

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 24, 2013
Start: 3:00 p.m.
Recess: 3:42 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- 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
- Council Member Lewis A. Fidler

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member James F. Gennaro
Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez
Council Member David Greenfield
Council Member Daniel J. Halloran III
Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member Letitia James
Council Member Andy King
Council Member Peter A. Koo
Council Member G. Oliver Koppell
Council Member Karen Koslowitz
Council Member Brad S. Lander
Council Member Jessica S. Lappin
Council Member Stephen T. Levin
Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito
Council Member Rosie Mendez
Council Member Michael C. Nelson
Council Member James S. Oddo
Council Member Annabel Palma
Council Member Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Council Member Diana Reyna
Council Member Donovan Richards
Council Member Joel Rivera
Council Member Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Council Member Deborah L. Rose
Council Member Eric A. Ulrich
Council Member James Vacca
Council Member Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
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 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: My
3 colleagues, please rise for the Pledge of
4 Allegiance. [off mic] I pledge allegiance to the
5 flag of the United States of America. And to the
6 Republic for which it stands, one nation, under
7 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
8 all. Roll call?

9 MALE VOICE 1: Arroyo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

11 MALE VOICE 1: Barron?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

13 MALE VOICE 1: Brewer?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

15 MALE VOICE 1: Cabrera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

17 MALE VOICE 1: Chin?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

19 MALE VOICE 1: Comrie?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.

21 MALE VOICE 1: Crowley?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

23 MALE VOICE 1: Dickens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: King?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Nelson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Recchia?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Reyna?

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

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MALE VOICE 1: Rodriguez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: [no

response]

MALE VOICE 1: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [no

response]

MALE VOICE 1: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no

response]

MALE VOICE 1: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

MALE VOICE 1: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.

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MALE VOICE 1: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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MALE VOICE 1: Speaker Quinn?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The quorum

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is present. We now move on to adoption of the

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minutes. Council Member Richards? Adoption and

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minutes, Council Member Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I make a

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motion for the minutes, of the meeting on May 22nd

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be adopted as printed by the Council.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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Messages and papers from the Mayor?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

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Communication from City, County and Borough

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offices?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Petitions

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and communications?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: M 1167
3 and M 1168, motions to discharge Intros 1079,
4 Inspector General, and 1080, Bias Based Profiling.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
6 Member Williams?

7 SPEAKER QUINN: So received,
8 ordered, printed and filed. And now you're, just
9 so folks know, they'll be the vote and the motion
10 to discharge it, the two motions to discharge it
11 is now. They'll be a separate coupled roll call
12 on Land Use Items and one piece of legislation and
13 then they'll be a vote at the end on two
14 preconsidered resolutions. So, they'll be three
15 separate votes, just so folks know that. And I
16 don't think there are, there are no Land Use Call
17 Up's. So, okay, Mr. Majority Leader, go right
18 ahead.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you,
20 Madam Speaker, Council Member Williams?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
22 you, Mr. Majority Leader. Today we will be voting
23 just on discharges. We won't be voting on the
24 bills or the substance of the bills, so hopefully
25 we can keep a lot of that, people may want to say

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2 to the ones they vote will actually have vote on
3 the substance. I do want to thank Speaker Quinn
4 for her support in getting these bills to this
5 point. I actually would like to thank Chair
6 Vallone for the work he did on the original
7 profiling bill and the language that was used
8 there that we used here as well as Mayor Bloomberg
9 for signing it at that point. I want to thank the
10 lead sponsors, Lander, Mark-Viverito and Mendez,
11 Jackson and Cabrera with the special thanks to
12 Council Member Lander who throughout this whole
13 thing has been lock in step to make sure that we
14 got here. Some other key Members, Rose, Dromm,
15 James, Wills, Rodriguez, and everyone else who
16 helped support. I want to thank the BLAC, the
17 progressive caucus, members of the Speaker's
18 staff, Ramone Martinez [phonetic], Alice Pastilnik
19 [phonetic], Rob Newman [phonetic], Jim Carras
20 [phonetic], Una Peterson [phonetic], if I forgot
21 anyone I apologize, I'm sure Brad will pick up for
22 me. I want to give a big shout to Communities
23 United for Police Reform, Jehong Kang [phonetic]
24 Priscilla Gonzalez [phonetic] - - Donna Lieberman
25 [phonetic], Udi Olfer [phonetic] Candace Toliver

