member Gale Brewer and the Paid Sick Leave Coalition. I want to echo the thoughts of our Council Member Dickens and the concerns that we have with the, I had with the bill initially. After the diligence and the fortitude of Council Member Brewer to deal with a thousand meetings and phone calls and everything that she had to do and all of her team, we're at a compromise that as, has been set by our earlier speakers that, no one is totally happy with but

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it's a major step forward. Aye on all.

MALE VOICE 3: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all
with congratulations to my colleague, Gale Brewer.

MALE VOICE 3: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye, and
congratulations to Council Member Gale Brewer.

MALE VOICE 3: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

MALE VOICE 3: GENTILE?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With kudos
to Gale, I vote aye an all except for intro 434-A,
I vote no.

MALE VOICE 3: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONAZALEZ: Aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on 97-

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A, aye on all of this.

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MALE VOICE 3: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [no

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MALE VOICE 3: King?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye, and

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congratulations to Gale Brewer and the coalition.

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MALE VOICE 3: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council

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Member, did you vote on land use call up's?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yeah, I vote

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aye on all land use call up's.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: And you

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: And general

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resolutions - - and anything else I forgot to vote

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on I vote aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: All right.

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Thank you, Council Member.

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MALE VOICE 3: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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MALE VOICE 3: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: With deep

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who stood so firm over such a long time. It was

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gratitude for the opportunity, I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 3: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I also wan

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to thank and congratulate my colleague and friend,

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Gale Brewer, and vote aye on all with the

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exception of land use item 795 and resolution 1761

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on which I abstain.

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MALE VOICE 3: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: With

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congratulations to all the advocates that put so

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much time and effort into the paid sick leave bill

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2 and a special congratulations to Gale Brewer, I
3 vote aye on all.

4 MALE VOICE 3: Mark-Viverito?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [no
6 response]

7 MALE VOICE 3: Mealy?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no
9 response]

10 MALE VOICE 3: Nelson?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye on all.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Mealy is
13 ready.

14 MALE VOICE 3: Mealy?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all.

16 MALE VOICE 3: Palma?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA:

18 Congratulations to Speaker Quinn and Gale Brewer
19 for their leadership and all the hard work that
20 they did around this bill. I know this is not the
21 perfect bill but it's a step in the right
22 direction. I vote aye on all.

23 MALE VOICE 3: Reyna?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Permission
25 to explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So moved.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I just

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wanted to take an opportunity to thank Council

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Member Brewer for her dialogue and open

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and taking into consideration some of their

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hardships. We didn't want to cut into what would

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be those businesses that were already making sure

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that they had contracts represented by unions that

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in the manufacturing world pay what would be

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leadership that she has steward in this body on

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paid sick days. And with that I want to vote aye

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on all land use items with the exception of land

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use number 796, 797, 798, 799 and all accompanying

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resolutions.

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MALE VOICE 3: Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: On behalf

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of my constituents who had to return to work two

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days after Hurricane Sandy I happily vote aye on

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MALE VOICE 3: Rose?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

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2 MALE VOICE 3: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I'd like to explain my vote. From the very beginning the small business community in my district had many concerns about this bill. And at meetings I held with them they indicated that they thought it could have a negative impact on their daily operation. I brought those concerns to Council Member Brewer, we discussed them, revisions were made. I'm proud to have been one of the sponsors almost from the beginning of this bill but I knew that it had to be changed, and it was. And I want to thank Council Member Brewer for listening and I think that we have a bill that's a good bill. I think it's balance and I think that it's only fair that people in our city have sick leave because all of us have those situations and for us to do otherwise would be unfair. So, I vote yes and I think that this is a very significant piece of legislation our body is passing today. Thank you.

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MALE VOICE 3: Vallone?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye on land use call up's and aye on all except 97-A in which I vote no.

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MALE VOICE 3: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I want to congratulate Council Woman Brewer on this landmark legislation. When I was elected in 2009 one of the first things I did was sign onto and support paid sick leave. And I have to say this is one of the most important pieces of legislation that I believe we've passed in my time here and one of my proudest votes yes, in favor of paid sick leave. Thank you. [applause]

MALE VOICE 3: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes, I too would like to congratulate GB for her hard fought victory of today's passage of the paid leave time act. It's a very good bill. I think it will fully contribute to the quality of life of working New Yorkers for years to come. I vote aye.

MALE VOICE 3: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you. I would like to also congratulate the paid sick leave advocates who worked so hard over such a long period of time and Council Member Brewer on this significant piece of legislation for New Yorkers. I also want to congratulate Jessica

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2 Lappin and all of us for the Cornell Campus which
3 is going to change the future of New York City for
4 many, many years to come. I vote aye on all with
5 the exception of 434-A, which I vote no. Thank
6 you.

