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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

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Sara M. Gonzalez  
David Greenfield  
Daniel J. Halloran III  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Robert Jackson  
Letitia James  
Andy King  
Peter A. Koo  
G. Oliver Koppell  
Karen Koslowitz  
Brad S. Lander  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Stephen T. Levin  
Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Darlene Mealy  
Rosie Mendez  
Michael C. Nelson  
James S. Oddo  
Annabel Palma  
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.  
Diana Reyna  
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Joel Rivera  
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Deborah L. Rose  
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Albert Vann  
Mark S. Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills

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

Ronnie Spector  
Musical Artist

Minister Brandon Keith Washington  
Memorial Baptist Church

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to start. Today is only ceremonial. We have a legend in our midst. We have Ronnie Spector, someone who needs no introduction. She has done so much for the entertainment industry, for the City of New York, being from Spanish Harlem and being from our great city. She has shown that we have so much talent within our community, and I'm glad that we are honoring her for her contributions today. I'm going to introduce Council Member Brad Lander who is the council member that is going to introduce her and then we'll read the proc.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you so much to our Minority... Majority Leader, excuse me, Joel Rivera. I really appreciate you're leading the ceremony, and we're joined by Council Member Margaret Chin from Manhattan and Council Member Andy King from the Bronx, but most importantly we are joined by the original Bad Girl of rock and roll, and I think a lot of us know, you know, at least something of the dynamite music and personality of Ronnie Spector. One thing that I did not know was that she was born in Spanish Harlem, and that is why we wanted to celebrate and recognize this birthday with her by

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2 bringing her to City Hall and giving her this  
3 proclamation. Her music and soul and spirit really  
4 was part of the original inspiration that helped, you  
5 know, make rock and roll what it is in the United  
6 States, and she's performed with so many people from  
7 Jimi Hendrix to... the list goes on and on, the Stones,  
8 the Temptations, you name it. Anybody that's anyone  
9 in American rock and roll, the Beatles, she was  
10 there, and she has continued to have an inspiring  
11 musical career, you know, starting when she formed  
12 the Ronettes in her teens right up across the decades  
13 to today. So it's a deep honor for all of us. Oh  
14 wonderful, alright. I figured if I filibustered long  
15 enough we would get the council member who represents  
16 the area where she grew up and a great fan of culture  
17 in New York City, Council Member Robert Jackson. Do  
18 you want to say something before we read the  
19 proclamation?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: So let me just  
21 say that it is indeed an honor that we honor such a  
22 distinguished individual and, Ronnie, we appreciate  
23 all that you have done for the industry and for all  
24 of America and people throughout the world, and we  
25 just honor you today. My colleague Brad Lander and

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2 all the other colleagues that are here, that are not  
3 here, that are downstairs doing many other things.  
4 As you know we have a very, very important override  
5 today, but we honor you today for everything that you  
6 have done, Lifetime Achievement.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Amen, amen.

8 RONNIE SPECTOR: All I can say is I'm  
9 humbled and honored and thank you very much, and all  
10 I can say is, "Be my baby now, whoa, oh, oh, oh".  
11 Thank you [applause].

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Alright, she's  
13 still got it. Alright.

14 RONNIE SPECTOR: "So won't you please, Be  
15 my little baby. Be my baby now, whoa, oh, oh, oh."  
16 Thank you [applause]. That's all I can do. Thank  
17 you very much. Thank you.

18 CITY CLERK: Council, City of New York  
19 Proclamation: Whereas the Council of the City of New  
20 York is proud to honor Ronnie Spector in celebration  
21 of her 70th birthday and her legendary career in  
22 music. And whereas born on August 10th, 1943 in  
23 Spanish Harlem, Ronnie Spector grew up on 151st  
24 Street between Broadway and Amsterdam and attended  
25 PS153. At the age of eleven, she made her performing

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2 debut at the world famous Apollo Theater. While  
3 still in her teens she formed the Ronettes and  
4 released her first records in 1961 at the age of 18.  
5 In 1963, she began recording a string of classic pop  
6 hits like the Grammy award winning "Walking in the  
7 Rain", "Do I Love You", "Baby, I Love You", "The Best  
8 Part of Breaking Up", "I Can Hear Music", and the  
9 international smash "Be My Baby." Today, these songs  
10 are among the most beloved and most emulated  
11 recordings in American music. And whereas, Ronnie  
12 Spector embodies the heart, soul and passion of  
13 female rock and roll in the 1960s and remains one of  
14 only a few artists in history who defines an entire  
15 era in pop music.

16 With her powerful trademark vocals,  
17 musical versatility and moxie, Ronnie Spector became  
18 the first woman in rock and roll to provoke Elvis-  
19 like hysteria. As the top pop group in England, she  
20 and the Ronettes headlined over other acts like the  
21 Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton and the Yardbirds. In  
22 1966, the Beatles personally requested that the  
23 Ronettes join their final U.S. tour, and whereas  
24 between 1970 and 2000, Ronnie continued her amazing  
25 trajectory whether singing with Jimi Hendrix or Bruce

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2 Springsteen, Joey Ramone or with her own Apple  
3 Records debut "Try Some, Buy Some", a single with a  
4 backup band that included George Harrison, John  
5 Lennon and Ringo Starr. Her 1986 duet with Eddie  
6 Money "Take Me Home Tonight" stayed on the Billboard  
7 chart for 23 weeks, was nominated for a Grammy award  
8 and became a heavy rotation video on MTV.

9           A few years later, her harrowing memoir  
10 became an international bestseller, and whereas in  
11 June 2000, after a 15-year legal battle, Ronnie  
12 Spector won a landmark decision in the New York State  
13 Courts. That ruling eased the way for veteran  
14 artists of the 1950s and 1960s to collect past due  
15 royalties on their old recordings.

16           In more recent years, she has been  
17 inducted to the Vocal Group Hall of Fame as well as  
18 the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. She continues to  
19 release new albums and perform at the world's most  
20 prestigious venues including London's Royal Festival  
21 Hall and Harlem's Apollo Theater. She has also  
22 debuted the stage production of her life's story,  
23 "Beyond the Beehive", to overwhelming critical  
24 acclaim.



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2 Now therefore be it known that the  
3 Council of the City of New York proudly honors Ronnie  
4 Spector for her extraordinary career in music.  
5 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council;  
6 Robert Jackson, Council Member 7th District  
7 Manhattan; Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of Cultural  
8 Committee; Brad Lander, Council Member 39th District  
9 Brooklyn; and many other members of the City Council  
10 [applause].

11 RONNIE SPECTOR: Thank you everybody.  
12 Love it. I'm humbled by that. Thank you. I love  
13 it, thank you. I'm very humbled and I'm so honored  
14 for this award. Thank you very much. Bye, bye.

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: The best part is  
16 that we can all say we sung backup for you and that's  
17 an amazing experience. We were backup singers for  
18 the great Ronnie Spector. That concludes today's  
19 ceremonies. Thank you.

20 [Gavel]. We will now be starting the  
21 Stated Council Meeting of August 22nd, 2013. My  
22 colleagues please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.  
23 [Pledge of Allegiance] Roll call.

24 CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Barron.  
COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Brewer.  
COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Cabrera.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Chin.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Comrie.  
COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Crowley.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Dickens.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Dilan.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Dromm.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Eugene.  
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Ferreras.  
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CITY CLERK: Fidler.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Foster.  
COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Garodnick.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Gennaro. Gentile.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Gonzalez.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Greenfield.  
COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here  
CITY CLERK: Halloran. Ignizio.  
COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Jackson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.  
CITY CLERK: James.  
COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.  
CITY CLERK: King.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Koo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Koppell.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Lander.  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Lappin.  
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Levin.  
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Mark-Viverito.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO Here.  
CITY CLERK: Mealy.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Mendez.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Nelson.  
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Palma.  
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Recchia.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Reyna.  
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Richards.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

CITY CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Vallone. Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Rivera.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: The quorum is present. My colleagues please rise for the

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2 Invocation being delivered by Minister Brandon Keith  
3 Washington from Memorial Baptist Church.

4 MINISTER BRANDON KEITH WASHINGTON:

5 Recognizing Speaker Christine Quinn and the members  
6 of City Council and those that are assembled if all  
7 hearts and minds are clear.

8 Dear Lord. This City Council is grateful  
9 to have the opportunity to come together this  
10 afternoon. We call on your great name, the God of  
11 All Creation and Humanity, to make your presence  
12 known here today and to help us accomplish all that  
13 is set before us with grace and assurance. We pray  
14 for all the leaders and continued unity, such that  
15 our differences and distinctions may only be a  
16 reflection of your goodness and mercy. Bless us with  
17 your spirit of cooperation and heart of concern for  
18 people of this great city and one another. Guide our  
19 thoughts and our actions as we ask for your  
20 assistance, protection and vision, power and peace,  
21 inspiration and illumination. Bless each person on  
22 my left and on my right with your goodness, your  
23 strength, your courage, your health, wisdom and all  
24 knowledge, such that we will remain focus. God bless

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2 this city. We pray these things in your mighty name.  
3 Amen.

4 GROUP: Amen.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
6 much, Minister. We now call on Council Member  
7 Dickens.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you so  
9 much, Majority Leader. I want to just mention about  
10 Minister Brandon Washington, that he is the son of a  
11 great friend, Reverend Renee Washington of Memorial  
12 Baptist Church and the late Bishop Preston  
13 Washington, who was the founder of HCCI, an  
14 affordable housing community based organization that  
15 was one of the first started by ministers. And he's  
16 recently married for a very, very long two weeks.  
17 And I just want to thank him. I'm very proud of him.  
18 He just received his license on August the 18th and  
19 just delivered his initial sermon. Motion to spread  
20 the Invocation in full upon the record.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: If I could ask my  
24 colleagues to please rise? It is with great sadness  
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2 that I'm going to note the passing today of two New  
3 Yorkers.

4           On August 5th, 2013, Liz Berger, 53, the  
5 president of the Downtown Alliance, and for thirty  
6 years a fixture in both city government and outside  
7 as a government relation expert and someone who I  
8 know was a close friend to many of us in this room  
9 and many of the staff of the City Council passed away  
10 after a valiant and, quite frankly, almost historic  
11 10-year battle with pancreatic cancer. First  
12 diagnosed in 2003, Liz endured six weeks in a coma  
13 before roaring back to a decade of incredible life  
14 and vibrancy in her beloved downtown neighborhood.  
15 Her husband Fred Coffman said Lizzie used to call  
16 herself the luckiest unlucky person in the world.

17           After graduating from Yale, Liz went to  
18 work for Mayor Koch as one of his council liaisons.  
19 After that, she went on to work as a lobbyist with  
20 former Parks Commissioner Gordon Davis. He said  
21 Lizzie had this incredible reservoir of optimistic  
22 energy. Her love of the city was evident, and it was  
23 like opening a music box and it was playing "New  
24 York, New York."  
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2           On 9/11, living one short block from  
3 Ground Zero, Liz and her family escaped on foot from  
4 the devastation. Their entire apartment was covered  
5 in ash, but they were determined to clean up safely  
6 so they could come move back in as soon as possible.  
7 Shortly thereafter they returned she received her  
8 cancer diagnosis.

9           In 2007, she became the president of the  
10 Downtown Alliance bid and was tireless in her work on  
11 behalf of the rebuilding of the downtown  
12 neighborhood, including the soon to be opened Fulton  
13 Center Transportation Hub and the rebuilding of  
14 CUNY's Fiterman Hall which was irreparably damaged on  
15 9/11.

16           Liz Berger is survived by her husband  
17 Fred and their teenage children Phoebe and Julian,  
18 and just before I call on Council Member Chin, I just  
19 want to add that when my brother-in-law was diagnosed  
20 and passed from pancreatic cancer there were many,  
21 many people, many in this chamber who were incredibly  
22 generous and helpful, and Liz, though I just want to  
23 say in particular and I know it must've been painful  
24 because this was at a time when her health was  
25 beginning to decline, went out of her way to give us

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2 medical advice, to give us resources, to give us  
3 referrals, to write Kim and I letters, to constantly  
4 e-mail and check in. One day she even saw Anthony  
5 when he was waiting in the waiting room and went over  
6 and talked to him and him hearing that she had lived  
7 for a decade really made his next few days after that  
8 stronger and better.

9           She was somebody not only with an endless  
10 reservoir of optimism but with an endless reservoir  
11 and generosity even in her darkest moments. Council  
12 Member Chin?

13           COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank You, Madame  
14 Speaker. On August 5th, my district and New York  
15 City lost a passionate, intelligent and incredible  
16 leader, Liz Berger. Her time with us was far too  
17 short, but she still managed to accomplish more than  
18 many hoped to do in a long lifetime.

19           As the president of the Downtown  
20 Alliance, she touched all of us downtown with her  
21 vision and her drive to make Lower Manhattan a  
22 better, more vibrant community. If you walk outside  
23 these chambers and around the district, you will  
24 easily see her mark everywhere. She advocated for  
25 the major capital projects like the Fulton

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2 Transportation Center and the Water Street redesign  
3 that we recently voted on in the council. She also  
4 pioneered things like the downtown connection bus,  
5 wrapping construction sites with artwork, and even  
6 the new solar compactors that are everywhere now  
7 downtown. And she did all this while quietly  
8 struggling for ten years against a serious illness.  
9 Her inner strength, courage, and poise were truly  
10 amazing.

11 Like many downtown, I admire her greatly  
12 and counter her as a wonderful neighbor and a friend.  
13 I hope everyone will join me in remembering her and  
14 praying for her family at this difficult time. Thank  
15 you.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. And I know  
17 that her husband Fred is at some point in the future  
18 organizing a public memorial, and we will let folks  
19 know when that's going to be. [Coughs] Excuse me.

20 On August 9th, 2013, former Deputy Mayor  
21 Bill Lynch, 72, a giant in New York City government  
22 and politics and activism for decades passed away  
23 from complications from kidney disease.