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2 [phonetic], Johanna Miller [phonetic], Center for
3 Constitutional Rights, Nell Zarmani [phonetic],
4 Davis Chaune [phonetic] National Action Network,
5 Reverend Al Sharpton [phonetic], Tameka Mallory
6 [phonetic] and NAACP, Ben Gelles [phonetic], Hazel
7 Dukes [phonetic], Marvin Bing [phonetic], SCIU
8 1199, George Grishan [phonetic], Kevin Finnegan
9 [phonetic], SCIU 32BJ, Allison Hirsch [phonetic],
10 UFT, Jeremy Hoffman [phonetic], Make the Road New
11 York, Hobway Valdez [phonetic], Jose Lopez
12 [phonetic], Coalition of Labor, TW Local 100,
13 Central Labor Council, Working Families Party,
14 RWDSU - - Trades Council, DS 30, DC 37, many,
15 many, many more advocates, groups, New York
16 Communities for Change, Justice Committee, Malcolm
17 X Grass Roots Movement, Picture the Homeless,
18 Streetwise and Safe, Vocal New York, Brannon
19 Center [phonetic], Phisa Patel [phonetic], I
20 apologize if we left anyone but everyone who was
21 supporting this discharge and everyone who has
22 supported from the beginning. For that reason I
23 make a motion that pursuant to Rule 7.130 of the
24 Council, Intro 1079 in relation to the
25 investigating, reviewing, studying and auditing

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2 and making of recommendations relating to the
3 operations, policies, programs and practices of
4 the New York City Police Department by the
5 Commissioner of the Department of Investigations
6 be discharged from the Committee on Public Safety.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: [crosstalk]
8 Council, Council Member? Thank you very much. Do
9 we have any discussion in this particular? Did
10 you make the official motion? [off mic] Oh, you
11 did make the, okay. Do we have any discussion on
12 this particular item? Council Member Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
14 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I rise to
15 indicate to you that I co Chaired the New York
16 City Council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus.
17 And the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus supports
18 wholeheartedly this motion to discharge, thank
19 you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
21 very much. We now move on to Council Member
22 Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you
24 very much, Mr. Majority Leader. Just briefly, and
25 I'll also speak to the substance at our next

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2 meeting. But I want to do, I would like to add a
3 couple of thank you's. First, I want to echo the
4 thanks to Rob Newman and Alex Pastilnik and also
5 to Jim Carras, Margaret Nelson, Una Peterson,
6 Carmine Wiga [phonetic] and Lauren Axelrod
7 [phonetic], your help and support and time and
8 attention to the bills and the process have made
9 an enormous difference, thank you. And echoing
10 Jumaane's thanks to both Ramone and the Speaker
11 for getting us to the floor. Thanks to my staff,
12 Michael Freedman Schnap [phonetic], Alex Moore
13 [phonetic], and Rachel Goodman [phonetic] in
14 addition to all of the others that Jumaane
15 mentioned. I appreciate that we'll have the
16 opportunity to debate this bill on the floor on
17 Wednesday and to vote on it at that time, thank
18 you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
20 very much. We now move on to Council Member
21 Rodriguez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank
23 you. I believe that it is an important day in our
24 City in our democratic process. When we had the
25 opportunity to vote for, to discharge honoring

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2 important piece that we will talk later on about
3 the merit but the most important thing is that we
4 had this opportunity and I encourage all my
5 colleagues to take a vote and support and
6 discharge of this bill.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
8 very much. Any others to speak on Intro 1079, the
9 IG bill? Seeing no others we'll now call a roll
10 call for this particular bill, for this particular
11 motion.

12 MALE VOICE 1: Arroyo?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on
14 both.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Just to be clear
16 we, you're voting on each one separately.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yeah, we're
18 voting on each bill, each discharge--

19 SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing] The
20 motion to discharge - - .

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: --motion to
22 discharge separately. So, currently we're voting
23 on Intro 1079 discharge, yes or no on the
24 discharge motion for Intro 1079 .

