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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Melissa Mark-Viverito
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Inez Barron
Joe Borrelli
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Andrew Cohen
Robert Cornegy, Jr.
Costa Constantinides
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Laurie A. Cumbo
Chaim M. Deutsch
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel Dromm
Rafael Espinal, Jr.
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras-Copeland
Daniel R. Garodnick
Vincent Gentile

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

Council Members: Vanessa L. Gibson
David G. Greenfield
Barry S. Grodenchik
Corey Johnson
Andy L. King
Ben Kallos
Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Rory Lancman
Brad Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Alan Maisel
Steven Matteo
Darlene Mealy
Carlos Menchaca
Rosie Mendez
I. Daneek Miller
Annabel Palma
Antonio Reynoso
Ydanis Rodriguez
Donovan Richards
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca
Ritchie J. Torres
Mark Treyger
Eric Ulrich
James Vacca
Paul Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Jumaane D. Williams
Ruben Wills

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

Letitia James
Public Advocate

Leslie Koch
President of Governors Island

Midwood High School Baseball Team

Gregory Long
President of New York Botanical Gardens

Renaldo Watkis
House of the Lord Church

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,
at this time please find a seat. We have some
silence in the Chambers please. All cell phones
please put on silent as well. Once again, please
find a seat; silence all electronic devices. Thank
you.

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay, we're going
to get started with ceremonials, and we have three
today. The first one by Council Member Margaret Chin
who is presenting a proclamation to the exiting
President, Leslie Koch-- Koch [sp?]. We have a Eric
Koch and it's spelled the same way. Existing
President Leslie Koch-- hey Leslie-- Trust for
Governor's Island, and I'll pass it over to Margaret.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Madam
Speaker. I don't know if the other Council Member
are here, but I'm going to start. I am so proud to
be here today to honor Leslie Koch for her
extraordinary work at the Governor's Island Trust. I
know a lot of you must have heard about Governor's
Island. It's in District One, but we share with
everyone in the City. It's a treasure for New York
City. Under Leslie's direction since 2006, ten years
ago, Governor's Island has been transformed from an

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2 abandoned military base into a vibrant public space,
3 attracting hundreds of thousands of seasonal visitors
4 and a diverse array of arts and cultural programs.
5 Imagine back in 2005 before Leslie got to the Island,
6 only about 8,000 people visited the Island, but then
7 last year, in 2015 the Island welcomed 8,000 visitor
8 each weekend, and with more than 450,000 visitors
9 during its fourth season, I know the Speaker was
10 there and a lot of Council Member was there. Council
11 Member Deutsch also brings seniors there every year,
12 and I sponsor a community day there. It's a
13 beautiful place and there's more to come. So, today,
14 Governor's Island is a lively and loved seasonal
15 destination for New Yorkers and visitors alike. It
16 is also home to a year round tenant like the Urban
17 Assembly, New York Harbor School and the Lower
18 Manhattan Cultural Arts Center. Leslie has truly put
19 her mark on Governor's Island. Next week the hills
20 will open ahead of schedule as an enduring monument
21 to her extraordinary efforts to transform this
22 island. Leslie can be proud and know that her legacy
23 of leadership will continue to strengthen our city
24 for years to come, and I wish her all the best in
25 your new chapter of your new adventure and your new--

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2 and your career, and I thank the Speaker, Council
3 Member Levine, Lander, and Council Member Deutsch for
4 helping me honor Leslie today.

5 [applause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: So, can I ask the
7 Clerk to read the Proclamation?

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council, City of New York
9 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York is
10 proud to honor Leslie Koch upon her retirement for
11 her decade of dynamic leadership as President and CEO
12 of the trust of Governors Island, and whereas, this
13 native New Yorkers' career has spanned the public,
14 nonprofit and private sectors with an exceptional
15 track record in strategy and marketing, economic
16 development, cultural programming and public/private
17 partnerships. From her tenured Microsoft in the
18 early 1990's to her more recent role as the leader of
19 the transformation of Governor's Island, Ms. Koch has
20 proven herself as an innovative executive and
21 collaborator equally focused on vision and execution.
22 Prior to joining the trust, Ms. Koch was the CEO of
23 the Fund for Public Schools, the nonprofit
24 organization affiliated with the New York City
25 Department of Education. She increased public

1 participation in education and secured nearly 160
2 million dollars in private sector support and whereas
3 under the direction of Ms. Koch since 2006,
4 Governor's Island has been transformed from an
5 abandoned military base and to a vibrant public space
6 attracting hundreds of thousands of seasonal visitors
7 and the diverse array of arts and cultural programs.
8 She has overseen the planning redevelopment and
9 ongoing operation of the 150 acres owned by the trust
10 including an ambitious 300 million dollars capital
11 program which has added 300 new acres of park and
12 public space, repaired and replaced over two miles of
13 sea wall and brought the Island's infrastructure into
14 the 21st century, and whereas when Ms. Koch was
15 appointed to run Governor's Island in 2006, it was a
16 deserted military base filled with buildings in need
17 of stabilization or demolition and acres of derelict
18 landscapes. Under her leadership the Island has
19 thrived. In 2005, prior to her arrival, a total of
20 8,000 people visited the island. In 2015, it
21 welcomed 8,000 visitors each weekend day with more
22 than 450,000 total visitors during its four month
23 season. Today Governor's Island is a lively and loved
24 seasonal destination for New Yorkers and visitors
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2 alike. It is home to year round tenants including
3 the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School and the
4 Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Arts Center, and
5 whereas Ms. Koch has shaped the future of our city
6 not only figuratively, but literally as well. The
7 culmination of Governor's Island incredible
8 transformation, the Hills opens July 19th, 2016, a
9 year ahead of schedule. Rising 70 feet above the sea
10 level, the Hills allow hundreds of visitors, hundreds
11 of thousands of visitors to enjoy breathtaking never-
12 before-seen views of the Statue of Liberty and New
13 York Harbor, and whereas upon her retirement Ms. Koch
14 can be proud and know that her legacy of leadership
15 will continue to strengthen our city for years to
16 come. She has truly distinguished herself in her
17 service to the City of New York and is worthy of the
18 esteem of every New Yorker. Now, therefore be it
19 known that the Council of the City of New York
20 gratefully honors Leslie Koch for her extraordinary
21 service and enduring contributions to New York City.
22 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire
23 Council; Margaret S. Chin, Council Member First
24 District Manhattan.

25 [applause]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Come on Leslie.
3 Congratulations.

4 LESLIE KOCH: It's hard to make me
5 speechless, but Council Member Chin, you have. I
6 accept this in behalf of our whole team, especially
7 our Vice President of Facilities, Terrence Williams,
8 but I want to thank not only the Council Member and
9 the Speaker, but everyone on the Council. We've
10 worked really closely. We could not have gotten to
11 this point without our extraordinary partnership with
12 you, Council Member Lander, Council Member Levin and
13 others, and everyone's invited to join us on the
14 19th. We're very excited. Thank you.

15 [applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Okay, so please
17 come out and climb the Hills and get the best view in
18 New York City. So, congratulations again, Leslie.
19 Thank you.

20 [applause]

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay. Again,
22 thank you, Leslie. And now, Council Member Williams
23 will be doing a Proclamation for Midwood High School
24 Baseball Team which won the City Championship. If
25 those that are being recognized can come to the

1 front? If the team can come to the front? Council
2 Member Williams, you ready? Alright. Exciting day.
3 Congratulations to all of you, and I'm going to hand
4 it off to Council Member Williams to start this
5 Proclamation.
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7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
8 much. Hornets, how you doing? You got to be better
9 than that, man. Y'all played in Yankee Stadium. You
10 won a championship. Hornets, how you doing?

11 STUDENTS: Good. [off mic]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I want to say
13 congratulations to Midwood and to the Hornets team.
14 It's not every day that I get to celebrate a sports
15 team, because I'm a Knicks fan. So I'm excited that
16 I am-- get to celebrate Midwood High School boys
17 Varsity Baseball Team, made up of 24 outstanding
18 players as they won the 2016 All City Championship.
19 I'm glad the team could come here to City Hall and be
20 presented before Stated. I want to recognize the
21 leadership of the team, Head Coach Saverio Nardone.
22 Did I say that right? Pitching Coach, Maricio
23 Guricio [sp?]. How'd I do?

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Gercio [sp?].
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Gercio. My
3 name is Jumaane, so they jack it up all the time.
4 Alright. Managers Michael Cardelli [sp?], Cardeli
5 [sp?], and Michael Toramina [sp?]. I also want to
6 congratulate all the players and the Principal.
7 Where's the Principal. You didn't put the Principal.
8 Shout out to Principal. I also want to congratulate
9 all of the palyers who are here today. In just a
10 second the Clerk of the City Council will a read
11 Proclamation and place all of your names in the
12 history books of New York City Council. You beat my
13 colleague, I think it's Borelli whose schools was
14 beat in Tottenville in Yankee Stadium. That's got to
15 be exciting. That's going to be something you're
16 going to remember for the rest of your life. Hope to
17 see you again next year. Clerk, please.
18 Congratulations again.

19 [applause]

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York
21 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York is
22 proud to honor the Midwood High School Boys Varsity
23 Baseball Team for their outstanding teamwork that led
24 them to win the 2016 All City Championship, and
25 whereas Midwood High School has been nationally

1 ranked by US News and World Report and the New York
2 Post as one of the top 50 high schools in New York
3 City. Each year it guides its more than 3,800
4 students to success with its rigorous college
5 preparatory instruction, arts programs, clubs, and
6 sports. The athletes we recognize on this occasion
7 exemplify the best of Midwood High, for they have
8 been committed to their own success as individuals
9 but also as a team, and whereas the Midwood High
10 School Boys Varsity Baseball team has been guided to
11 greater heights this season thanks to the vision and
12 leadership of Head Coach Saverio Nardone, Pitching
13 Coach Maricio Gercio and Managers Michael Cardali
14 [sp?] and Michael Teramina. Together, they help these
15 young players develop the skills they needed to put
16 their dreams within reach while inspiring them to
17 dream even bigger. As a result they overcame very
18 challenging opponents to win the 2016 All City
19 Championship, and whereas the Midwood High School
20 Varsity Baseball Team is comprised of 24 excellent
21 players, Mark Barret, Jr., Gavin Brien, Nicholas
22 Cardieri, Gregory Dorfman, Matthew Eng, Michael
23 Gonzales, Isaiah Gelb, Peter Grabowski, Daniel
24 Lentini, Matthew Lieberman, Julian Liper [sp?],
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2 Nicholas Lopez, Alec McFeeley, Francis McMahon, Paul
3 Pellegrino, Daniel Pero, Matthew Putterman, Jared
4 Ramos, Jalen Robinson, Thomas Scarpaci, James Shea,
5 Alan Sorokin, Ian Tsao, Roy Wagner, and whereas, all
6 these young men have demonstrated the strength of
7 character and commitment to excellence that will help
8 them pursue their highest ambitions in the year
9 ahead, and we wish them all continued success on the
10 baseball diamond and far beyond. Now, therefore be
11 it known that the Council of the City of New York
12 honors and congratulates the Hornets, the Midwood
13 High School Boys Varsity Baseball team for their
14 outstanding achievements and teamwork that led them
15 to win the 2016 All City Championship; Melissa Mark-
16 Viverito, Speaker for the entire Council, Jumaane D.
17 Williams, Council Member 45th District Brooklyn, Alan
18 Maisel, Council Member 46th District Brooklyn, Chaim
19 M. Deutsch, Council Member 48th District Brooklyn.