24 Bill grew up in Suffolk County, the son  
25 of a potato farmer. In the 1960s, Bill and his

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2 beloved wife Mary moved to Harlem where he worked for  
3 organized labor and became an important figure in  
4 District Council 1707 of AFSCME. He managed his  
5 first campaign in 1975 and became well known as a  
6 coalition builder adept at bringing all kinds of  
7 people, particularly African-Americans, into the  
8 political process. He always referred to work behind  
9 the scenes and always preferred that and preferred to  
10 avoid the spotlight. When David Dinkins became  
11 Manhattan Borough President in 1986, Bill was  
12 appointed Chief of Staff. Bill helped form the  
13 historic multiethnic coalition that elected David  
14 Dinkins as New York City's first African-American  
15 mayor in 1989. Her served Mayor Dinkins as Deputy  
16 Mayor for Intergovernmental Affairs.

17           Despite persistent and serious health  
18 issues, Bill was known to work 15-hour days. After  
19 leaving public service, Bill was sought after as an  
20 advisor and co-chair of many of the city, states and  
21 most important presidential campaigns. Secretary  
22 Hillary Clinton said, "Bill was a constant source of  
23 guidance, a trusted advisor. If you heard Bill  
24 Lynch's voice once, you would remember it forever."

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2 At his funeral, former Mayor Dinkins  
3 said, "Today we say goodbye to the greatest man I  
4 have ever known."

5 Bill Lynch is survived by his wife Mary,  
6 their son William Lynch III, and their daughter  
7 Stacey, and our thoughts and prayers and gratitude go  
8 out to him and his entire family during this  
9 difficult time.

10 Let me call on our Deputy Majority Leader  
11 Inez Dickens.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you. Thank  
13 you so much, Madame Speaker. Bill Lynch, founder and  
14 chairman of Bill Lynch Associates, gave us more than  
15 thirty years skillfully assessing the levers of power  
16 in local and national politics, government  
17 operations, labor and public policy, and that skill  
18 was evidenced in Mr. Lynch's successful management of  
19 the mayoral campaign of Mayor David N. Dinkins.

20 An achievement that he was most proud of  
21 was coordinating the massive New York welcome  
22 celebration of the antiapartheid leader Nelson  
23 Mandela when he was released from prison in South  
24 Africa in 1991 and then went on to become an advisor  
25 to Mr. Mandela during the election campaign for the

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2 president when South Africa's black majority was for  
3 the first time able to vote.

4           The greatest testament to Mr. Lynch, The  
5 Rumpled Genius, was articulated by many at his  
6 funeral service last week. He had an uncanny  
7 willingness to work behind the scenes often to  
8 achieve the goal of bringing people together around  
9 issues. He strived to elevate young people to higher  
10 positions of leadership, and he did all that without  
11 seeking his due acclimation. For that, we pay homage  
12 to a potato farmer who made good, Bill Lynch.

13           CHAIRPERSON QUINN: Thank you. Thank you,  
14 Mr. Majority Leader.

15           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you, Madame  
16 Speaker. We now move on to the adoption of the  
17 Minutes. Council Member Recchia.

18           SPEAKER QUINN: Motion that the Minutes of  
19 the Stated Meeting of June 26th, 2013 be adopted as  
20 printed. Let me just call though, if I can for a  
21 moment, on Deputy Majority Leader Inez Dickens again.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I just wanted to  
23 give notice to the members of this body that Kevin  
24 Wardalli [phonetic] who had been a member of the  
25 staff of this body serving as Director of Member

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2 Services for Speaker Gifford Miller and Deputy Chief  
3 of Staff for Speaker Quinn lost his father yesterday,  
4 Joe Wardalli. And I thought many of you would like  
5 to know because many of you knew the father because  
6 he had been very active with politics and brought  
7 that unmistakable West Indian accent wherever he  
8 worked in the political field. Thank you.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council Member  
10 Dickens.

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you, Madame  
12 Speaker. We now move on to messages and papers from  
13 the mayor.

14 CITY CLERK: None.

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Communication  
16 from the city, county and borough offices?

17 CITY CLERK: M1238, HUD Communication.

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

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Petitions and  
21 communications? Land Use call ups?

22 CITY CLERK: M1239 through M1246.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple these  
24 and please have a roll call just on the Land Use call  
25 ups, please. Thank you.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dromm?

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

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.



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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to vote No  
on Land Use 894... I'm sorry, okay, Aye.

CITY CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ferreras?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Foster?

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Gentile? Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.

CITY CLERK: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Yes.

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CITY CLERK: King?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Koo?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yes.  
CITY CLERK: Koppell?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Yes.  
CITY CLERK: Koslowitz?  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Lander?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Lappin?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Levin?  
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Mark-Viverito?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Mealy?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Mendez?  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Nelson?  
COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.  
CITY CLERK: Palma?  
COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Today's Land Use

call ups are adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative with zero in the negative. We now move on to communication from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: We are voting on a number of pieces of legislation today coming out of the Environmental Protection Committee. I want to thank Jeff Baker, Samara Swanston and Dan Avery for their work on these bills. The first is Int 218 in relation to the use of auxiliary power units in ambulances. Let me just note all of the bills... then there's 1061-A in relation to reducing the emissions of pollutants from vehicles used by or on behalf of the City of New York that's sponsored by the Chair Jim Gennaro; 1062 in relation to the renewal of waivers issued for certain diesel powered vehicles unable to adopt best available retrofit technology,

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2 also introduced by the Chair Jim Gennaro; 1074-A in  
3 relation to the calculation of and reporting of the  
4 use based fuel economy of light-duty and medium-duty  
5 vehicles in the City fleet. This is the first piece  
6 of legislation passed under the sponsorship of  
7 Council Member Donovan Richards so congratulations.  
8 And Int 1082-A, a law introduced by Council Member  
9 Wills in relation to minimum average fuel economy of  
10 light-duty vehicles purchased by the city; 218-A, the  
11 first one regarding ambulances introduced by Council  
12 Member Koppell. I'm going to first call on the Chair  
13 Jim Gennaro to speak on the entire package. Then  
14 we'll hear from Council Member Koppell, Council  
15 Member Richards, and Council Member Wills. Thank  
16 you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madame  
18 Speaker. Thank you for this opportunity. I want to  
19 thank my colleagues who are also passing very good  
20 bills today. We've been on the cutting edge of  
21 dealing with, making sure that our city vehicles are  
22 the cleanest that they most possibly can be. Back  
23 when I was brand new to the council, I came here in  
24 1990. In 1991, we passed this law which was the most  
25 cutting edge law of its kind in the country. Back

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2 then the cutting edge was something called compressed  
3 natural gas. This law had the distinction of being  
4 one of the most cutting edge bills of its kind in the  
5 country for many years because that was the cutting  
6 edge back then. Back in 2005, some of the people who  
7 are here remember that we passed a suite of bills  
8 that took us to the next level of cutting edge which  
9 is ultra-low sulfur fuel which was kind of a boutique  
10 fuel back then. Now it's very commonplace, but that  
11 was the cutting edge. So back in 2005 we did a  
12 similar, we did, you know, kind of an update to the  
13 1991 law where we used the newer, better fuel, and we  
14 used something called best available control  
15 technology, and so that was the cutting edge back  
16 then.

17           And so now it's 2013 and we have this  
18 suite of bills that kind of follows along and takes  
19 us, you know, once again to the cutting edge. I'll  
20 speak first to the two that I'm proud to be a sponsor  
21 of. My two have to do with biodiesel because first  
22 it was the NG and then it was ultra-low sulfur fuel,  
23 now it's biodiesel. The city uses some of it but  
24 we're going to be using a lot more of it. This will,  
25 you know, not only create really good green jobs by

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2 growing the biodiesel industry, but it's what we need  
3 to get to the 30 percent reduction in greenhouse  
4 gases, and the second bill which is mine has to do  
5 with the city no longer being able to hand out  
6 waivers for vehicles that cannot meet the best  
7 available control technology.

8           Back when we did the bills in 2005, it  
9 wasn't always easy to get our hands on this  
10 technology, now it is. There's no more reason to  
11 hand out waivers so we're not going to be doing that  
12 anymore, so once again we're on the cutting edge and  
13 in the interest of time I will let Council Member  
14 Wills to speak to his very good bill about, you know,  
15 dealing with vehicle's fuel economy, with Council  
16 Member Richards talking about the new way that we're  
17 going to measure overall city fuel economy in all of  
18 its vehicles, and Council Member Koppell who has  
19 worked on this bill long and hard. This is a real  
20 testimony to never give up, and Oliver was very  
21 intent on making this happen and he made this very  
22 good bill happen. And with that said, Madame  
23 Speaker, I thank you for your leadership, for keeping  
24 us on the cutting edge, for having us grow green  
25 jobs, and I look forward to hearing from my

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2 colleagues when they speak about their good bills.

3 Thank you.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much, Chair  
5 Gennaro, and I just want to say, you know, this  
6 entire package is moving us towards meeting a goal a  
7 decade in advance. There's a lot of government goals  
8 that never get met on time. Some may get met on  
9 time, maybe a few early. When do you ever hear of  
10 meeting a goal a decade in advance? That is in large  
11 part and I know my colleagues are going to  
12 unanimously agree with me. Chair Gennaro, because of  
13 your persistence, your focus on things other people  
14 would forget and your leadership on the environment,  
15 so, Jim, thank you and congratulations.

16 Let me next call on Council Members  
17 Koppell, Richards and then Wills.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Thank you, Madame  
19 Speaker. As I mentioned at the press conference, I  
20 have been frustrated for my entire time as a member  
21 of this body when I see city ambulances, 300 of them,  
22 sitting on street corners because as many of you know  
23 they're not dispatched from garages, running their  
24 engines 24 hours a day to keep the ambulances cool in  
25 the summer and warm in the winter for the attendants



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2 and also cool to keep the medicines that they have  
3 preserved. There's no reason why auxiliary power  
4 should not be used to provide heating and cooling so  
5 we don't have constant emissions from over 300  
6 vehicles. This bill provides for pilot project  
7 because the fire department that's now running the  
8 city ambulances say that there's questions as to  
9 whether auxiliary power can do it. I'm convinced it  
10 can. This mandates a pilot project to use auxiliary  
11 power. If auxiliary doesn't work, there are other  
12 ways you can provide heating and cooling through  
13 attachment to electrical stations in the  
14 neighborhoods.

15           The current situation where we have 300  
16 city ambulances, vans, running 24 hours a day in  
17 every community in this city has got to stop. This  
18 is a beginning. I've been trying to do this for so  
19 many years, initially in the opposition of the fire  
20 department, and you may be amused to know that  
21 Commissioner Cassano changed his mind and supports  
22 the bill now because a member of his department won a  
23 special award for proposing the very thing I've been  
24 talking about for eight or ten years. So, here we go  
25 and I hope that within a few years we will no longer

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2 have these ambulances on every corner in every  
3 neighborhood. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I rise to ask  
5 all my colleagues to vote in support of Int 1074, and  
6 my portion of the bill is the best part. It's going  
7 to require the next mayor to report to the City  
8 Council about the amount of use-based fuel many of  
9 our city fleets are utilizing. Southeast Queens is  
10 no stranger to a lot of pollution. We have JFK, in  
11 particular in my district, we're already getting a  
12 big brunt of air pollutants based on the airplanes  
13 that are overflying in my district. So, this is a  
14 great bill. I want to thank Jim Gennaro and Speaker  
15 Quinn for their work and ensuring that we're going to  
16 pass these bills today so thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I want to thank the  
18 Speaker and the Chair for their leadership on these  
19 bills, and I want to apologize to Council Member  
20 Richards that the planes that are coming out of my  
21 airport are polluting your air but, yeah, right.  
22 This legislation require the light-duty vehicles  
23 purchased by the city to become more fuel efficient  
24 over the next nine years by allowing the usage of  
25 less fuel for their operations. This bill also

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2 ensures that adequate and reliable transportation  
3 energy is provided by our fleet while balancing  
4 economic public health, safety and environment to  
5 consequences. Southeast Queens and other communities  
6 have been inundated with the highest rates of  
7 juvenile asthma in the city, and this bill will go a  
8 long way to making sure that those juveniles as well  
9 as seniors who are more prone to air pollutants that  
10 causes diseases to them will be taken care of.  
11 Speaker, you are right, we are ten years ahead of  
12 line, and that is directly because of your  
13 leadership, and I thank you for it.

14           SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. I also want to  
15 thank the Chair Leroy Comrie and the Chair in Land  
16 Use Subcommittee for their work on the various Land  
17 Use items that we're voting on today. I want to  
18 thank Chuck Davis and the Majority Leader for their  
19 work in Rules, Privileges and Elections Committee and  
20 the appointments that we are making today. And  
21 lastly, we're going to speak of the matters that are  
22 coming out of the Committee of the Whole, Int 1079  
23 and 1080. I want to thank the staff, Alex Pistilnic  
24 [phonetic], Una Peterson [phonetic], Sal Arona  
25 [phonetic], Peggy Chan, Liz Fine, Lauren Axelrod

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2 [phonetic], and Carmine Agione [phonetic] for their  
3 work. If we could get a big round of applause for  
4 all of the staff who've worked so hard on these  
5 pieces of legislation [applause].

6 Int 1079, and we'll hear after I speak  
7 from Council Members Williams And Lander and Council  
8 Member Williams will also speak on Int 1080 in  
9 relation to bias-based profiling. Int 1079 is an  
10 incredibly significant piece of legislation, and I  
11 want to thank everyone who has been part of the  
12 Community Safety Act Coalition who's worked so  
13 closely with the staff that I just mentioned as well  
14 as the staff to Council Member Wills and Council  
15 Member Lander, and I want to thank Council Member  
16 Williams, Council Member Lander and all of their  
17 staff. If we could particularly get a round of  
18 applause for Council Member Williams and Lander's  
19 staff [applause].

20 Int 1079 will create a permanent  
21 monitoring mechanism, an inspector general if you  
22 will, for the New York police department. It is not  
23 monitoring that deals with only one policy or  
24 practice, but it is permanent monitoring that will  
25 have the ability to look at all police policies and

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2 practices. This does not relate as some have said to  
3 individual officers you have the IAB, the CCRB, the  
4 DA, other places to deal with individual officers,  
5 but we have nowhere in the city of New York to look  
6 at the broader policies, practices and trends of the  
7 New York police department. Many other city  
8 agencies, most other city agencies have that kind of  
9 a function. Many of them housed within the  
10 Department of Investigations. This inspector general  
11 at the Department of Investigations will have  
12 subpoena power through DOI to look at matters in the  
13 police department. We have a situation in this city  
14 where we have had no entity that could bring constant  
15 focused oversight with the City Council on issues  
16 such as stop-and-frisk, though let me clear, the IG  
17 is not limited as the court's monitor is only to stop  
18 and frisk. This monitor will be able to look at any  
19 and all policies and practices today, tomorrow, and  
20 into the future. And that's critically important  
21 because when we see in other jurisdictions do this,  
22 two important things have been accomplished, crime  
23 went down and police and communities were brought  
24 together. You know, some have said that crime will  
25 rise if we put independent monitoring of the police

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2 department, well let's look at the facts. In Los  
3 Angeles, after monitoring was put in place, crime  
4 went down 33 percent and community approval of the  
5 police department went to 84 percent positive. That  
6 is what we can have in New York City, be the safest  
7 big city in America but do it in a way that doesn't  
8 violate civil liberties and, in fact, unites the  
9 police and communities across this city.

