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Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E: CHRISTINE C. QUINN  
Speaker for the Council  
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President Pro Tempore

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Albert Vann  
Mark Weprin  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Ruben Wills  
James S. Oddo

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

Idalia Washington  
Conductor  
NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Rabbi Joseph Potasnik  
New York Board of Rabbis  
136 East 39th Street  
New York, NY 10016

Dabney Montgomery  
Tuskegee Airman

Wilfred DeFour  
Tuskegee Airman

Amelia Montgomery

Council Member-elect Vanessa Gibson

Council Member-elect Daneek Miller

Council Member-elect Paul Vallone

Council Member-elect Costas Constantinides

Council Member-elect Chaim Deutsch

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It's the first ceremonial, so can we have a little quiet? Or the only ceremonial for today that's in Council Member Julissa Ferreras' district, so Council Member is coming forward to... not yet. Can we have a little quiet in the chambers so that the council member can introduce the person that we're honoring this afternoon? Council member?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank you, everyone. If we could call up my colleagues, I'd like to honor someone who's very special to our city and she's going to be coming up with her family; her sister and her niece; Miss Idalia Washington [phonetic]. Many of you may have heard this story and as you know... we should give her a round of applause. [applause] Miss Idalia Washington has worked for the MTA for the last... over 15 years. Many of you know that my father's a retired TWU member for 30 years, so when I read this story, I was actually on maternity leave and I understood the importance of the amazing, amazing movement that she made really, and then the fact that she really stood up for a woman says a lot. I get a little emotional because as chair of the

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Women's Issues, both the Speaker and many of you know, we always go out with flyers to find the rapist; to find the groper. Well, Miss Washington made sure that we didn't have to do that in this case. She was driving her train and heard this woman screaming at the top of her lungs.

IDALIA WASHINGTON: Right, I'm a conductor.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: And conductor.

IDALIA WASHINGTON: Actually when I pulled into the station and opened the doors, this girl ran off screaming at the top of her lungs and a gentleman was chasing her, and she screamed he was raping her. So I signaled for her to get in the car ahead of me and I locked the doors and then I trapped him in the doors behind us, but he wiggled out and then I closed down and we pulled off. As a mother, I have daughters, I have sisters, aunts and as a woman myself; nieces; I just was glad my motherly instinct kicked in and I was able to help another young lady. Thank you.  
[applause, cheers]

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: For that reason, we bring Miss Washington to her house. This council is your house, so welcome.

IDALIA WASHINGTON: Oh, okay.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: And she's also... she's not amazing just because of the amazing things that she does, but she's also amazing 'cause she's an eight-year cancer survivor, so [applause, cheers] we thank you and thank God that you're still here with us. Again, this is a reminder of how when you see something, we have to say something, and one neighbor takes care of another and in this case, one amazing conductor from New York City did an amazing thing, so thank you. If you could read the proc.

CITY CLERK: Council City of New York Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Idalia Washington for going above and beyond her call of duty to courageously save the life of a fellow New Yorker. And whereas the City of new York has made meaningful progress in reducing sexual assault and over the last 20 years the overall rates of violence against women have decreased, years ago, victims had fewer resources

1 and often no recourse, today victims are now more  
2 empowered to speak out and get help, while new laws  
3 have increased options for both safety and justice.  
4 Despite this progress, there is much work to be  
5 done. Across the nation young women ages 16 to 24  
6 still experience the highest rates of rape and  
7 sexual assault. 84 percent of the college women  
8 who reported a sexual assault experienced the  
9 incident during their freshman or sophomore years.  
10 Even today, many victims of sexual assault  
11 including women, men and children suffer alone,  
12 burdened by shame or unsure anyone will listen. As  
13 a result, sexual assaults remain consistently  
14 underreported even though the physical and  
15 emotional trauma they leave behind can last for  
16 years. On this occasion, we are proud to pay  
17 tribute to Idalia Washington for bravely and  
18 creatively intervening during such a crime, and  
19 whereas in addition to being a conductor with MTA  
20 NYC Transit for more than 15 years, Miss Washington  
21 is an eight-year cancer survivor. She is active in  
22 fundraising for the American Cancer Society and  
23 recently participated in the Walk for a Cure for  
24 breast cancer in October. And whereas on May 15th,  
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2 2013, Miss Washington was working on the four train  
3 and as she pulled into the Saratoga Avenue Station  
4 in Brownsville, Brooklyn it was around 3:00 a.m.  
5 and her train was nearly empty, but when she opened  
6 its doors and looked out the window she saw a young  
7 woman jump out screaming at the top lungs. "He's  
8 trying to rape me," she yelled. "He's trying to  
9 rape me!" As she tried to flee, a man appeared  
10 running behind her exposing himself and attempting  
11 to sexually assault her. And whereas that night,  
12 Miss Washington's four train was comprised of 10  
13 cars in two segments, each half locked and sealed  
14 off from the another. When the young woman broke  
15 away from her assailant and jumped back into the  
16 train; the front half of the train and Miss  
17 Washington swiftly shut the doors to that segment  
18 to protect the passenger from the monster outside.  
19 When the relentless attacker moved to board the  
20 adjacent car, Miss Washington moved quickly to  
21 close the rear doors hoping to lock him in the back  
22 of her train until the police could get him. With  
23 a split second difference in timing, the assailant  
24 ended locked out of the train altogether, then ran  
25 to confront Miss Washington face-to-face, cursing



