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

Reverend Dr. Eun Joo Kim
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2 [sound check, pause]

3 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay, we have two
4 ceremonials today. So any members that want to come
5 up and join us. The first is by Council Member
6 Grodenchik who is giving a proclamation, and we're
7 doing a ceremony for Rabbi Albert Thaler, retiring
8 after 60 years of service as a rabbi, Temple Gates of
9 Prayer in Flushing. [applause] That is quite a few
10 years of service, Rabbi. Thank you so much, and I'll
11 pass it off to Council Member Grodenchik.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you,
13 Madam Speaker. It's kind of bittersweet for me today
14 and for the members of the congregation who have
15 joined us. We're joined by the Rabbi's wife Shirley
16 Thaler, by one of our past presidents, our current
17 treasurer Susan Smith, Gale Budianski (sp?) who runs
18 the place, and we are also joined today by a woman
19 whose name should be familiar to most of you, Morgan
20 Lancman who was a judge of the Civil Court who is
21 also a congregant at Gates of Prayer and her two
22 daughters were bar mitvahed there. So, Judge, thank
23 you for joining with us. We live in an era that's
24 uncertain. We live in an era that many of us have
25 worked hard to bring people together, and that's

2 really a rabbi's job to bring people together and, my
3 rabbi, who's been my rabbi for almost 15 years now.
4 Flushing is a unique place, and we're joined, of
5 course, by the Flushing Councilman Peter Koo who is
6 here with us today, but so many groups come and seek
7 the wisdom of Rabbi Thaler. We have a Seek Center
8 across the street, and one of his favorite places,
9 and I talk about this a lot, is the Bowne House,
10 which around the corner, down the block from our
11 synagogue, which is one of the homes of religious
12 freedom and tolerance in-in the new world, and
13 certainly in this great nation of ours, and Rabbi,
14 it's been a long time. He originally was from the
15 Bronx. He's been in Queens for a long, long time.
16 If he has one flaw that I have been able to find, he
17 is a Yankee fan. [laughter] That's-that's the
18 problem, [applause] but other than that, we all love
19 him. We adore him, and we wish him well after over
20 60 years in Flushing, 37 of them at Gates of Prayer
21 and the rest at what was the Queensborough Hill
22 Jewish Center along the Expressway. I guess the
23 Clerk should read the proclamation, Madam Speaker.

24 CLERK: Council City of New York
25 Proclamation

2 The Council of the City of New York is
3 proud to honor Rabbi Albert Thaler upon his
4 retirement for 60 years of outstanding leadership and
5 service to our community; and

6 Whereas, Rabbi Thaler was ordained at the
7 Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he also
8 earned a master's degree in Hebrew Literature. In
9 1988, the Seminary also awarded him a Doctor of
10 Divinity degree Anorous Quazo (sp?); and

11 Whereas, in 1954, Rabbi Thaler was hired
12 to lead the Queensborough Hill Jewish Center. It was
13 inspired choice. For the next 26 years he and the
14 Center grew together in age, wisdom and
15 accomplishments. Even in those early years he was
16 very active in the affairs of the Rabbinical
17 Assembly, the United Synagogue and the New York
18 Region of the National Federation of Jews Men's
19 clubs. He also served as Chairman to the United
20 Synagogue's Committee on Hebrew School Education, on
21 its Committee on Adult Education, and as a member or
22 the Solomon Schnecter School Board of Education and
23 its Subcommittee on Jewish Studies; and

24 Whereas, Rabbi Thaler was an early
25 activist in the cause of freeing Soviet Jewry.

2 Serving as Co-chair of the first mass rally held at
3 Madison Square Garden in 1965. He served as President
4 of the Queen Rabbinical Assembly and the President of
5 the Metropolitan Council of the Rabbinical Assembly;
6 and

7 Whereas, in 1971, Dr. Gershon Cohen then
8 Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary asked
9 Rabbi Thaler to serve as the director of the Ramah
10 Day Camp in Nyack. He accepted the invitation and
11 devoted 27 summers to developing the program, which
12 remains a model for day camps with in the Ramah
13 network. When he retired that assignment, he
14 received the Rabbi Max Arts Distinguished Rabbinic
15 Service Award. At Ramah he educated and inspired a
16 generation of children, teens, and young adults; and