20 [applause]

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Hello. I can't tell you
22 what an honor it is and a privilege to be speaking
23 here, to be here with these young men here today.
24 It's something that I will truthfully cherish forever.
25 But I just want to thank the City Council for having

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2 us today, truly amazing. I want to thank our school
3 and Administration, Principal McDonald, Assistant
4 Principal and Athletic Director Beth Vershleiser, the
5 wonderful coaching staff that I've had along with us,
6 and obviously these young men and their parents for
7 their hard work and their support and their
8 dedication. Anyone who's had a child whose played
9 varsity baseball at the highest level knows what a
10 commitment it is to, you know, have a young man who
11 plays, right? It's a lot of work, and these parents,
12 these young men have put in the work, and one thing
13 that was beautiful that he said is the commitment and
14 dedication to teamwork and the belief, right? Not
15 only did they do something for me, but I think they
16 did something for people around the City, and that's
17 one thing that they gave and that's hope, hope that
18 you could-- David could beat Goliath, that you could
19 overcome odds, and I think that's something truly
20 special. You should be really proud of yourselves.
21 I'm very proud of you, and we look forward to many
22 more successful years with this baseball program and
23 beyond. Thank you.

24 [applause]

25 [off mic comments]

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2 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you everyone for
3 showing up. This is a great honor to be here in City
4 Hall after we won the City Championship, and I'd like
5 to thank everyone here that invited us and the
6 coaching staff and the staff in the school, Mr.
7 McDonald and Mrs. Vershleiser. Yeah. And I'm really
8 proud of all of us and we did something really
9 special. So, something we should remember for a long
10 time.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
12 Thank you for the Hornet parents.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright. Again,
14 thank you to all. Congratulations. We have one more
15 ceremonial today. Okay. As we switch up here, I'm
16 going to ask Council Member Ritchie Torres to come
17 up. He has the last Proclamation for today, the New
18 York Botanical Garden, a Proclamation for their 125
19 years. How exciting is that? I'm going to hand it
20 off to-- oh, here's the representatives from the
21 Botanical. Let me say that one of the things that I
22 love to do is to visit our cultural institutions. I
23 was brought up raised with the value of really
24 enjoying museums, and thankfully my mother encouraged
25 that and so the New York Botanical is definitely one

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2 of the places and treasures I love, too, as well as
3 Governor's Island. We were representing them here
4 today, and really encourage if people have not
5 visited the Botanical Garden to do so. This is the
6 New York Botanical Garden found and located in the
7 Bronx. Council Member Torres represents it, but
8 really it is an incredible treasure to this City and
9 really would encourage if you have not visited to do
10 so, and with that I'll hand it off to Council Member
11 Torres.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you, Madam
13 Speaker. So we are here to celebrate the 125th
14 anniversary of the Botanical Gardens. I'm sure all
15 of you know that the Bronx is the greatest borough in
16 New York City, and one of the reasons-- one of the
17 reasons is the New York Botanical Gardens. It's
18 truly the premier botanical gardens in the world. It
19 is a tourist attraction for the tristate area. You
20 have world class exhibits like the orchid show, the
21 train show, Frida Kahlo, the Speaker often makes
22 unannounced visits without giving notice to the
23 botanical gardens, but it's also an engine of
24 economic development for the City, generating upward
25 of 150 million dollars and for under-resourced

1 schools in the Bronx, it's a community garden as well
2 as a museum, and you have a school of horticulture.
3 So, it's wondrous in ways that you don't realize, and
4 we're just proud-- I'm proud to represent an iconic
5 institution like the Botanical Gardens. Even though
6 it's located in the Bronx it's actually older than
7 the Bronx itself. I think it was in the town of West
8 Farms, and it's one of the few cultural institutions
9 that was created by an act of the State Legislature.
10 So, for all those reasons and many more--

11 UNIDENTIFIED: [off mic]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: A hundred and 58,
13 wow. Two-hundred and 50. So for all those reasons
14 and many more, it's my honor to represent the
15 Botanical Gardens and to celebrate your 125th
16 anniversary, 125 more years, so.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We'll have the
19 Clerk read the Proclamation.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York
21 Proclamation: Whereas since the New York Botanical
22 Gardens first opened its Bronx home in 1891, this
23 spectacular living museum has been dedicated to
24 achieving excellence in horticulture, education and
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2 plant-based research and conservation. It has grown
3 into one of the world's great cultural institutions,
4 a leading center for botanical research, a natural
5 treasure for visitors, and a national model for
6 plant-based education. In 1888, Doctor Nathaniel Lord
7 Britton, Columbia University Professor of Botany and
8 Geology, and his wife Elizabeth Knight Britton, a
9 scholar of mosses, traveled to London and visited the
10 Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew. Inspired, they
11 returned to New York determined to create a similar
12 institution, and whereas, on April 28th, 1891, the
13 State of New York passed an act incorporating the New
14 York Botanical Garden providing for the development
15 of a public botanic garden of the highest class on
16 250 acres for the collection and culture of plants,
17 flowers, shrubs, and trees, and the advancement of
18 botanical science and knowledge, and for the
19 entertainment, recreation and instruction of the
20 people, and whereas, today the garden remains
21 committed to fulfilling the five ambitious goals of
22 its founders, saving the plants of the world by
23 conducting research that generates original knowledge
24 about biodiversity for conservation organizations and
25 public policy makers worldwide and graduate programs

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2 that train new generations of plant biologists and
3 conservationists, creating a green urban oasis by
4 providing stewardship of the landscape the
5 institution has protected since the 1890's and
6 continued development of an urban oasis to inspire
7 and teach large numbers of visitors connecting
8 gardening to the arts and humanities by offering
9 multidisciplinary exhibitions and educational
10 programs that illuminate the connections between
11 plants and people, nature and culture and gardens and
12 human health in addition to the lives and work of
13 artists and thinkers teaching science to city kids by
14 designing programs to improve scientific literacy
15 among educators and children of all ages, and
16 anchoring the community by focusing on development of
17 the Bronx economy through ongoing edu-- I'm sorry--
18 ongoing employment opportunities and capital projects
19 and the wellbeing of its residents through urban
20 farming and community gardening programs, and
21 whereas, the New York Botanic Garden is a Bronx
22 treasure benefitting our entire city and the world
23 beyond. This community masterpiece sculpted with time
24 and seasons, nurtured by a dedicated staff and
25 generous supporters has a tremendously positive

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2 impact, for it changes not only how we view the
3 world, but clarifies our place within it and our
4 critical role as stewards for its future. Now,
5 therefore be it known that the Council of the City of
6 New York, including all members of its Bronx
7 delegation honors the New York Botanical Garden in
8 celebration of its 125th anniversary and its
9 extraordinary contributions to New York City and the
10 nation. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire
11 Council; Ritchie Torres, Council Member 15th District
12 of Bronx; the entire Bronx delegation of the City
13 Council and many other Council Members.

14 [applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: And now the long
16 time President of the New York Botanical Gardens, one
17 of our great cultural leaders, Gregory Long.

18 GREGORY LONG: Thank you very much,
19 Councilman Torres. That was a beautiful
20 proclamation. Everything was in there. It was very,
21 very well done. It's been an honor for the people of
22 the New York Botanical Garden to work with the City
23 of New York for 125 years. You know, I and my
24 predecessors have been in this room with you and your
25 colleagues for a long time working to make New York

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2 City a better place every day. I know that's what you
3 do and that's what we do, and we want to thank very
4 much the Speaker of the City Council, Melissa Mark-
5 Viverito, and the Chairman of our Committee, of
6 course the Cultural Committee, Jimmy Van Bramer, and
7 Julissa Ferreras, the Finance Chairman whose been
8 such a friend to the Garden and the whole Bronx
9 delegation led by Annabel Palma, and I see many
10 members of the delegation here. We enjoy working
11 with them very much, very closely for such a long
12 time. You know, today on this very moment, the
13 scientists of the New York Botanical Garden are out
14 working to try to save the plants of the world in 28
15 countries internationally, and sometimes we forget
16 about that because what the Garden does in New York
17 City is so upfront, but we are out in the name of New
18 York City, in the name of the New York Botanical
19 Garden in the Bronx, all over the world, and we're
20 hugely respected for that. That work is largely
21 funded by the National Science Foundation, the
22 federal agency, which understands the importance of
23 that work and respects very much what comes out of
24 New York City comes out of this great and
25 distinguished institution. And of course, you all

1 know the programs we do like Frida Kahlo and the
2 wonderful culture on educational problems that
3 happened in the Bronx, but just let me remind you
4 today-- I have this floor for a minute-- about the
5 community service the New York Botanical Garden does,
6 because we're there in the Bronx. We're incredibly
7 committed to the education of Bronx children and
8 children citywide. Children come from schools across
9 New York City, 90,000 school children every year.
10 Three thousand of their teachers come to learn how to
11 teach science. We have a long, strong commitment to
12 this kind of-- to this program, and the Edible
13 Academy is our-- which the Council has been so much a
14 part of, is the next step in terms of teaching
15 organic gardening and better nutrition so New York
16 City school children will have 100,000 people a year
17 in that program. So, it's a strong, strong
18 commitment from this institution to the education of
19 children in New York City. And then there's the
20 question about our pipeline programs. You know, we
21 now have so many programs which we've developed over
22 many years for high school students and college
23 students to help them develop into professional
24 scientists and educators. We're very proud of those
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2 programs. There are 150 high school interns working
3 at the garden right now, and most of them in serious
4 subjects in plant science or in education. So, we
5 think we're a part of that pipeline and I know we can
6 do more. We can all do more, but I think we do what
7 we can, and we're very proud to be doing that, and
8 then we're kind of anchor in the community, aren't
9 we? You know, we're a big, excellent organization in
10 the middle of a community that really needs us, and
11 50 percent of the people work at the garden live in
12 the Bronx. We send home about 300 paychecks every
13 two weeks to Bronx families, and you know, we're
14 very, very proud of that in our general economic
15 impact. So, thank you very much. Thanks for this.
16 Thanks for bringing us here today and taking your
17 time to talk to us about this. Thank you.

18 [applause]

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Wonderful. Thank
20 you so much, Richard.

21 [off mic comments]

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, and that
23 ends ceremonials.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Ladies and gentleman at
25 this time, all non-council employees please make your

1 way up to the balcony. Non-council employees, please
2 make your way up to the balcony. Also, a reminder,
3 no food or beverages allowed in the chambers. Please
4 silence all electric devices. Once again, please
5 silence all electronic devices, and again, all non-
6 council staff, non-council staff, make your way up to
7 the balcony, please.
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9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
10 Chambers, please. Everyone find a seat. Thank you.
11 All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge
12 allegiance to the flag of the United States of
13 America and to the Republic for which it stands, one
14 nation under God, indivisible with liberty and
15 justice for all.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
17 Roll call.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [off mic]

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Yeah, I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [off mic]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens? Dromm?

Espinal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND:

Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick? Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I'm here, too.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Presente.

[laughter]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Koslowitz?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: He's bilingual.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Trilingual.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander? Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez? Miller?

Palma? Reynoso? Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Coco-ni [sic].

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills? Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Speak-- thank

you. All rise. All rise for the invocation. Quiet

in the Chambers, please. Delivered by the

Northeastern District Elder Renaldo Watkis of the

House of the Lord Church, 744 Bradford Street in the

Borough of Brooklyn. Quiet in the Chambers.

RENALDO WATKIS: To the Council, good

afternoon. Let us pray. Eternal God, it is with

thanksgiving that we approach your presence this day

in complete humility and humbleness of heart. For

another day that you've blessed us, we say thank you.

We thank you for allowing us to awaken this morning

and for allowing life to flow through our bodies. We

thank you for providing the basic needs of life, the

food that we eat and the very clothes on our backs.

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2 We thank you for the soundness of our minds in
3 guiding our very paths. Now, Lord, I ask your
4 blessing upon this council as they've been selected
5 and have been given the great task of critiquing,
6 legislating and resolving issues placed before them.
7 Collectively, we pray for this council, our Speaker
8 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Public Advocate Letitia James,
9 and all who sit in a position of governance, that
10 they would be led with clarity of mind and by your
11 spirit to administrate in this great body. In
12 matters of economics, guide them. In matters of
13 justice, guide them. In matters of housing, guide
14 them. In matters of equality, guide them. In
15 matters of global conditions, guide them, and in
16 matters of the human condition, guide them. And for
17 the families of all those lost in the tragedy of
18 mindless violence, we pray your peace upon them. In
19 the midst of this disaster, Lord comfort all hearts.
20 And so God, we now bless you and commit all things
21 into thine hand. In thy name we pray, amen.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
23 A motion to spread the invocation, Council Member
24 Inez Barron. Quiet in the Chambers.