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at her. Although the man vanished before the police could arrive, her quick thinking actions halted this man's sexual assault and prevented the young woman from possibly being raped. And whereas Miss Washington has truly distinguished herself in her courageous rescue and is worthy of the esteem of all New Yorkers, now therefore, be it known that the Council of the City of New York gratefully honors Idalia Washington for rescuing a fellow New Yorker from sexual assault and taking a bold stand for human dignity. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire council, Julissa Ferreras, Chair, Women's Issues Committee [applause] and Darlene Mealy, Council Member 41st District, Brooklyn.

          IDALIA WASHINGTON: I just want to say this is an honor. I'm so glad to have my sister and my niece with me to share this moment with me, and I would do it again in a millisecond. We all have to look out for each other. It takes a village to raise a child. Thank you.

          COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Alright, thank you. [applause]

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? Can I please have your attention? Quiet on the floor, please. At this time, please place all electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-council employees please leave the main floor of the chambers? Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Stated Meeting, November 14th, 2013. Will all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance?

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise. [Pledge of Allegiance recited by all]

CITY CLERK: Roll call. Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Barron. [no response]

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: Here, present.

CITY CLERK: Crowley. [no response]

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CITY CLERK: Dickens. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Dilan. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

CITY CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Garodnick. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Gentile. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Gonzalez. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Greenfield. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Halloran. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Ignizio. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Jackson. [no response]

CITY CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

CITY CLERK: King. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Koo. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

CITY CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

CITY CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Lappin. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Mealy. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Mendez. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Recchia. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Reyna. Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Thank you. Richards.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.  
CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Rose. [no response]  
CITY CLERK: Ulrich. [no response]  
CITY CLERK: Vacca.  
CITY CLERK: Vallone.  
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.  
CITY CLERK: 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: I'm here.  
CITY CLERK: Wills.  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Oddo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.  
CITY CLERK: Rivera. [no response]  
CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: We have a quorum. We're honored to have the Invocation to be delivered by Rabbi Joseph Potasnik. All please rise.

RABBI POTASNIK: Thank you, Council Member Comrie. Speaker Quinn, I just want to say to you and so many other members of the council, thank you for your steadfast service to this city. You spoke of a quorum. In Jewish tradition, for us to have a public service, we need 10 people or a minion; that's our quorum. When I first became a rabbi, we had nine people at a service. I went outside. Somebody walked by. I said, "Excuse me, sir. Are you Jewish?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Would you come in? We need one more for a minion." He said, "Sir, I don't believe in organized religion." I said to him, "Sir, if we were organized, would I be standing here on a street [laughter] stopping people?" [applause] So, let me say I want to thank you for organizing us all of these years. We don't put up statues for critics; we put them up for authors and you have

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2 authored much, you and many others. Let me say to  
3 all of you very briefly, years ago we had a  
4 magazine called Life. After that, we had a  
5 magazine called People. From People we had a  
6 magazine called Us, and after that we had a  
7 magazine called Self. So we started at Life; we  
8 concluded at Self, but we Jews read from right to  
9 left, so first you start with self and then you  
10 realize it's not just about self; it's about us as  
11 a people living together, seeing each other with  
12 different faces and different faiths, but  
13 ultimately as members of one family. Amen.

