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MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
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Public Advocate

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

Patti Murillo-Casa
Cancer Survivor and Advocate

Hector Batista
Executive Director
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Rashad Meade
Principal
Eagle Academy at Ocean Hill

Captain John Travaglia
Commanding Officer 108th Precinct
New York City Police Department

[background comments]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay, we're waiting for a mic, but I think we're gonna get started. I wanna thank all my colleagues that are here; this is a little bit out of the norm that we're starting our ceremonial so early, but I thank everyone for accommodating it; we needed a little bit more time at 1:00, since we have special guests coming and a special ceremony happening, so I wanna thank everyone for at least allowing us to move this up a little bit; we have four ceremonials that we wanted to get given to those who are receiving them before we start the actual Stated Meeting.

And the first one, which I'll be doing with all of my colleagues, but in particular the Women's Caucus... [cheers, applause] for Cervical Health Awareness Month, it's a proclamation that we are giving to a survivor who has now become an advocate. But I'll say that also what we're gonna be doing in this Stated today is passing two resolutions; this is an issue obviously that I've been very vocal about most recently, but one resolution declares January Cervical Health Awareness Month; we know that we want women to get tested,

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2 women to go to their gynecological exams very often
3 and frequently, as they should. So one reso, we'll
4 do that later too we're voting on and the second one
5 is to basically eliminate the need for parental
6 consent for those who wanna get the vaccine for HPV
7 and that is to help obviously stave off and prevent
8 cancer in the future.

9 So today though we're gonna be honoring
10 an advocate who is a survivor who has become an
11 advocate; her name is Patti Murillo-Casa... [cheers,
12 applause] who has brought more awareness of this
13 terrible disease and its connection to HPV. So what
14 we'll do, hopefully we'll get the mic before she
15 speaks. We wanna thank all of my colleagues that are
16 here; we want the Clerk to read the resolution so we
17 can hear all about our wonderful, wonderful advocate
18 and survivor, Patti and then we'll hear from her
19 directly. So with that I'll ask the Clerk to read
20 the proclamation.

21 CITY CLERK: Council, City of New York
22 Proclamation.

23 Whereas in observance of Cervical Health
24 Awareness Month, the Council of the City of New York
25 is proud to honor Patti Murillo-Casa for her

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2 courageous commitment and meaningful advocacy work.
3 And whereas, Ms. Murillo-Casa is truly one of New
4 York City's finest. Before her retirement she worked
5 for 20 years protecting and serving our community as
6 an NYPD Police Officer. Throughout her career she,
7 like so many police officers, regularly put the
8 safety of strangers above her own day in and day out.
9 In 2008, shortly after she retired, she was faced
10 with an unprecedented threat, a diagnosis with Stage
11 2B cervical cancer. And whereas, Ms. Murillo-Casa
12 endured eight treatments of chemotherapy, 35
13 treatments of radiation and two treatments of
14 internal radiation (brachytherapy), but with the
15 profound support of family and friends she
16 persevered, yet two years after her difficult battle
17 with cancer problems continued to grow; she became
18 obese and developed Type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol
19 and high blood pressure. With great doctors and even
20 greater determination, she lost 113 pounds in 14
21 months; [cheers, applause, comments] she recognized
22 how health is wealth, especially having been on the
23 other side and resolved not only to keep her weight
24 down but to educate others about cervical cancer, as
25 well as obesity. And whereas, today Ms. Murillo-

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2 Casa's cancer has been in remission for five years
3 [applause, cheers] and she is healthier and stronger
4 than ever before; demonstrated the great character of
5 the best NYPD officers, she refused to be paralyzed
6 by her horrible episode and was strengthened by it;
7 she is now president of the NYC Chapter of Tamika and
8 Friends, Inc. survivor, a not-for-profit organization
9 dedicated to raising awareness about cervical cancer
10 and its link to the human papillomavirus (HPV). In
11 this role she shares her story of surviving and
12 thriving and advocates for empowerment through
13 knowledge, prevention and early detection. And
14 whereas, Ms. Murillo-Casa is also an active member of
15 the Woman to Woman program at New York Presbyterian
16 Hospital, which supports and mentors women newly
17 diagnosed with gynecological cancers and offers
18 ongoing emotional support while undergoing
19 treatments. She can be frequently seen giving
20 presentations and attending health fairs across the
21 five boroughs to increase awareness on preventative
22 measures that may prevent a cervical cancer
23 diagnosis. In all of her appearances she reminds
24 everyone that no one should lose their fertility or
25 die from cervical cancer and that no one should feel

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2 alone in their fight. Now therefore be it known,
3 that the Council of the City of New York gratefully
4 honors Patti Murillo-Casa for her outstanding
5 advocacy work in the fight against cervical cancer
6 and HPV. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the
7 Entire Council; Corey Johnson, Chair, Committee on
8 Health; Laurie A. Cumbo, Chair, Committee on Women's
9 Issues; Elizabeth Crowley, Co-Chair, Women's Caucus;
10 Darlene Mealy, Co-Chair, Women's Caucus.

11 [cheers, applause]

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Clerk.
13 Before we hear... and first of all, I did not realize
14 you were an officer in the NYPD; [cheers] she said
15 she retired five years ago, [cheers, applause] so we
16 have great respect for you; thank you for your
17 service. Today we have a lot of dedication and
18 commitment that we're demonstrating to our NYPD
19 today, so thank you for that. And we don't have the
20 mic yet and that's fine; we'll hear from Patti, but I
21 did wanna at least ask the Co-Chair of the Women's
22 Caucus, Darlene, so say a few words, if you would
23 like, Darlene and also the Chair of our Women's
24 Committee, if it could be brief and then we can
25 introduce Patti and hear from her.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just wanna take
3 this opportunity to salute her, 'cause so many things
4 are going on with women's bodies that need to be
5 advocated for and I'm glad you are the trailblazer
6 and you are letting women know, down below needs to
7 get checked just as well. And let's give a round of
8 applause for all that you do for this City [applause,
9 cheers] and this nation. Thank you.

10 [background comments]

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Council Member
12 Cumbo.

13 [background comments]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I just really
15 wanna thank you for all of your dedication and work;
16 the hearings have been so very important because
17 they've shown that this is preventable and if we
18 educate as many of our young people as possible, boys
19 and girls, that there is an opportunity to make sure
20 that we move forward to make sure that issues such as
21 HPV are preventable; there are new diagnoses and
22 there are new things that out there to make sure that
23 we prevent this; there's a new vaccine that is going
24 to be released this year that's going to prevent nine
25 strands of cancer, so this is historical; this is

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2 going to prevent so many forms of cancer like
3 cervical cancer, but it's so important that we take
4 away all of the stigmas associated with getting
5 tested, with learning more about HPV, learning more
6 about these different forms of cancer and knowing
7 that they are preventable if we just educate
8 ourselves and take away the stigmas. So I appreciate
9 you for your work in making sure that we break down
10 those stigmas and break down those barriers and make
11 sure that we educate ourselves on the importance of
12 these vaccinations.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright. Thank
14 you, Laurie. And now we will... finally got the mic,
15 great, just in time and we'll hear from Patti. Here
16 you go.

17 PATTI MURILLO-CASA: Thank you. I just
18 wanna thank all of you, the Women Caucus and our
19 Council Speaker for this great honor, but this honor
20 I share with 12,000 women that are diagnosed with
21 cervical cancer every year and the 4,000 women that
22 die every year. I also share it with the advocates
23 like myself that are there [background comment]
24 always fighting to bring the education to other women
25 and to let them know that our journeys don't have to

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2 be theirs, because this is one of the cancers that
3 could be preventable because we have the tools and we
4 have the tools to prevent it; we just have to know
5 about them. And I, like my other advocates, share
6 this vision that one day in the future there will be
7 no cervical cancer.

8 [background comment, cheers, applause]

9 PATTI MURILLO-CASA: Thank you. And as a
10 retired police officer, I'm honored to stand here
11 with my brothers and sisters supporting Detective
12 Ramos and Detective Liu on their sacri... I get
13 emotional... we won't forget the sacrifice that they
14 gave for our city and I'm here standing right next to
15 my brothers and sisters. Rest in peace brothers.
16 Thank you.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Patti;
19 that means a lot. And again, it's just incredible
20 how the synergy happens, 'cause I really did not
21 know, in recognizing you today in terms of the
22 ceremony we were doing today that you had a
23 connection directly with the NYPD. Thank you for
24 your service.

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2 And that will conclude this particular
3 ceremonial; thank you all very much for that. I'm
4 gonna hand over the rest of the ceremonials to our
5 Majority Leader, Jimmy Van Bramer; we have three
6 others that we wanna recognize, okay, so thank you,
7 Majority Leader.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
9 very much, Madame Speaker and I wanna make sure
10 everybody knows that we're honoring two additional
11 police officers in the fourth ceremonial, two police
12 officers who serve in my district that we're
13 incredibly proud of. So I want to next call up
14 Council Member Kallos, who has a very important
15 ceremonial as well for the Big Brothers and Big
16 Sisters... [applause] let's give the Big Brothers and
17 Big Sisters a big round of applause. [cheers,
18 applause] If the folks receiving the Big Brothers
19 Big Sisters ceremonial would come up and join us,
20 that would be very much appreciated [background
21 comments] and I will hand this over to Council Member
22 Kallos to say a few words before we hand it over to
23 the Clerk for the reading of the proc.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you..
25 [background comments] [pause] [background comments]

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: No, before I
3 leave, I was just telling... Big Brothers and Big
4 Sisters just recently did a wonderful mural project
5 in Council Member Constantinides' district and it was
6 beautiful and the artist actually that did that
7 mural, for my colleagues, I know is the artist that
8 painted a mural that I have in the Speaker's Office
9 at 250 Broadway [background comment] and I just made
10 that connection recently, but it's great work; thank
11 you for your service and I'll had it off to I guess
12 Ben Kallos.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you Speaker
14 Viverito. We are so lucky to have Big Brothers Big
15 Sisters as a force in this city and this nation. So
16 many people come from irregular families; I grew up
17 with a single parent and there are a lot of single-
18 parent households out there and in fact one of my
19 staff members also grew up with a single parent and
20 for him, Big Brothers and Big Sisters really filled a
21 big void in his life; in fact, looking back in
22 hindsight I wish I had had a chance to take advantage
23 of it as well and I hope as many of our City's
24 children can have the opportunity to have the
25 mentorship that is offered by Big Brothers and Big

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2 Sisters. This City Council is pleased to honor Big
3 Brothers Big Sisters this January for National
4 Mentoring Month, a special time to recognize the
5 tremendous influence that adults have in the lives of
6 children, whether members of our family or members of
7 the community at large. Volunteering their time and
8 offering love, guidance and support, they serve as
9 positive role models, helping to instill valuable
10 life skills and empowering young people to pursue
11 their highest aspirations and realizing their full
12 potential.

13 For 110 years Big Brothers Big Sisters,
14 the nation's largest donor and volunteer-supported
15 mentoring network, has partnered with parents,
16 guardians, schools, corporations and others in the
17 community to carefully pair children, known as
18 "littles" with screened volunteer mentors, known as
19 "bigs" and monitors to support those 1:1 mentoring
20 matches through their course; many littles are from
21 single- or low-income households or families where a
22 parent is incarcerated or serving in the military,
23 but thoughtfully chosen 1:1 mentors change their
24 lives for the better forever.

25 [applause, background comment]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: If the Clerk
3 would read the proc.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of New
5 York Proclamation.

6 Whereas in celebration of National
7 Mentoring Month, the Council of the City of New York
8 is proud to honor Big Brothers Big Sisters for its
9 extraordinary role in shaping the lives of countless
10 young people throughout New York City and across the
11 nation. And whereas, National Mentoring Month,
12 January, provides a special time to recognize the
13 tremendous influence that adults have in the lives of
14 children, whether they are members of our family or
15 members of the community at large. And whereas, the
16 unique paradigm that Big Brothers Big Sisters offers
17 regularly leads to a wide range of positive results,
18 from educational success and the avoidance of risky
19 behaviors to higher aspirations, greater confidence
20 and better relationships. And whereas, in 2012 the
21 first Big Brother Big Sister's Youth Outcome Summary
22 substantiated that its mentoring program has proven
23 positive academic, socio, emotional and behavioral
24 outcomes for youth. The research revealed that after
25 18 months of spending time with their bigs, the

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2 little brothers and little sisters, compared to those
3 children not in our program, were also 33 percent
4 less likely to hit someone, 27 percent less likely to
5 begin using alcohol, 40 percent less likely to using
6 illegal drugs; 52 percent less likely to skip school.
7 And whereas, with about 350 agencies across the
8 United States, Big Brothers Big Sisters now annually
9 serves nearly 630,000 children, volunteers and
10 families. Big Brothers Big Sisters marks National
11 Mentoring Month with the launch of a nationwide
12 campaign to locate and reunite with former bigs,
13 littles, donors and staff, board and family members.
14 By bringing alumni together and showing them how
15 appreciated they are, we reaffirm our commitment to
16 supporting others who are currently invested in
17 efforts to help kids succeed in school and life. And
18 whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters has changes lives
19 of struggle to lives of success by establishing a
20 strong connection between children and responsible
21 adults, they have changed the course of communities
22 across our nation and our future for generations
23 ahead; they have earned our sincere gratitude not
24 only this month, but throughout the year.