10           You know, we are in this chamber a week  
11 or so after a federal judge's ruling. A federal  
12 judge's ruling that said what most New Yorkers knew  
13 was true, stopping 700,000 New Yorkers, the vast  
14 majority of them, people of color. Over 85 percent  
15 of them, if not more, innocent. People who were not  
16 arrested, charged with no crimes, had no weapons on  
17 them, no contraband, that is a practice that is  
18 unconstitutional and must come to an end, and the  
19 inspector general will help make sure that comes to  
20 an end, but as importantly will help make sure that  
21 no other police practices in the future ever get to  
22 the point where a federal judge has to intervene and  
23 tell us that our police department has been acting  
24 unconstitutionally. So I want to, just before I turn  
25 the mic over to Council Member Williams and Council

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2 Member Lander, thank every member of the City Council  
3 because we have had a long and productive dialogue  
4 around the Community Safety Act. There are people  
5 who have different opinions on all of the pieces of  
6 legislation, but everyone has conducted themselves  
7 with respect and open ears and listen to everyone  
8 else, and I want to thank the advocates for the key  
9 role they played in that process, having those kind  
10 of discussions with us and the Council and constantly  
11 providing us information. This is a historic day in  
12 the City Council as we override these vetoes, and I  
13 want to thank everyone for their hard work and their  
14 attention but no one more than Council Member Jumaane  
15 Williams and Council Member Brad Lander. Let me now  
16 call on Council Member Jumaane Williams.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you,  
18 Madame Speaker. I'm going to keep my remarks brief  
19 on both bills. I do want to say rest in peace also  
20 to Bill Lynch. I'm excited to know that I was able  
21 to get advice from the man who advised presidents.

22 I do want to say although my name was  
23 first on the bill, I do want to make sure people know  
24 that Brad Lander did the lion share work on the  
25 inspector general and I thank him so much. He's been

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2 my partner in safety throughout, and I just want to  
3 say thank you, thank you, thank you. I want to thank  
4 the Speaker and her staff for working with us in  
5 getting this bill to the floor. I want to thank my  
6 staff, Rance Hough [phonetic] my Chief of Staff, Kay  
7 Bay [phonetic] my legislative budget director, Stefan  
8 Rengal [phonetic], special shout out for my director  
9 of media relations, was stolen by the borough  
10 president, another story, John Furor [phonetic],  
11 legislative and communications aid, Marvin Bing from  
12 NAACP. I definitely want to thank CPR Ju Yung Kang  
13 [phonetic], Priscilla Gonzalez, Joanna Miller,  
14 Candace Toliver [phonetic], and Woody Ofor  
15 [phonetic] from NYCLU, SEIU 1199, Lilly Carino  
16 [phonetic], George Gresham [phonetic], Kevin  
17 Finnegan, (inaudible) Hector Figaro and Cal Wright  
18 [phonetic]. Cal is present with us. Make the Roll  
19 New York, Javier Valdez, Jesus Gonzalez, Jose  
20 Gonzalez, Working Families Party, Immanuel Consuelo  
21 [phonetic], Dan Cantor and Bill Lipton, New York  
22 Commuters for Change, Emilia Adams, UFT Mike Mogul  
23 [phonetic], RWBSU. I want to thank National Action  
24 Network, Reverend Al Sharpton and Temeca Mallory  
25 [phonetic], and the few people who are here, I want



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2 to give them a special shout out. NYCLU Donna  
3 Lieberman, the executive director. Also with us, Ben  
4 Gellis [phonetic] from The National Action... I'm a  
5 little nervous, sorry. National Advancement for the  
6 Association of Colored People, Ben Gellis who has  
7 given us support from the beginning, and I also want  
8 to thank the actor Gbenga Akinnagbe who we know from  
9 The Wire and from Graceland who was arrested  
10 protesting the issues of Stop, Question and Frisk and  
11 is with us today. This bill, as we mentioned, will  
12 do nothing but help restore some of the trust that  
13 has gone between police and the community, and I'm  
14 looking forward to this override. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: This is the part  
16 where we sing Happy 70th Birthday to Ronnie Spector?  
17 Oh, sorry. We had a ceremonial for her before. I  
18 apologize. I want to start by thanking the speaker  
19 for the leadership that is enabling us to bring these  
20 bills to the floor and pass them today in a historic  
21 act. I want to say thank you right back to Council  
22 Member Jumaane Williams for what has been  
23 extraordinary leadership that for him began in a  
24 moment of real pain and that he working with so many  
25 other people have turned into an extraordinary step

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2 forward. I want to thank my staff and the Speaker's  
3 staff, and I won't go over everyone by name but the  
4 collaboration that helped develop these bills through  
5 more than a year of negotiation and amendment and  
6 amendment and conversation and dialogue to get them  
7 right and make them better really is a model for how  
8 we should do legislation in New York City.

9 I want to thank my colleagues, the  
10 conversation we had, those for it and those against  
11 it on the night of June 26th did real pride to this  
12 body. It was a deep and serious conversation about  
13 hard issues, not just the policy issues, but issues  
14 of race and safety and neighborhood, and whatever  
15 side you're on, I think we elevated the issue, and I  
16 think as a result we are taking steps forward that we  
17 can all be proud of. And I want to thank that  
18 extraordinary coalition, a few of whom are still here  
19 and upstairs but who are out in numbers today, who  
20 are out 50,000 strong last year on Father's Day  
21 marching down Fifth Avenue, and who I think mirror  
22 that passion for a New York City in which everyone  
23 can count on being safe and everyone can count on  
24 having their civil rights respected, and that's what  
25 we all want. I think people who are voting yes on

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2 the bills today, people who are voting no on the  
3 bills today, we all want a New York City where we're  
4 safe walking down our streets. We all want a New  
5 York City where it's not a crime to be who you are.  
6 We all want a New York City where we can believe in  
7 the New York police department. We have good fortune  
8 as Council Members to work closely with commanding  
9 officers and beat cops and see the hard work that  
10 they do and build bonds of trust, but we also  
11 unfortunately see what happens when those bonds of  
12 trust are frayed because communities are profiled  
13 based on their race or religion or sexual orientation  
14 or gender identity.

15           What I hope is that we are going to move  
16 forward today to come together. Look, the debate  
17 around these bills, the campaign around these bills,  
18 you can't hide it. It has been difficult and  
19 polarizing and it's involved some name calling and I  
20 think what we all want is a city where we're safe and  
21 civil rights are protected and respected, and let's  
22 hope that after today we can all come back together  
23 to achieve that because I really believe however  
24 people vote on today's bills, those goals are shared

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2 by everyone on this floor, everyone on this room, and  
3 everyone in this city.

4           Just one or two brief words on Int 1079,  
5 the inspector general, because there was a veto  
6 message, and I just want everyone to feel confident  
7 as you vote to override the mayor's veto, that  
8 there's nothing in the veto message that ought to  
9 change your mind. The main thing about an inspector  
10 general as we've said all along is it's just plain  
11 good government to have oversight of government  
12 agencies. Every government agency needs it, and  
13 certainly agencies of law enforcement need it. And  
14 one interesting note, this summer, just before July  
15 4th, the NYPD actually released a report that they  
16 commissioned from an outside entity called for for  
17 several years, delayed a while, but finally released  
18 around allegations of crime statistics downgrading,  
19 and I'd urge you to look at it because I think it's  
20 exactly what we want the NYPD inspector general to  
21 do. It found there are a lot of things to be proud  
22 of in the way that they were trying to gather crime  
23 statistics, and it found that there were, yes, also a  
24 bunch of problems. It didn't point fingers or cast  
25 blame. It said here's what's working, it said here's

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2 what's not working, it said here's some  
3 recommendations for how we can improve the practice  
4 to have good government and better policing for all  
5 New Yorkers. Police Commissioner Ray Kelley, the day  
6 the report came out, agreed to adopt every  
7 recommendation in the report, and I think it  
8 hopefully will set the tone for what our inspector  
9 general will be able to do once appointed early in  
10 the new year. Find those areas that the speaker  
11 mentioned where there is some cause for concern,  
12 whether that's allegations about inappropriate  
13 surveillance of Muslim student groups or crash safety  
14 investigations or whether undercover detectives are  
15 left in their post too long. We can't know based  
16 simply on allegations whether there really are or  
17 really aren't problems. We need someone to go in to  
18 do the investigation, to take a look, to give us that  
19 report. Where things are going right they'll tell us  
20 where things are going right. Where things need to  
21 be corrected, they will make a set of recommendations  
22 to do it. They will put us on the path as the  
23 speaker said to where our problems don't have to be  
24 solved in federal court where they don't have to have  
25 a two-year campaign, not that we don't do it again if

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2 it's necessary, but where instead early stage we can  
3 get them solved and we can have safe, good, effective  
4 government and safe, good, effective policing in all  
5 communities. I want to say thank you for this  
6 opportunity to ever want to look forward to voting  
7 Aye on the inspector general.

8           SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much,  
9 Council Members Williams and Lander, and I just want  
10 to add to the thanks of the staff I listed before  
11 this, our Deputy Chief of Staff Mark Nelson, Chief of  
12 Staff Chuck Marra [phonetic] and most significantly  
13 Ramon Martinez, my First Deputy Chief of Staff, and  
14 that concludes communications from the Speaker.

15           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
16 much, Madame Speaker. We now move on to discussion  
17 of General Orders. I do have on the list Council  
18 Member Williams and Lander in the first and second  
19 spot. Do they want to speak again or are they going  
20 to forego... okay, thank you, gentlemen. I will now  
21 move on to Council Member Jackson.

22           SPEAKER QUINN: Can I ask you to give 30  
23 seconds more to Council Member Jackson because he has  
24 an important introduction that I should have made.  
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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes, but hold on.

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I think Council Member Williams...

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SPEAKER QUINN: Fine.

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: What are we doing back there, guys? Bear with us for a few seconds.

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Okay, Council Member Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm just a little confused. Is this for 1080 or is this for general...

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MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: This is discussion of general orders but you can speak on...

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SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member, you can speak on anything you want but I'm going to interrupt you for one sec because I forgot to recognize former Council Member, Assembly Member Rivera, who is with us today so I just want to thank and welcome Jose Rivera back to the Chambers, so if we could get a round of applause for Assembly Member Rivera who is with us today. And Council Member Williams, whatever you would like to discuss. It's general order, discuss within orders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. The last statements were primarily about 1079. I do want to talk about 1080 which is very dear to me. I do

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2 want to say happy birthday to Debbie Rose. She  
3 changed her plans to be here so thank you very much.  
4 And a shout out to Chris and John Ford [phonetic], my  
5 brother from another mother, is in the back, and a  
6 special shout for COR 34 who will be voting to  
7 override the 1080, the bias-based profiling. I want  
8 to make sure I start out by saying, and I hope the  
9 media plays it because they never do, I want to thank  
10 the NYPD for risking their lives every single day to  
11 help keep us safe. No one on this floor is anti  
12 NYPD. We're anti policies that aren't working. And  
13 I just want to say I look forward to continue to work  
14 with all the precinct commanders in my district and  
15 NYPD in general to help keep this city safe.

16 This is about civil rights as we're  
17 moving to the march on Washington on Saturday. This  
18 is a continuation of things that started long before  
19 I became a Council Member. So I'm proud today that  
20 we're going to override this veto. I do wish that  
21 the administration had sat down with us to discuss  
22 these issues, but they refused to do so. And she  
23 showed data today and I hope my colleagues look at  
24 that data that show there has been no correlation  
25 between increased stops and any kind of murder rate,



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2 shots fired, or guns being removed. We have the data  
3 with us if anybody would like to see. Lastly, I do  
4 want to say, and this is not an indictment, but this  
5 is a recognition that there is a split and an issue  
6 when 25 of the 27 members of Black, Latino, Asian  
7 caucus vote for these bills, and 15 of the 17 people  
8 who didn't vote for it are not from the Black,  
9 Latino, Asian caucus. We have to recognize that  
10 there is an issue there that we have to deal with,  
11 and we have to figure out how we agree on public  
12 safety. This is very important to me. I consider  
13 people on this council friends, and there are some  
14 who made sure to remind me that we are a collection  
15 of our experiences, but I do hope that people will  
16 listen, learn, and take the time to really research  
17 what's happening and listen to the pleas and the  
18 cries of people who are really, really trying to make  
19 this city safe and have better policing at the same  
20 time. Benjamin Franklin said "They who can give up  
21 essential liberties to obtain a little temporary  
22 safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."  
23 Thankfully, when it comes to the way stop-and-frisk  
24 was handled, we had both things on our side. We had  
25 the constitution, and if you can do away with that we

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2 also knew and can prove that there was never a  
3 correlation so it was never effective to begin with.  
4 Pointing out something wrong with an agency does not  
5 mean we don't like the agency, it does not mean we  
6 don't want to work with the agency. Indeed, I  
7 believe we were elected to point out deficiencies and  
8 problems and fix them, and I'm very proud in a few  
9 minutes we will have done that. Thank you  
10 [applause].

11 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
12 much, Council Member. We're now going to move on to  
13 discussion of general orders. We have Council Member  
14 Jackson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,  
16 Majority Leader and my colleagues. I rise this  
17 afternoon to do two things. One: to introduce a New  
18 Yorker who's 11 years old, and he's here with me.  
19 He's an activist in the community, and Emilio Sanchez  
20 and I have been communicating with each other, with  
21 his parents, for about the past year and a half, and  
22 he's pretty astute at following the City Council, the  
23 State Legislature and baseball. So Emilio Sanchez  
24 has been with us all day on this historic occasion  
25 [applause].