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1 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
2 Public Advocate. It is my pleasure to move--

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
4 Council Member, one-- let's get some silence for you
5 here.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
8 Inez Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
10 Public Advocate. It is my pleasure to move to spread
11 the invocation in full upon the record, and to just
12 share some brief comments about the minister who
13 delivered them. It is Minister Renaldo Watkis, and
14 he has been a personal friend of our family for more
15 than 40 years. We have seen him and his family
16 during the entire time of his ministry, his wife
17 Sandra, his two sons Andweli [sp?] and Aiendai [sp?].
18 He is a great husband, a fantastic father, and has
19 been very much involved in the activities of the East
20 New York community. He's been outspoken on issues
21 of concern in our community. He's conducted a bible
22 study in our community, and he's just a very patient,
23 reflective, deliberative person. And in terms of his
24 skills, he is a perfectionist in terms of doing
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2 carpentry and so many other household things around,
3 and he is a perfectionist. If you want something
4 done, it's going to be done and going to last. But
5 most of all, he is a perfect example of what it is to
6 be a minister spreading the gospel and encouraging
7 people to come to Christ, so it is my pleasure to
8 acknowledge him and to say that he is a great friend
9 of our family. I wish him well. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
11 Council Member. Adoption of minutes.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Messages and
14 papers from the Mayor?

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
17 from City, County and Borough offices?

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
20 communications?

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
23 ups?

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: M421 and M422.
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1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 33

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on Call-
3 up Vote. Roll call.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Cabrera?

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Cabrera?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Yes, I would
9 like to vote aye on all Call-ups, and with permission
10 I'd like to vote on all Coupled General Orders.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: I vote aye on
13 all.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin? Chin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen? Constantinides?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I'd like to vote
24 aye, and with permission I'd like to vote first aye

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2 on all Call-ups and permission to vote aye on all
3 Coupled General Orders.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you. I
6 vote aye.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens? Dromm?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I would like to
18 vote aye in all Call-ups, and with permission I would
19 like also to vote in all Coupled General Orders and a
20 resolution.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: And I vote aye.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
25 much.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 35
2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
3 Chambers. Quiet down.
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?
5 Garodnick? Gentile?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With permission,
7 I'd like to vote on all Call-ups and General Orders?
8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye on
10 all.
11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.
14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield?
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: King?
23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: King?
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye. Madam Public
3 Advocate, I want to use this opportunity to welcome
4 President Dongchan Kim and Program Coordinator
5 Sunkwan Jang of Korean American Civil-- no, Korean
6 American Civic Empowerment, also KACE, along with 20
7 of their summer interns to City Hall. Give them a
8 big welcome. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And how do you
10 vote?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Lancman?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Wait, no, no,
20 sorry. I wasn't finished. I would like to vote aye
21 on all Call-ups, and with permission I'd like to vote
22 on all Coupled-General Orders and Resolutions.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: And I vote aye.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 37
2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you.
3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Lander?
4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: How do you vote?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.
10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel? Mealy?
11 Menchaca?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.
13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.
15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller? Palma?
16 Reynoso? Richards?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.
18 COMMITTEE CLERK: King?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye.
20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 38

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like
4 to vote aye on all Call-ups, and with permission, I
5 would like to vote on all Coupled General Orders and
6 Resolution. I vote aye.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Quiet
10 in the Chambers, please. Quiet down.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich? Vacca?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye, and I'd
18 like permission to vote on all General Order calendar
19 items and resolutions.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye on all.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills? Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: With

permission I'd like to vote aye on all Call-ups and
I'd like to vote on all Coupled General Orders and
Resolutions.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all. Thank
you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All
today's-- today's Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a
vote of 43 in the affirmative and zero in the
negative. Quiet in the chambers, please. Quiet.

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2 Thank you. As we now hear from the Speaker Melissa
3 Mark-Viverito.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Before we begin I
5 want to take a moment to recognize the tragedy of the
6 events of last week. I want to ask if everyone could
7 rise.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: So before we
10 begin, I want to definitely-- I want to take a moment
11 to recognize the tragedy of the events last week and
12 to honor all the lives our nation lost, Alton
13 Sterling, Philando Castile and Officers Brent
14 Thompson, Lorne Ahrens, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael
15 Krol, and Michael Smith. Thank you. I hope you
16 could stay standing, because we have a couple of
17 others. But I want to just keep reiterating and I
18 know many of us have said this, that it is not a
19 contradiction to support and honor our brave men and
20 women in uniform while also seeking to address the
21 underlying racial tensions and inequities that exist
22 to this date in our nation and the lives that are
23 lost as a result of those racial tensions and
24 inequities. Whether it's tackling gun safety,
25 criminal justice reform or police reform, we must

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2 take meaningful steps to improve public safety and
3 the way that communities and police interact. All
4 lives that were lost that I mentioned are valuable
5 and we need to acknowledge and continue to
6 acknowledge that it is systemic racism that sometimes
7 leads to the results of last week. I also want to
8 take a moment to honor the passing of Doctor Rosco
9 Brown, a member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen and
10 Bronx Community College's President for 17 years. He
11 passed away this past Saturday July 2nd at the age of
12 94. Many of us had the opportunity to get to know
13 this incredible human being. Doctor Brown, I
14 actually got to know because one of the bus depot
15 [sic] in my district was named after the Tuskegee
16 Airmen and he participated in that recognition. He
17 is an incredible person and definitely an incredible
18 loss to this city and to this country. We also lost
19 former First Deputy Mayor Peter Powers on July 7th, a
20 dedicated public servant that served our city with
21 distinction. And lastly, we want to acknowledge the
22 passing of former Indiana Congress Member and NYU
23 President John Brademas. His legacy includes
24 landmark legislation and support of education and the
25 arts, and he will be missed. So, just a moment of

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2 silence for everyone. Thank you, my colleagues. So
3 good afternoon to everyone. I want to thank everyone
4 that is here today and joining us in this chamber.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
6 chambers, please.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Today, the
8 Council is going to be voting on Introduction 1063A,
9 legislation requiring the Department of Health and
10 Mental Hygiene to make lactation rooms available in
11 certain locations, delivering services to the public
12 including job centers, SNAP centers, medical
13 assistance program centers, ACS borough offices, and
14 health centers operated or maintained by the Health
15 Department. The bill would not prohibit any
16 individual from exercising their right to breast feed
17 in public. The bill would also require the
18 Department of Education to annually provide a report
19 on its policies related to lactation room
20 accessibility. On staffs I want to thank Amenta
21 Killawon [sp?], Joan Pavloni [sp?], Brittani Moressi
22 [sp?], Aiha Schamberg [sp?], and Tera Nasir [sp?]
23 for all their assistance on this bill. This
24 legislation is sponsored by Council Member Cornegy
25 who iv'e indicated in the past does have a lactation

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2 room in his district office, really something that is
3 commendable and hopefully others can model. So we'll
4 hear it from the prime sponsor, Robert Cornegy
5 followed by Council Members Cumbo and Johnson.
6 Council Member Cornegy? Oh, I think he just stepped
7 out for a second. We'll come back to that
8 legislation when he returns. The City Council will
9 also vote on Introduction 697A, legislation to update
10 and clarify the City's regulation of laundries.
11 Laundries have been regulated by the City since at
12 least the early 20th century. This bill would amend
13 those regulations by creating a three-tiered
14 licensing system broken down by storefront laundries,
15 industrial laundries and laundry delivery services
16 which will better address the way the industry
17 operates today. The bill would create additional
18 requirements for industrial laundries and industrial
19 laundry delivery services to ensure cleanliness and
20 hygiene. The bill would also create a taskforce to
21 assess the industry and make recommendations to the
22 Council and the Mayor on future updates to the law.
23 I want to thank with the staff, Laboni Rum [sp?], Wes
24 Jones and Rachel Cordero. This legislation is

1 sponsored by Council Member Ritchie Torres, and he'll
2 say a few words about the bill.
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4 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you, Madam
5 Speaker. After two years, I'm proud that the City
6 Council is voting on Intro 697A, otherwise known as
7 the Clean Act. I see it as a victory for consumer
8 protection and public health. One of the advantages
9 of the Clean Act is that it will modernize the City's
10 regulation of laundries. Some of the provision
11 regulating laundries in the Administrative Code date
12 as far back as the early 19th century, and so I'm
13 grateful to all the attorneys who are going through
14 200 years of laundry regulations. But the essence of
15 the Clean Act is that it closes a gaping loophole in
16 the City's regulation of laundries. There are two
17 types of laundries, retail laundries which serve
18 individual clients and industrial laundries which
19 serve institutional clients, and under the
20 Administrative code as it is currently crafted, there
21 are clear licensing requirements for retail
22 laundries, but there are no comparably clear
23 licensing requirements for industrial laundries. So
24 there are millions of people who eat our restaurants,
25 stay at our hotels, seek care at our hospitals who

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2 come into contact with fabrics laundered by
3 industrial laundries, and those industrial laundries
4 have gone unregulated for years, have been governed
5 by no standards, legal standards of consumer
6 protection and public health. And so the Clean Act
7 closes the loophole through an all-inclusive
8 licensing scheme. We will have one type of license
9 for retail laundries, one for industrial laundries,
10 and one for laundry delivery trucks. So even if your
11 establishment is not located in the City of New York,
12 if you're delivering laundry to the City of New York,
13 the trucks that deliver the laundry will be subject
14 to licensing. I want to thank the Speaker. This
15 would not have been possible without the support of
16 the Speaker, the Mayor's Office, the Chair of the
17 Committee on Consumer Affairs Raphael Espinal. I
18 want to thank the Legislative Division, Laura Popa
19 [sp?], Matt Gewalb [sp?], Rachel Cordero, Labani
20 Ramon [sp?], and Wes Jones. I want to thank my
21 Legislative Director Raymond Rodriguez, and I want to
22 thank many of the stakeholders, Workers United which
23 represents workers in industrial laundries as well as
24 the industry itself, which was a constructive

1 negotiator throughout the whole process. With that
2 said, thank you, Madam Speaker.

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4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
5 Council Member. IN addition, the Council will also
6 vote on Introduction 1142A and Introduction 1026A,
7 legislation requiring the Department of Probation to
8 report on the rate of recidivism of people on
9 probation along with related statistics and to report
10 on the effectiveness of programs offered to
11 probationers. The Department of Probation supervises
12 approximately 22,000 adults and 1,100 juveniles on
13 any given day, most of whom have been sentenced to a
14 period of probation by a court as an alternative to
15 incarceration. A number of these individuals are
16 arrested during their period of probation or
17 otherwise violate the terms of their probation for
18 reasons such as a lack of attendance at a mandated
19 program or a lack of reporting to their probation
20 officer. These bills would allow the City to
21 evaluate the efficacy of its probationary program and
22 gather important information regarding rates of
23 recidivism. Staff, I want to thank Brian Crow [sp?],
24 Rob Calandra and Steve Reister [sp?]. Elizabeth
25 Crowley's a prime sponsor of this bill. I know she

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2 has left early, so I thank her for that bill. The
3 Council will also vote on Introduction 1227,
4 legislation to co-name 65 thoroughfares and public
5 places including co-names that will honor several of
6 our city's brave first responders and men and women
7 in uniform who gave their lives in service and
8 protection of our city. The legislation also
9 includes cultural icons and community members who
10 have contributed to the fabric and character of our
11 city. Two of these co-namings are in my own district,
12 the 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers" Way,
13 honoring the 65th Infantry Regiment. This unit made
14 up largely of Puerto Rican soldiers served bravely in
15 the Korean War and took the battle nickname of
16 "Borinqueneers" in honor of the original name of
17 Puerto Rican "Borinquen." And Alfredo "Chocolate"
18 Armenteros Way honoring Afro-Cuban trumpeter who
19 played with the likes of Arsenio Rodriguez, Cachao
20 Lopez, Benny Moré, Machito, Eddie Palmieri, Tito
21 Puente, Larry Harlow, Tito Rodriguez, as well as
22 Machito and his Afro-Cubans delivering dynamically
23 rich and lyrically vibrant music to the Latino
24 community for seven decades. Someone who died
25 recently, and I had the pleasure to have known. So,

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2 for a map of all today's co-namings, check out the
3 Council Lab's [sic] website. There's an example
4 here. I'm really proud of these maps which now give
5 us the context, the history, the bio of every street
6 naming, something that we didn't have before, and I
7 really want to thank the staff, Chris Sartori [sp?],
8 Patrick Movahill [sp?], Chieba Obechere [sp?],
9 Jeffrey Baker, Edward Atkin, Marin Achmed [sp?], and
10 Juliet Fredenberg [sp?] for all their work on these
11 bills. Finally, the City Council will vote on
12 legislation requiring the New York City Police
13 Department to publish reports relating to use-of-
14 force incidents and deployment of officers engaged in
15 wrong-doing. Introduction 539A would require the
16 NYPD to provide a quarterly report on the number of
17 use-of-force incidents disaggregated by the-- by one:
18 Type of force used. Two: Precinct or unit of the
19 officer that used force. And three: whether the
20 officer was on or off duty when the force was used.
21 In addition, the bill would require the Department to
22 report on the number of injuries to an officer or
23 civilian resulting from a police and civilian
24 interaction involving a use-of-force incident and the
25 severity of those injuries. The Department would be

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2 required to annually provide a report on the use of
3 force found to be excessive by the Department.