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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2 MALE VOICE 1: Barron?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.
4 MALE VOICE 1: Brewer?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.
6 MALE VOICE 1: Cabrera?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
8 MALE VOICE 1: Chin?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
10 MALE VOICE 1: Comrie?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.
12 MALE VOICE 1: Crowley?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
14 MALE VOICE 1: Dickens?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
16 MALE VOICE 1: Dilan?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.
18 MALE VOICE 1: Dromm?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
20 MALE VOICE 1: Eugene?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
22 MALE VOICE 1: Ferreras?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.
24 MALE VOICE 1: Fidler?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: No.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFILED: May I

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be excused to explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I think

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it's important whether we agree or disagree with

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each other that the process allows for ideas to

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come to the floor and to have a full hearing and

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discussion and up and down vote. In that vein, I

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vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

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2 MALE VOICE 1: Ignizio?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No.
4 MALE VOICE 1: Jackson?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.
6 MALE VOICE 1: James?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yes.
8 MALE VOICE 1: King?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Yes.
10 MALE VOICE 1: Koo?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: No.
12 MALE VOICE 1: Koppell?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
14 MALE VOICE 1: Koslowitz?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
16 MALE VOICE 1: Lander?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
18 MALE VOICE 1: Lappin?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Yes.
20 MALE VOICE 1: Levin?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye.
22 MALE VOICE 1: Mark-Viverito?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [no
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25 MALE VOICE 1: Mealy?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no
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4 MALE VOICE 1: Mendez?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
6 MALE VOICE 1: Nelson?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [no
8 response]
9 MALE VOICE 1: Palma?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Yes.
11 MALE VOICE 1: Recchia?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [no
13 response]
14 MALE VOICE 1: Reyna?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
16 MALE VOICE 1: Oh, excuse me.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.
18 MALE VOICE 1: Reyna?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
20 MALE VOICE 1: Richards?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.
22 MALE VOICE 1: Rodriguez?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [no
24 response]
25 MALE VOICE 1: Rose?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: No.

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MALE VOICE 1: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Vallone?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I just

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want to quickly thank everyone for the civil way

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that this motion, this historical motion to

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discharge is occurring and I'm going to vote no.

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MALE VOICE 1: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I got to

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think about it for a little bit. [laughter] I vote

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aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote yes.

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MALE VOICE 1: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: May I be

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I've been part of this body as an elected official for 15 years. Before that I served as the staffer for seven years. This has been my professional life for the last few decades. Dare I say, this job has been my life for the last two decades. I've served under three speakers. I know the warts of this body but I'm very proud of the work that I have done and it, many others have done. I think we've done a lot of good things over the years. I think this is a sad day. I think that we are undercutting the institution of the Speaker which means we are undercutting the institution itself which means the Mayor, who already has a lot of power, as per the charter, gets even more power. And at the risk of sounding like a line from an Aaron Sorkin movie, as much as I respect personally Jumaane Williams, the lead sponsor, and I know his hearts in the right place, institutionally from a process point of view, all we've done is weaken an institution today. I vote no.

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MALE VOICE 1: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Speaker Quinn?

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SPEAKER QUINN: [no response]

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The motion

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for the discharge on Intro 1079, the IG Bill

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passes. We now move on to the motion to discharge

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Intro 1080.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council

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Member Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I make a

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motion that pursuant to rule 7.130 of the Council,

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Intro 1080 in relation to prohibiting biased based

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profiling be discharged from the Committee on

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Public Safety.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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Do we have any discussion on this particular

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motion to discharge? Council Member Jackson, do

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you have, no? Oh, okay. Seeing no discussion on

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this we will now call the roll on this particular

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motion to discharge 1080.

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MALE VOICE 1: Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Barron?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Brewer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye.

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A lot of work went into this bill. I'm familiar

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with bills and they need a lot of work. I vote

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aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Cabrera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Chin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Dickens?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Yes.

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MALE VOICE 1: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Eugene?

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Ferreras?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Fidler?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Foster?