17 Whereas, since 1980, Rabbi Thaler has
18 guided the community of Flushing as Rabbi for Temple
19 Gates of Prayer. Over the course of the last 37
20 years, Rabbi Thaler has engendered a strong sense of
21 community within the congregation. He guided its
22 transition to becoming an Egalitarian participatory
23 congregation, and taught its members how to celebrate
24 and enjoy Jewish life. His creative innovative and
25 outreach programs energized the congregation-

2 congregation touching the lives of you and old alike.
3 Now, at this special milestone it is fitting that we
4 celebrate Rabbi Thaler not merely for the length of
5 his tenure, but for the tremendously positive impact
6 he has had upon so many lives. He has exemplified
7 the spirit tikkun olam in all of his endeavors, and
8 is worthy of the esteem of all New Yorkers.

9 Now, therefore, be it known that the New
10 York City Council is very proud to honor Rabbi Albert
11 Thaler for 60 years of outstanding serve [applause]
12 to Temple Gates of Prayer and to the community at
13 large. [background comments]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: [off mic] And
15 I'll hold it to you and, and you'd like to say-- [on
16 mic] I'm asking the Rabbi to say a few words. He's
17 very dangerous, but Rabbi, please.

18 RABBI THALER: Sometimes I wonder if
19 you're talking about me. [laughter] I want to
20 express my gratitude and thanks to Councilman-

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Garodnick.

22 RABBI THALER: Grodenchik [laughs] I am
23 proud that the two councilmen are members of
24 congregation, Council Member Rory Lancman and Barry
25 Grodenchik are both two of my congregants. I am

2 pleased that Councilman Peter Koo is the Councilman
3 where we live, and how can I begin to express thanks
4 to my wife who's been on this journey [applause] and
5 some of the people from our congregation. Just a
6 word or two. It's really quite an honor to receive
7 this recognition especially for a kid who grew up and
8 lived his whole life in New York City. I was born in
9 Brooklyn. [background comments] I was raised in
10 Manhattan. I went to school in Manhattan. I was
11 ordained at the seminary in Manhattan. I played
12 stickball in the streets of New York City. I played
13 in the parks of New York City, the libraries. The
14 city has been very good to us and good to me. I
15 served my whole professional career as a clergyman in
16 the Borough of Queens, and I cannot help but think,
17 go back to a moment in history in the year 1654 about
18 360 some odd years ago when the first 23 storm-tossed
19 Jews arrived in New Amsterdam, and to—and they were
20 unwelcome and the governor tried to expel them, and
21 they were held hostage in a sense. Their belongings
22 were auctioned off to pay the captain of the ship
23 that brought them to New Amsterdam. Twenty-three
24 Jews who were not welcome, and here stands a Jew in
25 the seat of government being honored for his service

2 to the Jewish community. It is—I am terribly
3 humbled. Thank you very much. [applause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you,
5 Rabbi, thank you Madam Speaker and thank you to all
6 my colleagues for joining us today. [background
7 comments]

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you so
9 much.

10 RABBI THALER: Thank you very much.
11 [background comments, pause] Alright, our next and
12 final ceremonial today is by Council Member Miller.
13 [background comments] This is Eagle Academy of
14 Southeast Queens Football champion team
15 [cheers/applause] [background comments] Alright.
16 Come on up. We can get on both sides. If some of
17 you can go on the right here. Thank you so much.
18 [background comments] I know, right. Alright, this
19 is a ceremonial sponsored and hosted by Council
20 Member Miller. So I'll give him the mic. [background
21 comments, laughter, pause]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Okay. Good
23 afternoon everybody. So it—it as—as I see Reynoso
24 back here somewhere. Two years ago—two years ago
25 his—the team from his district beat my high school al