4 Staff, I want to thank Rob Calandra, Ellen Eng, and
5 Deepa Ambikar [sp?]. Council Member Rory Lancman is
6 the sponsor of this bill, and he will say a few words
7 about it.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you, Madam
9 Speaker and good afternoon everyone. First, let me
10 thank the Speaker on this important criminal justice
11 reform legislation and for all the work she has done
12 to reform the criminal justice system here in New
13 York City. How often do our police officers use force
14 against civilians? How often are civilians and
15 police officers injured during law enforcement
16 encounters? Does enforcement of some offenses tend
17 to lead to more physical encounters between police
18 officers and civilians than others? Right now,
19 answers to these important questions are not readily
20 available due to a lack of recording and reporting of
21 use of force incidents. This deficit of information
22 hinders the Police Department's, the Council's and
23 the public's ability to effectively understand and
24 evaluate the prevalence, cause and justification of
25 physical encounters between police officers and

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2 civilians. My bill will provide us with the
3 information regarding what type of force is used by
4 police officers, the frequency that force is used,
5 whether that force was deemed justified or excessive,
6 and what degree of injuries were sustained by
7 civilians and police officers. Overall, these bills
8 will assist the Council in overseeing whether the
9 Police Department's use of force is necessary and
10 appropriate and help inform further policy
11 initiatives that aim to minimize the occurrence of
12 physical violence between police officers and
13 civilians for the benefit of all parties involved.
14 Thank you.

15 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
16 Council Member. The second-- we have three reporting
17 bills regarding the NYPD. The second, the lead
18 sponsor is Jumaane Williams who has a second bill
19 that's he's also sponsoring today. So, Introduction
20 606B by Council Member Williams would require the
21 NYPD to report all uses of force disaggregated by the
22 conduct, offense or reason that formed the basis for
23 the initial approach by an officer. The second bill
24 sponsored by Council Member Williams is Introduction
25 1169A, updating the New York City Energy Conservation

1 Code. The bill would update the City's Energy Code
2 to reflect recent changes in the State's Energy Code
3 and would make certain amendments to accommodate the
4 unique character of construction in New York City. I
5 want to thank on the staff side Jen Wilcox, Megan
6 Chen [sp?], Jose Conde [sp?], Emri Etev [sp?], Sarah
7 Gastelum [sp?], Jeff Baker, and Ed Atkin [sp?], and
8 again, Council Member Williams will say a few words
9 on both bills.
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11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam
12 Speaker. I'm pleased that the Council is passing
13 Intro Number 1169A sponsored by myself by request of
14 the Mayor which matches or exceeds the state's
15 recently adopted Energy Code, which we must do by
16 law. As new construction continues to develop every
17 day, we must ensure that new buildings have a minimal
18 impact on our environment. I'd like to thank my
19 staff for the work they did including Nick Smith, my
20 Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Jen
21 Wilcox and Megan Chen, Counsel to the Housing and
22 Buildings Committee, Guiermo Patino [sp?] and Jose
23 Conde [sp?], Policy Analysts to the Committee, and
24 Sarah Gastelum, the Committee's Finance Analyst. I'd
25 also like to thank Matt Gewalb, Laura Popa, and from

1 the Mayor's side, John Paul Lupo, and Yume Getassi
2 [sp?]. As far Intro 606, I also want to thank the
3 Speaker for her leadership on this bill and on these
4 issues, and thank the sponsors of the other bills,
5 Council Members Lancman and Rose. Together, I really
6 believe we can get some data and information to help
7 use move forward with this conversation. I
8 introduced the bill shortly after the tragic death of
9 Eric Garner to try to get additional information from
10 the Police Department about use of force when it
11 comes to offenses such as those that were alleged to
12 have been committed by Mr. Garner. As we look at
13 many of the things that have changed around policing,
14 it has-- data has the effect of helping those
15 conversations move quicker. We look at the issue of
16 stop-- the abuses of "Stop, Question and Frisk." It
17 was the numbers that were astronomical without good
18 explanation that help us turn the ship on that, and
19 there's many questions around Broken Windows.
20 There's many questions about use of force with
21 quality of life offenses. We say the IG report come
22 out. To answer many of those questions, data is
23 helpful. This is not to be confused with anyone
24 saying we do not want quality of life offenses
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2 addressed. All of us in our communities, all of us
3 who represent those communities get those calls. We
4 do want them addressed. We think they need to be
5 addressed appropriately. They should not be abusiv
6 use of force. All of policing should have equity
7 across the City, and certainly people shouldn't be
8 dying for quality of life offenses. We believe this
9 data would help move that conversation forward. So,
10 I want to thank the Speaker again, Chair Vanessa
11 Gibson, her staff, Dana Wax [sic], Council Members
12 Rose and Lancman along with the Speaker staff
13 including Rob Newman, Rob Calandra, and Depak Ameka
14 [sp?] for the work on this package. I also want to
15 thank my Deputy Chief of Staff, Nick Smith, and my
16 Communications Director Ronnie Andre [sp?].

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Before I go back-
18 - before I go back to Council Member Cornegy, I'm
19 going to address since it's a third of reporting bill
20 on the NYPD. Council Member Rose who has
21 Introduction 824A which would require the Police
22 Department to report on matters relating to
23 deployment. Certain precincts, housing, police
24 service areas, and transit districts have a higher
25 percentage of police officers charged or accused of

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2 wrong doing than other areas in the City. This bill
3 would require the NYPD to post an annual report of
4 the total number and percentage of officers in each
5 precinct that have two or more substantiated CCRB
6 complaints in the last three calendar years, have
7 been the subject of an IEB investigation that
8 resulted in a suspension in the last five years, used
9 excessive force in the last three years, or have been
10 arrested in the last 10 years for police-related
11 behavior. And that again is Council Member Rose who
12 has really been an incredible advocate on this bill,
13 and she'll say a few words.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Madam
15 Speaker. My colleagues, I rise today to ask you to
16 support Intro 824A which will require the New York
17 Police Department to report to the Mayor and the
18 Council the locations of officers with the most
19 cumulative CCRB complaints, substantiated CCRB
20 complaints and lawsuits alleging police brutality. I
21 really wish to thank the Speaker for her leadership
22 and support of this bill, Public Safety Chair Vanessa
23 Gibson for moving this swiftly through her committee,
24 and Legislative Attorney Deepa Ambicar [sp?] for her
25 diligent work on this legislation. I introduced this

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2 bill because I was shocked. I was really shocked to
3 learn that seven out of 10 of the most sued police
4 officers in the New York NYPD were based in my
5 district, and moreover, they were all in the 120th
6 Precinct, and that my 120th District Precinct ranked
7 11th with respect to officers with substantiated CCRB
8 complaints. These statistics were startling and very
9 disturbing, and they left me and my constituents with
10 a lot of questions about how placements of officers
11 are determined. Intro 824A will help us begin to
12 answer some of those questions, enabling us to look
13 at where these officers are and why these complaints
14 might be happening. It may help the Police
15 Department determine whether and where additional
16 training is needed. It will also allow the Council,
17 the Mayor and the NYPD to review where there are
18 problems and help us rectify them. As we all know,
19 this week marks the two-year anniversary of the death
20 of Eric Garner, and in his memory and to prevent
21 another such needless death, I hope you will join me
22 in supporting this bill, because knowledge,
23 information and increased transparency can only
24 strengthen our public safety. Thank you.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
3 Debbie. And now we return back to Council Member
4 Cornegy on his bill, Introduction 1063A, which is
5 legislation requiring Department of Health and Mental
6 Hygiene to make lactation rooms available in certain
7 locations. Council Member Cornegy?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Madam
9 Speaker. After years of watching my wife struggle to
10 find a comfortable place to breastfeed in this
11 wonderful city, I made it my mission to support
12 families that make the healthy decision to breastfeed
13 their infants. We have an opportunity as a Council
14 to do at least one of two things, either model the
15 behavior that we'd like to see throughout the City,
16 and/or legislate. This bill allows me to complete the
17 second part of that. As many of you know, I had the
18 first public lactation station in my office over
19 three years ago. This legislation not only
20 reinforces a woman's right to breastfeed in public,
21 but it also illustrates the City's commitment to
22 supporting families and nurturing our youngest
23 citizens from the very start. I would like to take
24 this opportunity to thank Amenta Killawan [sp?] Aisha
25 Schamberg [sp?], Tirsa Nasir [sp?], and of course my

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2 Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for their support on
3 this bill. I'd also like to take my remaining time
4 to welcome to the balcony the Forklin [sp?] family
5 who is here to-- the Forklin family and friends for
6 their street co-naming, and just like to welcome my
7 interns Sydney Teshera [sp?], Monte Kemane [sp?],
8 Lisa Noelli [sp?], and Kierra [sp?] to the Council.
9 Thank you.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
11 Council Member. I think Council Member Cumbo will
12 say a few words about this bill followed by Council
13 Member Johnson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Speaker
15 Melissa Mark-Viverito. I would like to acknowledge
16 the incredible women throughout this city and beyond
17 that unequivocally recognize that breastfeeding their
18 children should happen any time and any place. We
19 recognize that more than 20 years ago the State of
20 New York was the first in the nation to enact a law
21 to protect a mother's right to breastfeed in public.
22 Today's anticipated passage of Intro 1063 will be
23 another victory for millions of New York City women
24 who have been harassed, taunted, shamed, or sked to
25 leave a place of business for breastfeeding. I just

1 want to say, as Chair of the Women's Issues
2 Committee, I am beyond proud that the issues that we
3 have brought forth as a unified body, whether it
4 pertained the expansion of paid sick days to paid
5 family leave, to just recently the feminine hygiene
6 bills that were passed, to now making it so that
7 there will be greater access for lactation stations
8 really shows that we are moving this city forward,
9 and we are creating an environment of equality for
10 men and women throughout the City of New York. This
11 is an incredible bill, and I'm so proud that Council
12 Member Robert Cornegy recognized that when he was a
13 stronger wife and healthier children, we have a
14 stronger city, and this is certainly a bill that
15 strengthens all of us. We often think that things
16 that benefit women don't affect the whole, and this
17 is really a very important bill. We're continuing to
18 make "herstory" and I'm very proud to be a part of
19 this body, and I want to thank also our Borough
20 President Eric Adams who was instrumental in bringing
21 this forward. He has also worked most recently to
22 bringing legislation forward around issues
23 surrounding menopause for women. So we are moving
24 forward, and I'm proud to have so many great
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2 colleagues in the Women's Caucus as well as so many
3 great and dynamic colleagues in our Male Caucus.
4 Thank you so very much.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
6 Speaker, and I want to thank Council Members Cornegy
7 and Cumbo for their hard work and advocacy on this
8 legislation. Breastfeeding is one of the fundamental
9 acts of love and nurturing that a mother shows her
10 child. It contributes significantly to the child's
11 health in both short term and long term ways, and we
12 must work to protect the right of mothers to
13 breastfeed and encourage this important aspect of
14 child-rearing, and that includes legislation like
15 Intro 1063. Again, I want to thank Council Members
16 Cornegy and Cumbo for putting this legislation
17 forward and for all the advocates that have worked so
18 long to see today happen. I ask my colleagues to vote
19 in favor of this important piece of health-related
20 legislation.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
22 Council Member. Additionally, the Council will vote
23 on several landmark designations across the City and
24 a resolution calling for the designation of the
25 Riegelmann Boardwalk, the Coney Island Boardwalk as a