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no

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response]

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MALE VOICE 1: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gennaro?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: No.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gentile?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Gonzalez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: May I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: I'm going

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to take a position opposite that of my Minority

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2 Leader. I believe he speaks accurately when he
3 says we are, in a sense, ceding more power to the
4 Mayor. However, the purpose of this body has
5 always been to bring forth laws to be discussed.
6 When laws cannot be discussed because they cannot
7 get into or out of Committee it weakens democracy
8 in general and the Republic that we are supposedly
9 here to protect. So, I do not agree with the bill
10 as written on racial profiling. However, I do
11 believe in their right to have their vote taken
12 and so I will vote aye on this motion to
13 discharge.

14 MALE VOICE 1: Ignizio?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No.

16 MALE VOICE 1: Jackson?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

18 MALE VOICE 1: James?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I vote aye
20 for democracy in action, aye.

21 MALE VOICE 1: King?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Yes.

23 MALE VOICE 1: Koo?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: No.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: May I explain my vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I simply want to say that one of the things that we wanted to do when we reorganized the Council after new Members came in was to assure that it would be democratic with a small D. And I think we've seen in the last few months several efforts to indicate that the Members should control the body and this is one of those efforts. And I think that ultimately the fact that we can do this and do it without destroying the general influence of the leadership is a very important thing. And I know that this sets a precedent but I think it sets a very good one. I withdraw my request and vote in the affirmative.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koslowitz?

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

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I'm going to vote aye but I do not want to set a precedent on any other bills that are coming

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2 forth. I would have to look at them individually
3 but on this one I vote aye.

4 MALE VOICE 1: Lander?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request
6 permission to explain my vote?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you.
9 I have a great deal of respect for the Minority
10 Leader and for his concern for the integrity and
11 strength of this institution. I appreciate the
12 things that he's done in his tenure to help build
13 and strengthen it and I also consider myself a
14 steward of it. I think one thing the body feels
15 in general is an importance in the integrity of
16 the body to its role under the charter and its
17 role under the rules. I am optimistic that we are
18 strengthening that today. This is a bill that was
19 well considered. These two bills had a hearing,
20 they had extensive debate, members of the public
21 and members of this body had the opportunity to
22 consider them. We act now under the rules in a
23 way that, as people are seeing, has very
24 substantial majority. We were able to work well
25 with the Speaker and her staff on the pathway and

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2 I think what we're doing today is good for the
3 integrity of the body and good for our local
4 democracy. I proudly vote aye.

5 MALE VOICE 1: Lappin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Yes.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Levin?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye.

9 MALE VOICE 1: Mark-Viverito?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: [no
11 response]

12 MALE VOICE 1: Mendez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

14 MALE VOICE 1: Nelson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: [no
16 response]

17 MALE VOICE 1: Palma?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE 1: Recchia?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: I'd like
21 to vote aye.

22 MALE VOICE 1: Reyna?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

24 MALE VOICE 1: Richards?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: May I explain my vote?

MALE VOICE 1: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I think that today, again, we are sending a important message to our city. We are living a democratic process and we are moving a precedence today but we are saying, when a problem affect our society we have to always listen and do what Lincoln said, a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I'd like to be excused to explain my vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I wasn't planning on speaking but I do want to comment and be on the record as saying I think this I really silly. And I say that very seriously. The fact that one member can discharge a bill on the floor

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2 says less about the democracy, because he wasn't
3 able to pass it through the Committee, why bother
4 having committee's then? Why have a Committee
5 process? Why have hearings? Why have debate when
6 you can just put it on the floor? So, at the next
7 Stated Meeting I can discharge a bill that bans
8 blue hats if I don't like blue hats. It sounds
9 silly but I could put it up for a vote if I wanted
10 to and everybody would have to come here, waste
11 their time, and vote on it. Now, if one Member is
12 permitted to put a bill to a vote on the floor,
13 then one member should be able to stop a bill from
14 getting on the floor. Why don't we model
15 ourselves off of the Congress which we're always
16 criticizing every time they filibuster the
17 Legislation. It's just not right. It's not fair.
18 And there are people that actually had to vote yes
19 today that you know that they're voting no when
20 the bills come up for a vote. That's how absurd
21 this is. The rules need to be changed. And maybe
22 when we reorganize the City Council we take a look
23 at them. Maybe I'll be here and maybe I won't,
24 who knows. We're all running for reelection this
25 year. But the point is, we need to take a better

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2 look at the rules and how they are written because
3 now that the budget is passed people feel that
4 they can do whatever they want and introduce bills
5 and discharge bills no matter how ridiculous they
6 are. And this isn't a ridiculous bill, it's a
7 very serious bill. But the fact that we are able
8 to circumvent the committee process and just
9 discharge on the floor, that in itself is
10 ridiculous and the Minority Leader is right. It
11 diminishes the integrity of this body and it's a
12 sad day. I'm voting no.