14 ALL: Amen. [applause]

15 RABBI POTASNIK: Thank you so much.  
16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member  
18 Koslowitz to spread the Invocation. Quiet, please,  
19 quiet.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Motion to  
21 spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Adoption of  
23 minutes, Council Member Nelson.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: I make a motion  
3 that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October  
4 9th, 2013 be adopted as printed.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Uh-huh.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Mr. Acting Majority  
7 Leader, if you could before we move on in the  
8 meeting, just recognize some of our very special  
9 guests who are with us today, please.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Yes, we are  
11 honored today not only to have the invocation done  
12 by the esteemed Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, but we are  
13 truly honored that we have some Tuskegee Airmen  
14 with us, both [applause] who are over 90 years old,  
15 Mr. Wilfred DeFour, Mr. Dabney Montgomery, and  
16 they're escorted by Miss Amelia Montgomery.  
17 [cheers, applause] And also, we have some new  
18 council members that are with us today, Council  
19 Member Vanessa Gibson, Council Member Daneek  
20 Miller, Council Member Paul Vallone and Council  
21 Member Costas Constantinides. [applause] Oh, and  
22 that's Council Member Chaim Deutsch, so I'm sorry.  
23 It's my first time seeing you in person, sorry.  
24 Council Member Deutsch, alright. Alright, did I  
25 miss anyone? I know there were some other council



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members. Who? Oh, Steve Banion [phonetic], oh, okay. Yes, and Council Member Steve Banion's in the back. He's working. And Carlos Menchaca's here also on the other side. Good afternoon.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr. Acting Majority Leader.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

CITY CLERK: M 1305 submitting Christopher Collins for re-appointment to the Board of Standards and Appeals.

SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

CITY CLERK: M 1306 submitting Alfred Cerullo for re-appointment to the City Planning Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

CITY CLERK: M 1307 submitting Iris Weinshall for re-appointment to the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges and Elections.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Communication  
3 from City, County and Borough Offices.

4 CITY CLERK: M 1308 through M 1330 base  
5 station licenses.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Petitions and  
8 Communications.

9 CITY CLERK: None.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Land Use Call-  
11 Ups.

12 CITY CLERK: M 1331 through M 1334.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: If we could couple  
14 those and please have a roll call on the coupled  
15 Land Use Call-Ups, please.

16 CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

18 CITY CLERK: Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

20 CITY CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 CITY CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

24 CITY CLERK: Comrie.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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CITY CLERK: Crowley. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye, but  
I'd like to ask permission to vote on all other  
general orders for today.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

CITY CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye, aye.

CITY CLERK: Ferreras. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Greenfield. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Jackson. [no response]

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CITY CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I want to request a unanimous consent to vote on all the Land Use Call-Up and all the items in today's agenda, and I vote aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

CITY CLERK: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Unanimous consent to vote on all items on the agenda, as well as Call-Ups and anything else you want me to vote on. I vote aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you.

CITY CLERK: King. [no response]

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Koo. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Koppell.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Lappin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.  
3 CITY CLERK: Levin.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.  
5 CITY CLERK: Mark-Viverito.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.  
7 CITY CLERK: Nelson.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.  
9 CITY CLERK: Palma.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.  
11 CITY CLERK: Recchia. [no response]  
12 CITY CLERK: Reyna.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.  
14 CITY CLERK: Richards.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.  
16 CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would  
18 like to add to vote aye on all general orders.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.  
21 CITY CLERK: Vacca.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.  
23 CITY CLERK: Vallone.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.  
25 CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye on all call-ups and with permission I'd like to vote on all coupled general orders. I vote aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered. Alright.

CITY CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Williams. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Mr. Majority Leader, I would like to vote aye on all Land Use Call-Ups and calendar items, but I also would like to explain my vote before I leave. Thank you, Mr. Majority...