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2 Now therefore be it known, that the
3 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors Big
4 Brothers Big Sisters of New York City for its
5 extraordinary service and contributions to our City
6 and the nation. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for
7 the Entire Council; Ben Kallos, Council Member 5th
8 District Manhattan.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
10 very much; big round of applause for Big Brothers and
11 Big Sisters [applause, cheers] and to hear from the
12 organization itself.

13 HECTOR BATISTA: First I wanna thank the
14 Speaker, members of the City Council, our Public
15 Advocate; I wanna thank two of my trustees for being
16 here, Lucy Lopez and Barbara Mendelson and her
17 husband David for being here.

18 On behalf of the agency, I'm Hector
19 Batista; I'm the Executive Director and CEO of the
20 organization. This month marks National Mentoring
21 Month, but it's also particularly important because
22 this year we celebrate our 110 years of service. And
23 let me just tell you a little bit about the
24 organization. We've been around for 110 years, when
25 Ernest Coulter called to action to get one volunteer

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2 to help this young man who was about to be in trouble
3 with the law; that started the movement in 1904;
4 today the need is the same. In New York City there's
5 about 250,000 children that live below the poverty
6 rate and come from single-parent households and
7 that's the population we're trying to service. We
8 service about 4,000 a year and we service them
9 throughout the country also. For us, having a big
10 brother or big sister in their lives makes such a big
11 difference. And let me give you some stats. After
12 being in our program, 90 percent of our kids get
13 promoted to the next grade, 96 percent of them are
14 graduating from high school and 86 percent of them
15 are going on to college. Those are numbers that
16 speak for themselves and we're an evidence-based
17 organization; we recently completed a two-year study
18 of our program that validated those stats and the
19 most important thing of our program is that young
20 people, we lessen the risky behaviors and that's why
21 the program is so effective. So today I particularly
22 wanna thank the City Council not only for their
23 financial support, but also for recognizing the
24 organization because it gives us the opportunity to
25 call out; I was before trying to recruit a couple

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2 police officers, because we need men volunteers as
3 much as we need women volunteers, so it is important;
4 I never stop recruiting because our kids could use a
5 mentor; these are the kind of things we take for
6 granted, some of us who have had those mentors in our
7 life, so I wanna thank the City Council for
8 recognizing us; for continuing to support our
9 organization. Thank you very much.

10 [applause, cheers]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
12 very much. And I wanna remind our colleagues that we
13 have two more very important ceremonials, including
14 honoring a couple of police officers before we honor
15 the families of Officers Ramos and Liu. So our next
16 ceremonial; very, very exciting for Council Member
17 Darlene Mealy, and everyone from the great borough of
18 Brooklyn, where the [background comment] Eagle
19 Academy football team has won [cheers, applause] has
20 won the PSAL Football Division Cup, so we ask the
21 members of the Eagle Academy football team to come
22 forward to accept this great honor. And I will pass
23 this over to... [background comments] yes, there will
24 be some staging that needs to go on here, Council
25 Member Mealy, but [background comments, applause]

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2 yes, you... [background comments] [applause] Alright,
3 so we are all in place; this is a very large football
4 team and to lead us in this ceremonial, Council
5 Member Darlene Mealy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Yes, since the
7 Speaker's not here at this moment I'll let the Public
8 Advocate say a few words for us just as well.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
10 Majority Leader and thank you Council Member Mealy.
11 To my scholars at Eagle Academy, oftentimes there are
12 stereotypes against young black men; these are men
13 who inevitably will go on to college; they represent
14 the best that Ocean Hill has to offer; we thank them
15 for [cheers, applause] not only... not only on focusing
16 on football and... what's the other sport, on
17 [background comment] Lacrosse, la de da, I didn't
18 even know they play Lacrosse in Brooklyn. But
19 [laughter] they represent the best and I think most
20 importantly that they are focused on their academics;
21 we know that all of them will go on to college and be
22 a success and will give back to their communities; I
23 thank you, we are so proud of you here in the
24 people's house and I welcome you and I support you
25 and I congratulate you today. Thank you.

[cheers, applause, background comments]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I'll be very
4 short. Yes, I wanna take this opportunity just to
5 introduce our scholars to you, the Eagle Academy is
6 an all-boys school and here it is -- I believe 80
7 percent or 85 percent goes to college -- [background
8 comment] 85 percent goes to college, I know that
9 deserves a hand, I know that deserves a hand, 'cause
10 all our young men are not being bad out here and I am
11 so proud today to honor the scholars of Eagle Academy
12 at Ocean Hill on their excellent academic and
13 athletic achievements and especially in winning their
14 season and victory in the Public School Athletic
15 League Division Cup; they are the champions of
16 Brooklyn. Hello. [cheers, applause] And not only
17 are they the number one in football, but number one
18 in Lacrosse also; they are championship in Lacrosse
19 team also. [cheers, applause, background comments]
20 And we're getting into basketball, we're gonna take
21 it over, everything. [background comments] Their
22 amazing accomplishments deserve the highest
23 commendations. Congratulations to Eagle Academy at
24 the Ocean Hill football team and we wanna salute our
25 principal, Rashad Meade; I know he has some words to

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2 say and I wanna thank -- one of our principals --
3 Christopher Addick [sp?] is here also, is their
4 coach; he was a principal of 21 [sic]; when shooting
5 was going on in neighborhood, he did not let the
6 children out because of that and the Mayor got
7 involved and we got a better community and we wanna
8 thank you for investing in our young men, 'cause it
9 does take all of us to raise this village. So we
10 thank you and do you mind, Minority Leader, to let
11 the... [background comments] there you go. Could you
12 read the proclamation; I want... oh, my nephew is in
13 there too. And I wanna just tell you -- and my mom
14 is here also -- stand up, mom. [applause] Stand up
15 quickly. Thank you for coming and investing. I just
16 wanna -- I don't know if he's gonna be embarrassed,
17 but my nephew is right here, Deveneir Baskerville; he
18 was going the wrong way and once he got into this
19 school, I mean I almost cried, when you saw his
20 grades go up, so I wanna say to the principal
21 [cheers, applause] and all the coaches, thank you,
22 thank you, thank you, 'cause he could've easily went
23 another way and I know you are doing the right thing.
24 For Thanksgiving they eat together, they cook
25 together and that's how we keep our community

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2 solidified and strong, so thank you. Could you read
3 the proc, please?

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council, City of New
5 York Proclamation.

6 Whereas, the Council of the City of New
7 York is proud to honor the Eagle Academy at Ocean
8 Hill football team for their superb teamwork and on
9 their outstanding season and recent victory in the
10 2014 Public Schools Athletic League Football Division
11 Cup. And whereas, the Eagle Academy Foundation was
12 founded in 2005 and the Eagle Academy at Ocean Hill
13 was founded in 2008. For the past seven years the
14 school has worked to empower inner city young men to
15 become academic achievers, engaged citizens and
16 responsible men. And whereas, today the Eagle
17 Academy at Ocean Hill stands as a national model of
18 academic excellence and social success for urban
19 young men. Eagle Academy graduates have been
20 accepted by our nation's most prestigious
21 universities and colleges. Most importantly, all
22 Eagle Academy young men embrace the ideal that hard
23 work and strong character, combined with academic
24 achievement defines success. And whereas, the Eagle
25 Academy at Ocean Hill, under the leadership of its

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2 principal, Mr. Rashad Meade and the tutelage of the
3 entire faculty and staff exemplifies all of the
4 values and goals that lead to the formation of
5 exemplary young men. The school's academic and
6 sports achievements are worthy of the highest
7 commendation. And whereas, the football team of the
8 Eagle Academy of Ocean Hill, guided by Head Football
9 Coach, Kyron Jones, Assistant Coach Brad Nakamura,
10 Assistant Coach Harold Anderson; Junior Varsity Coach
11 Jamaal Tillery, has through hard work and dedication
12 achieved a fantastic and exciting football season.
13 This football season culminated in their victory in
14 the 2014 Public Schools Athletic League Football
15 Division Cup. And whereas, in addition to their
16 football victory, the scholars of the Eagle Academy
17 football team are also academically excellent, with
18 almost 80 percent of the team's athletics earning a
19 place in the school's honor roll. And whereas, we
20 commend the entire Eagle Academy at Ocean Hill
21 football team, Du Sean Barnett, Devenair Baskerville,
22 Olaniyi Bello, Chalil Bowens, Justin Cannon, Johnny
23 Cotton III, Philip Denis, Jayson Frazier, Frank
24 Gordon, Jurelle Heath, Turin Heath, Charles Hinton,
25 Tahiem Jagla, Trevon Kincaid, Michael Leite, Jean

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2 Louis, Yashire Mack, Marcus Martial, Jr., Claude
3 McCammon, Peter Miles, Naseem Muhommad, Ramell Redd,
4 Isaiah Robles, Alonzo Sanchez, Adonis Smith, William
5 Tomblin, Chares Tones, Jamal Trotman, Brian Varick,
6 Emmanuel Williams, Tisshun Williams, and Tymere
7 Wilson for their enthusiastic teamwork and
8 dedication, their physical fitness, strong academic
9 foundation and tireless commitment that have made
10 them such effective athletes and their youth will
11 continue to serve them well as they become the strong
12 adult leaders of tomorrow.

13 Now therefore be it known, that the
14 Council of the City of New York is proud to honor and
15 congratulate the Eagle Academy at Ocean Hill football
16 team upon winning the 2014 Public Schools Athletic
17 League Football Division Cup. Melissa Mark-Viverito,
18 Speaker for the Entire Council; Darlene Mealy,
19 Council Member 41st District, Brooklyn.

20 [background comments, applause, cheers]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: We wanna thank our
22 Head Coach Jones just as well and now we're gonna
23 turn it over to our principal.

24 [background comments]

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2 RASHAD MEADE: First of all I'd like to
3 say thank you; this is an honor for us to be standing
4 here; we appreciate it and I just... I'm excited for
5 these young men. This is how I see these young men
6 every day and I love each and every single one of
7 these guys and I tell them that every single day and
8 I appreciate them. My only wish is that we could
9 reach more than just these 35 men standing here
10 [background comments] and when I look at these guys,
11 I see -- these are the future leaders right here.
12 Like I said, I'm excited because when I have an image
13 of young men of color, this is what I know what I'm
14 dealing with; this is what I know I see and this is
15 what I want the world to know us as. This is not we
16 polished up and we know we're coming to get an award
17 today; this is how we walk around the school every
18 single day and this is -- like I said, I'm ecstatic;
19 I wish I could reach more than these 35 young me; we
20 have to find a way because these guys are the future;
21 they are future fathers, there's future doctors here,
22 there are future UPS workers, with... [background
23 comment, laughter] definitely, 'cause we do have some
24 politicians here, alright [laughter, applause] and if
25 I hand the mic to some of them, they'll let you know,

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2 [background comments] alright. But you know, we just
3 -- we just need help, you know; this is the first
4 step; I can't express how much that we appreciate
5 being here and the acknowledgment that we're getting
6 from you guys, but there's more that we need to do as
7 a community, as a school, as a foundation for these
8 young men and you know, they're showing up, their
9 attendance is outstanding and that's the first
10 battle. [background comments, applause, cheers] Now
11 hopefully we can have some support to help them out.

12 [background comments]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you so much.
14 Let's give them another hand. Thank you. And I went
15 to a couple of their games -- awesome. Thank you. I
16 will turn it back over to our Majority Leader and we
17 appreciate this, Van Bramer.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
19 very much. [applause, background comments]
20 Congratulations to our wonderful team in Brooklyn.
21 Thank you very much, Council Member Mealy, thank you
22 very much; congratulations and good luck to
23 everybody, although when you play Bryant High School,
24 give them a break, honestly, [cheers, laughter,
25 applause] 'cause I'm from Bryant High School, so.

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2 But thank you all very much. You're free to..

3 [background comments]

4 And we have one more very important
5 ceremonial to come to offer our grateful thanks to
6 two police officers in the 108th Precinct in Queens,
7 so once we conclude here we will conclude with our
8 final ceremonial.

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10 So we're going to now have our fourth and
11 final ceremonial, so we'll ask Officers Caldarera and
12 Sarro, their families and colleagues at the 108th
13 Precinct in Queens, as well as Captain John
14 Travaglia, who is our commanding officer of the 108th
15 Precinct; I am thrilled to be joined not only by our
16 Public Advocate Letitia James, but by Council Member
17 Elizabeth Crowley, who also represents a portion of
18 the 108th Precinct and Council Member Peter Koo also
19 from Queens -- get in here, Council Member Koo -- so
20 we have two council members from Queens, the two who
21 represent the 108th Precinct, as well as a number of
22 good folks here, and on a very, very special day here
23 at the City Council, when we -- oh and I wanna thank
24 Council Member Laurie Cumbo from Brooklyn for also
25 being here for this very important ceremonial -- on a

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2 day that we honor Officers and Ramos and Liu, and
3 rightfully so, I am also thrilled to present this
4 ceremonial for two of our outstanding police officers
5 at the 108th Precinct in Queens, Officers Sarro and
6 Caldarera, their families who are here today; it was
7 only last month I believe it was when Officers
8 Caldarera and Sarro were walking the beat in front of
9 LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, a
10 great institution in my district; they saw a
11 commotion and a bunch of people surrounding someone
12 who was laying on the street; it was a man who was
13 66, he was not breathing and he was almost certainly
14 going to die, but these two officers, both relatively
15 new officers in our fabulous NYPD, immediately
16 started trying to resuscitate him while another
17 officer went and located a defibrillator; they
18 brought that man back to life literally. [applause,
19 cheers] So I thank also Council Member Costa
20 Constantinides, who represents a district in Astoria,
21 Queens for joining us and Council Member Steve Levin
22 from Brooklyn also for being here. But these two
23 officers exemplified that day the kind of dedication,
24 passion and ethic that police officers across the
25 City bring every single day do their job and

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2 oftentimes it's not heard about or not known about
3 and too often under-appreciated, but we wanted to
4 make sure that these two officers and the world knew
5 that there is a man alive today because these two
6 officers saw something wrong, sprang into action,
7 responded swiftly, decisively and with great bravery
8 and smarts and as a result they saved the life of a
9 fellow citizen in New York City. They're joined by
10 their families; in Bill's case, Officer Caldarera's
11 case, his children, parents and of course their
12 colleagues from 108th Precinct, so we thank all of
13 them. I wanted to ask Council Member Elizabeth
14 Crowley, who also represents the 108th Precinct, to
15 say a few words and then if she would, our great
16 Public Advocate Tish James to say a few words before
17 we read the proclamation.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you
19 Council Member Van Bramer, thank you for honoring
20 these two fine officers from the 108th Precinct; I
21 appreciate the work that you do each and every day,
22 not only yourselves, but all the men and women who
23 serve our great city, your sacrifice does not go
24 unrecognized; every day you are performing your
25 miracles and we wouldn't be the city we are today

1 without your service, so we're forever grateful.