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2           If someone asks him what does he want to  
3 be, he said a member of the City Council, and Joel  
4 Rivera who was at one time the youngest City Council  
5 member in New York City, he wished Emilio and Briana,  
6 a 16-year-old that's going to go on the New York  
7 Youth Board, that they will be the youngest City  
8 Council member in the near future.

9           But today, my colleagues, I rise and  
10 today I ask every member of this body, the City  
11 Council of New York, and especially members of the  
12 Black, Latino and Asian caucus, all 27 of us, we have  
13 the opportunity to make history and the privilege to  
14 justly represent our constituencies by doing what is  
15 right today. Over as you know approximately 700,000  
16 people have been stopped and frisked and over 90  
17 percent of them with no charges whatsoever. The  
18 battle has been great but we cannot continue to allow  
19 this administration to victimize our young people of  
20 color. And effectively overriding the mayor's vetoes  
21 today, we will send a true message that as law-  
22 abiding citizens, no one should fear humiliation or  
23 harassment at the hands of law enforcement based on  
24 the color of their skin. It's time to bring NYPD  
25 policies into the 21st century by embracing our

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2 communities instead of opposing them, and I ask all  
3 of you to please help us to straighten this out by  
4 voting to override both of these bills today, this  
5 afternoon, both 1079 and 1080. Thank you [applause].

6 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
7 much, Council Member. I'm going to ask that we  
8 refrain from the applause or any other statements so  
9 we can get the meeting moving forward. Thank you.

10 We have Council Member Barron next.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: On this day we  
12 have families that their loved ones had the final  
13 stop, death when Remarley Graham got no justice.  
14 Kimani Gray death, no justice. Shawn Bell, no  
15 justice, death. Timothy Stansbury, death at the  
16 hands of New York City police, the police that we pay  
17 to protect us. So while we celebrate today and we  
18 should, let's remember that these families and so  
19 many others, no laws on these books protected them.  
20 We must resist the abusive abuse of deadly force, of  
21 brutality and certainly racial profiling. And also  
22 remember in these struggles doesn't come out of a  
23 vacuum. Reverend Herbert Daltrey [phonetic] and the  
24 Black United Front have been struggling for decades  
25 around these issues. They won't be mentioned on the

1 news tonight, and they won't be mentioned in these  
2 records, but there wouldn't be no today if it wasn't  
3 for Viola Plummer [phonetic] and the December 12th  
4 movement, Reverend Herbert Daltrey, others who put it  
5 on the line to make this day possible. So while we  
6 celebrate let's not forget history. Finally, to the  
7 mayor, shame on you. Monitoring, nobody's going to  
8 jail where they belong. Nobody's getting fired.  
9 We're just talking about monitoring the police,  
10 monitoring, watching them, and you say no. I can't  
11 wait until January 1st, 2014 when you are out of this  
12 city [applause] and take...

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: We need to have  
15 silence up in the balcony.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Take your buddy  
17 Kelley [phonetic] with you. And for the future  
18 mayoral candidates who are considering Kelley,  
19 reconsider because he needs to go along with the  
20 mayor. I can't wait until that day.  
21 Congratulations, Brother Jumaane, for the work you've  
22 done and for all of us who really put this, but we  
23 must resist. Let's go back to our communities and  
24 make sure that these laws have feet and power of the  
25 enforcement of the people straight ahead [applause].

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: We need to have  
3 silence. We need to have silence in the chambers,  
4 thank you. Next is Council Member Koppell.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Thank you, Mr.  
6 Majority Leader. I just might mention that I speak  
7 as the former Attorney General of the State of New  
8 York, as the former Chair of the Assembly Judiciary  
9 Committee and a lawyer in good standing for over 40  
10 years.

11 In 1791, the United States passed the  
12 Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution  
13 that says "the right of the people to be secure in  
14 their persons, houses, papers, and effects against  
15 unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be  
16 violated." In 1791, Conservatives are proud to say  
17 that our fundamental document, the Constitution, is  
18 the most important thing that we've got or observe.  
19 In addition, the 14th Amendment passed after the  
20 Civil War, says that the right to equal protection  
21 shall not be denied. A federal judge, after a nine-  
22 week trial, has written a 198-page opinion saying  
23 that the government of the City of New York through  
24 its police department has violated the provisions of  
25 the Constitution of the United States and the

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2 documentation is there. Over four million stops and  
3 frisks and she found that the overwhelming majority,  
4 90 percent of them were unjustified in terms of  
5 result. The fact of the matter is for the mayor to  
6 ignore this is absurd. For us not to respond to this  
7 concern which was expressed before the opinion and  
8 ratified is absurd, and how are we responding? In a  
9 very responsible and moderate way, an inspector  
10 general is going to be appointed by the mayor. How  
11 is that going to threaten the police department?  
12 Under the mayor, the inspector general will be.

13           And the other bill, and Councilman  
14 Vallone is correct. He sponsored an original anti-  
15 racial profiling bill. All this does is update that  
16 bill and expand it, and if you want to say it gives a  
17 right to people to go to court, what about the folks  
18 who went to court before Judge Scheindlin? They had  
19 that right. It's nothing new but it responds to a  
20 very real problem... [interject]

21           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

22           COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: ...that affects our  
23 ability to govern constitutionally under the  
24 Constitution of the United States...

25           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: ...why we should  
3 not support these bills [applause].

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay, we're  
5 going... again [gavel], we have to maintain silence in  
6 the chambers. We have Council Member James next.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you. The  
8 Community Safety Act comprises a set of reforms aid  
9 at advancing NYPD accountability and improving police  
10 community relations. All New Yorkers care about  
11 safety and want to have a strong and collaborative  
12 relationship with the NYPD, but we cannot keep our  
13 community safe by profiling our neighbors based on  
14 race, religion, LGBT status. It violates fundamental  
15 civil liberties. It breaks down the bonds of trust  
16 necessary for good policing, sets New Yorkers against  
17 each other, and it creates a partial and unequal  
18 system of justice. Today will go down in history  
19 where members of the City Council steadfast,  
20 immovable, firm, resolute, committed to the principle  
21 that justice is blind, not impartial, not  
22 discriminatory or bias but blind.

23 Today I look at the rostrum and I see  
24 Reverend Washington and Council Member Rivera, two  
25 men who typify the countless and nameless numbers of



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2 men of African ancestry and Latino descent who have  
3 been subject to race-based profiling in this city.  
4 This city has no place for racial-based profiling, a  
5 city that is the greatest in this country, and so  
6 today we strike a blow against bias-based racial  
7 profiling, and today all of us, all members of the  
8 City Council who believe in justice and who believe  
9 in one system of law under God, indivisible. Today I  
10 vote for justice. Today I vote with all of you today  
11 committed to the Constitution and committed to one  
12 system for all. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
14 much, Council Member. We now move on [applause].  
15 Ladies and Gentlemen in the chambers, we do need to  
16 maintain silence. There are members that want to get  
17 their voices here today and we need to stick to the  
18 timeframe. Next, we have Council Member Garodnick.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you very  
20 much. I wanted to express my continued support of  
21 both 1079 and 1080. As with many of my colleagues,  
22 my family lived in New York City through the  
23 difficult 1970s and 1980s, and I realize how far we  
24 have come. But effective crime fighting requires  
25 more than just a top down approach. The police would

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2 be the first to tell us that they need the support,  
3 the eyes and the ears of the public. Our communities  
4 look to our police officers and our officers look to  
5 our communities to keep the city safe. This  
6 relationship requires trust and trust only comes with  
7 accountability. Unfortunately, not all communities  
8 take this trust as a given. We won't allow fear  
9 mongering and voices of alarm to turn citizen against  
10 citizen or to dismerge [phonetic] the fine reputation  
11 of the vast majority of our police officers. But  
12 there is no question that some practices must be  
13 reassessed in terms of public safety and the  
14 protection of fundamental civil rights.

15           There's no need to fear these two bills.  
16 They will help make the NYPD's policies more  
17 effective and restore the relationship between the  
18 police and the citizens that they watch over. I  
19 should note that the practice of Stop, Question and  
20 Frisk has come to dominate the discourse on these  
21 bills. In principle, Stop and Frisk can be a useful  
22 tactic, but in practice due to the sheer number of  
23 stops, the extraordinary high rate at which innocent  
24 people are targeted and its harmful impact on the  
25 relationship between citizens and the police, the

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2 policy that's currently exercised has gone too far.  
3 This has rightly been acknowledged by a federal  
4 judge, and I hope that a smart overhaul of its  
5 implementation can reform it into an effective law  
6 enforcement tool.

7 But these bills speak to a larger issue  
8 than simply Stop, Question and Frisk. They will  
9 improve how our city polices itself regardless of the  
10 fate of any one practice. I encourage my colleagues  
11 to stand firm and vote to override. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
13 much. Council Member Rodriguez?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.  
15 (Inaudible) no like celebrating this 50th anniversary  
16 and getting ready to see thousands of people go into  
17 D.C. Now, when Martin Luther King said that  
18 (inaudible). We should know that we are far from  
19 that. We should know that there's two city that we  
20 have, the New York City for the poor and the New York  
21 City of the rich. And the Stop and Frisk is mainly  
22 affecting that particular part of our city.  
23 Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, he said  
24 very clear in many press conference. He said I'm  
25 white and I had a boy, you know, I don't have to be

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2 taken time explaining to my boy how he should behave  
3 around the police because of his ethnicity. I  
4 understand discussing about black and Latino. These  
5 are the ones that has to be dealing with that  
6 reality. Let me tell you, 1990 taking Political  
7 Science 101, working on 181st Street I was stopped  
8 and I was told by a member of the NYPD was when I  
9 said that I had my rights and am taking Political  
10 Science 101 (inaudible) he said you don't have any  
11 rights if Dominican. Today, we are sending the  
12 message loud and clear. Yes, Dominican, Latino,  
13 black, white, Asian, all of us have rights, and we  
14 are also saying to Martin Luther King, to Rosa Parks,  
15 to Cesar Chavez, to the Jews, to the whites who  
16 marched 50 years ago, we have only one city, we only  
17 have one society. There's thousands of people crying  
18 in the streets of New York City saying why are we  
19 treated differently because of our ethnicity. We are  
20 committed to continue building the best city of the  
21 world. I have two daughters. I want my daughters to  
22 be walking in a community where they feel safe. Even  
23 when I was arrested in the occupy, I went back  
24 telling my daughter if something happen to you, you  
25 look for a police officer. So we are here to

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2 protect, to continue supporting our police officer  
3 but I am so proud of the bills that we are passing  
4 today.

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
6 much. We're going to stick to the two-minute time  
7 clock. Next we have Council Member Rose.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. I want  
9 to thank all of the advocates and organizations that  
10 guided and informed the SQF debate and thank the  
11 public whose deafening cries for justice could no  
12 longer go unheard. I want to applaud the courage of  
13 my colleagues, the City Council members who stood  
14 firm and withstood the political pressure to take the  
15 easy road and instead took the high road. Today we  
16 have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in  
17 changing people's lives. Today, we will override the  
18 mayor's veto. The merits of the Community Safety Act  
19 and the lack of constitutionality in the  
20 implementation of the NYPD Stop and Frisk policy have  
21 already been debated in this August chamber, and all  
22 that needs to be said has been said. But I stand  
23 here today as the mother of a son who has more  
24 hoodies in his closet than dress shirts, and as the  
25 mother who prays every time he is out of the house.

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2 And I stand here as a mother of a son whose value and  
3 values are not recognized by police officers who are  
4 blindfolded by departmentally mandated productivity  
5 quotas, not this legislation. I have been accused of  
6 blindfolding and handcuffing the police with my vote  
7 to support Intros 1079 and 1080, but I say to my  
8 critics that my vote is to remove the blindfolds that  
9 allow the police to blindly target people of color.  
10 This legislation will allow police officers to do  
11 their jobs effectively and constitutionally. I am  
12 proud to vote for this override. This vote is for my  
13 son and all the sons, daughters, mothers, fathers,  
14 grandmothers, grandfathers, nieces and nephews who  
15 have been dehumanized and terrorized by this policy.

16 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: So today, my  
18 colleagues, I invite all of you to stand on the side  
19 of justice and vote to override this mayoral veto.

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you,  
21 Council Member. The next Council Member we have to  
22 speak might be a little bit jetlagged. It was the  
23 topic of a news story with drama in the air. He was  
24 doing the good work down in Peru, South America but

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2 he made sure he made his way back. Council Member  
3 Fernando Cabrera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so  
5 much, Majority Leader. Indeed was a long flight, 13-  
6 hour flight, and as I was coming in the flight I was  
7 just thinking about, you know, the vote that we're  
8 about to take and the importance of it. And I  
9 thought about the mayor. The mayor has proposed that  
10 somehow that if we passed these bills that we're  
11 going to see crime go up, and my parents always  
12 taught me the end does not justify the means. Even  
13 if he was right, even if he were to be right about  
14 the numbers, the end does not justify the means.  
15 Process matters because it says a lot about who we  
16 are. It says a lot about human dignity. The moment  
17 that we lose sight of the value and the dignity of  
18 every single one of our citizens, that's the day that  
19 we lose our soul and we lose the conscience of our  
20 city. As I travel all over the world, I have an  
21 opportunity to travel to many, many countries, and  
22 even as I was in Peru and I was telling them that I  
23 have to come for this, they asked me about this  
24 policy and why we even have such a policy in place.  
25 They're looking to us for leadership. Whatever we do

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2 in New York City people tend to copy or model because  
3 they consider us to be the capital of the world. I  
4 think this is a great moment. We have a great  
5 opportunity to be able to rise and show the best of  
6 the very best of who we are as we stand together and  
7 put forth legislation that makes sense, that protects  
8 our young people, that protects every single one of  
9 our citizens, because whenever we have one of our  
10 citizens, just one, just one of them being  
11 discriminated or racially profiled, just one of them,  
12 it doesn't have to be 10,000 or 100,000, just one of  
13 them, it just speaks something very negative about  
14 who we are, but I believe the best of the very best  
15 is about to show forth and I want to thank both of  
16 the Council Members Brad Lander and Council Member  
17 Williams for showing their leadership and courage.  
18 Thank you so much.