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Leader.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered. Go ahead.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Today we're voting on a number of bills, but one that is close

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2 to the heart of many in southeast Queens is the  
3 renaming of South Road, so I want to first take  
4 this opportunity to thank you, the Speaker  
5 Christine Quinn and Melissa Mark-Viverito for  
6 shepherding this bill for the street renaming  
7 through the council and all committees required.  
8 As you know, we have the Tuskegee Airmen. They  
9 have been with us for most of the part of today,  
10 and this street renaming is not just a name to tag  
11 some signs in our community, but it is going to  
12 leave a legacy or allow us to look at a legacy and  
13 change the perspective of many young people who  
14 have thought that their expectations have been  
15 drowned. So today I would like to thank the rest  
16 of my councils 'cause I'm sure that they will all  
17 vote in the affirmative for the street renaming and  
18 the heroes that we have today with us, which are  
19 the Tuskegee Airmen and Miss Montgomery, because  
20 they are only as good as the women... or we are  
21 only as good as the women that we are with. Thank  
22 you, Mr. Majority Leader.

23 CITY CLERK: Greenfield.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.  
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CITY CLERK: Koppell. Your mic's not on.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Sorry. I'd ask unanimous consent to vote aye on all matters on the...

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: General Order Calendar, as well as resolutions.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye.

CITY CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Today's Land Use Call-Ups were adopted by a vote of 34 in the affirmative, zero in the negative. Communications from the Speaker.

SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Well, first I want to say how thrilled we all are to see Council Member Lew Fidler back [cheers, applause] and Preston, stop bothering Lew Fidler, and glad



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2 that he is looking so well and healthy so. And I  
3 want to just, on behalf of everyone, echo the  
4 statements of Council Member Wills. It's a great  
5 honor to have two of our Tuskegee Airmen with us.  
6 I believe they're exiting the chambers, so let's  
7 give them [applause] another round of applause.

8 We are voting on a number of pieces of  
9 legislation today; the first 1047-A out of  
10 Environmental Protection. I want to thank the  
11 chair, who is also the sponsor, Jim Gennaro and I  
12 want to thank Samara Swanson, Laura Popa and Baaba  
13 Halm for their work on this legislation. This is a  
14 piece of legislation that builds on work we have  
15 already done, pushing biofuel forward in an effort  
16 to make the fuels we use in this city more  
17 sustainable and less polluting. I want to thank  
18 Chair Gennaro for his long-term focus on biofuel  
19 and making this council a real leader in that area  
20 and call on him to give us more information about  
21 1047-A, please.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you,  
23 Madam Speaker. Thank you for your leadership and  
24 doing all the things we've done to make the air  
25 cleaner in New York City, particularly what we've

1 done with biofuels. It's a very, very short back  
2 story. People may remember that two years ago, we  
3 did a B2 mandate, which means all heating oil in  
4 New York City had to contain at least two percent  
5 vegetable oil, and that's what makes it bioheat.  
6 We did that in combination with several other  
7 measures to clean the air and the results of what  
8 we did and when it was last year's... last year was  
9 the first heating season we had all the oil in New  
10 York City at the B2 level and we did that with a  
11 couple of other measures and all of the results we  
12 got from that were really, really terrific. We  
13 have a huge reduction in the fine particulate  
14 matter of many hundreds of tons, which is 73  
15 percent of what we wanted to accomplish, all the  
16 levels of the very harmful pollutants that really  
17 hurt people. I won't go into the same level of  
18 detail that I did at the Pre-stated Press  
19 Conference, but the B2 law that we did two years  
20 ago in last heating season has been a clean air  
21 bonanza for the city that has been really, really  
22 terrific. So now we'll talk about what we're doing  
23 today, which follows forward, as the Speaker said,  
24 with what we've done before. So Intro 1047-A is  
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2 going to take the B2 level, which is set in all of  
3 New York City buildings. We're going to take city  
4 government buildings and we're going to raise them  
5 to B5 because that's going to be a prelude for the  
6 entire city going to B5, and we're also doing a  
7 pilot project where at least five percent of city  
8 buildings will have to go to 10 percent biodiesel  
9 in the heating oil, what we call B10. So and then  
10 as a further prelude to kind of set the stage for  
11 the entire city, going to B5 from where it is now  
12 at B2, we're doing a study that the Office of Long-  
13 Term Planning and Sustainability will have to do  
14 and that will... and then they will have to make a  
15 recommendation whether and when we go to B5 in the  
16 entire city, which I'm sure they'll find it will be  
17 prudent to do. So just to recap, we're at B2 now  
18 citywide. We're going to city buildings going to  
19 B5. We're piloting B10 in city buildings and we're  
20 setting the stage for the entire city going to B5  
21 by doing this study. This is a great bill and all  
22 of the clean air benefits it would take me hours to  
23 indicate all the clean air benefits that we've been  
24 able to do with this and many bills like it. So  
25 thank you, Madam Speaker, for your leadership. I