2 Thank you.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

4 [background comment, applause]

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. To
6 the Commanding Officer of 108, welcome to the
7 people's house and to these great officers who
8 thought about others before they thought about
9 themselves, who went above and beyond the call of
10 duty by responding to the needs of this young man, we
11 wanted to take time out of our busy schedules to say
12 thank you on behalf of all of the residents of the
13 City of New York, we appreciate you and you represent
14 the finest of a department of NYPD and today we
15 salute you, congratulations and congratulations to
16 those two adorable children.

17 [laughter, background comments, applause]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
19 very much, Public Advocate Tish James. I also wanna
20 recognize Council Member Debi Rose from Staten Island
21 and Council Member Jumaane Williams from Brooklyn for
22 joining us at this very important ceremonial honoring
23 these two outstanding members of the NYPD. I would
24 ask our Clerk of the City of New York, a Woodsider
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2 [sic] himself, Mike McSweeney, to read the
3 proclamation.

4 CITY CLERK: Thank you. Council, City of
5 New York Proclamation.

6 The Council of the City of New York is
7 proud to honor Officer Corey Sarro and Officer
8 William Caldarera of the New York City Police
9 Department in recognition of their outstanding
10 dedication to serving and protecting the people of
11 the City of New York. And whereas, on December 16,
12 2014, Officers Caldarera and Sarro truly
13 distinguished themselves among New York's finest and
14 saved the life of a 66-year-old man. Officers Sarro
15 and Caldarera were conducting a routine patrol near
16 LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City,
17 Queens when they discovered a crowd gathering around
18 a man who lay motionless on the sidewalk. Upon
19 determining that the man was not breathing and did
20 not have a heartbeat, they sprung into action; acting
21 in unison, Officer Sarro began performing chest
22 compressions while Officer Caldarera retrieved a
23 defibrillator. The first attempt to shock the man
24 back to life failed, but Officers Sarro and Caldarera
25 successfully revived the man by administering a

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2 second shock; thereafter the gentleman began
3 breathing on his own and was taken to Elmhurst
4 General Hospital to receive care while in stable
5 condition. And whereas, with their heroic actions,
6 Officers Sarro and Caldarera exemplified the type of
7 service that we ask of our NYPD officers; they
8 demonstrated tremendous teamwork and composure under
9 traumatic circumstances in a selfless attempt to save
10 this man's life. While successfully executing their
11 training in emergency response and acting in a
12 coordinated and deliberate manner, with the concern
13 of this man's life at the core of their mission,
14 Officers Caldarera and Sarro are strong role models
15 for the entire City to admire. And whereas, Officer
16 Sarro's date of appointment to the NYPD was July 11,
17 2012; like Officer Caldarera, Officer Sarro is a
18 member of the Street Conditions Observation Unit
19 (SCOUT), which confronts quality of life issues in
20 the community. He is a young officer with a bright
21 future on the force and is described by his
22 commanding officer as an extremely competent officer.
23 And whereas, Officer Caldarera was appointed to the
24 force on July 6, 2011 and previously worked in the
25 115th Precinct before being assigned to the 108th. A

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2 proud husband and father of a daughter and son,
3 Officer Caldarera is achieving his life's dream by
4 working on the force. Officer Caldarera completed a
5 full career working for many years at Verizon before
6 fulfilling his ambition to become a police officer.
7 And whereas, the NYPD is the finest police force in
8 the world, [cheers, applause] tasked with protecting
9 the greatest city in the world; crime statistics show
10 that the rate of major crimes committed is being
11 drastically reduced in New York City year after year.
12 In 2014, crime rates reached record lows; most
13 notably in the case of murder. And whereas, we are
14 grateful for the work of the entire NYPD,
15 particularly the 108th Precinct in Queens to which
16 Officers Caldarera and Sarro are assigned. The 108th
17 Precinct, led by Commanding Officer John Travaglia,
18 watches over the communities of Long Island City,
19 Sunnyside, Woodside and Maspeth. Crime statistics
20 demonstrate that these neighborhoods maintain some of
21 the lowest crime rates in the entire City; for this
22 we are eternally grateful for the service of Officers
23 Sarro and Caldarera, both for their efforts to save a
24 man's life on December 16, 2014 and for the daily
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2 execution of their duties as officers of the 108th
3 Precinct.

4 Now therefore be it known, that the
5 Council of the City of New York proudly honors Police
6 Officer William Caldarera and Police Officer Corey
7 Sarro in recognition of their heroic lifesaving
8 actions. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the
9 Entire Council; Jimmy Van Bramer, Majority Leader,
10 Council Member 26th District, Queens.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
12 very much; big round of applause for [applause] these
13 two incredible, brave officers; I wanna recognize we
14 have been joined by a number of our colleagues,
15 including Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras; so you once
16 kept her district safe in the 115th before you came
17 over to the 108th and Council Member Levine and
18 Eugene and Donovan Richards from Queens as well, and
19 I see Council Member Reynoso, who represents a little
20 piece of Queens, which is great, and Council Member
21 Inez Dickens from Manhattan, Council Member Weprin,
22 our Queens delegation Chair; so many other Council
23 Members here; we're grateful for your courage and
24 again, for those who aren't aware, there's a man
25 alive today because these two men sprang into action

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2 quickly in front of LaGuardia Community College to
3 bring that man back to life, literally was not
4 breathing and was not alive when they found him. So
5 with that we wanna ask Captain John Travaglia, the
6 Commanding Officer of the 108th Precinct, if he would
7 say a few words on behalf of the entire precinct.
8 Thank you very much.

9 [background comment]

10 [applause, cheers]

11 CAPTAIN JOHN TRAVAGLIA: Good afternoon.

12 I couldn't be prouder of these two officers and
13 somebody told me, he said you know, your officers
14 really did a great job, but I had to correct them;
15 they're not my officers, they are your officers,
16 okay. They remained calm in a crisis, they worked
17 together effectively in a high pressure situation,
18 they coped with the pressure and tension they were
19 presented with and handled a situation. It all comes
20 back to training and their training, their character
21 and their love for this line of work is how they got
22 this job done successfully.

23 Police Officer Sarro; Police Officer
24 Caldarera are just two of the many officers that
25 perform extraordinary acts every day in New York

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2 City. They represent the NYPD, they represent the
3 City, alright; this is what we do and I couldn't be
4 prouder of these two officers. Thank you.

5 [applause, cheers]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
7 very much, Captain Travaglia and to Officers
8 Caldarera and Sarro, both of whom are incredibly
9 humble and have declined the opportunity to speak,
10 but I think that they are very, very knowledgeable
11 today that we, the City of New York are grateful for
12 all of you and to your families, to spouses, parents
13 and children, thank you so much for sharing them with
14 us; we are ever grateful for your work and your
15 sacrifice and if everyone would come close together,
16 we'll try and take a group picture with the two
17 officers and their families before we conclude these
18 ceremonials. Why don't you guys come forward.

19 [background comment] Yep, you guys come forward,
20 little guys. Yeah, spouses; families, here.

21 [background comments] Yep, everyone come in.

22 [background comments] And I see... [cheers, applause]

23 we are so thrilled to have you all. Thank you so
24 much, congratulations and with that we are concluding
25 our ceremonials for today.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,
can I have your attention please? All staff members,
staff members on the floor of the chambers, staff
members on the floor of the chambers... [background
comments] the left side, the left side seating, left
side, my left; your right, will be for staff. On the
right side there will be no staff allowed to be
seated on the right side. All staff on the left
side. Please have a seat.

[pause]

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Could I have your
attention please? [background comments] Could I
have the Council Members... Council Members, [gavel]
please take a seat. Could I have all Council staff
off the main floor, all Council staff off the main
floor. Could I have the reporters, all reporters in
their respective areas; not on the floor, not on the
floor. Please take a position on the risers. Thank
you. Council staff, off the main floor. Thank you.

[background comments]

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I wanna thank
3 everyone that has joined us here, we have a lot of
4 officers which you will recognize from different
5 precincts; we're gonna recognize them shortly. We
6 have all of our City Council Members that are here;
7 this the legislative body for the City of New York
8 which is in charge of passing the laws for the City
9 of New York and with regards to street namings, that
10 has to be done through legislation, so we, in
11 conjunction with the Mayor, obviously we're very
12 supportive of arriving at this moment where we wanted
13 to give recognition to our two fallen officers; we
14 wanna thank everyone that is here. So I wanna thank
15 everyone for joining us this afternoon and I wanna
16 start by thanking our esteemed Police Commissioner,
17 Bill Bratton for joining us here today. Commissioner
18 Bratton has been a strong and steady voice for New
19 York City; we wanna greatly appreciate all that he
20 has done these past few weeks and we are very
21 thankful to you Commissioner for being with us here
22 today.

23 [applause]

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2 I also wanna thank Captain John Chell of
3 the 79th and Captain Sergio Centa of the 84th
4 Precinct for also coming today, thanks to them.

5 [applause]

6 And they're also joined by officers from
7 their precincts who are throughout this chamber.
8 Thank you all very much for being with us here today.

9 [applause]

10 I also wanna extend a welcome to Pat
11 Lynch, President of the Patrolmen's Benevolent
12 Association. I know we have representatives also
13 from the Detectives' Endowment Association; thank you
14 so much for being here.

15 [applause]

16 So I wanna thank everyone for the
17 dedication and commitment to your members. And
18 obviously I wanna extend my deepest welcome to the
19 families of Detectives Liu and Ramos.

20 [applause]

21 We have today here with us Maritza Ramos,
22 the wives, Maritza Ramos and Pei Xia Chen, along with
23 members of the Liu and Ramos families; I know the
24 parents of Detective Liu are also here with us today;
25 thank you so much for being with us.

[applause]

We are deeply humbled to have you here with us today and thank you for taking the time, 'cause I know that it still continues to be a difficult moment. And we all know, on December 20 of 2014 Detectives Ramos and Liu were taken from us in a most vile way. For New Yorkers, the date of December 20th will forever bear their memory. It was an unspeakable tragedy which shocked not only New York City, but the entire world. As we try to make sense of the senselessness, in the days that followed New Yorkers came together as a family to mourn, we came together because that is what New Yorkers do in difficult times. While individually we may have our differences, we're all tied together by the common bond of New York City. No matter how trying the days or how dark the nights, this bond is truly unbreakable. At the end of the day we are all New Yorkers and when tragedy hits we mourn together as one. While we mourn we also remember how Detectives Liu and Ramos lived. We remember them through the words and stories of family gathered here today, through the stories of fellow officers and through friends. We remember them through the lives they

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2 lived and in both of your families we found
3 inspiration in your strength, your courage and your
4 grace. Your words painted pictures of two exemplary
5 New Yorkers, two men who lived for their families,
6 two men who lived for their friends and two men who
7 lived for their jobs protecting New Yorkers. Today
8 we continue to choose to remember Detectives Liu and
9 Ramos for how they lived and forever these two
10 streets will bear their names, forever New Yorkers
11 will remember and forever their memory will live.
12 Detective Rafael Ramos Way will be on Ridgewood
13 Avenue, between Shepherd Avenue and Highland Place in
14 Brooklyn and Detective Wenjian Liu Way will be on
15 West 6th Street, between Avenue S and Avenue T, also
16 in Brooklyn. Our commitment to you does not end
17 today, however, it only starts. To the families, you
18 always have a friend in me and in this City Council;
19 we will always be here for you. To Commissioner
20 Bratton, assembled NYPD officers and union officials,
21 the Council will continue to support you. And to all
22 New Yorkers we ask that when you pass Detective
23 Rafael Ramos Way and Detective Wenjian Liu Way, we
24 ask that you pause and take a moment to remember

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2 these two extraordinary men. And with that I'd like
3 to ask Commissioner Bratton to say a few words.

4 COMMISSIONER BRATTON: Good afternoon,
5 Madame Speaker. To you and to your colleagues on the
6 Council, on behalf of the men and women of the New
7 York City Police Department and certainly I believe
8 the families that are gathered here today, thank you
9 for the actions that you're taking to ensure the
10 memorialization of the memory of these two incredibly
11 brave officers, symbols of the guardianship of the
12 City, as well as others that you'll be recognizing
13 and additional votes that you'll be taking relative
14 to the renaming of certain streets throughout the
15 City in recognition of the sacrifice of additional
16 officers.