7 MALE VOICE 3: Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
9 excused to explain my vote? My colleagues are
10 right to assume my vote. It's not copyrighted.
11 It's not copyrighted. [laughter] First, I want to
12 congratulate Steve Levin on the override vote. I
13 definitely want to congratulate Gale Brewer and
14 all the advocates for shepherding this piece of
15 legislation. I also want to thank my colleagues
16 Charles Barron for his sentiments, many of which I
17 agree with. Obviously, this bill does not go as
18 far as we needed it to go and as he pointed out,
19 there are many, many people who are left out and
20 I've said from the beginning that the only two
21 people that are against paid sick leave are people
22 who have never been sick and people who will never
23 get sick. So, I'm concerned about this question
24 about whether we should have it in good economic
25 times or bad economic times. I believe that

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2 people get sick in all economic times and if we do
3 not have a provision for them to heal then we are
4 all giving ourselves a space where our health is
5 in jeopardy and we must come back at some point to
6 grab those we were not able to grab. But I do
7 know from being in there for three years that
8 these are tough issues and tough to get through so
9 I want to congratulate Gale Brewer for getting us
10 through this first step. But I do hope we come
11 back and get everybody that we missed and I vote
12 aye. [applause]

13 MALE VOICE 3: Oddo?

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

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Thank you. I
18 think the world of Council Member Gale Brewer. At
19 a time when public service is enduring too many
20 self-inflicted wounds I think Gale Brewer
21 exemplifies the notion that public service is a
22 noble profession. And I believe that she and the
23 proponents of the bill are well intentioned and
24 want to help New Yorkers. And I can respect that
25 but I nonetheless fundamentally disagree with the

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2 bill. And I see negative implications with this
3 bill that the majority of my colleagues do not. I
4 think the bill creates a beachhead for a concept
5 and I think it's a role that government should not
6 play. And frankly, respectfully, I really don't
7 believe the universe of businesses covered in the
8 bill really matters because I think I've read this
9 book before and undoubtedly, maybe not this
10 Council but subsequent Council's will pass a bill
11 that will widen the breadth and scope of this
12 bill. And today the camel gets its nose under the
13 tent in short order and I'm sorry Charles isn't
14 here 'cause maybe I in a weird way would allay his
15 fears, in short order the camel will be completely
16 within the tent. And again, while I respect the
17 intentions of the proponents I think that hurts
18 businesses and ends up hurting New Yorkers and I
19 can't vote for that. So I will vote aye on all
20 with the exception of 97-A on which I vote no.

21 MALE VOICE 3: Speaker Quinn?

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: All items
24 on today's general order calendar were adopted by
25 a vote of 48 affirmatives, zero negative and zero

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2 abstentions with the exception of land use number
3 796 through 799 with the accompanying resolutions
4 which was adopted by a resolution of 46
5 affirmative, two negative, zero abstentions, and
6 intro 97-A which was adopted by a vote of 45
7 affirmative with three negatives and intro 434-A
8 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the
9 affirmative, three negative, zero abstentions and
10 land use 795, resolution 1761 which is adopted by
11 a vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the
12 negative and one abstention. The revised land use
13 call up vote is 48 in the affirmative and zero in
14 the negative. Discuss introduction and reading of
15 bills.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
17 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Discussion
19 or resolutions Council Member Eugene? Resolution
20 1735?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you
22 very much, Majority Leader. I would like to speak
23 up about the resolution number 1735, a very
24 important resolution that the benefit of - -

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[interposing] Quiet, please. Quiet, please.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Does admit the most satisfied for all of us. This resolution support two very important bills in the State Legislature, 8514 by State Assembly Cusack [phonetic] and S-3872 by State Senator Lenza [phonetic]. This legislation would amend the State - - property tax law alone for a more stabilized and - - table calculation of the - - property tax exemption. This amendment would provide that the tax exemption be tied to the value of the home and property taxes, much like New York City's other - - exemption for honors. Is that for me? Oh.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: For you, that's for you.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: So, this is a very important--

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE:
[interposing] You can take a little more time.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Okay, all right. Thank you very much. Under current law the exemption for veteran has been determined by the City's spending on school making it subject to

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2 greater degrees of frustration. This change will
3 allow veteran residing in New York City to enjoy
4 the full value of the veteran property tax
5 exemption. While almost all of the property tax
6 break in New York City--

7 SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing] Can
8 we get some quiet?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: --in New
10 York City are no, they aren't - - to pay zero
11 property taxes on the portion that their property
12 tax qualify for the exemption, veteran in New York
13 City have to pay a tax called school tax rate on
14 the exemption. The school tax rate is part of the
15 that of property tax that is linked to our
16 spending in school. This mean that veterans pay
17 more in property taxes when the City spend more
18 money on school. As any--

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE:
20 [interposing] Council Member Eugene?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: --now, I
22 think this is a very important resolution and I
23 want to thank all my colleagues for supporting
24 this resolution and I want to thank also Speaker
25 Quinn and Council Member Domenic Recchia for their

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you
very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Thank you.

Seeing no others we are prepared to vote on
resolution, Council Member Rose? Oh no, okay.

Seeing no others we're prepared to vote on
resolution calling upon the New York State
Legislature to pass resolution 1735 which would
amend their real property tax law to allow
veterans to enjoy the full value of the veterans
property tax exemption. All in favor say, aye.