1 scenic landmark. I want to thank Raju Mann, our Land
2 Use Director, and this is sponsored by Council Member
3 Treyger, if you want to say a few words about it?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Sure do,
5 Speaker. All of you know how important the Riegelmann
6 Boardwalk is to the Coney Island Brighton Beach
7 serving as a neighborhood's connective tissue,
8 unifying attractions, businesses and residence.
9 However, this resolution is about much more than
10 that. This resolution is about preserving a
11 structure that embodies the American democratic
12 spirit, its solid wooden planks uniting generations
13 of visitors and residents across race, class,
14 religion, gender, ethnicity, and language, enduring
15 through fires, floods. As the more spectacular
16 features of the amusements parks prove leading [sic]
17 vulnerable to the varying fortunes and appetites of
18 the City and the nation, the Riegelmann Boardwalk
19 endures. During the Gilded Age and into the early
20 20th century, much of Coney Island's landscape was
21 dominated by racially and religiously exclusive
22 private hotels, restaurants and resorts. The City's
23 decision to build the public boardwalk for the
24 enjoyment of all New Yorkers helped transform Coney
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2 Island into a mecca of leisure for the masses who
3 flocked in on a newly open subway line. While the
4 original Luna Park, Staple Chase Park, Dreamland, and
5 Astro Land captured both American and international
6 imaginations with their glimmering spectacle, it was
7 the boardwalk that was accessible to all visitors in
8 Coney Island's hay day, and over a million people
9 visited each day. For immigrants, the poor and the
10 marginalized, Coney Island was the poor man's
11 Riviera, the Nickel Empire. The 50 cent admission
12 fee to Staple Chase and Luna Park may have been out
13 of reach, but the five cent subway fare was the only
14 cost of entry to what the New York Times then called
15 the "Brilliant Drama of the Melting Pot at Play."
16 Along the boardwalk, sample shows of carnival
17 performers, food vendors and the possibility of
18 meeting someone new supplied the magic. The
19 unprecedented mixing of races, classes and
20 ethnicities along the boardwalk is what made Coney
21 Island the most democratic place of assembly in the
22 world. The Riegelmann Boardwalk is iconic not
23 because of ornamentation or ostentation, but because
24 its planks have played host to millions of ordinary
25 human lives, proving-- providing escape and

1 excitement for all without discrimination. The
2 boardwalk is both a physical symbol of Coney Island's
3 enduring playful democratic spirit and an active
4 social and recreation hub for the Coney Brighton
5 community. As we heard during the hearing on the
6 resolution, the boardwalk remains a place where
7 anyone can meet, fall in love and bring their
8 families. We must protect the Riegelmann Boardwalk
9 for our past and for our future. The boardwalk does
10 not have a conservancy or a team of lobbyist to come
11 to its defense, rather this has been a grassroots
12 effort dependent on the hard work of many
13 individuals. I'd like to express my tremendous
14 gratitude to all of the people whose efforts have
15 brought us here today. To the 50 co-sponsors of this
16 resolution, particularly my colleague Council Member
17 Chaim Deutsch who has been a strong advocate for the
18 boardwalk from the Brighton Beach side, to Brooklyn
19 Borough President Eric Adams, City Comptroller Scott
20 Stringer, Assembly Member Pamela Harris, Senator
21 Diane Savino, and Congressman Jeffries for their
22 statements and support, to the Speaker Melissa Mark-
23 Viverito for her leadership, Chair David Greenfield
24 for his support, Dylan Casey [sp?], Amy Levitan

1 [sp?], Raju Mann of the Land Use Division, my staff,
2 Anna Skafe [sp?], Ethan Westig [sp?] and Eric
3 Faneberg [sp?], to Charles Denton [sp?] of the Coney
4 Island History Project who has lent his tremendous
5 knowledge and expertise to this fight, and above all
6 to the community members including Ida Sanoff, Rob
7 Burstein and Arlene Brenner of the Coney Brighton
8 Boardwalk Alliance, and so many others whose tireless
9 advocacy has kept this issue alive. I urge all my
10 colleagues today to please adopt Reso. 985. Thank
11 you.
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13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
14 Council Member. And lastly, we want to just
15 congratulate a member of the City Hall press corps,
16 Michael Gartland of the New York Post, on the birth
17 of his daughter Zora. So, mazel tov to him and his
18 family.

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And with that--
21 and with that, I end the communication from the
22 Speaker.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you so
24 much. Seeing no discussion of general orders.
25 Report of special committees?

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
4 standing committees?

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
6 on Consumer Affairs, Intro 697A, regulation of
7 laundries.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
9 coupled on General Orders.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered Intro
11 1231, vending tickets.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General
13 Orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Finance, Pre-considered Reso 1161, organization
16 funding.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
18 General Orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Fire and Criminal Justice Services, Intro 1026A,
21 Department of Probation programs.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
23 coupled on General Orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1142A, recidivism
25 statistics.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
3 coupled on General Orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
5 on Housing and Buildings, Intro 1169A, Energy Code.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
7 coupled on General Orders with a message of
8 necessity.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
10 on Land Use, LU 398 through LU 400, 1925 Kent Avenue,
11 Brooklyn.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved and
13 modifications and referred to the City Planning
14 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70B of the Rules of
15 the Council in Section 197D of the New York City
16 Charter.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse me. LU 413 and
18 Reso 1163 through LU 421 and Reso 1170, landmark
19 designations.

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

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Pre-considered LU 424
23 and Reso 1171, Woodhull Hospital.

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

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Parks and Recreation, Pre-considered Intro 1227,
4 naming of 65 thoroughfares and public places.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Public Safety, Intro 539A, use-of-force incidents.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
10 coupled on General Orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 606B, use-of-
12 force encounter reports.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
14 coupled on General Orders.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 824A, police
16 deployment.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
18 coupled on General Orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Women's Issues, Intro 1063A, lactation rooms.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
22 coupled on General Orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the General Order
24 Calendar, LU 398 and Reso 1172 through LU 400 and
25 Reso 1174 Kent Avenue.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing
5 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
7 General Orders, and at this time I ask for a roll
8 call on all items on the Coupled General Order
9 Calendar.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have quiet
11 in the Chambers, please?

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Roll call?

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, Madam
15 Public Advocate. I vote aye on all.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

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

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.
22 regarding the co-namings that are listed, I do want
23 to call attention to Phife Dawg, Rapper Malik Taylor,
24 whose unfortunate death reminds us of how precious
25 life is and the role that we can play in providing

1 support and information to help people make healthy
2 choices, and in fact, those kinds of choices are
3 reflected in the bill that I've intro'd, 1103, which
4 is a sugar car [sic] poster bill. Secondly, I want
5 to call attention and add my comments and support to
6 Tohma Faulkner Way, a great woman of the Bed-Stuy
7 community who was so involved in all that happened.
8 And finally, I wanted to say my comments on behalf of
9 Doctor Walter Kite [sp?] who was a personal friend of
10 mine. He was raised in Guyana and came to United
11 States and began teaching here with the Board of
12 Education, and I was given a one-year special
13 assignment as a principal at IS55, and he was on the
14 teaching staff there at that time, and he offered
15 such great support. Now, those of you who know the
16 Board of Ed know that if you have a one-year
17 assignment, people can really undermine you or work
18 against you or do nothing or sit on their hands, but
19 it was Doctor Walter Kite who came and mobilized
20 people on the staff, and said, "Listen, we got to get
21 on board. We've got to continue to help our school to
22 grow," and he was such a great support to me during
23 that time and helped me to become successful in that
24 one year that I was there. And he went on to become
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2 an Assistant Principal, a Principal, a
3 superintendent, and in fact then became a consultant
4 with the Department of Education. So I'm so pleased
5 that Council Member Espinal got involved and made
6 this happen. Thank you so much.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all except
9 539A, 606B and 824A.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
16 all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

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

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. We all
24 know that Brooklyn is hot right now. It's exciting.
25 People are traveling from all over the world to

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2 experience what's so great about the borough of
3 Brooklyn, and there is so much to offer, but what we
4 often don't recognize are those trailblazers that
5 actually made Brooklyn what it is today. I am so
6 happy with the street co-namings to honor today Cecil
7 Collymore Way on Putman Avenue between Grand Avenue
8 and Downing Street. Mr. Collymore, incredible
9 entrepreneur at a time when no one really wanted to
10 invest in Brooklyn, where red-lining was the order of
11 the day and black-owned businesses were not given the
12 resources to open different businesses, Mr. Collymore
13 paved the way for what became one of the largest
14 well-known black-owned businesses in the borough of
15 Brooklyn, New York. And I am so proud today to be
16 joined by Mrs. Collymore, her daughter, Mrs. Bertha
17 Lewis, and many other friends and family that are
18 here today to recognize the street co-naming of Mr.
19 Cecil Collymore Way. I'd also like to recognize
20 Reverend Doctor Clarence Norman, Senior, and Ellen
21 Norman Way, which will be on 450 Eastern Parkway, the
22 intersection of Union Street and Eastern Parkway in
23 the borough of Brooklyn. We were so pleased that we
24 were able to recognize the work of Reverend Clarence
25 Norman, Senior for over 60 years of dedication to the

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2 Crown Heights community. Through the leadership they
3 have built up Crown Heights. They have also created
4 over 800 units of affordable housing, but shortly
5 after Mr. Reverend Doctor Clarence Norman's death,
6 his beloved First Lady Ellen Norman also passed away.
7 She was a significant women in the community. She
8 was our First Lady. She began her career at the
9 First Baptist Church of Williamsburg where she served
10 on the Usher Board. She and Mr. Norman, Mr. Doctor
11 Reverend Clarence Norman, were blessed with abundance
12 in their family which included six children, Clarence
13 Junior, Eddie, Kim, Beverly, Dawn, and Kendra. She
14 flourished in her roles as First Lady, and we are
15 happy that they worked together and on that
16 particular avenue they will always be together, and
17 their work will continue to flourish. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Your permission
21 to read four short paragraphs?

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Four?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Yeah, only four.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you,
3 Laurie [sic].

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Short.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I congratulate
6 my colleague, Council Member Mark Treyger, on the
7 passage of Reso 985. Councilman Treyger and I have
8 worked side by side on many issues such as this that
9 affect both our neighboring districts, and he
10 continues to be a tireless advocate on behalf of all
11 his constituents. The enormous support that this
12 resolution has from the City Council is a testament
13 to the significance of the boardwalk for all of New
14 York City. The Riegelmann Boardwalk has been one of
15 the most recognizable features in all of Brooklyn and
16 New York City since its opening in 1923. I am
17 optimistic that the passage of this resolution will
18 lead to a positive decision from the Landmarks
19 Commission and our boardwalk will be designated as a
20 landmark that we all know it to be. I thank all of my
21 colleagues for their support on our efforts. At this
22 time I'd like to vote no on Intro 539A, 606B, 824A,
23 and yes on the rest. Thank you.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Can I
6 have permission to explain my vote?