17 I'm pleased to be here as commissioner
18 today to participate in the ceremony, it means a
19 great deal to the Department; it means a great deal
20 certainly to the loved ones of deceased family
21 members. I might also take the opportunity at this
22 occasion, because it does relate to lifesaving
23 efforts, to thank the Council for its recent
24 supportive actions relative to the bulletproof vest
25 acquisitions; that's something that's very much also

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2 needed and we are certainly; myself, the unions that
3 are certainly here, are very appreciative of the
4 initiative that you're taking in that area; it has
5 saved many lives in the past and undoubtedly will
6 save many more as we go forward, so thank you for
7 your actions today on behalf of Officer Liu, excuse
8 me, Detective Liu, Detective Ramos and the men and
9 women on the NYPD.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
11 Commissioner. [applause] And at last, I'd like to
12 ask Pat Lynch to say a few words.

13 PAT LYNCH: Thank you, Speaker. Today we
14 all stand together here today to honor two heroes,
15 two police officers, two men that went out on patrol
16 that day to protect our right to worship as we will,
17 say what we believe; stand where we like without fear
18 of retaliation and they gave their life doing it.
19 Some say for our family members that there's closure;
20 I don't believe that there ever is, I think you may
21 get used to the pain, but it never goes away, the
22 sadness is profound, but the respect that every New
23 Yorker, the respect that every police officer that
24 stands in this gallery, outside this door or rides in
25 a radio car each and every day, that respect cannot

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2 be described. We as police officers take this
3 sacrifice, and we do, we sacrifice each and every
4 day, but we choose to do it and quite frankly, we
5 love to do it. Our families don't always choose that
6 sacrifice, but the sacrifice our heroes' families
7 live with, the sadness each and every day, the only
8 word I can come up with is respect. New York City
9 police officers go out each and every day and do this
10 difficult job, but the reason they have the strength
11 to ride that radio car each and every day is because
12 of the courage of these families who every day can
13 stand up, get up with the loss that they feel; if
14 they have the courage to rise each and every day and
15 show respect to us; you give the courage to every
16 police officer to go out and do a difficult job.
17 Thank you. Thank you all for the sacrifice you will
18 always live with.

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Pat.
21 And if anybody from the family wants to say anything;
22 if not, this is just a moment that we wanted to pay
23 respect and homage to these individuals and thank you
24 for joining us here today and we'll be voting on this
25 matter on our agenda, which is a short agenda, the

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2 family is... And just to explain the process, we vote
3 on this today; the Mayor has to sign it into law and
4 then we are gonna work expeditiously with the
5 Department of Transportation to make sure that those
6 signs go up as soon as possible and make sure that we
7 can continue to celebrate their courage and their
8 commitment each and every day. So family, you're
9 more than welcome to stay with us if you wanna see us
10 vote on it; we have seats on either side that you
11 could sit at, you don't have to stay if you don't
12 want to, but again, thank you very, very much for
13 being with us here today.

14 [applause]

15 [pause]

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

17 [pause]

18 [background comments]

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet on the floor
20 please. At this time, please place all electronic
21 devices, all electronic devices to vibrate.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We're gonna get
23 started.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Everyone rise for
25 the pledge of allegiance.

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SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

[Pledge of Allegiance in chambers]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Roll call.

Please be seated.

CITY CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

CITY CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

CITY CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

CITY CLERK: Constantinides.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

CITY CLERK: Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

CITY CLERK: Cumbo.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the chambers please as we continue roll call. Quiet in the chambers.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Continue roll call.

CITY CLERK: Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

CITY CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

CITY CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

CITY CLERK: Espinal. Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Ferreras. Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

CITY CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

CITY CLERK: Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

CITY CLERK: Greenfield. Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Present.

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2 CITY CLERK: Kallos.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
4 CITY CLERK: King. Koo.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
6 CITY CLERK: Koslowitz.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
8 CITY CLERK: Lancman.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.
10 CITY CLERK: Lander.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
12 CITY CLERK: Levin.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
14 CITY CLERK: Levine.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.
16 CITY CLERK: Maisel.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
18 CITY CLERK: Matteo. Mealy. Menchaca.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.
20 CITY CLERK: Mendez.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
22 CITY CLERK: Miller.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.
24 CITY CLERK: Palma.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

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2 CITY CLERK: Reynoso.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.
4 CITY CLERK: Richards.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
6 CITY CLERK: Rodriguez.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
8 CITY CLERK: Rose.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
10 CITY CLERK: Rosenthal.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
12 CITY CLERK: Torres.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.
14 CITY CLERK: Treyger.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.
16 CITY CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.
18 CITY CLERK: Vallone.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
20 CITY CLERK: Weprin.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.
22 CITY CLERK: Williams.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.
24 CITY CLERK: Wills. Ignizio.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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CITY CLERK: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

CITY CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

CITY CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

[background comments]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise for the invocation delivered by Father Raymond Nobiletti, Church of the Transfiguration, Roman Catholic Church at 25 Mott Street, New York, New York... quiet in the chamber.

FATHER NOBILETTI: Let us bow down our heads and ask for God's blessings. Lord God, we thank you for the gift of life of Detective Rafael Ramos and Detective Wenjian Liu and all those in public service in our city who sacrificed themselves and their families so that we may live in peace, good health and harmony. We ask you to bless their families with the support and understanding needed in this time of loss and grief. Let the legacy of these two men be one of heroism and sacrifice given for us here to day and for the future generations of New York City. And my this dedication today be a

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2 reminder for the generations to come that each one of
3 us can, through our own gifts and talents, contribute
4 to the peace and harmony of this great City of New
5 York.

6 **[speaking Cantonese] [01:15:47]**

7 **[speaking Spanish] [01:16:54]**

8 Amen.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

10 Motion to spread the invocation, Council Member
11 Margaret Chin.

12 [background comments]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Motion to spread
14 the invocation... [interpose, background comments]
15 motion to spread the invocation in full upon the
16 record. I also would like to extend a warm welcome
17 to Father Nobiletti to our City Council Stated
18 Meeting.

19 Father Nobiletti is the pastor at
20 Transfiguration Church in Chinatown, which has been
21 in the community since 1853, though the building was
22 originally built in 1664 as a Lutheran church with
23 German language sermons. Father Nobiletti has been a
24 fixture on our community for decades; he is fluid in
25 Cantonese, having lived and worked in Hong Kong for

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2 15 years. He has been a leader in our community, a
3 fearless shepherd in times of tragedy. On September
4 11 he responded immediately to the attack,
5 ministering to the wounded of the North Tower even
6 before the towers fell. Most recently he lent the
7 power of his prayer to our community at a candlelight
8 vigil after the death of our two New York's finest,
9 Detective Ramos and Detective Liu, so we are pleased
10 that he could make it today to join us, since
11 particularly we are voting on legislation to co-name
12 streets after these two detectives, and thank you
13 Father Nobiletti for your service.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
15 pastor. Adoption of Minutes, Council Member Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
17 make a motion that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting
18 of December 17, 2014 be adopted as printed.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Quiet
20 in the chambers, please. [interpose, background
21 comments] Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

22 CITY CLERK: M 0224, submitting
23 Wellington Chen for appointment at the Landmarks
24 Preservation Commission.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
from City, County and Borough... [interpose]

FEMALE VOICE: Hold on. [background
comments]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
and Elections. Sorry.

CITY CLERK: M 0225, submitting Kim Vauss
for appointment, Landmarks Preservation Commission.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
and Elections.

CITY CLERK: M 0226, submitting Hank
Willis Thomas for appointment to the New York City
Art Commission.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
and Elections.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
from City, County and Borough Offices.

CITY CLERK: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
Communications.

CITY CLERK: None.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
Ups.

CITY CLERK: M 0227.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Roll Call.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.
17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.
19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.
21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.
23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.
5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.
9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.
14 [background comment]
15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Gibson.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: King. Koo.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo. Mealy.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma.
21 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I would like to
vote on all Land Use Call-Ups and all items coupled
on the general calendar.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: I vote aye on all.
3 Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 Today's Land Use Call-Ups were adopted by a vote of
15 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative.. quiet in
16 the chambers please. Commu... [interpose, background
17 comment] Communication from the Speaker, Melissa
18 Mark-Viverito.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madame
20 Public Advocate.

21 As you've all just heard us discuss,
22 today we'll be voting on street co-naming bill that
23 will include streets co-named for Detectives Ramos
24 and Liu. Before I ask one of my colleagues to speak,
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2 this bill also includes two streets being co-named
3 for Steven Frosch and Edwin Thomas.

4 Steven Frosch, 43, a married father of
5 four, worked for the Department of Sanitation for 15
6 years. He was tragically killed on the job while
7 performing vehicle maintenance when he was hit and
8 crushed by a street sweeper at the Maspeth garage
9 where he worked. Steven Frosch Way will be on 67th
10 Drive, between 78th Street and 79th Street in Queens.

11 Edwin Thomas, 46, a father of two, was a
12 Haitian immigrant who worked as a New York City bus
13 driver on the B46 line for seven years. He was
14 tragically murdered by a passenger on December 8,
15 2008 who refused to pay the required bus fare, and
16 Edwin Thomas Way will be at the intersection of East
17 49th Street and Fillmore Avenue in Brooklyn.

18 All of these again really remind us of
19 the contributions and the work that our workers here
20 in the City of New York make and sacrifices they make
21 each and every day.

22 I'd like to ask and I wanna thank Council
23 Member Levine, who chairs the Parks Committee, who
24 shepherded all of these street namings through; I
25 wanna thank him for that. I'd like to ask Council

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2 Members Espinal and Council Member Treyger to say a
3 few words; they are the Council Members that
4 represent the districts for the namings of Detectives
5 Ramos and Liu.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
7 chambers please.

8 [background comment]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you.
10 Thank you, Speaker; thank you, Chair Mark Levine;
11 thank you to all my colleagues for your support
12 today.

13 The tragic and shocking deaths of
14 Detectives Liu and Ramos meant the loss of two heroes
15 for our entire City. For the neighborhoods of
16 Gravesend and Cypress Hills, it also meant the loss
17 of two selfless neighbors who exemplified everything
18 great about the NYPD.

19 I have the honor of representing
20 Gravesend, which is home to caring, hardworking
21 residents and families like the Lius who embody what
22 it means to be a New Yorker. It was extremely moving
23 and touching to hear from Mr. Liu's father about how
24 his son would always call when finished with his
25 shift; how he would help his father out at the

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2 factory so he could return home sooner and about how
3 he was always ready to lend a helping hand.
4 Detective Liu was clearly a kind and generous
5 neighbor who put his family and others first, in
6 addition to being a terrific officer that represented
7 the NYPD with class and distinction. Simply put,
8 both he and Detective Ramos, they were people of
9 service, both in and out of uniform that wore it with
10 such pride and they represent everything that we want
11 in our police department.

12 Dedicating these streets in their honor
13 is a small step we can take as a city to continue the
14 healing process and to ensure that we never forget
15 the sacrifices officers and their families have made
16 on behalf of every New Yorker. Detectives Liu and
17 Ramos were taken from their families; from all of us
18 way too soon; it is now our responsibility as a city
19 to never forget these two heroes and to work towards
20 a better city in their honor; we must do this by
21 continuing to honor their memories and to support all
22 the men and women of the NYPD.

23 To the Liu and Ramos families, my deepest
24 condolences and my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for
25 everything that they have done for our city; they

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2 will always forever be missed and you have our word
3 that they will never be forgotten. Please know that
4 you will continue to be in our thoughts and our
5 prayers and that you will always have our full
6 support. Thank you again, Speaker.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
8 Council Member. Council Member Espinal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Dear friends and
10 colleagues, today we honor two of our fallen heroes,
11 Detective Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu. Detective
12 Rafael Ramos or Ralph or Boday [sp?], as he was
13 commonly known in the Cypress Hills community, was
14 more than just a constituent; he was a friend, a
15 neighbor, a role model and how many of my neighbors
16 and his neighbors told me, after we heard the news,
17 he was one of us. He like many officers put his life
18 on the line to protect this great city, but Detective
19 Ramos was more than a police officer, he was a real
20 life American hero. Detective Ramos saw the streets
21 of New York as his ministry; he used his role as a
22 police officer to improve and touch the lives of
23 those he protected and served. Detective Ramos
24 exemplified what it is to be a New York City police
25 officer. As public servants, we should all strive to

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2 be more like him. I am so proud to introduce this
3 bill today with Speaker Mark-Viverito on behalf of
4 his family and the Cypress Hills community that will
5 co-name Ridgewood Avenue, between Shepherd Avenue and
6 Highland Place in Brooklyn as Detective Rafael Ramos
7 Way. This act in his honor is a small expression of
8 appreciation for his life and the service that he
9 gave to the city he loved and fought every day to
10 make safer. His sacrifice and legacy will never be
11 forgotten. Thank you.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
13 Council Member. Additionally the Council is voting
14 on Int 0612-A, which would extend and reform the
15 Department of Finance's ability to sell tax liens as
16 a means of encouraging payment of charges owed to the
17 City. The legislation would extend the Department of
18 Finance's authority through 2016 while creating
19 exemptions and creating a task force to help minimize
20 unnecessary lien sales. I wanna thank the Chair,
21 Julissa Ferreras for sponsoring this legislation, all
22 the staff as well of the Finance Committee and
23 Council Member Julissa Ferreras will say a few words.