13 MALE VOICE 1: Vacca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

15 MALE VOICE 1: Vallone?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: No.

17 MALE VOICE 1: Van Bramer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

19 MALE VOICE 1: Vann?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Explain my
21 vote?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yeah, I think
24 quite the contrary to my colleague. The fact that
25 a Member will have an opportunity to have a bill

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2 heard when the normal process will not allow it, I
3 think that strengthens a democracy and the
4 democratic process, whatever the issue may be.
5 Obviously, it's not something that's overused,
6 it's rarely used because it can rarely get, can
7 occur to get to this point. The fact that it has
8 happened on this particular bill, that's good, but
9 the fact that it happened at all strengthens this
10 body, strengthens the principle of democracy and I
11 think we all ought to support it and I vote aye.

12 MALE VOICE 1: Weprin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

14 MALE VOICE 1: Williams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
16 excused to explain my vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank
19 you. With much respect that I have to my
20 colleagues, Ulrich and my Twitter friend, James
21 Oddo. I would say I believe that they are in
22 error both in the spirit of it and actually what
23 it actually is. It takes seven members to do a
24 discharge and not one member. And I made sure
25 that I actually, there were way more than seven

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2 members who supported getting this to the floor.
3 And as I mentioned, it's just to get on the floor
4 for a vote. It's not as if seven members can
5 enact it into law. I spent over a year dealing
6 with these bills, I think that's a significant
7 amount of time and I think we see on the floor the
8 support for having this. And the reason it was
9 put there to begin with is because members felt
10 they didn't have the ability to get their ideas
11 heard. So, the law, the structure was changed for
12 that purpose, to give members the ability to get
13 their ideas heard. I think that's something that
14 should be there, should continue to be there and I
15 would say this, not only strengthens democracy, I
16 think it strengthens this institution,
17 particularly to our constituents and to New
18 Yorkers who look to the City Council to act and
19 bring new ideas and bring bold ideas to the floor.
20 So, I am very proud that I am going to vote aye on
21 this. I am proud that I have been a part of what
22 is going on here and I just have to say that I
23 couldn't disagree more with my two colleagues,
24 thank you.

25 MALE VOICE 1: Wills?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIS: I vote yes.

MALE VOICE 1: Oddo?

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

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: 51 members, the most diverse legislature in the country, if not the world, 51 egos, 51 agendas, 51 perspectives. If you don't have a central figure to try to keep all of us going in one direction how on God's earth can we be a check to the Executive? When the Board of Estimate was ruled unconstitutional because it violated one person, one vote and we decided to have a new form of government in this city, we decided to have a strong Mayor. And he is strong, maybe she will be strong. If you undercut this institution we will never live up to the charter mandate of being a check on the Executive. So, you can wrap yourself in democracy all you want. You are taking another step towards an imperial Mayor in this city. And while you may think this is a victory, this is short lived. How can you keep this body as a unit when you undercut the Speaker in the manner that

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2 we are doing today, the institution, not a
3 particular individual, the institution of Speaker.
4 I vote no.

5 MALE VOICE 1: Rivera?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

7 MALE VOICE 1: Speaker Quinn?

8 SPEAKER QUINN: I - - .

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The motion
10 passes. We now move on to Land Use Call Up's.