19 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
20 much, Council Member. Next we have Council Member  
21 King followed by Council Member Ulrich.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Good day, and I rise  
23 to congratulate Council Member Williams and Lander  
24 for their diligent efforts to do all they can to make  
25 sure that we override the mayor's veto.



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2 Today we look to make history by doing  
3 the jobs we were elected to do. That is to hear the  
4 cry of the people. New Yorkers have come to  
5 government and asked help on how NYPD is supposed to  
6 protect and serve. If there's a flaw in this  
7 commitment or action it's our responsibility as  
8 elected officials to evaluate and reevaluate this  
9 plan. I ask all of us who are here today to take a  
10 look beyond ourselves as those of us who experience  
11 in our communities each and every day the flaws in  
12 NYPD policies. And unfortunate that the leadership  
13 in City Hall and NYPD has ignored the cries and the  
14 request for change and adjustment as lawmakers,  
15 especially those of us with districts that have  
16 experienced these flaws and NYPD policies, we must  
17 step up to represent the voices in our community. My  
18 vote is on the side of yes, and I ask all of those  
19 whose votes are on the side of No's to look beyond  
20 yourself and hear the cries and the voices of those  
21 of us in New York City who have been violated by a  
22 policy that's discriminatory. I thank you and I ask  
23 you all to vote to override the mayor's veto. Thank  
24 you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
3 much. Next, we have Council Member Ulrich followed  
4 by Council Member Mendez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you very  
6 much, Mr. Majority Leader. My colleagues, I will  
7 limit my comments and my remarks at this time to Int  
8 1079. I'll speak on 1080 when we have the  
9 opportunity to vote and explain our vote.

10 I happen to believe that both these bills  
11 are downright dangerous, but the first one was the  
12 one that I really found to be the most absurd, and I  
13 heard the word absurd used many times by some of my  
14 colleagues today, and quite frankly I find this bill  
15 to be absurd. It's an unnecessary waste of money.  
16 We got the financial impact statement, \$1.9 million  
17 dollars, \$2 million dollars a year, to hire somebody  
18 that we don't need when we can be using that money to  
19 hire more cops to make people safer, which by the way  
20 leads me to my next point.

21 No one has been able to suggest to me or  
22 make a very valid argument as to how having an  
23 inspector general or empowering DOY to look over the  
24 shoulder of the police department is going to make  
25 New Yorkers any safer or lower crime for that matter,

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2 which should be our role in our capacity to have  
3 permanent oversight of the police department. That  
4 is our responsibility and those are the members...  
5 those are the members of the Public Safety Committee  
6 [interject].

7 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member,  
8 hold on one second. We're not going to tolerate  
9 (inaudible)... [crosstalk]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: That's fine, and I  
11 will not be intimidated by any of the hecklers or  
12 anybody else. You know, they are as ridiculous as  
13 the judge. So out of touch with the realities of  
14 living in New York to begin with. The role to have  
15 permanent oversight of the police department belongs  
16 to the police commissioner and belongs to the City  
17 Council Members who serve on the Public Safety  
18 Committee which refused to pass these bills to begin  
19 with. That is why we have them vote some silly rule  
20 that we never used to begin with ever in the history  
21 of the Council to bring these bills to the floor, but  
22 here we are dangling by one vote hoping that somebody  
23 didn't show up or had a baby or, you know, some other  
24 excuse. Not to... that's a joke. Anyway, look this is  
25 not going to lower crime. In fact, the only thing

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2 that's going to lower is the morale of the police  
3 department, the men and women who are understaffed,  
4 underpaid, and underappreciated not only by the  
5 people in the balcony and some of the people on the  
6 steps, but by some of the people in this room. Many  
7 of these people want to go to Long Island, they can  
8 make a lot more money and deal with a lot less  
9 harassment. The last thing that they need and  
10 certainly what the taxpayers need is another person  
11 looking over their shoulder. It's an unnecessary  
12 waste of money. I'm urging you to vote No.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
14 much. We now move on to Council Member Mendez.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you. The  
16 Constitution is not easy. The Constitution requires  
17 that I stand and listen to someone next to me say  
18 things that I don't like and for that person to  
19 listen to me say those things that I don't like as  
20 well. The Constitution also gives us the protection  
21 against unreasonable search and seizures. With the  
22 court case last week, it was determined that this  
23 administration and this police department were going  
24 beyond what the Constitution has given us as our  
25 rights. When the mayor starts to say that we all

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2 have a political agenda then if justice is a  
3 political agenda, yes, we do. When the mayor says we  
4 have a political agenda, if fairness and equality is  
5 a political agenda, then yes we do have a political  
6 agenda. To my friend Richie Perez who's my friend,  
7 my mentor, and dedicated his life to working against  
8 institutionalized racism, today this vote and this  
9 legislation will codify what he dedicated his life to  
10 erasing, the stigmatism and the result of what's  
11 happening in the street to our young men and women.  
12 I want to take a moment to say to the mother of  
13 Ramarley Graham who's here today who lost her son in  
14 a very awful way but in her home, to my friend Robert  
15 Pinter [phonetic] who's here today who was profiled  
16 by the police for being a gay man and charged with  
17 prostitution because he was in an adult video store  
18 that you have taken these moments and instead of  
19 being victims you have become heroes. You have taken  
20 this as a source of strength...

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: ...and to fight  
23 against the injustices that happen, and today for  
24 your losses we will stand and we will correct those

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2 injustices. I hope everyone votes to override this  
3 veto. Thank you very much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
5 much. We need to stick to the two-minute timeframe  
6 since we do have other members that want to speak as  
7 well. Next, we have Council Member Levin followed by  
8 Council Member Oddo.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
10 much. My colleagues, I am proud to stand today in  
11 support of the veto override of Intros 1079 and 1080.  
12 Together today we are standing up for the  
13 Constitutional rights of the millions of New Yorkers  
14 who have been stopped, questioned and frisked for no  
15 other reason than for the color of their skin. And  
16 there's no doubt that the NYPD's policy of Stop,  
17 Question and Frisk has come from the top down and has  
18 originated in the highest echelons of our city  
19 government. And the police officers with whom I've  
20 spoken have rightly pointed out that the decrease in  
21 uniformed officers under the Bloomberg administration  
22 and the strain that this has placed on the NYPD are  
23 right that this has hurt the morale and has placed  
24 unneeded strain on the NYPD. And we must all  
25 recommit ourselves to fighting to restore the cuts

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2 made to the NYPD by the Bloomberg administration.  
3 However, there is no excuse. There is no excuse for  
4 a policy that violates the basic Fourth Amendment  
5 rights against unreasonable search and seizure that  
6 we have as Americans. Our Constitution which  
7 enshrines our most basic rights is alive today and we  
8 are here to vigorously defend it. I congratulate  
9 Council Member Williams and Council Member Lander on  
10 your exemplary work, and I encourage all of my  
11 colleagues to stand up today for the Constitutional  
12 rights of those that you represent. Thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
14 much. Next, we have Council Member Oddo followed by  
15 Council Member Lappin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Thank you. I'm  
17 going to try to take just a slightly different  
18 perspective on these two pieces of legislation, and I  
19 want to expand a bit on one of the points that  
20 Council Member Ulrich had just made, and that is to  
21 say that I subscribed to the mindset of former Police  
22 Commissioner Bill Bratton on this issue when he said  
23 that budget decisions were made to reduce the size of  
24 the police force for 41,000 to 34-35,000 at a loss of  
25 around 80 officers per precinct, and Bratton said

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2 cops are forced to be flying all over the city and  
3 they really couldn't begin to understand who were the  
4 good guys and who were the bad guys. So in an  
5 attempt to find common ground and not to rehash the  
6 arguments from a month or so ago, I think (inaudible)  
7 one of the challenges we have is that the next mayor  
8 and the next city council have to figure out a way to  
9 get real budgetary and fiscal balance so that we can  
10 find the resources to bring the number of police  
11 officers back up to 40-, 41,000. For years now I  
12 have had to hear we're doing more with less and with  
13 fewer cops crime has gone down and as if there was no  
14 byproduct of having fewer officers. Those of us who  
15 represent government on the most immediate level, we  
16 know our precincts have been strained, and I  
17 subscribe to the notion of the former police  
18 commissioner that the decrease in the number of cops  
19 in this town has put pressure on police officers. So  
20 my point, I guess, to my colleagues is that all the  
21 passion and all the frustration and all the anger I  
22 have heard discussing these issues has to be  
23 converted into courage and every time there is talk  
24 about reducing a program in this body we have to  
25 accept that the fact that the world has stopped



1 spinning on its axis. If you are so absolutely  
2 passionate and adamant about these issues then find  
3 the courage to fix the budget long term and put more  
4 cops on the street and make those cops understand and  
5 live and breathe the communities they represent, and  
6 you may be right, I may be wrong on this issue. I  
7 may be right, you may be wrong, but we will never get  
8 to where all of you talk so in such flowery language.  
9 We will never get there reducing this police  
10 department to the numbers that we have now and not  
11 getting it back to the numbers that we had. You know  
12 in your precincts between antiterrorism  
13 responsibilities or being pulled out from special  
14 events you know what happens in our communities in  
15 terms of the number of officers. We will never get  
16 to where everyone says they want to go without  
17 addressing that issue, and we will never be able to  
18 afford the number of cops we need unless we get  
19 control and we actually fix this budget long term,  
20 something I've been talking about since 2003, and  
21 interestingly enough only recently I've heard someone  
22 across the hall talk about it. So, that's my take on  
23 it without rehashing everything that we've heard ad  
24 nauseam. Thank you.  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
3 much. We now move on to Council Member Lappin  
4 followed by Council Member Van Bramer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I am incredibly  
6 proud to be a member of the City Council this  
7 afternoon and to be joining so many of my colleagues  
8 in passing these two bills that together will go a  
9 long way towards ending unconstitutional Stops and  
10 Frisks in this city, and when millions of innocent  
11 New Yorkers have been stopped, 90 percent of them  
12 innocent, 90 percent of them people of color. It is  
13 time for us to start to begin to repair the damage  
14 that has been done, the human toll that has been  
15 taken on communities, and I believe that this  
16 legislation will help us strengthen relationships  
17 between our communities and the police who are  
18 serving us all and to continue to keep us the safest  
19 big city in America but doing it in a Constitutional  
20 way.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
22 much. Next, we have Council Member Van Bramer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you very  
24 much. I am proud to stand and support both Intros  
25 1079 and 1080. As a gay man, I certainly know what

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2 it's like to have judgments made about me that have  
3 no basis in fact. I have felt discrimination  
4 firsthand. But even if I had never been  
5 discriminated against, I know that an injury to one  
6 is an injury to us all and that I as a citizen but  
7 particularly as a Council Member am called to oppose  
8 injustice whenever and wherever it appears. We all  
9 want a safe city, but it must be a just city as well.  
10 And no one's civil rights, no one's civil rights  
11 should be sacrificed nor is the sacrificing of  
12 people's civil rights legitimate collateral damage in  
13 our efforts to have a safe city.

14 I was deeply moved and I told Ben Gellis  
15 this before, when the NAACP took a stand in favor of  
16 marriage equality and in favor of my full civil  
17 rights, I recognized that until all of us are free,  
18 none of us are completely free, and because of that  
19 basic belief in inequality for all I'll be voting Aye  
20 on both 1079 and 1080. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
22 much. Next, we have Council Member Ferreras followed  
23 by Council Member Mealy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Today I stand as  
25 a Council Member, as a Latina, as a Latina of color,

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2 and unapologetic for being eight and a half months'  
3 pregnant [applause]. Expecting my first child, a  
4 baby boy. As I contemplate the future of what he may  
5 grow up to accomplish, I cannot hope but to think  
6 about the limitations and unfair judgment he may face  
7 as a young man of color growing up. What our  
8 generation needs is less judgment and more  
9 acceptance. The same can be said for the future  
10 generations coming after us. The plight of young  
11 African-American and Latino men and women has been  
12 difficult enough if you reflect on our nation's  
13 history.

14           As a legislator, as a future mother, the  
15 change must begin with us. Today is the day we say  
16 enough. By casting our vote to override this veto,  
17 we are all taking a huge step forward in protecting  
18 the rights of all New Yorkers. No matter what their  
19 ethnicity, skin color or how many months' pregnant  
20 they are, I applaud the federal court for the  
21 decision on this unfair policy, and I look forward to  
22 the benefits the ruling will bring to our many  
23 communities across our great city and for all the  
24 women and mothers that have lost their children I  
25 bear and I look forward to giving birth to this young

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2 man because I know he's coming into a better New York  
3 City. Thank you [applause].

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Quiet in the  
5 chambers. Next, we have Council Member Mealy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I rise today and I  
7 commend my sister, and I just want to say we thank  
8 the New York police department for all that they do.  
9 Having a family, a police officer, it means a lot.  
10 My niece just graduated as a police officer, and one  
11 thing I must say all the police officers have to have  
12 their whole name on their badge. If they cursed at  
13 individuals they will get written up, and we don't  
14 have that in New York, and some people say this  
15 legislation is not necessary but all the innocent  
16 young African-American, Latino men they can beg to  
17 differ. To say what my colleague just said, the  
18 morale of the police department is down, imagine the  
19 morale of all our young men that has been traumatized  
20 just by going to the store to get bread for their  
21 mother and they get stopped, thrown on the ground,  
22 cussed like they don't belong to nobody, and  
23 sometimes just for no reason. So I'm glad this  
24 legislation is going through and I know we spoke to  
25 some lawyers on the other side, and I said if not

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2 this, what do you have in place? If you don't have a  
3 Plan B, this is our Plan A, and I'm glad and honored  
4 to be here and I'm voting on this that my children's  
5 children will have a free society.

6           Fifty years ago Reverend King spoke about  
7 his vision for a fair America. It is a sad day that  
8 we need legislation just to have a fair America, but  
9 I'm glad we're doing it now and I thank my colleagues  
10 Jumaane Williams and Brad Lander for keeping on the  
11 phone with me. I just know this legislation is good  
12 and I'm glad I'm part of it. Thank you.

13           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
14 much. Next, we move on to Council Member Weprin.