24 [background comments]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Madame Speaker,
3 due to the very special event that we're hosting
4 today, I'm going to not say a few words; I think this
5 moment is very special. Thank you.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. The
7 Council is also gonna vote on Int 0126-A, which
8 requires the Department of Education to submit an
9 annual report regarding the results of environmental
10 inspections and environmental reports concerning any
11 public school. The bill would also require the
12 Department of Education to notify current parents and
13 employees of a school of any results of environmental
14 inspections required to be reported by this bill.

15 I wanna thank Aysha Schomburg, Jan Atwell
16 and Joan Povolny for their work on this bill.
17 Fernando Cabrera; do you wanna say a few words?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Madame Speaker,
19 I will follow my colleague and out of respect to the
20 family.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. Today
22 we're also voting on Int 0571-A, sponsored by Council
23 Member Cohen, which would give the Commissioner of
24 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
25 discretion to move the Early Intervention Program to

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2 the Family and Child Health Division or any other
3 division in the Department. The City Charter
4 currently requires that the Early Intervention
5 Program be administered only through the Division of
6 Mental Hygiene, but this legislation will allow the
7 City to administer this program more efficiently and
8 effectively.

9 I'd like to thank Kimberly Williams,
10 Teresa Nasser and Michael Benjamin for their work on
11 this bill. Council Member Cohen.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Madame Speaker, I
13 can't say it any better than you, so I will limit my
14 comments to that. Thank you.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. I
16 wanna thank my colleagues for deferring so we can
17 take the action to vote on these street naming bills
18 more expeditiously; thank you for that.

19 We also have several resolutions today,
20 one of which marks the 70th anniversary of the
21 liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration
22 camps. The Holocaust was one of the most tragic and
23 devastating atrocities that civilization has ever
24 seen. In Auschwitz, where over one million innocent
25 people were murdered, has come to represent all of

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2 the horrors that took place during this dark chapter
3 of history. Here in New York we have a vibrant
4 Jewish-American community, including some survivors
5 of Auschwitz. Seventy years later we still mourn and
6 remember the victims of Auschwitz and all others who
7 perished in the Holocaust and vow to never again
8 allow such horrific events to occur. I'm proud that
9 the Council is passing this resolution today in
10 commemoration of all those who suffered and all who
11 stood against such unspeakably horrible acts.

12 I'd like to thank Aminta Kilawan and
13 Tonya Cyrus for their work on this resolution.

14 And additionally, we have two resolutions
15 regarding HPV and cervical cancer.

16 HPV is so common that nearly all sexually
17 active men and women get it at some point in their
18 lives and HPV infections account for approximately 5
19 percent of all cancers worldwide. Res 0532 calls
20 upon the New York State Legislature to pass
21 legislation permitting health care practitioners to
22 provide treatment to youth for the prevention of HPV
23 and Res 0531 recognizes January as Cervical Health
24 Awareness Month in New York City. I'm happy to
25 sponsor both of these resolutions and the support of

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2 the Women's Committee and the Women's Caucus and I
3 wanna continue to advocate for awareness to prevent
4 HPV and cervical cancer. And on those I'd like to
5 thank Dan Hafetz and Crystal Pond for the work on
6 these resolutions and Madame Public Advocate, that
7 ends Communication from the Speaker.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 Discussion of General Orders. Seeing none. Report
10 of Special Committees.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
13 Standing Committees.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Education, Int 0126-A, school environmental data.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
17 Coupled on General Orders.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
19 on Finance, Int 0612-A, sale of tax liens.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
21 Coupled on General Orders.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Res 0545,
23 organization funding.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
25 General Orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Land Use, LU 0158 and Res 0555, maritime lease.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled to be
5 filed pursuant to Letter of Withdrawal.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 0164 and 0165,
7 sidewalk cafes.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved with
9 modifications and referred to the City Planning
10 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.7(b) of the Rules of
11 the Council and Section 197-(d) of the New York City
12 Charter.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 0166 and Res 0556
14 through LU 0168 and Res 0558, Landmark designations.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
16 General Orders.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 0169 and Res 0559,
18 sidewalk cafe.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
20 General Orders.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
22 on Mental Health, Developmental Disability,
23 Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Disability Services,
24 Int 0571-A, Early Intervention program.
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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Parks and Recreation, Preconsidered Int 0620 in
relation to the naming of 56 thoroughfares and public
places.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
General Orders.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet down please.

[background comment]

COMMITTEE CLERK: On the General Order
Calendar, LU 0164 and Res 0560 and LU 0165 and Res
0561.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing
various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
General Orders.

And I'd like to ask for Roll Call at this
time on all items on the Coupled General Order
Calendar.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
chambers please for the Roll Call.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all and
congratulations to Council Member Cohen on his first
bill.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Permission to
briefly explain my vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I just wanted to
thank the Speaker and the Mayor for this opportunity
to co-name the two streets in Brooklyn so that we can
honor the life and the legacy and the contribution of
Detective Liu and Detective Ramos. **[Speaking
Cantonese] [01:35:05]** Thank you. I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen.

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: With my sincerest
condolences, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
3 all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: May I have
8 permission to explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Today our hearts
11 are heavy and no words can truly show the gratitude
12 that we have for both the Liu and Ramos family.
13 Today we will vote on these two streets to make sure
14 that no one will ever forget the sacrifice that your
15 family has made.

16 I'd like to also talk on the co-naming of
17 a street in Middle Village after a man, a sanitation
18 worker who was killed in the line of duty working for
19 this City; his name was Steven Frosch. Steven was a
20 family man, he lived his wife Bina and their four
21 children. Steven died in a tragic, horrific accident
22 and before his work as a sanitation officer Steven
23 was a NYPD officer too and also served as a
24 firefighter. His death is a reminder to us that
25 there is a risk all uniform officers take each and

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every day when they go out to serve our city. Steven personified not only the City's finest; bravest, but also the strongest. I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Roll Call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission to explain my vote...

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: briefly. I just wanna say that Officer Liu and Officer Ramos came out of the 84th Precinct, which is in my district led by Captain Centa, and I just wanna say to both families, you've exhibited such dignity and courage in the face of adversity, whether on television, out in the media and throughout the communities and your voices and your solidarity and your courage and calls for unity have brought much calm to our neighborhoods and communities, so I thank you and with that I vote aye on all.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm.

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Proudly vote
aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras.

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all, but
for LU 0169, Res 0559 I vote no.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Madame Public
Advocate, permission to explain my vote..

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: very quickly. I
too want to thank the Speaker and all of my
colleagues for coming together today and recognizing
two incredible fallen heroes, children of God. I
want to also join my colleagues in extending my

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2 heartfelt prayers to the families and know that your
3 loved ones will live on forever and ever and I pray
4 that God's grace will be with you every day. The
5 sacrifice that has been made, street renaming is a
6 small token of our appreciation for the sacrifice
7 that was made and we will continue to honor these
8 fallen heroes in a significant way. I proudly vote
9 aye on all and wanna thank again the families for
10 their presence, their strength and may God continue
11 to bless you. Thank you Madame Public Advocate.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Continue with
13 Roll Call... [crosstalk]

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Green... Greenfield.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Vote aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: With sincere
18 condolences, I vote aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: King. Koo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to
explain my vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: My colleagues, I
rise today to vote aye on all items today; I would
like to take this opportunity to thank the members of
the families of Detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian
Liu for being here today so that the Council of the
City of New York may honor their sacrifice and your
sacrifice. I would like to recognize and welcome to
the Council as well from the 84th Precinct in
Downtown Brooklyn Captain Sergio Centa, Commanding
Officer, Detective Sal Ferrante, Sergeant Wong,
Sergeant Yin, Police Officer Freddie Garcia, Police
Officer Sandoval and Police Officer Bonaparte.
Captain Centa and the officers of the 84th Precinct
have shown remarkable and exemplary poise,
professionalism and dignity during this incredibly
difficult time.

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2 To the families of Detective Ramos and
3 Liu, in your most immense pain and grief please know,
4 and I know you know, that your loved one, through his
5 most ultimate sacrifice has changed the world and
6 made our world a better place by bringing humankind
7 closer together in the most deep and profound and
8 lasting way; that is a legacy for you to be very
9 proud of. Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: It is my pleasure
16 and honor to vote yes on the street renaming bill to
17 honor our fallen heroes; to the families, my thoughts
18 and prayers and condolences continue to be with you;
19 God bless you all and I vote aye on all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: My sincere
22 condolences to all the families here today and I vote
23 aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: On behalf of
3 the residents in the 38th District that includes
4 Sunset Park and Red Hook, I vote aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: My condolences to
7 the family and I vote aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma. Reynoso.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on
12 all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Just wanna say
15 God bless the Liu and Ramos family and may their
16 deaths not be in vain; may we all continue to strive
17 to strengthen our relationship between the Police
18 Department and our communities. With that I vote
19 aye. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I pray to the
22 Liu and Ramos and to their families and I vote aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Condolences to the
25 family and I vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With heartfelt
condolences and gratitude to the families, I vote aye
on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: A brief moment,
Madame Advocate.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: To the families,
the consolation to know that they are with God and
they are with a new family, the family of the blue
that enshielded them in life, they are now with a
family of angels as they guide us forever and they
will be our inspiration and they will be our own
guardian angels here in the City and for the country.
I vote aye on all. God bless you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams.

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

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I know this is a special time, but for the sake of my constituents who may be listening, I wanted to mention their family members who also have street renamings -- Nicholas Rodriguez, from 1906-1995; he was born in Panama, was a world renowned jazz musician; he performed with people like Louis Armstrong, Benny Carter, Chick Webb, Cab Calloway and Don Redman.

Also, Pecola Rodriguez worked as a staff nurse in Detroit and later moved to Brooklyn where she worked at Sinai [sic] Hospital in Harlem from 1949-1950; she was the President for Padaget [sp?] Park Black Association, Library Committee of CB17; she was included in the soro [sic] of the year of the American Chapter of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority and the Padaget Park Committee, she contributed 27 years in the success of the National Grady Nurses Conclave as a preparations coordinator; she designed the medal

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2 for the Louis [sic] Andrews Distinguished Service
3 Award.

4 And to the families of Liu and Ramos,
5 thank you for allowing your family members to be
6 members of NYPD and service this community; we mourn
7 with you. I'd also like to mention and give a great
8 thanks for -- I don't know where you got the
9 strength, but I saw many of you on the TV after
10 trying to provide leadership for this City during a
11 difficult time and that took amazing strength, so
12 thank you for all of that. And I vote aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: If I could
15 briefly explain my vote, Madame Public Advocate.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I just wanna
18 send a heartfelt message to the families of Detective
19 Liu and Detective Ramos; thank you for their service
20 to our city and this Council, who is representative
21 of the entire City speaks as one today and puts its
22 arms around you, figuratively and literally and
23 expresses our love for you and your families and to
24 say as big as we are, 8 million people, that's as
25 many people that are praying with you, that are

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2 supporting you and want nothing more than to ease
3 your pain and memorialize your loved one in the best
4 way we can. So with that I hope you'll accept my
5 heartfelt sympathies and love from my family to
6 yours. I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay. Thank you.

12 All items on today's General Order Calendar were
13 adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 0 in the
14 negative and 0 abstentions, with the except of Land
15 Use 0169 and Res 0559, which was adopted by a vote of
16 48 in the affirmative, 1 negative and 0 abstentions.
17 The bill to co-name 56 thoroughfares and public
18 places on behalf of certain individuals, and more
19 specifically, in honor of Detectives Liu and Ramos,
20 has now been passed by the New York City Council. If
21 the... [interpose, applause] If the families wish to
22 exit at this time, they may do so. On behalf of all
23 of the citizens of the City of New York, we want to
24 thank you and our thoughts and our prayers will
25 continue to be with our fallen officers, as well as

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2 you during this difficult time. May God continue to
3 bless you and we thank you for their service.

4 Another round of applause for our fallen officers.

5 [applause]

6 [pause]

7 Please be seated. Introduction and
8 Reading of Bills.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are
10 referred to Committee as indicated on the agenda.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Discussion of
12 Resolutions, Council Member Levine. Res 0548,
13 commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation
14 of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps on
15 January 27th.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Well thank you,
17 Madame Public Advocate and I'm pleased that our
18 Speaker gave such a thorough background on this
19 important resolution, so I won't take up more time;
20 just wanna thank this body for marking the 70th
21 anniversary of one of the most important dates in the
22 history of humanity and of the Jewish people in the
23 spirit that we commit to never repeating such
24 atrocities again. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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Council Member Cumbo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Good afternoon, colleagues. I wanna bring your attention to Res 0544, a resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass legislation to protect a woman's health, her right to determine when or where to bear a child. Today marks the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a monumental Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion within the United States...

[background applause, comments]

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the

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COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: and yet we remain under attack by individuals who have persistently attempted to marginalize the rights of women and restrict their access to health care. We must pass the full 10 points of the Women's Equality Act in New York State, the Women's Health Protection Act in Congress and the resolution that I am introducing in collaboration with members Crowley and Johnson will restrict government interference in critical health decisions that should be made between a woman and her primary care provider; not within chambers of

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2 government. Today as we mark the anniversary of Roe
3 v. Wade, Congress was not able to pass the Pain-
4 Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and this is the
5 first of many [bell] acts that the Congress has
6 proposed in order to restrict a woman's choice..
7 [interpose]

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,
9 please bring your comments to a close.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: And so I ask all
11 of my colleagues to support me in Res 0544 because we
12 cannot go backwards and we have to make sure that a
13 woman's right to protection and safety and choice is
14 protected at this time. Thank you. [interpose]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Are
16 there any other speakers on any of the resolutions?
17 [applause, background comment] And now we vote. The
18 first resolution we'll be voting on is a resolution..
19 [background comments] reso..