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I just
9 wanted to take the time to congratulate all of our
10 colleagues on their bills today and in particular
11 Council Member Cornegy, because he reminds us of how
12 important it is to have dads and men in the
13 conversation. Usually, one would think that women's
14 issues would be led by women, but breastfeeding is
15 something that's important to the entire family. And
16 as someone with a young child at home who found it
17 incredibly difficult to breastfeed because of just
18 not knowing where to go, I am just very proud to be a
19 part of this Council, and I thank Council Member
20 Cornegy for his leadership. I vote aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
24 all.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: May I explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you. I want to congratulate my colleague-- my colleagues, all the Council Members, Cornegy and Rose and Williams and Gibson and Garodnick and Torres, and I also want to congratulate my colleague Council Member Steve Levin on the passage of the 25 Kent Project which is a very innovative approach to combining manufacturing and commercial space. Was proud to work with him and Chair Richards and the Land Use staff to reach a very important agreement. I want to congratulate my colleague Council Member Mark Treyger on today's resolution to call upon the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate Riegelmann Boardwalk as a scenic landmark. Council Member Treyger has been tenacious in his advocacy. The message is clear, a united Council is asking the Administration to act. And finally, I just want to recognize and congratulate my colleagues. Today we will be designating seven individual landmarks and one historic district. The individual items were

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2 part of the Landmarks Preservation Commission Backlog
3 Initiative which is directly related to the
4 legislation that Chair Koo and I passed and was
5 signed into law a couple of weeks ago, which in fact
6 requires that Department, the Landmarks Preservation
7 Commission, actually run through the backlog. In
8 many cases, some of these items have been on for
9 decades. For example, the Pepsi-Cola sign in Long
10 Island City has been backlogged for 28 years, and
11 today we are finally voting to make that sign and six
12 other items and one other historic district
13 landmarks, which is a huge achievement. It's
14 something that would not have happened without the
15 support and cooperation of my colleagues and
16 especially the leadership of Chair Koo and Meenakshi
17 Srinivasan, the Chair of the Landmarks Preservation
18 Commission. With that, I hope folks enjoy the rest
19 of the summer until we're back here in August, and I
20 vote aye on all.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Johnson?
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I just want to
3 say I never heard Mark Tregyer talk about the Coney
4 Island Boardwalk before, so it's nice to finally hear
5 him discuss that. And with that, I vote aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Kallos?

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to
10 explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I want to
13 congratulate all my colleagues today on passing of
14 their legislation. Number of street signings that
15 are happening today we're voting on I'm ecstatic
16 about. The first one is Assembly Member Sam Bea who
17 served the 83rd Assembly District and did a fabulous
18 job, as well as my former Principal Reverend Doctor
19 Joseph Bell, Senior, who was the Principal of
20 Olinville Junior High School 113, that if you're in
21 the north Bronx you know about Principal Bell. And
22 finally, I have to-- with all praises to the most I
23 am thankful for, my dad Andy King, Senior who saved
24 many lives during the 70's and 80's that we'll be
25 doing a street renaming of Kings Five Way. That will

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2 resonate throughout the north Bronx and the City and
3 Westchester. So, thank you. Congratulations to all,
4 and I vote aye on all.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Madam Public
7 Advocate, may I explain my vote?

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: No, actually I
10 don't-- I want to congratulate Council Member Treyger
11 and Cornegy for passing important bills and
12 resolutions. I want to wish everyone a happy summer,
13 and I vote aye on all.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. And
15 happy summer to you, Council Member.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: As Co-Chair of
18 "The Men Who Get It" or "He for She Caucus" I am
19 proud to vote aye on all and especially for Robert
20 Cornegy's bill for all of our women to have access to
21 lactation rooms in our City facilities. Thank you.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?
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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Sure.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all and permission to explain my vote.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Sure.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very much, Madam Public Advocate. Today, among the street co-namings we are co-naming Hope Reichbach Way. Hope Reichbach was a phenomenal young leader dedicated to the betterment of her neighborhood and our city. Born and raised in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn, Hope was a champion for her community beginning at an early age. In high school she joined the NY Civil-- the New York Civil Liberties Union to successfully sue then Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the Department of Defense for improper military recruitment tactics to people under the age of 18. In a settlement, the DOD agreed to keep the limits established by Congress. They stopped collecting students' social security numbers and sharing their personal information and established an opt-out procedure for children and parents who do not want to be recruited by the military. A graduate of Hunter College and

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2 New York University, Hope joined my council staff in
3 2010 serving as a community liaison and
4 communications director. She's a very special and
5 unique woman who showed an extraordinary ability to
6 empathize with every individual she worked with,
7 including many here in this council and make their
8 issues her personal cause. To this day, constituents
9 come up to me to tell me how Hope helped them in
10 their time of need. Hope advocated for improved
11 street safety, foster small business growth and she
12 was very invested in ensuring that the residents of
13 the Gewanis Houses, Wyckoff Gardens and 572/574
14 Warren Street had proper resources and
15 representation. For example, she fought to preserve
16 the important neighborhood based childcare programs
17 at Bethel Baptist and Strong Place Daycare Programs.
18 Upon her passing and in honor of her efforts, Strong
19 Place voted to rename itself Strong Place for Hope
20 largely due to her efforts. It remains a thriving
21 childcare program in the Boerum Hill community today.
22 A New York City rising star, Hope died on April 28th,
23 2011 at the age of 22. Her legacy of active
24 leadership and communal responsibilities carried on
25 through the Hope Riechbach Fund, which provides local

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2 advocacy internships to college students based in New
3 York City. Hope was and always will be an integral
4 part of my office and our mission and her legacy of
5 community empowerment will continue to be felt for
6 many years to come. Thank you very much.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I explain my
12 vote?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I just want to
15 speak on two co-namings, Ingram and Geneva Montgomery
16 Way. These were two matriarchs of the community of
17 Bedford Stuyvesant when Brehort [sp?] Houses was
18 built, they were the first family that moved in, and
19 not only did they move in, they became the Chairman
20 of the Tenant Association. They made sure our
21 community stayed safe, and to this day, we still
22 doing everything that they did before. And Mr.
23 Ingram also served in World War II and did so much
24 for the community. And I have another one, Mr. John
25 Steptoe Way, in which he was-- he began drawing as a

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2 young man and served as-- his arts in high school,
3 arts and design. At the age of 18 he did his first
4 book named Stevie, a story based on the experience of
5 growing up at 840 Monroe Street in Bedford
6 Stuyvesant. He also received the Coretta Scott King
7 Award for illustrations from Mother Crocodile in
8 1982. Mr. Steptoe, since his death, he has exhibited
9 his art at the Transit Museum. His name has been
10 placed on the Brooklyn Botanical Garden Celebrity
11 Path. Public School 181 has been named John Lewis
12 Steptoe School. The Macon Library has a section
13 named after him. We have some phenomenal people in
14 our community, and without furthermore, I have to say
15 salute to the Norman Family Elenore [sic] Way, that
16 they have always been matriarchs of the community
17 just as well. And one thing I spoke at the Parks
18 Hearing, I have to say thanks for Tohma Y. Faulkner
19 Way. That was a "shero" in our community. I always
20 thought about here and Sheroni [sp?] Perry [sp?].
21 Made sure that we were fair and just in Bedford
22 Stuyvesant with all Land Use issues and the advocacy.
23 So, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: First, I want to congratulate Council Member Mark Treyger on land marking his boardwalk, but I just want to put out there that the Rockaway Boardwalk was rated number one in New York City.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Oh, none of that. None of that.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: And you know, although we're moving forward with this legislation, I object today, but I will vote aye on it. I also, in all seriousness, wanted to speak on Intros 539, 606 and 824 that require critical reporting on the NYPD's use of force which will allow us to get a better understanding of the day-to-day interactions our officers are having with the public across the City, in particular communities of color, and in today's climate it is critical that we have all the data necessary to help us to ensure that our police

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2 force is the best it can be, and many may not
3 remember, but without the Stop and Frisk reporting
4 that we had, we would have never known the extent of
5 the racial disparities that exist within the New York
6 City Police Department when it came to policing our
7 communities. So, while we on one hand, of course,
8 want to respect the police, we also need to-- the
9 respect of our Police Department as well in many of
10 our communities. And I'll just end with this on
11 that, you know, when-- you know, we are dealing with
12 robbers, some robbers in our communities and we're
13 dealing with some bad police officers in our
14 communities, our communities are caught in a
15 crossfire, two crossfires in one sense, which causes
16 more of a headache for our local community members
17 who want to report crime in particular to the Police
18 Department or want to have that stronger bond in
19 relationship with the Police Department. So, these
20 three pieces of legislation I want to commend my
21 colleagues, in particular Debbie Rose's legislation,
22 which is very important in ensuring that we can point
23 out where the bad apples are. We know that there are
24 some bad apples out there. There are more good cops
25 out there than bad cops, and we need to hold those

1 who are not adhering to the law accountable. I also
2 just ending want to acknowledge two interns that have
3 recently joined me, Tshfia [sp?] and Faisa [sp?], and
4 welcome them as well. On that, I vote aye on all,
5 including the Coney Island Boardwalk.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
8 explain my vote?
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10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you,
12 Speaker Mark-Viverito for leading the Council to be
13 one of those municipalities leading police reform. I
14 don't think that any Speaker has led a council in our
15 city to go so deep from police reform as you have
16 done it, being sure that we continue protecting the
17 men and women in the NYPD at the same time, that we
18 understand that the nation and therefore the City as
19 part of the nation, is into like epidemic when it
20 came to social justice. So, today, with those bills
21 that we are voting related to police and how to
22 interact with our communities, no doubt that one more
23 time you have shown your leadership. And for me, I'm
24 so proud to have you as a Speaker. With that, I vote
25 aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to explain my vote?

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. Among the 65 thoroughfares that are being co-named today, four of them are in my-- are proudly in my district. Olympic Silver Medalist Abel Kiviat Way will honor a 1912 Olympic Silver Medalist and former World Record holder in the 1,500 meter run. Peter Pellegrito Way will honor the Lead Associate in the Practiced Management Group of Axis Equitable whose death at the early age of 29 gave life to others when his kidneys, corneas, liver, and six heart valves were donated. Mark B. Herman Way will honor a friend of mine who was the leader of the progressive wing of the Democratic Party on Staten Island for 50 years and was one of the longest serving members of Community Board One and one of the longest serving members of Democratic Counties Committees in all of New York State history. And Joseph Russo Way will honor a local entrepreneur and philanthropist who owned numerous businesses such as a used car lot, a pizzeria, an ice cream shop, a trucking company, a

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2 limousine company, and an Italian restaurant. These
3 four men have enriched my district in the City as a
4 whole, and today's co-namings honors their legacies
5 for generations to come. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: And I vote aye on
8 all.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: It is my
15 distinct honor to support co-naming the northeast
16 corner of Columbus Avenue and West 91st Street in
17 honor of John L. Nelson. John Nelson, or Jay as he
18 was known, was an institution at Public School 84 for
19 more than three decades. He was officially in charge
20 of school safety, but as his students and their
21 families are quick to attest, he consistently went
22 above and beyond his formal responsibilities.
23 Outside of school, he could be found at the local
24 playground down the block helping kids to play sports
25 and develop sportsmanship. Throughout it all, he

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2 took an interest not just in the children's safety,
3 but in their lives, playing the part of coach, mentor
4 and role model. I want to take this opportunity to
5 recognize those who have worked tirelessly to honor
6 Jay's legacy, especially his loving wife Fran who is
7 in the Chambers today. It is my hope that this
8 street co-naming will be a lasting monument to the
9 overwhelming appreciation that Upper Westsiders
10 continue to feel for Jay and the influence he had on
11 our community. I proudly vote yes on the street co-
12 namings and on all other bills.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
15 explain my vote?

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: First, I would be
18 remiss if I didn't give a shout out to Public
19 Advocate Letitia James who came out in the rain
20 during a rally to support the Coney Island Boardwalk,
21 and we truly appreciate that, Public Advocate. Thank
22 you for your support.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Second, to my
25 great colleague from the Rockaway's Coney Island,

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2 Donovan Richards, Coney Island would be more than
3 happy to donate concrete to your beautiful boardwalk.
4 I want to congratulate all my colleagues on their
5 bills. I also want to just note that we're passing
6 today, and I want to appreciate the Land Use Chair
7 and the Committee and staff. We're land marking Lady
8 Moody, a historic home in Gravesend. I want to thank
9 the advocates for their support. And today actually
10 happens to be National Hot Dog Day, and we're
11 actually-- one of the street co-namings that we're
12 passing today is after Nathan and Ida Handwerker, the
13 founders of Nathan's. Yes, the founders of the
14 original iconic Nathans on Surf and Still Avenue in
15 Coney Island.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any samples?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Handwerker, not
18 Hamburger, Way. Also in my district we are co-naming
19 a street after Captain Michael E. Berdy who was a
20 distinguished member of our armed forces killed in
21 the line of duty, and we pray for him and his family.
22 And third, after Pastor Debbie Santiago, who was a
23 very instrumental spiritual and educational leader in
24 the Coney Island community that ran a very large food
25 pantry to help those in need. So, with that, I vote

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2 aye on all, and I once again congratulate all my
3 colleagues on their bills today.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Okay. I'm voting
6 aye on all with the exception of 539A, 606B and 824A.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

8 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Madam Advocate,
9 moment to explain my vote?