11 MALE VOICE 1: None.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:
13 Communication from the Speaker?

14 SPEAKER QUINN: I just want to let
15 folks know that the Stated Meeting where we will
16 vote on the budget and other matters is not, the
17 date and time has not been set yet. It'll either
18 be later on Wednesday evening or early Thursday
19 morning. We're hoping for later Wednesday evening
20 but we will let you know later today or first
21 thing tomorrow as soon as we can. But just for
22 notifying other events that may be on your
23 schedule, it'll either be later Wednesday evening
24 or first thing Thursday morning. We are voting on
25 one Land Use Item today, the Belle Rose Floral

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2 Park in Glen Oaks Neighborhood Rezoning. I want
3 to thank Amy Levitan [phonetic] for her work on
4 that and call on Subcommittee Chair Mark Weprin to
5 say a few words about the rezoning.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you,
7 Madame Speaker. I'll be brief my colleagues.
8 This is the Belle Rose Floral Park, Glen Oaks
9 rezoning, this has been a long time coming, many
10 years. We had established a community advisory
11 group made up of civic leaders throughout the area
12 as well as community and religious leaders to try
13 to put together a plan to protect the character of
14 our neighborhood, down zone the area to make sure
15 that the houses are in compliance with many of the
16 other houses in the area. We also were very
17 concerned about a commercial creep that was
18 happening under the rules allowing businesses to
19 go up on residential blocks. This lowers that
20 from 150 feet to 100 feet.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Could we get a
22 little quiet for Council Member Weprin? [off mic]
23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Lowering
25 from 150 to 100 feet will protect those streets

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2 that have residential units. I just want to make
3 one quick point, City Planning toured this area
4 and while there were a number of houses that were
5 built that would not be in compliance with the
6 R2A, most of them would still be in compliance
7 under R2A and if not right now, if they just had
8 tweaked it just a slight bit to be in compliance
9 with R2A, I mentioned that only cause there are
10 those who are concerned that somehow their ability
11 to expand their houses will be limited. 90
12 percent of those houses are either in the range of
13 R2A or just outside where they could have just
14 built it a little differently and still had a
15 house that was bigger for their families and
16 bigger for their community without turning the
17 whole character of the neighborhood upside down.
18 So, on behalf of my community I thank my
19 colleagues for helping with this bill and
20 supporting this legislation. It's something that
21 means a lot to all the civic groups and all the
22 neighbors and communities in Eastern Queens. So,
23 thank you all very much and I recommend an aye
24 vote. Thank you.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Mr. Majority

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2 Leader, could I please ask that you call on
3 Council Member Fidler to vote on the general order
4 calendar, please?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
6 Member Fidler?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: May I have
8 the unanimous consent of my colleagues to vote on
9 all coupled general orders and resolutions?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I vote aye.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr.
13 Majority Leader. We're also going to vote on
14 Intro 1048-A, a piece of legislation related to
15 raising the price on items that can be sold at
16 newsstands. I want to thank Rachel Cordaire
17 [phonetic] and Rob Newman [phonetic] for their
18 work on this piece of legislation. I want to call
19 on the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee,
20 Dan Garodnick and then the sponsor, twice, so to
21 speak, before, and again, of this legislation,
22 Council Member Karen Koslowitz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
24 you very much, Madame Speaker. This is a very
25 straightforward piece of legislation that would

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2 bump up the maximum allowable price of goods for
3 sale at newsstands from \$5,00 to \$10.00. I
4 believe that this will be a nice boost to the
5 hardworking members of the industry and also the
6 right way for us to keep up with the times here.
7 As you just noted, Madame Speaker, the last time
8 this cap was raised was back in 2002 and, in fact,
9 it was Council Member Koslowitz who sponsored the
10 bill to raise it last time. So, I think it's very
11 fitting that she is the sponsor of this bill to
12 raise it this time as well. So, I want to thank
13 her for her leadership on this issue and we were
14 happy to pass it through the Consumer Affairs
15 Committee.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank
17 you. I'm going to say ditto to what the
18 Chairperson said. I'm happy to sponsor this bill
19 for a second time. I'm not sure if I'll be here
20 for the third time but, nevertheless, I think they
21 deserve it. They work hard. They're outdoors in
22 the rain, snow, sleet, hot weather and they
23 certainly deserve an increase after 12 years. So,
24 I'm happy to introduce this bill.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: That concludes

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much, Madame Speaker. We now move on to discussion of general orders. Yeah. Seeing no one we now move on to reports of special committees?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of standing committees?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Report of the Committee on Consumer Affair, Intro 1048-A, items sold at newsstands.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled under general orders. If we could just get a little quiet I want to remind folks there are two resolutions as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Report on the Committee on Land Use, LU 850 and Reso 1843, zoning map amendment?