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Council Member
21 Williams has one reso.. [crosstalk]

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
23 Jumaane Williams; I apologize.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I
25 just wanted to call attention to my colleagues to Res

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2 0507, a resolution declaring January 15th to the 22nd
3 of each year as Peace Week in the City of New York.
4 I wanna give a special shout out to Erica Ford and
5 LIFE Camp; this is their fifth annual Peace Week in
6 the City of New York and I thought it would be great
7 to concretize that in a resolution; obviously a lot
8 of the things that we're going through in this City,
9 I think Peace Week is very apropos to be doing right
10 now. Thank you very much.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Any
12 other speakers on any of the... Council Member Corey
13 Johnson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you,
15 Madame Public Advocate. I know the Speaker mentioned
16 this earlier, but I wanna thank her for bringing
17 attention to proposed Res 0531-A, recognizing January
18 as Cervical Health Awareness Month in New York City
19 and proposed Res 0532-A, a resolution calling upon
20 the New York State Legislature to pass legislation
21 permitting health care practitioners to provide
22 treatment to youth for the prevention of HPV, a
23 common virus that can cause cancer. I wanna thank
24 Council Member Laurie Cumbo, the Chair of the Women's
25 Issues Committee, who co-chaired a hearing with me on

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2 these resolutions earlier this month. HPV is so
3 common that nearly all sexually active men and women
4 get it at some point in their lives; while this
5 infection often resolves on its own, for too many the
6 consequence can be serious. The American Cancer
7 Society estimates that HPV infections are responsible
8 for nearly all cervical and anal cancers, about 70
9 percent of all vaginal and vulva cancers and 60
10 percent of penile cancers and 70 percent of all oral
11 cancers. These resolutions are important; [bell] if
12 we had a vaccine to treat a cancer, lung cancer, I
13 would get it; we have a vaccine to treat cancer; I
14 call up on the New York State Legislature to pass
15 these. Thank you, Madame Speaker; thank you, Madame
16 Public Advocate.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Any
18 other speakers on any other resolutions? [background
19 comments] Quiet in the chambers. And now we vote.

20 The first resolution is Res 0507, a
21 resolution declaring January 15th through the 22nd of
22 each year as Peace Week in the City of New York. All
23 of those in favor say aye.

24 [collective aye]

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

Res 0531-A, an amended resolution recognizing January [background comments] as Cervical Health Awareness Month in New York City. All those in favor say aye.

[collective aye]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those opposed. Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

Res 0532-A, an amended resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass legislation permitting health care practitioners to provide treatment to youth for the prevention of the human papillomavirus, a common virus that can cause cancer. All of those in favor say aye.

[collective aye]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? [background comments] Any abstention? The ayes have it.

Res 0544, a resolution calling upon the United States Congress to pass legislation to protect a woman's health, her right to determine whether and when to bear a child and her ability to exercise that right by limiting government's interference with a

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provision of abortion services and ensuring
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available to any woman who needs it. All of those in
favor say aye.

[collective aye]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? Any
abstentions? The ayes have it.

Res 0548, a resolution commemorating the
70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-
Birkenau [interpose, background comment]
concentration camps on... [background comments]
Sergeant of Arms, please take order and please
remove... thank you. Thank you. [background comment]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: If the Sergeant
at Arms can please escort... [background comment]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
you. Quiet in the chambers, please. Please remove...
Please remove the individuals as well as the
paraphernalia. Thank you. [background comments]
Thank you. [background comments]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, we can
continue with the agenda.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Preconsidered Res
0548, a resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary

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2 of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration
3 camps on January 27th. All of those in favor say
4 aye.

5 [collective aye]

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? Any
7 abstention? The ayes have it. General Discussion...
8 [interpose]

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Madame Public
10 Advocate, if I could just say something... [crosstalk]

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I really wanna
13 thank Council Member Barron for bringing it to our
14 attention; clearly in my remarks I should have spoken
15 to obviously this past Monday the celebration of Rev.
16 Dr. Martin Luther King that many of us are
17 celebrating across the City of New York. In times
18 like the ones that we find ourselves in, let us
19 reflect on his legacy, his commitment; an individual
20 who was assassinated in 1968 for his belief in
21 equality and justice and fighting on behalf of all of
22 us. So I really wanted to thank her; we didn't want
23 that to go unnoticed; that legacy continues to this
24 day as we strive to bring this city together and as
25 we strive to bring equality to all. So thank you

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2 very much, Council Member Barron and thank you,
3 Madame Public Advocate.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
5 General Discussion. Council Member Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you,
7 Madame Public Advocate. In early December, soon
8 after the Eric Garner verdict was handed down, Mayor
9 de Blasio and the NYPD announced a major retraining
10 plan for officers; it included establishing a
11 mentoring program for rookies to make sure they begin
12 their work in our neighborhoods on the right foot.
13 That mentoring program now exists and today I'm proud
14 to welcome 12 rookie officers from Brooklyn's PSA3 to
15 this chamber. New officers, please stand in the
16 gallery and be recognized.

17 [applause]

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise and
19 salute our off... Please rise and salute our officers.

20 [cheers, background comments, applause]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Their community
22 mentor is my Director of Constituent Ser... [interpose]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
24 chambers. Excuse me, Council Member, [background
25 comments] may we have quiet in the chambers, please;

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2 Council Member Cornegy has the floor, [background
3 comments]; we're still in session. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: their community
5 mentor is my Director of Constituent Services,
6 [background comment] Tahirah Moore. Tahirah grew up
7 in a Morrissey Housing Development and went on to
8 intern at the White House and with the U.S. Senate.
9 She helps me vigilantly represent the interests of
10 all constituents, but especially our NYCHA tenants.
11 Tahirah, your dedication to your work, including the
12 rookie mentoring program, is truly commendable and I
13 thank you. [background comments] Under Tahirah's
14 mentorship and Captain Delgado's leadership, the new
15 PSA3 officers are becoming part of our community,
16 they're not shielded from our struggles and are
17 required to intervene in many intimate and dangerous
18 situations in the future. I'm glad they're here
19 today to see how much this Council values the
20 sacrifices our police make and the dangers they brave
21 and I extend my condolences to the loved ones of
22 Detectives Liu and Ramos here today. Our rookies are
23 also being exposed to beauty and complexity of our
24 community and are hearing residents' compassionate
25 concerns; they know I believe in working closely with

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2 our local precincts and am committed to fighting for
3 reforms that protect the community's rights. In 2014
4 my district saw far too many shootings but also an
5 overall drop in crime and a decrease in citizen
6 complaints against officers. I believe these
7 successes are linked because they tell the story of a
8 police force and a community cooperating to achieve a
9 shared goal. By increase mutual respect and trust we
10 will achieve even more in the years to come.

11 Finally I'd like to brief speak about Res
12 0541, which I'm introducing today. We've all heard
13 the cries of our small business owners forced out of
14 neighborhoods they have helped to improve because of
15 exorbitant rent increases; [bell] we'll help to
16 partner with our colleagues in state government to
17 protect businesses in this predicament... [interpose]

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,
19 please bring your comments to a close.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I encourage you
21 to sign on to express your support for this goal and
22 look forward to engaging with other members also
23 thinking creatively about policing changes, to
24 advance commercial rent relief for small businesses
25 with the City Council and in Albany. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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Congratulations and welcome, PSA3. Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you Madame

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Public Advocate. I'm pleased to call my colleagues'

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attention to Int 0629, which I'm happy to be co-

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sponsoring with yourself, Public Advocate Tish James,

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healthy outdoor activity. We wanna change that, we

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want our city's beaches and pools to be open through

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for health and safety and well-being of young people

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and all New Yorkers. Thank you.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council
3 Member. Council Member Kallos.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Today I rise to
5 introduce four bills; the first is an anti-tenant
6 black list, 0625; it would make it a violation of New
7 York City Human Rights Law for a landlord to
8 discriminate against someone simply because they were
9 involved in a housing court proceeding. A New Yorker
10 who is named or otherwise identified on these black
11 lists can remain on them for life, making it nearly
12 impossible to rent an apartment; this is a grave
13 injustice for our tenants; great progress has been
14 made at the state level by Assembly Members O'Donnell
15 and Senator Krueger and I'm proud to move [background
16 comments] this issue forward. Thanks to my co-
17 sponsors, [background comments] Rory Lancman, Alan
18 Maisel and Mark Levine.

19 Second is bill 0628, improving the Young
20 Adult Voter Registration Act will ensure that our
21 young people finally have access to voter
22 registration forms, mandating that the DOE distribute
23 coded voter registration forms to schools and that
24 agency report each year on compliance with existing
25 law; this would actually also affect private schools.

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2 I'd like to thank Council Members Cabrera and
3 Rosenthal for working with me to promote
4 participation for young people.

5 And the final two bills are Int 0626 and
6 0627, introduced with Manhattan Borough President
7 Gale Brewer, which relate to personal information
8 security and privacy, the required City agencies to
9 limit collection of personal information to only that
10 which is necessary to complete their mission and to
11 create strong and forward-looking security programs
12 to safeguard the personal information of our City's
13 residents. This issue has drawn new attention to in
14 the wake of breeches all over the world, from
15 President Obama to Attorney General Schneiderman; we
16 are seeing new proposals to protect personal
17 information and our City agencies must do the same.
18 Thank you.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you..
20 [interpose, background comments] Please remove the
21 individual. Sergeant of Arms, please take over.
22 Please take over, Sergeant of Arms and remove this
23 individual... [crosstalk]

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SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And uh... will the sergeants please escort the activists out of the chamber. Thank you. [crosstalk]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet please.

[background comments]

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We can continue with the agenda. Let's keep going with the agenda.

[background comments]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet please.

Sergeant of Arms, please remove the protesters.

Thank you.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Who's next on the... [crosstalk]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Who's next on General Discussion?

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
3 Barron.

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5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you Madame
6 Public Advocate. Out of deference.. [interpose,
7 background comments]

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Any disruptions
9 will not be tolerated; if sergeants can please escort
10 the protesters out we will continue with our agenda.

11 [background comments] Alright, if we can continue.

12 Thank you.

13 [background comments]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Out of deference
15 to the families of the slain officers, I did not call
16 attention to the street naming in my community, but I
17 do want to take this time to say that included in the
18 street renamings, co-namings, [background comments]
19 is Prince Joshua Avitto Way. You may remember the 7-
20 year-old who was stabbed in the elevator and he is
21 included in this package. [background comments] So
22 out of deference to the family and not prolonging the
23 time that they were here, I didn't make mention of it
24 then, but it's no less important and I did wanna put
25 it on the record, as well as the co-naming for Rev.

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2 Martinez, who was born of Puerto Rican parents; came
3 to this country, [background comments] established a
4 business... [interpose, background comments] Rev.
5 Martinez who came from Puerto Rico [interpose,
6 background comments] So Rev. Martinez came and
7 established a business here, hired community people
8 and fed the hungry and gave services to the homeless
9 as well. And in recognition of Dr. King's,
10 recognition of his birthday, I do have a quote that I
11 want to share with you and as we know, at the end of
12 his life many people drew away from him [background
13 comments] because he was addressing the war in
14 Vietnam. [background comments]

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We're gonna clear
16 the whole chamber [interpose, background comments]
17 and we're gonna clear the whole chamber and we would
18 ask the sergeants to clear the second floor. Thank
19 you for your comments, we appreciate them. Thank
20 you. If we could clear the chamber. Thank you.
21 Alright. Good. [background comments] They're gonna
22 clear the whole chamber. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please... Please
24 clear the balcony.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Okay.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Council Member
Barron was... [crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: having some
powerful words so we can remember... [interpose]

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Dr. Martin Luther
King.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Dr. Martin Luther
King.. if I can get this technology to work. Okay.
At the end of his life he was actually a man who was
shunned by many because he was addressing the war in
Vietnam and he said in that regard, "I'm sad to say
that the nation in which we live is the supreme
culprit. God didn't call America to engage in a
senseless, unjust war as the war in Vietnam and we
are criminals in that war; we have committed more war
crimes almost than any nation in the world and I'm
going to continue to say it." So as we come to a
time of looking at what's happening, not just here in
the City but across the world, we need to be
sensitive to what's going on and he also said our

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2 lives begin to end the day that we become silent
3 about the things that matter. And in regards to what
4 outbursts we just had, my position is that we need an
5 even-handed policy in terms of Israel and the Middle
6 East and Palestine; that's what I'm calling for, an
7 even-handed policy. And in terms of saying what
8 matters, I again bring up the rallying cry for us
9 locally, black lives matter. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
11 Miller.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Madame
13 Public Advocate. I have a brief remark in reference
14 to the Preconsidered Int on Committee of Parks and
15 Recreation. I'm proud to be the sponsor of three co-
16 namings -- Henry McCoy Jr. Way. Henry McCoy served
17 in the New York City Police Department for more than
18 25 years before retirement and becoming a civic
19 leader in the St. Albans Community. I'm proud to
20 call him a friend and a mentor. Also we have Kevin
21 Lamont Miller, a 13-year-old who on his second day of
22 high school was gunned down and killed, a young man
23 who was attending Campus Magnet High School and would
24 have graduated this past June. Thirdly, I'm also
25 proud to be the co-sponsor of Officer Kenneth Anthony

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2 Nugent. Officer Nugent was a long-time resident who
3 grew up, was born and raised in the Hollis community
4 and on his way to work in the 103rd Precinct in 1971
5 was gunned down while interrupting a robbery in a
6 local Hollis deli. So I am proud to memorialize him
7 with the street renaming.