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2 want to thank all the staff that was involved and  
3 all the sponsors and also the members of the EP  
4 Committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Chair  
6 Gennaro. And we are passing a number of pieces of  
7 legislation out of the Housing and Buildings  
8 Committee today, many of which are bills related to  
9 Hurricane Sandy. Today, when we pass our  
10 legislation, we will have passed 26 pieces of  
11 legislation [applause] in response to Hurricane  
12 Sandy to make this city more climate change ready  
13 and more emergency prepared, and I want to thank  
14 everyone who's worked on that, in particular Baaba  
15 Halm, Ed Atkin, Laura Popa, Jeff Baker and many  
16 other members of the staff, and if we could just  
17 get a round of applause for all of the staff that  
18 worked [applause] on the 26 post-Sandy pieces of  
19 legislation.

20 And today, we are voting on Intro 1092-  
21 A, introduced by Council Member Lappin. All of the  
22 bills we're now going to mention went through the  
23 Housing and Buildings Committee, and I want to  
24 thank Chair Dilan. Council Member Lappin's bill is  
25 one that requires secondary electrical power

1 heating and cooling systems for adult homes and has  
2 greater requirements around back up power for  
3 hospitals and other healthcare facilities. We, of  
4 course, saw the significance of this during  
5 Hurricane Sandy. 1093-A, which has been introduced  
6 by Council Member Levin; it's requiring to the  
7 usage of temporary flood control and response  
8 devices be removed from the administrative code.  
9 Inadvertently, we actually had things that made it  
10 hard for people to put in flood prevention devices.  
11 We also have 1094-A, introduced by Council Member  
12 Mendez, which is a very important bill that  
13 requires an access in a common area to drinking  
14 water. It's very important. When buildings are  
15 without power, they often can't get drinking water.  
16 Intro 1101-A, in relation to requiring natural gas  
17 usage as a back-up for emergency and standby power  
18 systems that was introduced by Council Member  
19 Vacca. I want to thank him. Also out of Housing  
20 and Buildings Committee we have a piece of  
21 legislation today sponsored by the chair or Council  
22 Member Dilan, which does not deal with Sandy  
23 related matters, but will require more up to date  
24 smoke alarms. One of the significant things about  
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2 these smoke alarms is the ones we are requiring  
3 will last for 10 years. You cannot take them  
4 apart; you cannot take the battery out. They have  
5 a 10-year long battery, and we know that we've lost  
6 lives already this year in homes that didn't have  
7 smoke detectors or had smoke detectors where people  
8 had taken out the battery and not replaced them.  
9 This bill will help prevent that. As has already  
10 been mentioned, and I believe he's escorting them  
11 out, but we are passing a piece of legislation  
12 today out of the Parks and Recreation Committee.  
13 We want to thank Chair Mark-Viverito and Council  
14 Member Wills, the sponsor, which renames a street  
15 in Queens in recognition and honor of the Tuskegee  
16 Airmen, calling it Tuskegee Airmen Way. I want to  
17 thank Baaba Halm, Jeff Baker, Chris Satori and  
18 Patrick Leveille [phonetic] for their work on this  
19 legislation. We are also out of the Technology  
20 Committee and I want to thank Chair Cabrera and the  
21 sponsor, Gale Brewer, a piece of legislation that  
22 requires, as the council has done, that all city  
23 agencies webcast their public meeting and web  
24 archive them. I want to thank Baaba Halm, Cullen  
25 Howe, Jeff Baker and Laura Popa and I want to call

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2 on the sponsor, Council Member Brewer, to say a few  
3 words.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Me first?