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under general orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: LU 851 and reso 1844, maritime lease agreement?

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed

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pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: General
order calendar?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS:
Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner
of Deeds?

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled under
general orders and at this time I'd like to ask
for a roll call that, pardon me, on all the items
that are coupled under general order calendar,
please?

MALE VOICE 1: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

MALE VOICE 1: Crowley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
3 MALE VOICE 1: Dickens?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
5 MALE VOICE 1: Dilan?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.
7 MALE VOICE 1: Dromm?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
9 MALE VOICE 1: Eugene?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
11 MALE VOICE 1: Ferreras?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.
13 MALE VOICE 1: Foster?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: [no
15 response]
16 MALE VOICE 1: Garodnick?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
18 MALE VOICE 1: Gennaro?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.
20 MALE VOICE 1: Gentile?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.
22 MALE VOICE 1: Gonzalez?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.
24 MALE VOICE 1: Greenfield?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD:

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2 Congratulations to Council Member Mark Weprin, I
3 vote aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Halloran?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on

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MALE VOICE 1: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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MALE VOICE 1: James?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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MALE VOICE 1: King?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koppell?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Koslowitz?

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Mark-Viverito?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Mealy?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [no

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MALE VOICE 1: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Nelson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Palma?

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Recchia?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Reyna?

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

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MALE VOICE 1: Rodriguez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and

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I would like to ask permission to vote aye in all
general order?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
3 MALE VOICE 1: Rose?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
5 MALE VOICE 1: Ulrich?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.
7 MALE VOICE 1: Vacca?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
9 MALE VOICE 1: Vallone?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [no
11 response]
12 MALE VOICE 1: Van Bramer?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
14 MALE VOICE 1: Vann?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.
16 MALE VOICE 1: Weprin?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
18 MALE VOICE 1: Williams?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.
20 MALE VOICE 1: Wills?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.
22 MALE VOICE 1: Oddo?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.
24 MALE VOICE 1: Rivera?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

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Can we get silence in the Chambers?

MALE VOICE 1: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: [no response]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items on today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and zero abstentions. We now move on to introduction and reading of the bills.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Can we please keep it down in the Chambers? Discussion of resolutions? We have two resolutions--

SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing] I'm sorry, shhh. [off mic] If folks could just be quiet while they're exiting, thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, Madame Speaker. We have two resolutions on today's agenda, preconsidered resolution 1834, a resolution calling upon Congress to pass and the President to sign S 897 and HR 1979, the Bank of Student Loan Fairness Act which would reduce the interest rate of Federal subsidized Stafford

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2 student loans for one year from the current 3.4
3 percent to .75 percent adopted by the Committee on
4 Higher Education. Anyone looking to speak on this
5 particular resolution? Council Member Rodriguez
6 followed by Council Member Viverito?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank
8 you. As the Chair of the Higher Education
9 Committee I want to emphasize [off mic] how
10 important it is for us to come out and support
11 this resolution that call on the Federal
12 Government to take decisive action around the
13 issues of student loan debt. As I had stated at
14 this morning hearing, the way we treat student
15 loan debt in this country is completely backwards.
16 On July 1st, Federal student loan rate will double
17 from the current rate of 3.4 percent to 6.8
18 percent, doubling the burden on the poor and
19 middle class students as they struggle to
20 establish themselves. Meanwhile, banks are report
21 billions of dollars in profit each year are able
22 to borrow money from the Federal Reserve at a
23 preferred rate currently set at only .75 cents.
24 This is unfair and we supporting those resolution
25 because we allowed to address the problem of

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Council Member Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Yes. I want to encourage my colleagues to support both resolutions. I'm the lead sponsor of resolution supporting Senator Warren's bill in the Senate that would basically bring down student loan debt, at least for this year to the preferred bank rate of .75 percent. The big banks get a break, students don't. As of July 1st the interest rate will double and we're looking for a long term solution which is what the bill that Senator Jill Lebrand [phonetic] presents in the Senate, has offered. But until that time if no long term solution is found we really would like the interest rates to lower. 37 million Americans are, have student loan debt. Over 60 percent of students have to take out loans. It is a serious issue. If you want to invest in the future of our country and the future of our cities we need to encourage our children to seek a higher education but it should not be an impossible task and right now its' unaffordable to vast majority. So,