8 I would also like to take a moment to
9 speak briefly on Int 0632, which I along with Council
10 Members Johnson, Kallos, Landers, Chin, Rosenthal and
11 Levine have introduced. This legislation, the
12 Grocery Store Worker Retention Act, will serve to
13 protect workers' rights, promote worker retention,
14 boost local hiring and ensure that proper food
15 preparation, health regulation and sanitation
16 procedures are kept in neighborhood grocery stores.
17 Our City deserves to have the finest standards and I
18 ask that you support us in our efforts in doing so.
19 So I ask that all my colleagues support Int 0632.
20 Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 Council Member Rosenthal.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you.

24 Today we've renamed the corner of 97th and West End
25 Avenue Cooper Stock Way. Cooper Stock was a 9-year-

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2 old boy when he was struck and killed in January
3 2014, just over a year ago. He was struck and killed
4 by a taxi who failed to yield to Cooper and to his
5 father in the crosswalk when they were crossing with
6 the light. This street co-naming is both a
7 celebration of Cooper Stock's life and a somber
8 reminder of the need to do more to help keep our
9 streets and our sidewalks safe for all New Yorkers.
10 Also in the spirit of the new year, I hope that my
11 resolution, along with Council Member Johnson, who I
12 really have to say I'm incredibly grateful to co-
13 sponsoring this [background comments] with me..
14 [interpose]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me,
16 Council Member. Quiet in the chambers please. We're
17 still in session. I apologize, Council Member.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you.
19 Meatless Mondays will encourage a more healthful
20 lifestyle; I hope it will pass through the City
21 Council quickly; it's good for public health,
22 personal health, the environment and our animals.
23 Thank you and thank you again to Council Member
24 Johnson, who I really look forward to working with on
25 this resolution. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

Council Member Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Good afternoon. I
wanna thank all of my colleagues who called me,
texted me; emailed me in reference to a four-alarm
fire that I had in my district on Flatbush Avenue and
St. Marks yesterday; there was a fatality of a 46-
year-old brother, son, resident of our community; the
funeral services are today, there is also a mother
who is the matriarch of a very large family who's
fighting for her life in the hospital right now.
They are a large part of our community, they are very
large supporters and entrepreneurs and I pray, and I
ask all of you to pray for the mother who is the
matriarch of this family. I also wanna thank all of
you for your support on Res 0544, the 42nd
anniversary of Roe v. Wade; what's so important about
this is that within the first three weeks of the new
year, members of Congress have introduced six anti-
choice and anti-health women's bills, so it's
important that we stand up at this particular time.
Also wanna thank you for your support on Res 0531,
prevention estimates that about 10,000 women in the
United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer

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2 annually and approximately 4,000 will die. Also
3 wanna thank you for your support on Res 0532-A; we
4 all know that HPV is so common that nearly all
5 sexually active men and women get it at some points
6 in their lives and it's critical that we bring more
7 attention to this issue. And then finally, I really
8 want to bring our attention -- as an African-American
9 woman and as a result of the Trans-Atlantic slave
10 trade, I do not know the origin of my ancestry; I
11 like so many others of the Diaspora identify with all
12 the people of the continent of Africa and I feel a
13 great personal loss with the news of the recent
14 massacre of an estimated 2,000 Nigerians at the hands
15 of the Boko Haram terrorist regime in Northern
16 African region. Those massacred quite literally
17 could be my family. Boko Haram has been responsible
18 for at least 5,000 deaths since April 2014, according
19 to research compiled by the Council on Foreign
20 Relations. [bell] We each have our own personal
21 responsibility in dealing with this issue. We all
22 brought our lives and our attention... [crosstalk]

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,
24 can you bring your comments to a close?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Yes I will.

[crosstalk]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: to the Bring Back Our Girls movement; almost a year later we still do not know the fate of over 200 girls who sacrificed their lives because they knew that ignorance was not an issue for them. As we approach Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday we have to be ever for mindful of his words, in justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and if we think that the massacre..

[interpose]

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member, please bring your comments to a close. Thank you.

[crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Yes, ma'am. If we think that the massacre of over 7,000 people throughout our world does not have an impact on all lives, we are very sadly mistaken; we must raise our voices and our lives any time a massacre or a genocide of this sort affects any one anywhere in the world and I thank you for my colleagues [sic]..

[crosstalk]

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
3 Council Member. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
6 Johnson.

7 [background comment]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Madame Public
9 Advocate, before I speak about the bill I'm
10 introducing today, I just wanna say I found it
11 incredibly disgusting and offensive that while we
12 were voting on a resolution about Auschwitz we were
13 disrupted in an incredibly disrespectful way; talk
14 about poor timing; lack of respect; lack of context
15 -- [applause] awful, simply awful.

16 Today I'm introducing a resolution
17 calling on the Mayor to instruct the Rent Guidelines
18 Board to discontinue the use of the price index of
19 operating costs and a bill that would expand income
20 and expense statements to more properties. I ask my
21 colleagues to sign on to Int 0624 and Res 0547.
22 Tenants deserve a fair shot; these reforms would give
23 them a fighting chance against the real estate
24 industry; it is sometimes hard to muster a kind word
25 about the Rent Guidelines Board, but you've gotta

1 hand it to them for being consistent; year after year
2 they meet and year after year they raise the rent on
3 rent stabilized tenants; this must not continue. The
4 Rent Guidelines Board uses unreliable data to
5 determine landlords' expenses, the price index of
6 operating costs which overestimates landlords'
7 expenses by as much as one-third, more than 2.5
8 million New Yorkers live in approximately one million
9 rent stabilized apartments in New York City; that's
10 46 percent of all rental units. It is crucial that
11 the City protect these tenants and ensure that any
12 adjustments or increases are fair and based upon
13 accurate data that does not overinflate the property
14 owner's true costs of operating and maintaining the
15 units and considers the income received by property
16 owners. There are RGBs in Westchester and Nassau
17 Counties; they do not use the price index and they
18 have frozen rents several times while the City RGB
19 has never done so; instead they require landlords to
20 file INE [sic] numbers every year with the State
21 Division of Housing Community Renewal, the City uses
22 15-month-old numbers, but former Finance
23 Commissioner, Martha Starr testified to the RGB that
24 if instructed by City Hall they could provide numbers
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2 faster and it is imperative upon this mayor to do so
3 and empower the RGB with correct and current
4 information about the status of rent regulated
5 properties. Madame Public Advocate, final sentence,
6 there are 2.5 million rent stabilized tenants in New
7 York City, many hanging on by a thread and it's time
8 for the RGB and Mayor to change the formula and
9 announce reforms in the sake of fairness for tenants.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 Council Member Weprin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you, Madame
13 Public Advocate. Just briefly -- Council Member
14 Kallos I know has been a strong advocate for trying
15 to increase voter turnout, to help young people vote
16 and other people vote; I wanna call my colleagues'
17 attention to Res 0553, which I'm putting in today,
18 calling on the State Legislature to pass a law to
19 make New York State one of the states to have early
20 voting; believe it or not, we're one of a few states
21 that do not allow early voting, it seems ridiculous
22 to me that we would not allow people to get an
23 absentee ballot even without a good excuse so they
24 might be able to cast a vote on a day ahead of the
25 vote or possibly... and have sites for people to vote;

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2 I know Council Member Kallos is supportive of my
3 resolution; I'd like to have as many people sign on
4 as possible so we can send this message to Albany.
5 In addition, just quickly, I just wanna add my voice
6 to what Council Member Johnson said that I thought it
7 was incredibly disrespectful, that protest and I
8 respect people's right to their own opinion, but I
9 don't respect their right to their own facts and the
10 State of Israel has never, never supported the
11 killing of innocent people; they have never
12 celebrated the killing of innocent people; they wanna
13 live in peace, Israel and it's that resolution of why
14 Israel exists is that half the Jews in this world
15 were killed during the Holocaust and they needed a
16 place they could call a homeland where they could be
17 safe and they wanna live in peace and that's all,
18 they don't want any innocent people ever to die and
19 that's what Israel believes in. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
21 [applause] Council Member Constantinides. Thank
22 you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank you
24 Madame Public Advocate. As part of today's street
25 renamings I want to recognize that we're renaming

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2 33rd Street, between Ditmars and 23rd Avenue in my
3 district Archbishop Iakovos of America Way.
4 Archbishop Iakovos was the Primate of the Greek
5 Orthodox of America Church from 1959 - 1996.
6 Archbishop Iakovos exemplified the Greek Orthodox
7 faith and what it means; he was a man of peace, a man
8 of faith and man who believed in civil rights. As we
9 celebrate the marches in Selma 50 years ago,
10 Archbishop Iakovos walked hand in hand with Martin
11 Luther King to fight for civil rights. He was
12 awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by
13 President Carter in 1980 and this street renaming
14 will be in front of the Church of St. Catherine's and
15 George in our district. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
17 Greenfield.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you
19 Madame Public Advocate. You know I've waited my turn
20 here; I followed protocol in the New York City
21 Council and haven't spoken out because I respect this
22 chamber; I have to tell you know I'm still shaken to
23 my core, I'm upset, I'm angry, but I'll tell you
24 honestly, I'm actually somewhat pleased at what we
25 saw here today. If you're wondering why I'm saying

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2 that, it is because for the last few weeks we've
3 heard from people who said, oh we don't dislike Jews,
4 we only dislike the State of Israel; we have no
5 problem with you, we simply don't want you to go to
6 Israel, but we know that's not really at the core of
7 what they were saying and today they proved it.
8 While we were discussing a resolution regarding the
9 murder of 1.1 million human beings, I will point out
10 that 90 percent of whom were Jewish, but the other 10
11 percent were political dissidents, they were
12 Jehovah's Witnesses, they were gays; those were the
13 people who were being killed together in Auschwitz-
14 Birkenau; while we were discussing that they had the
15 nerve, the chutzpah, the temerity to unfurl a
16 Palestinian flag and to yell at us while we were
17 discussing that. And so the reason I am pleased is
18 because we can stop pretending that this is about
19 Israel when the reality is that every Middle Eastern
20 country that is in existence today is not democratic
21 and persecutes people of other faiths and persecutes
22 gays and persecutes people who disagree with them and
23 persecutes people on Twitter and persecutes women who
24 drive except for one country, which is the State of
25 Israel and so what you saw here today was naked,

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2 blind anti-Semitism, that's what you saw and that's
3 what you watched and that's what you witnessed.
4 People who are upset for one reason; do you wanna
5 know why they're angry; do you wanna know why they're
6 unfurling that flag today, because Hitler did not
7 finish the job, he only wiped out half of my family
8 and only by the grace of God is the other half, me,
9 the grandchild, still alive today; that's why those
10 people are upset; shame on them, shame on them for
11 hating Jews, shame on them for hating people; shame
12 on them for disrespecting the most diverse
13 democratically elected body in the United States of
14 America and that's why we go to Israel, we go to
15 Israel to make a message that is clear that we will
16 not be cowered by this fear and by this hatred that
17 we have, where these are people who would celebrate
18 the death of Jews rather than mourn the death of
19 innocents. I am embarrassed of what happened here
20 today, but I am please that we finally see what this
21 is all about, good old fashioned anti-Semitism.
22 Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
24 Mealy.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I rise? I
3 wanna thank our Madame Speaker for all that she has
4 done this first year, kudos to you and I wanna thank
5 my colleagues for passing a bill today also, Mr.
6 Cabrera, and I wanna talk on the street naming; I
7 have Dr. Jerry V. Burns Way in my district; Jerry V.
8 Burns was the pastor and founder of Open Door Church
9 of God and Christ for 36 years in which he did a food
10 pantry and fed 3,000 people a week. And I wanna give
11 condolences to Detective Liu and Detective Ramos and
12 for the street naming of Basil Patterson Boulevard in
13 Manhattan and I would like to thank that I honored my
14 Eagle Academy today, an all boys schools that at
15 least 85 percent of them go to college and I wanna
16 least let you know that they are champions of the
17 PSAL and Lacrosse in my district and I wanna thank my
18 co-leader, Elizabeth Crowley and myself and Laurie
19 Cumbo of the Women's Committee having Women's Caucus
20 hero influential woman of the month, Patti Murillo-
21 Casa, who the Speaker honored today. The best
22 prevention is education; the more women we can reach
23 the greater chance we have to make sure that we end
24 cervical cancer. And just speaking on what just
25 transpired with Martin Luther King, I want all of us

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2 to know that our assignments should never change; Dr.
3 Martin Luther King, his first name was Michael and if
4 anyone knows church, you know that Michael was a
5 warrior and even though he changed his name, his
6 assignment did not change from Michael to Martin and
7 I thank you.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
9 Council Member Gibson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madame
11 Public Advocate. I guess after today, with all of
12 the rhetoric out there, it makes me want to pray even
13 more. I appreciate all of the comments that have
14 been raised by many of my colleagues and today I just
15 ask all of my colleagues to look at Res 0546, which
16 would ask the State Legislature to pass and the
17 governor to sign legislation that will require DHCR
18 to collect succession rights data from property
19 owners and release a summary of statistics to the
20 public. Many of us recognize that June 15th is the
21 date in which rent regulation will expire and in New
22 York City 1.1 million rent regulated tenants will be
23 in effect and we are making sure that we're looking
24 for information that's going to really make a
25 difference and to those tenants who are entitled to