15           COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you, Mr.  
16 Leader. My colleagues, I've been an elected official  
17 for 19 years, and in that time I've cast a vote on  
18 thousands of pieces of legislation, and sometimes  
19 those votes are tough votes where you have, you know,  
20 people fighting on both sides and you're not sure.  
21 But I'm proud of the fact that I've always voted in  
22 what I've always believed was the best interest of my  
23 constituents. And what I have found in this debate  
24 is the people who tend to be against this legislation  
25 happen to be people who have never been stopped

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2 themselves and often have no family members who have  
3 ever been stopped. And I've mentioned I have a  
4 district that's 70 percent people of color, and time  
5 and time again I meet people who have been stopped  
6 and whose family members have been stopped and they  
7 tend to be the people who are in favor of this  
8 legislation. I've dedicated much of that 19 years,  
9 you know, fighting for people who are oppressed, who  
10 don't get the respect they deserve, who don't get the  
11 government services they need, and some of those  
12 votes that I have taken are votes of conscience, and  
13 I've gotten some unrequested attention during the  
14 course of this debate. But I have to say this vote  
15 for me is a very easy one because some of those votes  
16 and not many of them are these votes of conscience  
17 where I have no choice but to vote what I believe in  
18 my heart. And I feel very strongly that this is a  
19 problem that needs to be addressed. This is a policy  
20 that needs to be reformed, and I'm raising three  
21 children in this city and I would want nothing to  
22 make them less safe, and I believe that this bill  
23 will actually in the long term make them more safe  
24 and restore the trust between the community and those

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2 who are trying to protect them, so I cast a vote Yes  
3 and I'm happy to support this bill.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Okay, thank you  
5 very much. Next, we have Council Member Fidler.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I'm sure you'll be  
7 pleased to know that I'm not going to speak for the  
8 Community Safety Act. But I do want to speak and I  
9 hope you'll hear me on this, on an issue that I think  
10 is while certainly not as grave as those of the CSA  
11 but as important. We have an appointment before us  
12 today to the Public Design Commission and the Arts  
13 Commission. I'm going to urge you all to send a loud  
14 clear message about that commission by voting no.  
15 Not a problem with the applicant, problem with the  
16 commission. How many times has this commission  
17 delayed your projects and cost taxpayers hundreds of  
18 thousands of dollars? Who needs a cultural elite to  
19 tell you, to tell your community board, to tell your  
20 civic groups, to tell the Parks Department designers,  
21 that they know better than you do what's esthetically  
22 acceptable in your parks. How many times has parks  
23 had to come back to you and say, Council Member, that  
24 project that we wanted to do together, can't do it  
25 now, not until next year can allocate another \$200-



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2 \$300,000 of taxpayers' money because your project has  
3 been delayed at the Public Design Commission or worse  
4 that they have made changes that none of us agreed  
5 to, but in their superior taste this cultural elite  
6 has told you it's not good enough for them. And we  
7 can't even blame this one on Mike Bloomberg.  
8 Alright, this is part of the chart.

9           Now, some of you have said to me that  
10 since there's no problem with the applicant, this is  
11 the wrong vehicle. What vehicle is there? This  
12 gentleman is going to continue to serve on PBC  
13 whether we approve his reappointment or not, he'll be  
14 a holdover. But this is an opportunity to send a  
15 message, and I'm urging you to do that. I know  
16 that's out of the box but do that for the taxpayers.  
17 Do that for good government. Do that for all of the  
18 people that have seen their parks and seems  
19 frustrated by the Public Design Commission. Please  
20 vote No.

21           MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
22 much, Council Member. Next, we move onto Council  
23 Member Ignizio.

24           COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Thank you very  
25 much. I just rise because I wanted to give voice to

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2 the concern of those and to speak on the Community  
3 Safety Act, but I want to take a step back as I like  
4 this to do and speak to residents of the City of New  
5 York and take a look at your Council and how proud  
6 you should be of it today, not for what they do but  
7 for the deliberative debate which is being taken  
8 place here. Whether you agree on whatever side, I  
9 thought the tone espoused by my colleague and friend  
10 Jumaane Williams and my colleague and friend Brad  
11 Lander is a very good one and one where reasonable  
12 minds can disagree and that people can have this  
13 debate right here in this forum is a great thing, and  
14 for those that are looking around the country and  
15 looking for a good legislature to say their debating,  
16 they're having conversation, and it's a matter of one  
17 vote in either direction that could swing a piece of  
18 legislation and that's a good thing over all for  
19 government. It's a good thing for the city. My fear  
20 and my concern about this legislation is that you  
21 will send the paralysis through the ranks of the  
22 NYPD, and particular to the men and women on the  
23 ground that will jettison aggressive policing and say  
24 take a hands-off approach, and that hands-off  
25 approach nets what, additional murders, additional

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2 crimes, and that's a legitimate fear that I have. So  
3 I am voting my conscience when people say vote your  
4 conscience, and I am voting my conscience when people  
5 say look at the whole picture, and I do take  
6 exception to those who say I'm not sure that you  
7 should be voting on this the way you should because  
8 you need to look it up because you're not a person of  
9 color. I vote on a lot of things. I vote on things  
10 that I have a role in, in things that I don't have an  
11 expertise in, and to say you shouldn't evoke your own  
12 judgment because you're not a person of color, well I  
13 thinks that's offensive. I really do. And I don't  
14 think the people mean to be offensive to be but I  
15 wanted to put that on the table and let people know  
16 that. My opinion on this legislation is that this  
17 tactic does save lives, and with 8,000 guns taken off  
18 the streets and 2,000 murders 15 years ago and  
19 hundreds now, that is the real deal of what the story  
20 about removing this tactic is.

21 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member  
22 Ignizio?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: If it needs to be  
24 reformed then let's reform it but I'm concerned about  
25 the jettisoning of aggressive policing and going

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2 after crime and not waiting for the crime to come to  
3 us.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member,  
5 you'll have another opportunity.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Thank you very  
7 much. Sorry for continuing.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member  
9 Richards?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Good afternoon.  
11 First, I wanted to commend Jumaane Williams and Brad  
12 Lander for their hard work on this bill. And I spoke  
13 on this before but I just wanted to share this story  
14 again. Before I was elected, I was elected six  
15 months ago, but before I was elected there was a  
16 young man who was 13 years old coming home from his  
17 sports practice and got out of a cab and has never  
18 been in trouble with the law and was walking into his  
19 building and was accosted by the police department  
20 and stopped and frisked in Rockaway, and his mother  
21 called my office and said, you know, my son won't  
22 stop crying. He doesn't... he's never been through  
23 this before and it was sad that I had to go meet that  
24 young man and tell him that it's unfortunate that  
25 this had to happen to you, but it's going to happen

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2 again in your life. It was unfortunate to have that  
3 real conversation with him but it was something that  
4 I had to do not knowing that I would be elected and  
5 this bill would certainly come to the floor.

6 Today we have something to do. We have a  
7 chance to do something about that. We are sending a  
8 message to the police department today that we are  
9 not against you, we want to work with you. A few  
10 weeks ago a 12-year-old young lady was shot in my  
11 district. The mother didn't go to the police  
12 department, she came to my office and we had to work  
13 with the community because they were too afraid to  
14 work with the police department. There's something  
15 wrong with that. There should be an open dialogue.  
16 We should feel comfortable going to our local police  
17 department and saying, hey, Joe Schmo has done this,  
18 but there is a huge disconnect there. Let's not  
19 forget the situation that went down in Sanford,  
20 Florida. Trayvan Martin, who was profiled, he was  
21 racially profiled walking through his community.  
22 There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. Let's  
23 ensure that New York City doesn't look like Sanford,  
24 Florida. We are the greatest city in this nation.  
25 We have an opportunity to change the nation today.

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2 We have a chance to make sure that that 13-year-old  
3 young man who came into my office now can look up to  
4 the police department because he wanted to be a  
5 police officer which was the sad part, which was  
6 really the sad part about the entire situation. So I  
7 commend my colleagues once again and I look forward  
8 to casting my vote on both. Thank you.

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
10 much. Seeing no others... do we have Council Member  
11 Viverito?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.  
13 Today, right here and right now, I am smiling because  
14 this truly is a good thing. But let's be clear, this  
15 is a victory which comes in the wake of a lot of  
16 pain, a lot of hurt, as a result of a practice that  
17 is currently being implemented, dehumanizes and  
18 strips a generation of youth of their dignity. And  
19 that clearly does not make us a safer city. On the  
20 eve of the anniversary of the March on Washington,  
21 this legislation has even greater resonance. We  
22 should actually thank Mayor Bloomberg for vetoing  
23 this bill. Because of that, we've had the  
24 opportunity to make history not once but twice and  
25 amplify our call for justice even further.

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2 With the recent court decision we're at  
3 an incredible moment where we are literally shaping  
4 police community relations for years to come, and  
5 that means a safer city for all of us. I am proud to  
6 be a sponsor of these bills. Obviously I urge my  
7 colleagues to vote Yes, but we will be making history  
8 today and I want to thank everyone who has made it  
9 possible.

10 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Thank you very  
11 much, Council Member. Seeing no others on discussion  
12 of general orders, we'll now move on to reports of  
13 special committees.

14 CITY CLERK: None.

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Reports of  
16 standing committees?

17 CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
18 Environmental Protection, Int 218-A, auxiliary power  
19 in ambulances.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
21 general orders.

22 CITY CLERK: Int 1061-A, reducing  
23 pollutants in city vehicles.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
25 general orders.

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CITY CLERK: Int 1062-A, waivers for diesel powered vehicles.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Int 1074-A, fuel economy reporting.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Int 1082-A, fuel economy for city vehicles.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered Res 1894, Environmental Review.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Preconsidered Res 1903, Organization funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 875 and Res 1907.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 816 and Res 1908 UDAAP Queens.



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SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: LU 821 and Res 1909,  
telecommunication franchising.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: LU 866 and Res 1910 through  
868 and Res 1912, various applications.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: LU 873 and Res 1913, Maritime  
Lease Agreement.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 894 and Res  
1914, zoning amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 895 and Res  
1915, landmark designation.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 896 and Res  
1916, Goldwater Hospital.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 897 and Res  
1917, UDAAP Brooklyn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
Rules, Privileges and Elections, M1179 and Res 1918

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2 approving the reappointment of Philip Aarons Art  
3 Commission.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

5 CITY CLERK: M1180 and Res 1919 approving  
6 the reappointment of Lynne D. Richardson, M.D., Board  
7 of Health.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

9 CITY CLERK: M1181 and Res 1920, approving  
10 the reappointment of Roberta Washington, Landmark  
11 Preservation Commission.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

13 CITY CLERK: Preconsidered M1247 and Res  
14 1921, approving the recommendation of Briana M.  
15 Thompson, New York City Youth Board.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

17 CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee of  
18 the Whole, Int 1079, Inspector General.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

20 CITY CLERK: M1183, Mayor's veto of Int  
21 1079.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed.

23 CITY CLERK: Int 1080, prohibiting bias-  
24 based profiling.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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2 CITY CLERK: M1184, Mayor's veto of Int  
3 1080.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed.

5 CITY CLERK: General Order Calendar  
6 resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner  
7 of Deeds.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders,  
9 and at this time I ask for a roll call on all items  
10 that are coupled on the general order calendar,  
11 please.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

13 CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: No on M1179 and  
15 its companion resolution. Aye on all the rest.

16 CITY CLERK: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

18 CITY CLERK: Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I do want to  
20 thank... I'm always thinking of Philip Reed who passed  
21 and who had a lot to do with the original bill, and I  
22 think also Speaker Vallone at the same time, and I  
23 think Bill Lynch who was my boss for four years would  
24 be very happy today. So I'm glad to stand with  
25 Council Member Williams, Brad Lander and others on

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2 the Community Safety Act. I will say that I think  
3 it's my belief and safety that is one of the reasons  
4 I will be voting to override the mayor's veto, and  
5 despite many claims in the media, I do believe that  
6 it's good, effective police work and that civil  
7 rights and police work are not mutually exclusive  
8 concepts. We all know that NYPD is the greatest  
9 police force in the world, and I think these bills  
10 will improve it. It doesn't matter what we are as  
11 New Yorkers, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation,  
12 immigration status, gender, we all need to be safe  
13 and secure, and I think that thanks to these bills in  
14 addition, there's an additional part thanks to the  
15 Speaker and Council Member Williams, which is the job  
16 support funding, the quality of appropriate mental  
17 health support that came with funding and the housing  
18 and education support. I know John Jay [phonetic] is  
19 doing some of the evaluation and I've been speaking  
20 with them and it's very exciting to see that in  
21 addition to trying to stop Stop-and-Frisk, we're also  
22 thinking about the individuals. So it's a great day  
23 for civil liberties, it's a great day for all New  
24 Yorkers, and I just want to add that I hope that the  
25 individuals who are passing through us today and the

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2 others who are stuck in the mayor's appointment  
3 process, that the mayor's office sees to it that they  
4 get appointed to these commissions because there are  
5 quite a few that are vacant and it's not the  
6 Council's fault, it's the mayor's fault. Thank you  
7 very much. I vote Aye.

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Before we  
9 continue with the roll call, let me just remind  
10 everybody that the question is shall Ints 1079 and  
11 1080 be passed, the objections of the mayor  
12 notwithstanding and shall the veto messages that  
13 accompany them be filed as well. Okay, continue to  
14 roll call.

15 CITY CLERK: Cabrera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Permission to  
17 explain my vote.

18 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: So ordered.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I want to address  
20 some of the questions. I think they were valid  
21 questions that some of our colleagues I ask here  
22 today, and if we could look at this in an academic  
23 way, the question was asked whether what's the value  
24 of having an inspector. I thought that was an  
25 important question. If I heard the speaker correctly

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2 what we heard is in Los Angeles, we saw crime go down  
3 30 percent. If anybody were to tell me that for \$2  
4 million we could get 30 percent, crime down 30  
5 percent, that's the best \$2 million we could ever  
6 invest in this city. Getting to the other issue that  
7 I think was very important, the lack of the police  
8 force. I'm 100 percent for that. The fact is we are  
9 down, whatever, 10,000 police officers but that  
10 happened on the Bloomberg administration. He is the  
11 one who decreased the number during years of  
12 prosperity and that's troubling. The fact is that if  
13 you look at the NYPD numbers, the real issue is  
14 substance abuse and gang activity. Two thirds of all  
15 the gun violence that takes place in the city and we  
16 saw this during the gun violence task force, we've  
17 reviewed this material, it was shown to us. It's  
18 related to substance abuse and gang activity. The  
19 fact is that we're doing a better job at it. That's  
20 why we're seeing the numbers go down, and everyone  
21 who's working and those who particular feel should  
22 commend themselves for the good work, and there is  
23 something to build morale. I think morale in police  
24 departments is important. It's very easy. Give them  
25 a contract. They've been without a contract for five

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2 years. Let's hire more cops and we'll see morale go  
3 up. Thank you so much. I vote... jetlagged, I vote No  
4 in M1179 Companion Resolution 1918, No, on that and  
5 Aye on the rest.