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Today, included
12 in Intro 1227 is the renaming of 204th Street between
13 32nd Avenue and 203rd Place to Coach Stephen
14 Piorkowski Way. If you just look up into the
15 balcony, his beloved wife Susan Hayes is with us.
16 Thank you, Susan, for sharing your husband with us.
17 Thank you very much. Coach Stephen was for years,
18 many, many years, a beloved coach at Bayside High
19 School. He was a physical education since 1991. He
20 turned the Bayside High School's school Lady
21 Commodores into a city dynasty for softball and a
22 powerhouse for girls' basketball, coaching the teams
23 for almost 23 years. These programs are one of the
24 most respected programs in the City of New York, and
25 for decades these teams have made our City's playoffs

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2 with deep runs into the championships. He was
3 honored by Bayside High School on the field to the
4 Met's home game against the Reds recently, and our
5 most recent Bayside High School Spirit Award at the
6 80th anniversary, a celebration of Bayside High
7 School. Susan and her daughter Catherine shared
8 their dad and their husband with us, and we are very,
9 very thankful for that. I was-- in talking to Susan,
10 I would say probably the moments for him was coaching
11 his daughter Catherine, and seeing her still pitch
12 just last night in a softball game as a fellow coach
13 of my kids, there is no greater love than seeing your
14 kids follow you. So, thank you for that, and thank
15 you to Community Board 11 who unanimously passed this
16 and to Matt Silverstein for bringing it through his
17 passion to this point. I also wanted to thank Mr.
18 Kim from KACE who Peter Koo mentioned before. The
19 Korean American Civic Empowerment organization is in
20 my district, and they've had over 30 students today.
21 And for my fellow Council Members, you'd be happy to
22 know they are the face of our future generation of
23 community advocacy and the voting and immigration
24 rights, and it was great to see all the students
25 today. We even shared some fun doing some Pokémon

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2 hunting around City Hall. So, I found a couple of
3 good spots if there's somebody who wants to find some
4 legendary Pokémons here. And I vote aye on all.
5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Congrats to my
9 colleagues. Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 539A, 606B,
12 24A. Yes on the rest.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: I'd like to
15 acknowledge all of those who are here today to
16 witness the passage of the omnibus co-naming bill.
17 We acknowledge the Piorkowski family, the Nelson
18 family, former Assembly Member Clarence Norman,
19 Junior, and the Norman family, the Collymore family,
20 Sherani [sp?] Perry [sp?], representatives of
21 Community Board Three, and all of those who are int--
22 and all of the-- and all others who are interested in
23 the passage of the co-naming bill. We'd like to
24 acknowledge all of our interns and our visitors, and
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2 I hope that you are enjoying the proceedings thus far
3 as we await the results. Council Member Barron?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, just to
5 correct my vote, I'm voting no on LU 14 and the
6 accompanying Reso. I don't think that we should be
7 giving publicity to Pepsi-Cola through their sign.
8 Thank you.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All
10 items on today's General Order Calendar were adopted
11 by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
12 abstentions with the exception of Intro 539A which
13 was adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 4
14 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 606B which is
15 adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 4
16 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 824A which was
17 adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 4
18 negative and 0 abstentions, and LU 414 which is
19 adopted by a vote 42 in the affirmative, 1 negative
20 and 0 abstentions, and the revised Land Use Call-ups
21 vote is 43 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.
22 Introduction and reading of bills?

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are
24 referred to committees as indicated in the agenda.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now we'd like
3 to vote on the resolution, a resolution calling upon
4 the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
5 to designation the Riegelmann Boardwalk in the
6 borough of Brooklyn, Coney Island as a scenic
7 landmark pursuant to Section 3020 of the New York
8 City Charter. All of those in favor say aye.

9 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Any opposed? I
11 dare you. Any opposed? Any abstentions? The aye's
12 have it. And now General Discussion beginning with
13 Council Member Inez Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
15 Public Advocate. Earlier in our--

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
17 We're still in session. If you are exiting, please
18 exit quietly. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Earlier in our
20 deliberations we cited the police killings of Alton
21 Sterling and brother Castile, but I want to call this
22 body's attention to the police killing in New York
23 City in Brooklyn of the unarmed Delrawn "Small"
24 Dempsey who was killed by off-duty police officer
25 Wayne Isaacs. In initial reports the officer claimed

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2 that he was repeatedly hit in the head and face and
3 that he feared for his life and that's why he fired
4 his gun. Not so. Surveillance cameras showed
5 brother Delrawn Small who had been traveling with his
6 family apparently after some vehicular interaction
7 get out of his car and approach Officer Isaac's
8 personal vehicle. Instantaneously, as shown in the
9 video, he was shot three times causing his death.
10 Subsequently, Officer Isaacs got out of his car calm,
11 cool, walked towards the body, never inspected to see
12 what the condition of the person might be, holstered
13 his weapon, then went back to his car. Police
14 Officer Wayne Isaacs has a history of misconduct. The
15 City settled a suit against him for 20,000 dollars.
16 Unfortunately, now the family of Delrawn Small joins
17 the families of others such as Anthony Baez, Akai
18 Gurley who were unarmed and killed by police
19 officers. We can go through the list from A to Z,
20 Amadu [sp?] to Zongal [sp?]. The list is growing.
21 Finally, regarding the "Right to Know" bills which
22 will codify the requirement for police officers to
23 identify themselves and to gain informed consent to
24 search which is in accord with the White House DOG
25 Taskforce recommendations. I call on the majority of

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2 my colleagues who have signed onto this bill to
3 continue support and to bring it to the floor for a
4 vote. To do otherwise would be a miscarriage of the
5 trust of the people who voted us into office and to
6 represent their interests. We have seen that we
7 cannot--

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
9 Council Member, can you please bring your comments to
10 a close.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, thank you.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: We have seen that
14 we cannot depend on those who have violated us to
15 punish those who continue to break the law. Those
16 who have been convicted and found to have used choke-
17 holds are only losing vacation days. We cannot allow
18 that to continue. We cannot trust the Commissioner
19 who believes in the Moynihan Report, who disrespects
20 this body--

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
22 Council Member--

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: to in fact
24 protect our interests. Thank you, Madam Public
25 Advocate.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
3 Council Member Steve Levin?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
5 much Madam Public Advocate. First, I want to welcome
6 the mother of Hope Reichbach who has joined us in the
7 Chambers this afternoon, Ellen Meyers [sp?]. I also
8 want to acknowledge interns that are with me this
9 summer, Faith Arthur [sp?], Silas Turner, Anna
10 Sanchez, Ivan Mendez, Cameron Decker, and Adele
11 Clemmons [sp?]. My colleagues, I rise today to speak
12 for a moment about the events of the past two weeks
13 in Baton Rouge, Falcon Hills, and Dallas in which
14 seven individuals, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile
15 and Dallas Law Enforcement Officers Brent Thompson,
16 Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Loren Ahrens, and
17 Michael Smith were killed. These events have shaken
18 our national consciousness and they have pained the
19 souls of all Americans with good will. It hurts our
20 conscience to grapple with the fact that here in 2016
21 in our time these deaths have occurred and that they
22 seem to tear at the bonds that hold us together as a
23 country with common aspirations. As we walk forward,
24 I believe it is essential that we all take the time
25 to make the important realization that all of our

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2 points of view are valid, that all of our pain is
3 real, and that we share in common more than any
4 differences that we have. As President Obama so
5 eloquently said, we must acknowledge the structural
6 bias in our criminal justice system that is all too
7 often criminalizes black and brown people just
8 because of the color of their skin and that racism in
9 the United States is older than our public, and that
10 much of our country was founded on the backs of black
11 people enslaved against their will a mere few
12 generations ago, and that legacy of racism is not
13 gone today by a long shot. We must also recognize
14 that the vast and overwhelming majority of police and
15 law enforcement officers have chosen a life and
16 career that is dedicated to keeping the rest of us
17 safe and secure. They are not doing it to make a lot
18 of money or glory or adulation. They are doing it
19 and putting themselves in harm's way every day to
20 serve their fellow citizens by ensuring their safety
21 and security. Let us not forget that the five police
22 officers that were killed last week in Dallas were
23 there to protect a peaceful rally. In my six year on
24 this Council--

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
3 Council Member?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Just one more
5 moment. I have gotten to know however briefly the
6 families of three NYPD officers from the 84th
7 Precinct in Downtown Brooklyn who were killed in the
8 line of duty, Ellen Shawburger [sp?], Rafael Ramos
9 and Wen Chen Lieu [sp?], and I have seen the pain in
10 their hearts and have understood that their grief for
11 their son, brother and husband and father not only
12 does not go away, but it does not diminish. I've
13 also gotten to know the families of Nicholas Hayward
14 [sp?] and Briana O'Hay [sp?], two children who died
15 due to police actions. Their grief does not go away
16 nor does it diminish. As we walks forward let us
17 reaffirm one another's humanity and recognize one
18 another's pain, and in doing so repair those stitches
19 that bind us together.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
22 much, Madam Public Advocate.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
24 Cumbo?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Public
3 Advocate. I want to acknowledge that I've been joined
4 with my interns, Milan Burgess [sp?], Keith Duhani
5 [sp?] and Zoe Starky [sp?], and I'd also like to
6 acknowledge Reverend Bloodsaw [sp?] who is here on
7 behalf of the Clarence Norman Street renaming with
8 Ellen Norman. Last week has been a horrific
9 nightmare that has played out for many right before
10 our eyes on television, social media, rallies, and
11 protests as well as offline conversations, but what
12 we know is that what we've seen play out on
13 television happens far too often but it's just not
14 captured on a cellphone or a video. I'm proud to be
15 a part of a legislation in this particular body where
16 we are working to move the needle on police reform as
17 well as to end many of the things that create black
18 on black violence in our communities. But what can
19 we do to legislate a Police Department from killing a
20 young man in a stairwell, selling CD's or cigarettes,
21 riding in a car with his girlfriend and four-year-old
22 daughter? This is beyond personal for me. I've
23 watched over this week enraged, angry, hurt,
24 depressed, stunned, and hopeless. Black love is so
25 rare in our community that to see someone, to have to

1 witness-- their four-year-old daughter have to
2 witness the killing of someone that they affiliated
3 as their father and their girlfriend and their mother
4 in a car-- we've endured so much. From colonization,
5 Trans-Atlantic slave trade where we were breded
6 [sic] like animals, Jim Crow, segregation, apartheid,
7 and gentrification, but we are still here. But to
8 see and hear that video and to see a four-year-old
9 girl have to say, "It's okay, Mommy. I'm right here
10 with you." really destroys us. To destroy love, the
11 most powerful force we have, and to continue to
12 traumatize a nation, we are literally destroying this
13 world. We can't undo the damage that has been done
14 this week, and I say that on both sides, but it
15 shouldn't be both sides. We should be one nation.
16 The level of brutality that innocent men and women
17 has gone beyond what the human spirit can personally
18 endure, and we have to make real change. We have to
19 make the type of change that creates the dynamic
20 where we can all live in a country where we are all
21 equal and not have to fear for our lives. Black
22 women should not have to feel like having a son is
23 going to be a death sentence for that young man and
24 have to wonder everyday are they going to come home.
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2 So I just want to implore all of my colleagues and
3 all of us that we have to continue to dig deeper, so
4 much deeper in order to create the change that we
5 need to see. When I see that at Sandra Bland's
6 anniversary one year after she died, it's just too
7 much for anybody. Thank you.