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2 succession rights, so I ask my colleagues to consider
3 supporting that and as a former member, as someone
4 who's always stood tall for rent reform, rent
5 regulation, major capital improvement and all the
6 other components, I will gladly be working with our
7 state colleagues and making sure that we not only
8 extend rent reform, but we strengthen our laws. And
9 I also want to just echo the sentiments of our
10 Speaker; last Monday we all joined together in
11 celebrating the life legacy and achievements of Dr.
12 Martin Luther King, Jr. and I went all across my
13 district in working with so many clergy and community
14 and I know many of us continue to be committed to his
15 cause and dedicated to his dream that there should be
16 justice and fairness for all of our brothers and
17 sisters and I also ask my colleagues to continue to
18 pray for those innocent victims in the attacks in
19 Paris as well as the 2,000 victims killed in Nigeria;
20 you know, obviously there's just so much going on in
21 this world that I can only continue to pray that this
22 body continues to look to God for the answers as we
23 continue to work collectively together. And I also
24 wanted to extend a warm welcome to the officers of

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2 PSA3 who were here earlier. [bell] Thank you Madame
3 Public Advocate.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
5 Council Member Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madame
7 Public Advocate. I would like to draw my colleagues'
8 attention to two pieces of legislation; first, Int
9 0621, which I'm introducing with my colleague,
10 Council Member Ferreras. This bill would require
11 landlords of rent regulated buildings to notify their
12 tenants of SCRIE and DRIE programs, information and
13 how to apply. Last year we raised the income
14 eligibility level for tenants to \$50,000, but there
15 are still thousands of seniors who are eligible but
16 have not applied. Landlords are already required to
17 provide rent regulated tenants with certain
18 information about lease renewals, fire alarms and
19 window guards; by having landlords share information
20 about these programs for SCRIE and DRIE, more seniors
21 will know that they can apply for a rent freeze and
22 that could mean the difference for a senior between
23 being able to age in place or being priced out of a
24 home. The second is Res 0540, which I'm introducing
25 with Council Member Dromm, Council Member Mendez and

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2 Council Member Rodriguez; it calls on the State to
3 address a policy which allows a charter school to
4 change school districts within a borough without a
5 new public hearing being held. This is because
6 apparently, even if you are switching from my
7 district to Council Member Rodriguez' district it is
8 considered a non-material change. The resolution
9 calls for SUNY to hold new hearings whenever they
10 change districts to that they local impacted
11 community has real opportunities to comment. So I
12 urge my colleagues to join me in signing on to these
13 legislations. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Richards.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you,
17 Madame Public Advocate. Today I ask my colleagues to
18 sign on to Res 0549, which calls up on Governor
19 Andrew Cuomo to reject the application for Liberty
20 Natural Gas, LLC to build a liquefied natural gas
21 terminal off the coast of New York. LNG is a natural
22 gas cooled to extremely low temperatures to reduce
23 its volume for transport. At this altered state,
24 liquefied natural gas is highly volatile, consists
25 almost entirely of methane and it's to be expected

1 with hydrocarbons to have a great carbon footprint.
2 Liberty Natural Gas purports Port Ambrose, which will
3 be used as an import facility of LNG for domestic
4 use. Current market indicators reflect that it is
5 far more profitable for natural gas producers to
6 export their product overseas where natural gas can
7 command a higher price. Domestically emergency
8 production has done so well that the likelihood of an
9 update in market price is not likely to occur anytime
10 soon. As we face a threat of rising temperatures and
11 the volatility of climate change, government must do
12 what is necessary to reverse the damage incurred as a
13 result of human activity. LNG will not further any
14 resilient, efficient and environmental goals; as a
15 city and as a state I implore my colleagues to
16 support this resolution and to call on Governor Cuomo
17 to help maintain the planet and its remaining
18 resources for present and subsequent generations.

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20 Secondly, I have an Int 0633, which will
21 require the City to require building managers to file
22 energy audit reports every five years instead of 10
23 years. As our City continues to commit to reducing
24 its consumption of energy and cutting its emissions
25 of greenhouse gases, requiring an energy efficiency

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2 report to be filed every five years rather than every
3 decade will encourage closer monitoring for operators
4 and increase the data driven knowledge of buildings
5 throughout our city; I ask my colleagues to sign onto
6 this intro as well. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 Council Member Williams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you
10 Madame Public Advocate. I'm sorry; I walked in the
11 middle of Council Member Cumbo's remarks, but I'm
12 sure I'd like to attach myself to them from what I
13 heard and Council Member Gibson, a couple of weeks
14 ago obviously as we pay attention to the horrors that
15 happened in Paris, I can see much about it on CNN,
16 but I did not see much about the 2,000 people who
17 were slaughtered in Nigeria and if we have come to a
18 place that 17 people do not equal 2,000, it's very
19 disturbing, so hopefully we remember the atrocities
20 that happen all across the world.

21 I'd like to call my attention to Int
22 0639, sponsored by myself, Torres, Lancman, Johnson,
23 Wills and Gibson, it's a local law to amend the
24 Administrative Code, requiring the Police Department
25 to make quarterly reports relating to the issuance of

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2 summonses. For instance, from 2008 - 2011 Park
3 Slope, they averaged eight bike summonses a year; in
4 Ocean Hill-Brownsville they averaged 1,062; in
5 Bedford-Stuyvesant they averaged 2,050. The bill
6 would just require submitting quarterly reports on a
7 number of criminal court summonses issued for each
8 patrol precinct, housing police, service area
9 transit, district street crime unit and the narcotics
10 division of the number of criminal court summonses
11 issued, not including any situation where the
12 arrestee is transported to the precinct broken down
13 by race, of suspect gender, age of the suspect and
14 the offense charged including but not limited to
15 marijuana violations. I believe there's a
16 conversation that has to continue in this body, not
17 just for the people of the City of New York, but for
18 the rookies that we clapped here for today. As we
19 spoke of Dr. Martin Luther King, he said on some
20 positions cowardice asked a question, is it expedient
21 and then expedience comes along and asks the question
22 is it politic; vanity asks the question, is it
23 popular, conscience asks the question is it right;
24 there comes a time when one must take the position
25 that is neither safe, nor politic nor popular, but he

1 must do it because conscience tells him it is right.

2 I hope we help this conversation move forward with
3 true leadership and not rhetoric. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
5 Gentile.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Thank you Madame
7 Public Advocate. I direct my colleagues' attention
8 to Int 0623. How many times have we had constituents
9 come to us saying that they're received a summons
10 because they were parked next to a bus stop or a
11 hydrant and they received a summons for being on the
12 bus stop and hydrant and forcing our constituents to
13 get out a ruler or tape measure and to measure the
14 space between the hydrant and the car. It's because
15 the curbs are not painted the way they should to
16 indicate the space that is the legal space for
17 hydrants and obviously for bus stops. So Int 0623
18 would require that the spaces in which a motorist
19 cannot park in a bus stop or in front of a fire
20 hydrant be clearly marked with red paint so that
21 drivers can follow the law and not be subject to
22 gotcha kind of tickets. So I'd ask you to look at
23 0623 and to sign on; let's put an end to this kind of
24 gotcha summonsing of our constituents. Thank you.
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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
3 Ulrich.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Madame Public
5 Advocate, I ask for unanimous consent to vote on
6 today's Land Use item and all matters on the General
7 Order Calendar...

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye. I
10 also would like to lend my voice of support to my
11 colleagues who have spoken in defense of the State of
12 Israel. I am not a Jew, I'm a Catholic, but I don't
13 think that you have to be Jewish to support the State
14 of Israel and the right of the Jewish people to live
15 in the land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac and
16 Jacob in the covenant with the God and I believe that
17 Israel is a vibrant democracy, is our only true ally
18 in the Middle East and I am proud to go to Israel
19 again for a second time; I will not be intimidated by
20 the nasty and vicious emails that we have received, I
21 will not be intimidated by the hecklers in the
22 balcony that have come here today to disrupt what was
23 supposed to be a time to remember the victims of the
24 atrocities in Auschwitz and other places. David
25 Greenfield brought up a very good point; it wasn't

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2 only the 6 million Jews that were killed in the
3 concentration camps; there were hundreds of
4 thousands, if not millions of Catholics, of priests,
5 we canonize the priests in the Catholic religion;
6 Maximilian Kolbe who gave up his position to go into
7 the gas chamber to save the lives of Jews whom he
8 never met and he survived and we canonized him for
9 his heroism and for his sainthood. And the point is
10 that people are entitled to their opinion, they have
11 every right; this was not the right place to
12 demonstrate that opinion and to voice that opinion,
13 but I will not sit here and allow people to attack
14 the Jews because next time they'll come here and
15 they'll attack the Catholics and next time they'll
16 come back and attack the Hindus; the next time
17 they'll come back and attack the non-believers and I
18 don't think that anyone has the right to attack
19 anybody, especially in this sacred institution, we
20 ought to respect one another and show each other
21 respect. [bell] Thank you very much.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
23 Rose.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Tonight I'd like to
25 bring attention to three noteworthy Staten Islanders

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2 that we have named streets after -- Vincent C. Pompa,
3 who was a community activist and a veteran and a
4 chemist and spoke for a community that didn't have
5 much voice and accomplished a lot in terms of
6 services for that community. And then the world-
7 renowned Stan Jay, who owned Mandolin Brothers Music
8 store for more than 40 years, which attracted musical
9 greats like Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell and Paul
10 McCartney to Staten Island while he taught at CSI,
11 the College of Staten Island in the Performing and
12 Creative Arts Department. And then a real hero, a
13 9/11 responder, fire officer, Chief Charles Kasper
14 who began his career as an educator and was a
15 responder to both of the World Trade Center bombings.
16 All of these people deserve those honors and I wanted
17 to mention them.

18 I'd also like to ask for support for Res
19 0550, which urges the New York Power Authority to set
20 a permanently competitive rate for shore-based
21 electrical power at the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal.
22 When cruise ships dock at the Brooklyn Cruise
23 Terminal they continue to run their engines in order
24 to provide electricity onboard; the fuel that they
25 use considered one of the worst for releasing air

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2 pollutants; the environmental impact on the
3 neighborhoods near the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal are
4 significant. In over one day of idling at port a
5 cruise ship emits as much exhaust as 10,000 cars and
6 exposure to this leads to an increased rate in asthma
7 and cancer and so the Port Authority of New Jersey
8 and New York, the Environmental Protection Agency,
9 Conover Group and the New York Power Authority [bell]
10 have all contributed to building shore power capacity
11 at the Brooklyn Terminal and so we're asking New York
12 State to give them a permanent sustainable Con Edison
13 rate so that they can stop using this horribly
14 polluting fuel. Thank you. [crosstalk]

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
16 Council Member Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
18 much. I've been Israel three times; I know next
19 month there's gonna be a trip with Council Members
20 going; I will not be part of that; Madame Speaker,
21 please consider me for next year, but I will be going
22 to Israel next month and I wanna let my Jewish
23 brothers and sisters know that I'll be going with a
24 group of the largest pro-Israel Christian group in
25 the United States in support of Israel. The fact of

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2 the matter is that, as has been mentioned, it is the
3 democracy to be modeled in the Middle East and I
4 wanna commend the Speaker for her boldness to stand
5 up for all people and to be able to take this
6 delegation to Israel and I would say to whoever is
7 organizing the people that came today, the activists,
8 get a different leader, because what you did today
9 actually turned me off even more; I don't get the
10 yelling, the screaming, the acting, the drama; it
11 actually gave me even a greater resolve to support
12 Israel as a nation. This is like for us Puerto
13 Ricans telling us, don't go to Somos [sp?] because of
14 whatever political ideologies, and you could go on
15 and on with every other country and to top that,
16 tonight I will be going to AIPAC; glad to be there,
17 glad to support my Jewish brothers and sisters, you
18 have backing and I could tell you also as a pastor,
19 the Christian community is standing with you. Thank
20 you so much.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
22 Dickens.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you Madame
24 Public Advocate. I want to thank the Speaker and my
25 colleagues for the renaming of East 128th Street and

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2 Madison Avenue, between Madison and 5th, as James
3 Baldwin Place. I'm proud to honor Mr. Baldwin for
4 his outstanding contributions to the Village of
5 Harlem and for being one of the 20th century's
6 greatest writers who broke new literary ground with
7 the exploration of racial and social issues in his
8 many works. Through his literary genius works he was
9 able to shine a spotlight on African-American life in
10 Harlem and exposed for the entire world to see the
11 beauty, the resilience and the strength of the people
12 of Harlem. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on
14 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote
15 of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
16 abstentions, with the exception of Land Use 0169 and
17 Res 0559, which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the
18 affirmative, 1 negative; revised Land Use Call-Ups
19 are adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in
20 the negative. I look forward to seeing all of you at
21 AIPAC and I also look forward to my trip to Israel.
22 Madame Speaker to close.

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you Madame
24 Public Advocate. Obviously an incredibly emotional
25 day on many different fronts today and I wanna thank

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2 my colleagues who have spoke in support of the State
3 of Israel and who have supported this Council in
4 making the trip that we will be making next week, I
5 mean next month, I'm sorry. So again, thank you all
6 and also for being accommodating of the family as we
7 moved the agenda around today. About discourse,
8 we're always about respect in this chamber and I
9 thank everyone for defending that here today. Thank
10 you so much, Madame Public Advocate.

11 [gavel]

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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