6 CITY CLERK: Chin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to  
8 explain my vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I truly believe that  
11 the Community Safety Act will help us build stronger  
12 and safer communities. We need to have good working  
13 relationships between the police and the community,  
14 and it's got to be out of love and respect and not  
15 fear and hate, so I proudly vote to override the  
16 mayor's veto and Aye on all. Thank you.

17 CITY CLERK: Comrie.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Permission to  
19 explain my vote?

20 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: First I wanted to  
22 just acknowledge Liz Berger in her passing. She was  
23 a key person to many of us that came in the Class of  
24 2002 and an advisor also to Prince of the City,  
25 farmer Bill Lynch who mentored me up until this

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2 August. I had the honor of talking with him and  
3 working with him as he tried to continue to work to  
4 improve me and to his family and to this city, and  
5 we've lost a true prince. I'm voting Aye on all  
6 bills today that are before us. I want to say this  
7 has been an historic time in the City Council. I  
8 want to thank Council Member Williams and Lander and  
9 all of the people that brought the Community Safety  
10 Act bills to the floor. Trying to deal with an  
11 endemic problem where we now we have an  
12 administration that feels that it's okay to put fear  
13 and intimidation into every person in this city as a  
14 standard practice of the police, as a standard  
15 practice of the police that they should arrest people  
16 and harass people and intimidate people to the point  
17 where young people are in fear of going into the  
18 community and walking to get a bottle, to walking to  
19 the bodegas to do what they need to do, walking home  
20 from school. This is why these bills are being  
21 passed today. Make no mistake about it. We have  
22 communities that are living in fear. We have people  
23 that are living in fear of the police, and we have an  
24 administration that has decided to go on national TV  
25 and say that it's okay to intimidate every person



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2 that the police encounter, to unshackle the police  
3 and give them the instruction that they could be  
4 hostile to anyone that they encounter no matter how  
5 they're dressed. That's what needs to be changed  
6 here. That's why these bills are being brought  
7 today. That's why we need to make some change, and  
8 the fact that they could not want to embrace the idea  
9 that there's a problem is why we're here today. I  
10 vote Aye on all.

11 CITY CLERK: Crowley.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Permission to  
13 explain my vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I have a great  
16 amount of respect for both my colleagues Jumaane  
17 Williams and Brad Lander and all my colleagues here  
18 today who support Int 1079 and 1080, but I strongly  
19 disagree with these bills and I believe they will  
20 result in a police department that is less able to  
21 fight crime. I believe that the Community Safety Act  
22 will limit the NYPD's ability to be the proactive  
23 police department that New Yorkers have come and  
24 depended on them to be. We live in one of the safest  
25 cities, the safest big city in the country. The

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2 NYPD's use of Stop-and-Frisk has taken thousands of  
3 guns off our streets and has saved countless lives.  
4 I vote No on the override of Int 1079 and No on the  
5 override of Int 1080, and Aye on all other Ints.

6 CITY CLERK: Dickens.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Permission to  
8 explain my vote?

9 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I am so proud to  
11 join with my colleagues in voting to override both  
12 vetoes. The truth of the matter is all people of  
13 this great city, we don't want guns in our  
14 communities. We want a good working solid  
15 relationship with the police force, and the citizens  
16 of this great city recognize that more than 90  
17 percent of all of the police force are honorable men  
18 and women who want to be fair. There is a mere few  
19 that are unfair, but that's where the core issue is,  
20 is the use of an unfair and racist tactic that is  
21 perpetrated upon communities of color, where unjustly  
22 and unfairly men and women are forced to the ground  
23 for no other reason than maybe there is a cigarette  
24 pack in their pocket. I do join with my colleague  
25 Council Member Ulrich. We do need additional police

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2 force, but we need to return to the times of where we  
3 had community police who respected the communities  
4 that they served. They recognized that they served  
5 those communities. They knew the children. They  
6 knew the mothers. They knew the grandmothers and  
7 grandfathers. So as I stand here today and say that,  
8 yes, I am voting to override both vetoes, I don't do  
9 so with joy in my heart, I do so because I want to  
10 eradicate racist tactics that continue to be used in  
11 this great city and this country.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: So I vote Aye on  
14 all.

15 CITY CLERK: Dilan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all except  
17 for the Item in the Rules Committee M1179. On that  
18 one, I vote No. Aye on all else.

19 CITY CLERK: Dromm.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Permission to  
21 explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to draw my  
24 colleagues' attention to Preconsidered Land Use Item  
25 Number 894 and Resolution 1914, and I know that's not

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2 the main topic today, but it does involve St. Francis  
3 Preparatory School, and at St. Francis Preparatory  
4 School an allegation was made by a transgendered  
5 teacher allegedly who was fired because she  
6 transitioned from being male to female, and I feel  
7 that I am obligated to vote against this Land Use  
8 item, although the charges have not been proved, I  
9 have not received any communication from the school  
10 in terms of evidence that would prove otherwise.  
11 This was a teacher who was there for 32 years, and  
12 after the teacher was fired thousands of students  
13 joined an online petition to support this teacher.  
14 So on Land Use 894 and Resolution 1914 I vote No, and  
15 on all other items, in particular on Int 1079 and  
16 1080, I proudly, as a member of the lesbian, gay,  
17 bisexual, and transgender community who has also been  
18 tremendously impacted by police abuse, I proudly vote  
19 Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Eugene.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

22 CITY CLERK: Ferreras.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: My son and I  
24 vote Aye [applause].

25 CITY CLERK: Fidler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Majority Leader  
3 Rivera, may I be excused to explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: First I want to  
6 say that I mostly going to be voting against M1180  
7 and the accompanying resolution. Not that Dr.  
8 Richardson isn't a person of integrity and  
9 qualification, but as a member of the Board of Health  
10 she voted to impose restrictions on the Orthodox  
11 Jewish circumcision ritual metzitzah b'peh. I look  
12 at that as an affront to the religious freedom of  
13 hundreds of thousands of Orthodox Jewish New Yorkers,  
14 and so I am voting No to protest that vote. I do  
15 want to say to my friend and colleague Jumaane  
16 Williams that while I don't agree with the solutions  
17 being offered in the two bills today, he has moved me  
18 in many ways, and he has significantly changed my  
19 perspective on the underlying issue, and I want to  
20 thank him publicly for that. I also want to take  
21 this opportunity to introduce two people who are here  
22 today, an intern and an intern turned part time  
23 employee are here on their next to last days, Sabrina  
24 Novak and Maria Deckter [phonetic], if they would  
25 stand up? I want to thank them on behalf of all of

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2 my constituents for the tremendous work that they  
3 have down for the people of the City of New York.  
4 And last but not least, going back to the Public  
5 Design Commission, Arts Commission, I want to thank  
6 those of you who are joining me in this protest. I  
7 urge more of you to do so. I know that there won't  
8 be a single column inch about it if we would defeat  
9 this nomination in the paper tomorrow, but it will  
10 send a shockwave that will be so unique and such a  
11 clear message that we're going to protect the  
12 taxpayers against the stupidity and the elitism of  
13 the Arts Commission that I urge all of you to vote  
14 No. Thank you. And with that, I vote No on M1179  
15 and M1180 and their accompanying resos, No on the  
16 veto overrides and Yes on everything else.

17 CITY CLERK: Foster.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye on all.

19 CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

21 CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Mr. Leader, I'd  
23 like an opportunity to speak on my vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yeah, I just want  
3 to thank Council Member Lander and Council Member  
4 Williams for the way they wanted to work with me  
5 through this whole thing, and I was, you know, never  
6 going to be an easy sell on this. I've got a good  
7 relationship with Brad. He's on my committee. He's  
8 a great guy. He knows how to deal with me, work with  
9 me, he knows the way I roll, and he always has a  
10 good, you know, way with me. I didn't have the  
11 relationship with Council Member Williams before  
12 because we just don't serve on committees and we  
13 haven't that kind of interaction, but I just have  
14 great respect for the way that he treated me. I got  
15 some, you know, kind of insight to his, you know, the  
16 sacred fire that burns within him, and I got to see  
17 that and I think I'm a better man for that and even  
18 though Council Member Williams and Council Member  
19 Lander, you're not gonna, you know, get my vote  
20 today. You, you know, made me a better man and I  
21 thank him for that and I also want to be associated  
22 with the remarks of Council Member Oddo. You know,  
23 those are heartfelt as well and, you know, this is  
24 the way to do this process and, once again, thank you  
25 Brad and thank you Jumaane for the way you worked

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2 with me throughout this process and I really  
3 appreciate it, and with that, sorry guys, I'm voting  
4 No on the overrides and Yes on everything else.

5 CITY CLERK: Gentile.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote Yes on all  
7 except for Int 1079, 1080 and M1179 and the  
8 accompanying Res. On all of those, I vote No.

9 CITY CLERK: Gonzalez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on all.

11 CITY CLERK: Greenfield.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote No on  
13 M1179, Res 1918, M1180, Res 1990, No on the override  
14 on Int 1080 and Yes on everything else.

15 CITY CLERK: Ignizio.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I wanted to  
17 briefly explain my vote, and I wanted to point out I  
18 had great conversations with Jumaane just now and  
19 will continue to after today, but one thing, one  
20 message I want to make sure the police department  
21 recognizes and the men and women who'll be watching  
22 this, is that I am a very appreciative council member  
23 for the efforts of the NYPD and reduction of crime  
24 and its Commissioner Ray Kelley who's overseeing its  
25 historic reduction of crime and the fact that those



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2 that are talking about the protection of their  
3 families which we all are trying to find the right  
4 way to do so, but it's indisputable that thousands of  
5 people are alive because of the efforts of this  
6 police department. It's indisputable that there are  
7 8,000 guns not on the street threatening any of us  
8 because of the great work of the men and women of the  
9 police department and its commissioner. And it's  
10 also indisputable that clearly my colleagues are  
11 articulated a community relations issue which does  
12 need to be improved. So both sides are and need to  
13 be objective with what's going right, with what's  
14 going wrong, and the reformation therein. But it is  
15 a major achievement to bring the crime levels to  
16 where they are, and a lot of people have forgotten  
17 the way it was in the late eighties and early  
18 nineties when there were thousands of murders, and I  
19 think that's a good thing in some ways and it's a bad  
20 thing in others. So I'm going to work with my  
21 colleagues on what happens after this, but I'm going  
22 to vote No on 1079 and 1080, Aye on all others, and  
23 as I said before very proud to be a member of this  
24 body in terms of its deliberative debate and how its  
25 people went about it. Thank you very much.

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CITY CLERK: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: My thoughts and prayers are with Senator Kevin Parker at the loss of his mother Georgia, and tomorrow is her service. Council Member Oddo, I applaud you for your efforts at building a consensus. You're going to make a fine borough president, and Council Member Ferreras, congratulations on the birth of your child and may your baby be born into a more just and perfect society. I vote Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I'd like to proudly vote Aye on all, except M1179 and the accompanying Res 1918. Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I'm voting No on 1079 and 1080 and Yes on the other ones.

CITY CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Fifty years ago this Saturday in what is certainly one of the landmark speeches of our country's history, Reverend

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2 Martin Luther King stood up and as part of his  
3 remarks he said, "I dream of living in a country  
4 where my four little children will be judged not by  
5 the color of their skin but by the content of their  
6 character." We vote today to try and advance that  
7 dream in light of what has been found to be  
8 unfortunately the practices of the New York police  
9 department. That dream is the dream of all of us, I  
10 hope, and today we vote to realize or to at least  
11 move in a direction of realizing that dream. I vote  
12 Aye on all.

13 CITY CLERK: Koslowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote No on  
15 1080 and Aye on all other general coupled orders, and  
16 I want to congratulate Council Member Jumaane  
17 Williams and Brad Lander for the great work that they  
18 did.

19 CITY CLERK: Lander.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request permission  
21 to explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: First, if I sit  
24 here in Peter Vallone's seat can I cast his vote?  
25 No, I guess not. You know, I think we have enough

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2 but one more wouldn't hurt. I do just by name this  
3 time want to thank a small number of people, my staff  
4 who are here today and weren't always here at  
5 Stateds, Rachel Goodman, Michael Freedman, Schnap  
6 Alex Moore [phonetic], Emma Ertinger [phonetic],  
7 Catherine Zanour [phonetic] extraordinary in this  
8 process, and the staff on the Speaker's team who did  
9 the work to draft and amend and negotiate this bill,  
10 Rob Newman, Alex Bastilnic [phonetic], Jim Carris  
11 [phonetic], Unna Pearson [phonetic], and Ramone  
12 Martinez. These are good pieces of legislation  
13 because of a lot of behind the scenes work as well as  
14 the campaign and the political work.

15           When we started out in this process, I  
16 thought we were looking to solve a problem and I  
17 think these bills solve that problem, but I am  
18 persuaded as a result of the extraordinary campaign  
19 by the folks upstairs and out on the streets, and  
20 then what happened on the floor both in June and  
21 again today and the quality of the conversation and  
22 then finally I think what really helped me see it  
23 were the moving words of Julissa Ferraras and  
24 thinking about the kind of city she wants for her  
25 son. I think we're doing more than solving a

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2 problem. I think we are setting a tone for the  
3 future city that we want to live in. The poet  
4 Adrienne Rich has this marvelous quote, this question  
5 for us. What would it mean to live in a city whose  
6 people were changing each other's despair into hope,  
7 and I believe in some small way what we're doing here  
8 today takes us toward that city. I very proudly vote  
9 Aye on all.