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Okay. Well,  
7 thank you. I want to thank the Speaker; Chairman  
8 Cabrera for scheduling the vote today on Intro 132,  
9 and as the Speaker indicated, it would require that  
10 all public meetings by city agencies, committees,  
11 commissions or task forces be webcast. I  
12 particularly want to thank Rob Newman, Cullen Howe  
13 from the Speaker's staff and Will Cogrove  
14 [phonetic] from my staff. I first introduced this  
15 idea in 2007. I think this bill will bring an  
16 unprecedented level of transparency to New York  
17 City government. Webcasting of public meetings  
18 opens up government to the public, particularly for  
19 those who cannot travel to City Hall. We believe  
20 that there are 18 agencies who are not currently  
21 webcasting who would be doing so under this bill  
22 and at a very small cost. As many city meetings  
23 take place during the standard workday, achieving  
24 digital video of meetings allows people to view it  
25 as it takes place, and obviously there would be an

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2 archive component. We would be able to... I want  
3 to also mention that being webcast live as a city  
4 council shows the importance of it and the quality,  
5 which is exceptional here at the city council. We  
6 have a lot of meetings, they're all webcast and the  
7 public is very pleased. I am a strong believer  
8 that transparency and technological innovation lead  
9 to a smarter, more accountable government and this  
10 bill would be a big step forward in bringing  
11 government to the people. And I have to say that  
12 as you know, I really do think that transparency's  
13 important, technology is the way to do it and  
14 groups like Code for America and Beta NYC and the  
15 folks from Citizens Union, OpenPlans, which is  
16 another group that works on technology, NIPERG and  
17 Allway, Reinvent Albany and the good news is this  
18 transparency effort has brought together those who  
19 are interested in technology and open government  
20 and those who have been working on good government  
21 for a very long time. It's a powerful coalition  
22 and I think the webcasting is an example of what  
23 can be achieved and great accolades to the Speaker  
24 and her amazing technology staff, as well as those  
25 from the Mayor's Office, who've been working to



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2 make the success of the webcasting in the city  
3 council. Thank you very much.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much,  
5 Council Member Brewer. We're also passing three  
6 pieces of legislation out of the Transportation  
7 Committee, and I want to thank Chair Vacca and also  
8 Council Member Levin and Council Member Ignizio,  
9 who are the sponsors of two of the bills. I want  
10 to thank Lyle Frank, Kadazale Zaleoff [phonetic],  
11 Jonathan Maseroni, [phonetic] Terza Nazar  
12 [phonetic] and Molly Murphy for their work on the  
13 bill. The three pieces of legislation are Intro  
14 234-A, in relation to taking all of the advisory  
15 boards of the TLC and putting them into one board  
16 with diverse representation that'll be an easier  
17 and cleared point of entry for members of the  
18 public, as well as for stakeholders in a taxi  
19 field. Intro 904-A, introduced by Council Member  
20 Levin, which requires that the Traffic Safety Plan  
21 that the city recently released not be a one-time  
22 thing, but be redone every five years. I want to  
23 thank Council Member Levin for that. And lastly,  
24 Intro 1155-A, which is a bill that deals with some  
25 confusion around right turns from bus lanes and

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2 thanks to Council Member Ignizio and Chair Vacca,  
3 and let me call on Chair Vacca. Chair Vacca.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Thank you. I  
5 found my chair. Thank you. Thank you, Speaker  
6 Quinn. The bills before you today refer to finally  
7 formalizing the advisory boards to the Taxi and  
8 Limousine Commission, and for some time, the  
9 advisory boards have not really met and they've not  
10 been cohesive, and the legislation in front of you  
11 today provides for representation from all the  
12 various stakeholders, as well as from the disabled  
13 community. So I'm asking that the council approve  
14 this. I think it will be significant because it  
15 will bring everyone to the table in a formal way to  
16 get input from all segments of the industry, and  
17 then to impart that input to the Taxi and Limousine  
18 Commission on a regular basis. Thank you, Madam  
19 Speaker.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much,  
21 Chair Vacca, and that concludes Communications from  
22 the Speaker.

23 [Pause]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Council Member  
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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I'd like to vote aye on all call-ups and with permission, I'd like to vote aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Thank you.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: As seeing no discussion on General Orders, any reports to Special Committees?

CITY CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Our reports to Standing Committee?

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Environmental Protection Intro 1047-A, biofuel in city-owned buildings.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Finance, Reso 1992, Hudson Square Business Improvement District.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Resolution 1994, various bids.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered Resos 2026  
and 2027, adjusted base proportion.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 2028.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 2029,  
organization funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Pre-considered Reso 2029,  
organization funding.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
Housing and Buildings, Intro 1092-A, secondary  
electrical power heating and cooling systems.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Intro 1093-A, flood  
control devices.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
General Orders with a message of necessity.

CITY CLERK: Intro 1094-A, common area  
to drinking water.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
General Orders with a message of necessity.