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2 hopefully the Senate will act and the Congress
3 will act favorably and so I do hope that we can
4 send a strong message by passing these two
5 resolutions and obviously encourage all my
6 colleagues to vote aye.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Is there
8 other members wanted to speak on the resolution?
9 Council Member Vallone?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [off mic]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Oh, okay.
12 That, we haven't voted on the resolutions yet.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: We haven't voted on
14 the resos yet.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Oh, okay.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: But we're glad to
17 hear it. [laughter]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay. Any
19 other members to speak on this resolution? Seeing
20 none I'll now call the vote on this resolution.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Did Council Member
22 Vallone vote on the general order calendar? Can
23 we see, did Council Member Vallone vote on the
24 general order calendar?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Let's

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double check that. No?

SPEAKER QUINN: And if not can he--

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

[interposing] Okay.

SPEAKER QUINN: --be provided still
have the opportunity to vote, correct? Right?

[off mic] Okay.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay. So,
let's call on Council Member Vallone to vote on
today's general order calendar.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye, thank
you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay.

SPEAKER QUINN: There are also two
resolutions. Oh, okay. [off mic] So, the new
tally for today is 49, all items on today's
general order calendar were adopted by a vote of
49 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
zero abstentions. We will now call the vote for
resolution 1834. All in favor say aye?
[crosstalk] All opposed say nay? Any abstentions?
The ayes have it. We will now discuss
preconsidered resolution 1840, resolution calling
upon Congress to pass and the President to sign

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2 S1066, the Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act by
3 Senator Jill Lebrand, which would help reduce
4 student debt adopted by the Committee on Higher
5 Education. Anyone looking to speak on this
6 particular resolution? Seeing none, I'll call for
7 a voice vote for this resolution. All in favor,
8 say aye. [crosstalk] Anyone opposed say nay. Any
9 abstentions? The ayes have it. That motion
10 passes. I mean, that reso passes. We now move on
11 to General Discussion. We have Council Member
12 King.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Good
14 afternoon colleagues. I rise in urging you all to
15 sign on to Intro 1091 [off mic]. 1091 which will
16 allow the Department of Education to ensure that
17 they provide every youngster who attends school,
18 whether as kindergarten, enter into kindergarten,
19 6th grade, 9th grade or just enter into a new school
20 to learn about any savings plans for college. We
21 understand in this day and age in order to get an
22 education it costs money but we want to prepare
23 our families and prepare out children at early
24 ages the importance of a higher education and
25 that's why I strongly urge each and every one of

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you today to sign onto this piece of legislation.
Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much Council Member. We now move on to Council Member Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Sorry, thank you. I just, I omitted to thanking my staff, actually, who worked on the discharge, Kay Bay [phonetic] my Legislative - - Director and Staff - - my Media Relations Director. I just want to say thank you to them.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. We now move on to Council Member Jackson. [off mic] [laughter] He's already risen.

SPEAKER QUINN: He's already risen so he can't rise. He says waive it off.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: For the first time Council Member Jackson is speechless. [laughter] Council Member Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I would like to ask my colleagues to sign onto Intro 1085, legislation that would require buildings in New York City to increase their preparedness in the event of extreme weather emergencies like

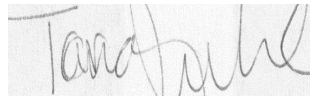
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2 Super Storm Sandy. My entire district of Lower
3 Manhattan was affected during Super Storm Sandy
4 and we received many complaints from residents
5 regarding lack of information from their buildings
6 about where they should go, what they should do to
7 prepare, and if they had to leave when they could
8 return. This bill will begin to address this
9 issue by requiring the City to create preparedness
10 guideline for building including information about
11 whether a building is in a flood zone or
12 evacuation zone, what protective measure buildings
13 intend to take whether equipment such as elevators
14 and boilers should be shut down and moved above
15 flood risks and more. As we begin to look towards
16 building a more resilient city development of best
17 practices and guidelines for preparedness is
18 essential and I urge my colleague to join me to co
19 sponsor this legislation. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
21 very much, Council Member. Any other Council
22 Members to speak on today's general discussion?
23 Seeing none this meeting is now adjourned.

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".

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