10 CITY CLERK: Lappin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

12 CITY CLERK: Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to  
14 explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you, Mr.  
17 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I do want to point  
18 out and I think that all New Yorkers should know  
19 this, that over the past year as Stop-and-Frisk have  
20 gone down throughout New York City. As the numbers  
21 have decreased significantly so have the number of  
22 homicides. So what we see is, in fact, that there is  
23 no correlation to the amount of Stop-and-Frisky and  
24 the effectiveness of policing. And so I think that  
25 that needs to be pointed out and that needs to be

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recognized because real effective policing is  
policing that is accountable, policing that is  
supported by the community, and policing that has a  
community basis and that is, in fact, community  
policing, and so I want to congratulate my colleagues  
and acknowledge the civility with which this  
discussion has taken place without discord and I want  
to thank all of you for being so circumspect of the  
issues and for advocating for your constituents from  
the bottom of your hearts. And with that I vote Aye  
on all today. Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote Aye.

CITY CLERK: Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote Aye on all  
and No on 1179 and Res 1918.

CITY CLERK: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Permission to  
explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Preconsidered Land  
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colleague Daniel Dromm. It's that kind of day today, folks. And I want to... yeah, and I'm not jetlagged actually. And I vote Aye on all and on Int 1079 and 1080 I proudly vote Aye, and I'm proud of the work that my colleagues have done on this and for my friends in the balcony (inaudible).

CITY CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: A No on 1079 and 1080 and M1179 and Res 1918. Aye on all the rest. And, Jumaane, you're one the best people on Earth. I've known you for about, what, 20 years now? So, I'll tell you, congratulations to you. Thank you, bye-bye.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: No on M1179 and its accompany Res; Yes on all the rest.

CITY CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: No on 1079, No on 1080; Aye on everything else. And I want to wish Debbie Rose a happy birthday and also Jeff Roadis [phonetic], my Deputy Director of Finance.

CITY CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Richards.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

3 CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.

4 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First of all, I  
6 would like to dedicate my vote to my daughters and to  
7 all the children, especially the future son of our  
8 good colleague, Julissa. I've been asking some of my  
9 friends here, my colleagues, how many of you have  
10 been stopped and frisked? Some of you raise your  
11 hand, right? Can my colleagues raise a hand, those  
12 of you that have been stopped at any time and frisked  
13 by the police? So we reflect what New York City is.  
14 Mayor Bloomberg and his daughter, they don't know  
15 about the experience of being stopped and frisked.  
16 Commissioner Kelley and his son and his family, they  
17 don't know about being stopped and frisked, and as I  
18 said before even though I was born and raised in  
19 (inaudible) I was not living here in the system. By  
20 an order to end segregation, it took whites, Asians,  
21 Latinos, blacks to come together and say this is  
22 wrong. In order for us to be able to end Stop-and-  
23 Frisk, we've been supported by our friends who  
24 doesn't know about stopped and frisked. My niece was  
25 stopped in the nineties, being a student of Barnard



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2 College and she was stopped and asked for a gun. She  
3 doesn't know what they were asking for. When they  
4 saw an ID, what the police officer told them was you  
5 should be lucky, you should be thankful because we  
6 doing this to keep people like you safe. This is an  
7 insult. You know, our people, we should be treating  
8 everyone equal. The law should be applied at the  
9 same level for everyone. Segregation is not over.  
10 Segregation is not over even fifty years after we  
11 marched in this city.

12 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: We have to  
14 continue fighting for social justice so every single  
15 child..

16 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Council Member?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: ..whites, black,  
18 Asian and Latino is treated equal, and I'm voting Yes  
19 on this override.

20 CITY CLERK: Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I'd like to vote  
22 Aye on all with the exception of M1179 and Res 1918,  
23 and I would just like to say that I hope with the  
24 passage of this bill that we will see the  
25 artificially inflated number of 250s to meet

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2 productivity quotas, a policy that forces officers to  
3 care more about collecting numbers than protecting  
4 people done away with. Thank you.

5 CITY CLERK: Ulrich.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Majority Leader,  
7 I'd like to be excused to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: First, we have a  
10 first. I just signed on to Charles Barron's bill, so  
11 I hope we got a picture of that. He always says I  
12 never cosign any of his bills and I did and Jimmy  
13 Oddo did to, so now he's... I know, that's true, he's  
14 running for borough president but it has bipartisan  
15 support. I first would like to begin by echoing some  
16 of the sentiments that my friends and colleagues have  
17 had in commending the hard work of both prime  
18 cosponsors of the pieces of legislation that  
19 currently on the debate. Certainly we disagree. We  
20 are not disagreeable and we work together and we  
21 remain friends even after today and moving forward.  
22 I also want to thank the NYPD. I know that Vinnie  
23 did a very good job. I think that the cops get a lot  
24 of flack in this city. I think that they are  
25 underpaid, unappreciated, but I think that they have

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2 done a phenomenal job in turning this city around and  
3 making New York the safest big city in America, and I  
4 want to take this opportunity to publicly thank them  
5 and acknowledge them, not criticize them, for a job  
6 well done. And as far as Ray Kelley is concerned, in  
7 my opinion, he's probably one of the best police  
8 commissioners this city has ever seen. What we are  
9 doing today unfortunately is taking away a very  
10 effective crime fighting technique and people have  
11 made a lot of arguments against it and certainly  
12 there are a lot of sensitivities which need to be  
13 discussed in forums like this. But the results speak  
14 for themselves. Thousands of illegal guns taken off  
15 the streets of New York City. Thousands of lives  
16 saved. Neighborhoods turned around. Property values  
17 increasing, and people believing that New York City  
18 is a great city once again. I believe what we're  
19 doing here today is a big mistake. I believe that  
20 New Yorkers will rue the day that the City Council  
21 overturned these vetoes because I believe essentially  
22 that we are going to be less safe as a result of  
23 this, so I am voting No on 1079, 1080, and Aye on all  
24 others. Thank you very much.

25 CITY CLERK: Vacca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: No on 1080, Aye on  
3 all others.

4 CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I just want to  
6 say for Deb and her son Travis, for Andres  
7 [phonetic], for Jason, for Ms. Marion Jeffries phone  
8 number at Queens Bridge and for LGBT youth of color  
9 everywhere, I proudly vote Aye on all, including 1079  
10 and 1080.

11 CITY CLERK: Vann.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: May I explain my  
13 vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I am very, very  
16 proud of this City Council today. You affirmed a  
17 notion that I had that one doesn't really have to  
18 understand and be in the mindset of another to come  
19 to a conclusion that is just. There's a victory  
20 today and the winner is justice. I know that many of  
21 you do not understand how a black mother feels, you  
22 know, when her child goes out or a Latino mother. I  
23 know that maybe you don't really understand how a  
24 young black guy feels when he goes out in the street  
25 not knowing if he's going to get back home or what's

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2 going to happen to him. It's probably almost  
3 impossible for you to understand and feel that, but  
4 yet most of you voted to pass out these bills because  
5 you know it is just. The winner today is justice and  
6 that's why I'm very proud of all of you and proud to  
7 be in this spot. I vote Aye on all and for my  
8 brother (inaudible) I vote Aye on 1079 and 1080  
9 especially [applause].

10 CITY CLERK: Weprin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I would like to  
12 vote Aye on all dedicate my vote to Julian Ferreras  
13 Copeland. May he and his mother have a very easy day  
14 at his birth and may he go on to do great things.

15 CITY CLERK: Williams.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: A couple of  
17 things I forgot. Anthony Miranda [phonetic],  
18 National Latino Officers Association, (inaudible)  
19 Blacks in Law Enforcement, Charles Billips  
20 [phonetic], Council Gordon Noble [phonetic], Tim  
21 Pearson [phonetic], former Captain Karen Carroll  
22 [phonetic] and former Detective Peter Killen  
23 [phonetic], and Debbie Rose forgot to thank her  
24 interns Lynn Vu [phonetic] and Lisa Rogers  
25 [phonetic]. I also want to thank my cosponsors on

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2 1080, the one I took especially to heart. Jackson,  
3 MMV, Mendez, and Cabrera for helping me shepherd this  
4 through as well as Lander. I do want to make sure  
5 it's clear that we understand that this does not  
6 Stop-and-Frisk, it only stops profiling and we can  
7 continue to do constitutional stops in the way it  
8 should be. We do not have to violate the  
9 Constitution to keep people safe. People who are  
10 saying that by now we're handcuffing the police is  
11 basically saying we have to violate the Constitution  
12 and we do not and we won't. I also want to say that  
13 until we understand that we are not in a post-racial  
14 society, we will not be able to move into a post-  
15 racial society, but I want to thank the multi-  
16 cultural COR 34 who stood strong to make sure this  
17 was passed. I do know that we still have a lot more  
18 work to do. The conversation can never stop on  
19 better policing and dealing with the gun violence in  
20 our neighborhood, and I hope that the police unit  
21 will stop spreading the lies to their police officers  
22 about what these bills do because that is the only  
23 thing that is dangerous about what has been going on  
24 here, and I hope after this next vote they will take  
25 the time to really explain what these bills do and

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2 encourage the proactive policing that we need to  
3 continue to do and also my... I want to thank my mom  
4 and my little brother. He texted me at 1a.m. and  
5 said he saw me on CNN and said my father would be  
6 proud. I proudly vote Aye [applause].

7 CITY CLERK: Wills.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: May I have a minute  
9 to explain my vote?

10 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Thank you. I've  
12 been trying to figure out what would God have me say  
13 when we're dealing with this issue and flowery  
14 language with the speeches has been pushed back by  
15 frustration. Political correctness has been met with  
16 me just being pissed off. This is a policy and a  
17 needed tactic, but its implementation has been  
18 racist. I want to thank Ignizio, Oddo and Ulrich and  
19 not attack them because they have added to this  
20 debate, and they have actually explained that we do  
21 need more police on the streets. We do need  
22 community policing, so I don't want anybody in the  
23 media or anywhere else to say that this was a divided  
24 council. The council has been unified in making sure  
25 that we have a proper conversation.

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2           You know, a couple of days before we  
3 celebrate the 50th March on the anniversary on  
4 Washington, we have two men, one black and one white,  
5 that have seen their work against racism being  
6 culminated today. We have Brad Lander and Jumaane  
7 Williams, and these two men could not be more  
8 different in their upbringing or their experiences,  
9 but they came together today to do this so what would  
10 God have me say? I actually went to church this  
11 morning at 5 o'clock in the morning to pray and find  
12 out what would God have me say about this. I am so  
13 tired of the rhetoric that has been pushed back and  
14 forth on this. Even the rhetoric had racist  
15 undertones. The Speaker has been mischaracterized on  
16 her stance. I think she should be applauded for  
17 letting the process go forward in the City Council  
18 today. Speaker, I applaud you for the work that you  
19 do [applause]. So for me not to go over my time, God  
20 just told me what I should say. I should say to  
21 Julian Copeland, Mason Parsons, Tamara Justin Sykes  
22 [phonetic], Jalen Hall [phonetic], Ethan Saxon  
23 [phonetic], Benjamin Comrie, Kaleel Bragg [phonetic]  
24 and Thaddeus Hawkins, Jr. we do this for you, and I  
25 vote Aye. Thank you [applause].



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2 CITY CLERK: Oddo.

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

5 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I am voting No on  
7 Ints 1079 and 1080, and I just want to... I have a few  
8 seemingly random thoughts I want to weave together.  
9 The first thing is to my Twitter friend, Jumaane  
10 Williams. Yeah, I might have a little fun with you  
11 tonight about your voice breaking there, my friend.  
12 To Al Vann, I was going to save this until the last  
13 Stated that we have together, but I just... Council  
14 Member Ulrich and I were just talking. Our politics  
15 is very different but when you get up and you speak I  
16 think often about the speech you gave on that  
17 unfortunate day on the street renaming vote, and in  
18 twenty years I've listened to a lot of great  
19 speeches, and I think that was maybe the best speech  
20 I ever had and when you speak I know you speak as  
21 someone who has personally walked the walk, and  
22 although we disagree I think that I wanted you to  
23 know that you have the respect of the Republican  
24 delegation. And last, but not least, and for those  
25 presidential debate buffs, Council Member Lander, I

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2 know Peter Vallone. Peter Vallone is a friend of  
3 mine. Council Member Lander, you're no Peter  
4 Vallone.

5 CITY CLERK: Rivera.

6 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: I vote Aye on all  
7 with the exception of 1080, and I want to  
8 congratulate Jumaane Williams, Brad Lander and  
9 everybody on both sides of the conversation, and I  
10 particularly want to thank the Speaker for the  
11 leadership she has demonstrated throughout this  
12 entire process. Having this lively debate and this  
13 conversation is a testament to the democratic  
14 process, and the Speaker has demonstrated that she is  
15 a doer and not just a talker. Thank you very much.  
16 I vote Aye on all with the exception of 1080.

17 CITY CLERK: Williams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I forgot to... I  
19 am also voting against M1179.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member Williams,  
21 please...

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm voting No  
23 against M1179 and accompanying Res 1918.

24 CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn.  
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2                   SPEAKER QUINN: With thanks to all of my  
3 staff, to Council Member Williams' staff, to Council  
4 Member Lander's staff, to the entire coalition with  
5 the deepest of respect and thanks to all of my  
6 colleagues who took these bills with the level of  
7 seriousness and intensity that they should have been  
8 taken, with particular thanks to Council Member  
9 Lander and to Council Member Williams, and I would  
10 say Council Member Williams, I think your father is  
11 enormously proud of you today as I know your mother  
12 is. I vote Aye on all but No on 1080.

13                   MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: Alright, thank  
14 you very much. All items on today's general order  
15 calendar were adopted by a vote of 49 in the  
16 affirmative with zero in the negative and zero  
17 abstentions, with the exception of M1179 with Res  
18 1918 which was adopted by a vote of 37 in the  
19 affirmative and 12 in the negative and zero  
20 abstentions, and M1180 and Res 1919 which was adopted  
21 by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, two in the  
22 negative and zero abstentions, and M1183 and Int 1079  
23 which was adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative  
24 and 10 in the negative and zero abstentions, and  
25 M1184 and Int 1080 which was adopted by a vote of 34

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2 in the affirmative, 15 in the negative and zero  
3 abstentions, and LU 894 and residential 1914 which  
4 was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, two  
5 in the negative and zero abstentions.

6 We now move on to introduction and  
7 reading of the bills.

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

10 MAJORITY LEADER RIVERA: There are no  
11 resolutions. We move on to general discussion.  
12 Seeing none, I think people want to get home. This  
13 now concludes today's Stated Council Meeting  
14 [applause].

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