CITY CLERK: Intro 1101-A, emergency  
and standby power systems.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
General Orders with a message of necessity.

CITY CLERK: Intro 1111-A, smoke  
alarms.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
Land Use, LU 945 and Reso 2039 and 946 and Reso  
2032, special midtown district.

SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to file pursuant  
to a letter of withdrawal.

CITY CLERK: LU 954 and Reso 2033,  
UDAAP Manhattan.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
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CITY CLERK: LU 955 and Reso 2034,  
zoning map amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: LU 956 and Reso 2035,  
disposition of two city-owned properties.

SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to disapprove.

CITY CLERK: LU 957 and Reso 2036, tax  
exemption.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 976 and  
Reso 2031, school facility, Council District 19.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Preconsidered LU 977 and  
Reso 2038, primary school, Council District 18.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
Orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
Parks and Recreation, Intro 1011, Tuskegee Airmen  
Way.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Technology, Intro 132-a, public webcasts.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Report of the Committee on Transportation, Intro 234-A, TLC advisory board.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Intro 904-A, roadway safety plans.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

CITY CLERK: Intro 1155-A, bus lanes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: General Order Calendar?

CITY CLERK: Resolution appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General Orders, and at this point I ask for a roll call on all items that have been coupled under the General Order Calendar, please.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Brewer.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye, and I'd like to congratulate Council Member Brewer on Intro 132. She's been a champion in total transparency in terms of government proceedings and this is really the icing on the cake.

CITY CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Dilan.

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Fidler.

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Gennaro. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.



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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

CITY CLERK: Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Koo. [no response]

CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Yes. 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: Nelson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Recchia.

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Ulrich.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I'm voting no on Preconsidered Reso 2026, 2027, 2028 and aye on all others.

CITY CLERK: VACCA.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: No on Preconsidered Reso 2026, 2728, also on Intro 976 and accompanying Reso.

CITY CLERK: Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CITY CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I vote aye on all, with the exception of Preconsidered 2014-5162 SCQ. I vote no on that one.

CITY CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on all and all Land Use Call-Ups.

CITY CLERK: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes on all, with the exception of Preconsidered Resos 2026, 2027 and 2028, on which I vote no.

[Pause]

CITY CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: All items on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote of 37 affirmatives, zero negative, with the exception of Preconsidered Resolution 2026, which was adopted by a vote of 34 affirmative, three negative, zero abstentions and Preconsidered Resolution 2027, which was adopted by a vote of 34 affirmative, three negative and zero abstentions. Preconsidered Resolution 2028, which was adopted by a vote of 34 affirmative, three negative, zero abstentions, and Preconsidered LU 976 and Resolution 2037... sorry, we got to redo the call.

CITY CLERK: Council Member Gennaro.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Okay, we'll do this again. All items on today's General Order Calendar are adopted now by a vote of 38 in the affirmative, zero negative, with the exception of Preconsidered Resolution 2026, which was adopted by a vote of 35 in the affirmative, three in the negative, zero abstentions. Preconsidered Resolution 20... thank you... 2027, which was

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2 adopted by a vote of 35 in the affirmative, three  
3 in the negative, zero abstentions. Preconsidered  
4 Resolution 2028, which was adopted by a vote of 35  
5 affirmative, three negative and zero abstentions.  
6 And Preconsidered Land Use items number 976 and  
7 Resolution 2037, which was adopted by a vote of 36  
8 affirmative, two negative, zero abstentions. The  
9 revised Land Use Call-Up vote is 38 affirmative and  
10 zero negative. Introduction and Reading of the  
11 Bills.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are referred  
13 to Committees, as indicated on the agenda.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Resolutions;  
15 discussion of resolutions. We have one resolution.  
16 Seeing no discussion. No, okay, looking at it, we  
17 have a Resolution 1906-A, an amended Resolution  
18 calling upon the New York State Legislature to  
19 amend the State Education Law in the new York City  
20 Department of Education to amend Chancellor's  
21 Regulation A-190 in order to specify procedures for  
22 notifying affected parents of any proposed school  
23 closure or significant change in school  
24 utilization. All in favor indicate by saying aye.

25 ALL: Aye.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Any opposition?  
Any abstentions? None. Adopted. General  
discussion? Seeing none, the meeting for November  
14th, 2013 is hereby adjourned. Thank you.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



Date: 11/25/2013