8 [applause]

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I'm going to ask
10 that as we engage in this discussion and as people
11 are expressing themselves that we suspend the time.
12 I would like people to be able to express themselves
13 without a time limitation.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: From pain to
15 purpose, from struggle to resilience. Council Member
16 Richards.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you, and
18 thank you, Laurie, for that. So, I wanted to just
19 speak on a young man who I met around 15 years ago.
20 We were young men starting college together and he
21 was actually my roommate, and I actually walked to
22 the City Council probably close to 13 years ago after
23 the murder of one of my childhood friends, and he
24 followed right behind me, except he lived in Harlem
25 and ended up working for Council Member Inez Dickens

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2 for some time, and he's been here I think a little
3 bit over eight years officially in the Council, and
4 he's leaving me now, my Deputy Chief of Staff Jarrell
5 Burney [sp?]. I want to acknowledge him for all of
6 the work that he's done not only for my office but
7 for this body. He's moved so many different facets
8 in my office from working on the Air Code to working
9 on the People's Climate March, to contribute into the
10 discussion on the Mayor's One New York City Plan,
11 from working on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and
12 the Zoning for Quality for Affordability, to helping
13 found actually a Greener NYC, even though I get the
14 credit. It actually was his. He came up with this
15 great idea, which has now grown into a two million
16 dollar initiative, in particular, in the City Council
17 which is focusing on environmental education and
18 legislation and policies and cleaning and different
19 things of that nature. So, I wanted to thank him for
20 all of his hard work in my office. He's a man with
21 so much character, and for us to be in this body, I
22 mean, if you would have seen us in college, no one
23 would have thought that we would be sitting where
24 we're sitting today and affecting policy in this
25 city, you know, young black men from the inner city

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2 who would be considered "at risk." We were both
3 considered "at risk" young black males, and I'm happy
4 to call him a friend, always to call him a brother.
5 This year has been very tough on him. He lost his
6 mother. He lost his grandmother and his cousin all
7 in like a five-month span, but he hung in there, and
8 he served this city. He served my office with
9 diligence, answered everybody's' questions, has
10 always been cordial with the staff and members here,
11 and I'm sorely going to miss him as he leaves the
12 City Council to go on to do better things. It is a
13 loss for me, but a gain even more so for the world,
14 and I'm happy to not just say he's a staffer once
15 again, but a brother for life, and I want him to know
16 anything he ever needs that I will be for him as we
17 move along. And with that, I want to say thank you,
18 Jarrell. God bless you. Thank you. Thank you.
19 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for being there for
20 me.

21 [applause]

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
23 Williams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

25 First, I want to thank my interns for their work this

1 year. I'm going to mispronounce some of their names.
2 I apologize in advance. Shibego Ivy [sp?], Evita
3 Morrow [sp?], Gabriella Chulamoba [sp?], Alliah Simon
4 Felix [sp?], Kwami Green [sp?], Brianna Simmons
5 [sp?], Simi Akansanya [sp?], Athena Roberts [sp?],
6 Treon McGee [sp?], Kimani Abzong [sp?], Blake Dior
7 [sp?], Jesse Agnue [sp?], Isaiah Snipe [sp?], Abdul
8 Ula [sp?], Christopher Green, and Aretha Crosser
9 [sp?]. I also want to thank Alicia Brown who's
10 leaving to be living in South Carolina from the
11 central staff. She was the co-author of the Fair
12 Chance Act, and I want to thank her for the work she
13 did on that. I also want to call up my colleagues to
14 please sign on to the Right to Record Act that's
15 being introduced. I'm introducing it with Council
16 Member Rosenthal. The Right to Record prohibits
17 officers from preventing or attempting to prevent the
18 recording of police activities, threatening or making
19 any effort to intimidate a person recording,
20 stopping, seizing, searching, issuing any summons,
21 seizing property or instruments. The bill expands
22 already existing Constitutional rights that Americans
23 have to take photographs and video or other
24 recordings of activity that is plainly visible from
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1 public spaces. The problem is that the right is
2 often ignored. This bill gives the opportunity to
3 pursue a private lawsuit based on the specific City
4 statutes that lays out the conditions and the
5 instances where the act is violated. The bill is not
6 about the police. It's about protecting the public
7 and the police. The bill does not give people the
8 right to physically interfere with any official or
9 lawful police function. I do want to thank Council
10 Member Cumbo for expressing the emotion that many of
11 us share. Obviously it's been a trying few weeks.
12 To me, some of the most prominent comments came when
13 the Police Chief said poignantly we are asking police
14 to do too much. That is what needs to be addressed,
15 I believe, along with of course racism and
16 prejudicial structures that have been problematic in
17 this country, but we are asking police officers to do
18 too much. They cannot fix all the problems in these
19 communities, and it sets up-- what it sets up is
20 always going to be unless we bring other resources to
21 those communities that have been denied those
22 communities structurally I believe based on race for
23 far too long. At first it was on purpose, and now
24 it's just a part of the fabric, that we have to be
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2 honest when we're talking about these things, and I'm
3 going to end with-- imagine the trauma you heard
4 talked about from people in this body as adults. Now
5 imagine the trauma of an 18-year-old who experiences
6 this, who sees this on TV every single day, who sees
7 what's going on when no one's held accountable, goes
8 home to a substandard apartment, can't speak to his
9 mom because she's working two and three jobs. His
10 dad may be locked up because of arcane drug laws.
11 Someone-- he goes outside with some new sneakers and
12 someone steps on it. What do you think is going to
13 happen? This is a cycle that needs to be broken. We
14 need to be honest about what's going on and get in
15 there and deal with it. I tweeted out a comment that
16 I want to end with was, "I mourn sincerely for the
17 loss of lives of those officers because I recognize
18 that humanity some families did not have their family
19 member come home. The problem is I don't believe
20 that people mourn with me for the black bodies that
21 were lost a few days earlier." Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
23 Koo?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you, Madam
25 Public Advocate. I feel very sad about this innocent

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2 black people being killed by police all over the
3 country in the last couple weeks. These killings
4 reflect symptoms of our society, either socioeconomic
5 or educational, all these things, but I think Speaker
6 Mark-Viverito did the right thing by tabling the
7 bills that would have imposed legal mandates on how
8 NYPD officers interact with the public. Now is not a
9 good time to micromanage NYPD. The majority of
10 police work hard and are really courageous to protect
11 the public. If we set these mandates now it would
12 discourage people. Not this-- I'm sorry. It would
13 discourage police work their best [sic], because they
14 will be afraid to do their job. So, now, we should
15 give the Police Commissioner time to develop policy
16 and rules, because I believe the Commissioner has a
17 lot of experience, and he will be a good Commissioner
18 to handle this. So, I felt really bad when Council
19 Member Cumbo crying. My heart sank. I have the same
20 feeling as both of our members. This is a very sad
21 day for our Council, especially so many innocent
22 people get killed by overzealous police. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
24 Cornegy?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Madam
3 Public Advocate. I just want to take a moment to
4 speak briefly about Tohma Faulkner who we'll be
5 naming Tohma Faulkner Way in Bedford Stuyvesant. I
6 have a few notes of who she was and what she
7 represented and meant to our community. There are
8 far too many to list in a short period of time that
9 I'm allowed here today, but I'll do my best to stay
10 within the context. Tohma Y. Faulkner served as the
11 Second Vice President-- Second Vice Chair on
12 Community Board Three and also served on the Board of
13 Directors for the Vanguard Urban Improvement
14 Association. She was the former President of the
15 Brownstoners and was a member of the steering
16 committee for Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway Business
17 Improvement District and was also very involved with
18 the Bethany Baptist Church. She was also one of the
19 founders of Bed-Stuy Alive, a week-long festival
20 promoting tourism and stimulating community pride by
21 introducing thousands of people to the growing array
22 of restaurants, retail shops, businesses, art, and
23 history at one of the largest African-American
24 communities in the United States. She also received
25 many awards such as the Ladies of Weeksville [sic]

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2 Service Award, Bed-Stuy Cooperative Service Award,
3 and the Bed-Stuy Alive Leadership Award. The Tohma
4 Y. Faulkner Community Award is given to New York
5 residents whose dedications and contributions to Bed-
6 Stuy community embody her legacy. Her street will be
7 named. The street is Decatur Street between Troop
8 and Marcus Garvey, and her family is here, and we
9 thank you for your continued service even in Tohma's
10 absence. I was going to say something terminal--
11 very personal about Tohma and my relationship, but
12 I'll refrain from that at this time and discuss it at
13 another time. Those of you who know, know why.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
15 Johnson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
17 Public Advocate. I did not plan on speaking today,
18 but I'm glad I stuck around for the General
19 Discussion section of today's stated meeting. I feel
20 very moved by of course the remarks by Council Member
21 Cumbo, but anyone that has spoken about the trauma
22 and pain that we have all experienced over the last
23 10 days or so, and I think it's important for anyone,
24 even if you are not an African-American, a person of
25 color in this city or in this country, but someone

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2 that ran for office and is involved in social and
3 criminal justice to stand up and be heard in times
4 like these. And for me, I can't understand what it's
5 like. It's impossible, but I have to acknowledge
6 that the country that we live in, the media landscape
7 that we face, we white Americans in many ways are
8 conditioned to believe certain things. We are told
9 over and over through the news that we should be
10 afraid, that we should be suspect, and that we should
11 be scared of people who are neighbors and friends and
12 who are our fellow human beings, and to hear the pain
13 over this past week from the victim's families and
14 just from ordinary, everyday people that are trying
15 to make sense of all this just reminds me that we
16 have to acknowledge the trauma that's involved in all
17 of us witnessing this and the healing that is needed,
18 and in no way to diminish the important work we do as
19 a legislative body, but real change does not come
20 through passing legislation. Real change comes
21 through changing hearts and minds. Real changes
22 comes through reconciliation and forgiveness and
23 understanding and compassion and the Golden Rule,
24 which is treat others how you would like to be
25 treated yourself. And so I can't imagine what it's

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2 like as some of my colleagues have said, people who
3 are new fathers like my friend Donovan Richards, to
4 have to worry about his son growing up or Council
5 Member Barron's new grandson Solomon. I don't have
6 to think about things like that, and so I am glad
7 that I get to serve in probably the most diverse
8 municipal legislative body in the United States of
9 America where hopefully I can learn more from my
10 colleagues and understand more how I can be not just
11 a better City Council Member, but a better human
12 being. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
14 Council Member Torres?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye on
16 all.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on
19 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote
20 of 44 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
21 abstentions with the exception of Intro 539A which
22 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 4 in
23 the negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 606B which
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25 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro 824A which was

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2 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 4 in the
3 negative and 0 abstentions, and Land Use 414 which
4 was adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 1
5 negative and 0 abstentions, and the revised Land Use
6 Call-Ups vote was 44 in the affirmative, 0 in the
7 negative. And to my Council Member, Council Member
8 Cumbo, just be assured that when you go through the
9 deep waters, he will always be with you. Let us
10 close with the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I want to thank
12 all my colleagues for expressing themselves and
13 sharing their thoughts on a difficult week, and so we
14 are looking in this Council, we've been-- some of us
15 have been having conversations of how do we create a
16 space within the institution of the Council to really
17 provide an opportunity for everyone to express
18 themselves, to have a safe space in which a lot of
19 the emotion can be processed and felt. I don't think
20 any one of us have been immune to the emotions that
21 have resulted out of what has transpired in the last
22 week. I know I have not been immune to that. So, I
23 want to thank everyone that has expressed themselves.
24 We do an incredible amount of great work on behalf of
25 this city and there's a lot of responsibility that we

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2 bear with that, but it is the thing to do. So, we
3 want to create an opportunity for everyone to feel
4 validated in expressing themselves in whatever way
5 they feel comfortable. So, that is something that
6 we're working on, and hopefully we can provide that
7 space to not only members but to the staff themselves
8 who work on our behalf each and every day. So, thank
9 you all very much. It really is a privilege to serve
10 with each and every one of you. Thank you.

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