[crosstalk] Opposed? Abstentions? Great.
General discussion?

MALE VOICE 3: RJ, Rose, Danny,
Chin and Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council
Member Brewer is first.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you
very much. I wanted to bring to your attention
that tonight at 5 o'clock at the Cooper Union the
2013 Sloan Public Service Awards are being given
out. These are like the Oscars of the public

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2 employee world. And they're given out by the Fund
3 for the City of New York and the Alfred Sloan
4 Foundation. And I am so proud that I nominated
5 and he, it will be receiving and award, Joseph
6 Lazarus, is a Deputy Director of the Facilities
7 and he's in charge of all 50 some buildings in
8 School District Three. And he is one of the
9 awardees tonight. And I just want to say
10 congratulations to him and all of the other
11 awardees. It's a wonderful, wonderful tribute to
12 public servants. Second, I want to second, I want
13 to also comment on how much we all love Lynn
14 Brooks and we will miss her tremendously. And I
15 have three interns here, Zach Brodick [phonetic]
16 an Michael Lancy [phonetic] and Sarah Brentco
17 [phonetic] and I want to thank them for all their
18 service. Thank you very much.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Quiet,
20 please. Council Member Rose, then Council Member
21 Dromm, then Council Member Chin, then Council
22 Member Jackson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes, I speak
24 tonight to introduce reso 1751. This resolution
25 of calls on the Metropolitan Transit Authority or

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2 the MTA to amend it's practice to use age rather
3 than height determining whether to permit children
4 to ride free on New York City public
5 transportation system. This amendment would only
6 affect passengers who would have to meet an age
7 criteria and not affect hose that would have to
8 fit into a protected class. For example, people
9 with disabilities. This rule change would address
10 the current rule that the MTA has regarding
11 reduced fares for children and the purpose of my
12 resolution is to ensure that families are not
13 penalized for healthy eating and lifestyle choices
14 or for having a genetic predisposition towards
15 tallness. Currently, the MTA uses a practice of
16 discounting fares for children under the height of
17 44 inches when accompanied by a fare paying adult.
18 As we move to establish a healthier eating
19 environment in our homes and schools for children
20 those who experience growth spurts from healthy
21 dieting and fall out of the predetermined 45 inch
22 height requirement, which is the average height of
23 a four year old, should not have this factored
24 into determining the price for families to use
25 local transportation. In addition, the 44 inch

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2 height restriction fails to take into account
3 genetic or other contributing factors that could
4 affect a child's height. And I hope that everyone
5 can support this resolution.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council
7 Member Dromm?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you
9 very much. I'd like to just call my colleagues
10 attention to a hearing that Council Member Brewer
11 and I will be chairing tomorrow. The Immigration
12 Committee and the Government Operations Committee
13 will have a hearing on intro 410 which is for
14 immigrant voting rights. And Council Member
15 Brewer is very forward thinking in her support of
16 paid sick leave and I commend her on that but
17 she's equally forward thinking in her support for
18 intro 410 and the hearing will be held here in the
19 chambers and I urge my colleagues, whether you
20 support immigrant voting rights or not to come out
21 to hear the testimony tomorrow. Thank you very
22 much.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council
24 Member Chin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I'm proud to

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2 join with my sisters, Council Member Mendez and
3 Mark-Viverito to introduce resolution 1748 and
4 1749. Resolution 1748 calls on NYCHA [phonetic]
5 to withdraw from the MOU NYPD that forces NYCHA to
6 pay \$73 million a year for special policing.

7 These are services that most citizens gets for no
8 extra charge from NYPD. NYCHA should not have to
9 pay extra to get these services. So, if NYCHA is
10 free from its obligation to pay for these services
11 it will have funds that it needs to invest
12 immediately in the capital repair that the
13 resident needs. Many of my residents suffer from
14 frequent, prolonged gas outages, leaks, mold, and
15 other unsafe conditions. So, our priority must be
16 to find the money now and not in the future. And
17 resolution 1749 calls on NYCHA to delay the
18 release of the RFP to lease land until residents
19 are able to use their TPA funds to get legal and
20 technical advice. NYCHA must come to the table
21 for a real, substantive conversation with the
22 resident about how to pay for these future needs.
23 it is so important that the City consult NYCHA
24 residents before it does anything on NYCHA land
25 and they are our City's experts on NYCHA and City

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cannot ignore their knowledge at great costs.

Thank you. [applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Seeing no others the meeting, Stated Meeting for May 8th, 2013 is hereby adjourned.

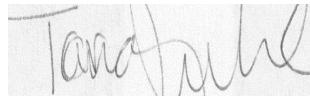
SPEAKER QUINN: Actually Mr. - - Majority Leader, we are hereby standing in recess.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Okay, due to a budget that we are hereby, the meeting for May 8th, 2013 is standing in recess. Thank you. Okay. [background conversation]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tara Juhl 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 rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Juhl".

Date 5/17/13