2 mater, and-and-yeah, and so I told you we were coming
3 back right? [cheers/applause] So-so now we came
4 back with something. So it really gives me great
5 honor and pleasure to-to really present a team that
6 is more than just a championship football team to
7 really-to present an educational success story in the
8 Eagle Academy, but today we want to talk about Eagle
9 Academy 3 in Southeast Queens. We want to talk about
10 the PSAL 2016 Cup undefeated champions Eagle Academy.
11 [cheers/applause] So what makes this so special is
12 that this is their second year in the league. Second
13 year in the league. This is their-is this the first
14 graduating class? This is their first-June will be
15 their first graduating class, and this is their
16 second year in the league. [cheers/applause] And-
17 and that is phenomenal. What-what-what makes this
18 even more important is that I've watched some of
19 these young men when they were in junior high school,
20 and they-they didn't win much at all. [laughter]
21 When I say they didn't win much at all, they didn't,
22 but they stuck together, they played together, they
23 persevered and in their first year in the league they
24 made the playoffs. The second year they came back
25 and they are now undefeated champions, and that

2 really is a testimony [applause] to preserve in-to
3 Coach Williams, Assistant Coach Sterling, Principal
4 Hamilton and the Athletic Director Allen, and the
5 parents and community that really supported this
6 team. We are very, very proud of what you have
7 accomplished in a very short period of time. We are
8 looking forward to their continued excellence, and
9 not this academic, and-and football, but certainly in
10 academics, and we want to honor you here today. So if
11 there's any parents and members from the community,
12 just know that these young men in a very short period
13 of time have really persevered and-and accomplished
14 some-some great things and-and the bar is really high
15 coach. So, I'm going to read the proc, and so
16 congratulations to each and every one. Looking
17 forward to great things and those who are moving onto
18 the college ranks are certainly looking forward to
19 great things and Antonio you've got your work cut out
20 for you right? [laughter]

21 CLERK: Council City of New York
22 Proclamation

23 The Council of the New York is proud to
24 honor and congratulate the Eagle Academy 3 Football
25 team for winning the 2016 Public Schools Athletic

2 League Cup Championship and salutes its coaches, team
3 members, parents and guardians and the principal of
4 Eagle Academy 3 of St. Albans, Queens, Matthew
5 Hamilton and Athletic Director Tommy Allen; and

6 Whereas, the first Eagle Academy was
7 founded in the Bronx in 2004 by David C. Banks to
8 create excellent character in its students through
9 outstanding scholastic achievement—

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
11 down, keep it down, keep it down, please.

12 CLERK: --and selfless community service.
13 Eagle Academy 3 of Southeast Queens founded in 2010
14 has upheld this mission; and

15 Whereas, the Eagle Academy Football team
16 captain—captained by Jovan Speed (sp?), Coached by
17 the Dean of the school Kevin Williams and Assistant
18 Coach Lorenzo Sterling competed against schools with
19 greater enrollments, more elaborate equipment and
20 special playing fields to win; and

21 Whereas, the Eagle Academy's football
22 players triumphed because they believe in each other
23 and worked together as a real time. Working together
24 they gained the inspiration, confidence, support and
25 resiliency that made them victors both on the field

2 and in the classroom. Fourteen of the players are
3 also on the Dean's List and they're on—they are all
4 on the path [applause] to become champions in life,
5 and

6 Whereas, the Council also commends the
7 parents, guardians, students and teachers who
8 encourage the team in all facets of their lives as
9 well as the Eagle Academy's Booster Club, which
10 provided financial support for equipment, supplies
11 and other needs; and

12 Whereas, the Council recognizes the
13 important of schools in defining the lives of its
14 students. In the words of former President Obama,
15 Sports make us think differently and positively about
16 ourselves and who we are; and

17 Whereas, the Council recognizes the
18 importance of school sports in shaping the lives of
19 its students.

20 Now, therefore, be it known that we the
21 undersigned Council Members are very proud to honor
22 the Eagle Academy 3 Football Team for their
23 outstanding teamwork and achievement, and we wish
24 them continued success in the years ahead. Melissa
25 Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the Entire Council, I.

2 Daneek Miller, Council Member 27th District Queens.

3 [applause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Congratulations,
5 Eagles. Okay, coach.

6 COACH WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. Just
7 wanted to say a couple of things. As an educator, as
8 an advocate, I want you to look at some young men who
9 went through a lot, and I love them. We love them,
10 and they will be men of the distinction, men of
11 character, men who will support a community
12 [applause] men who will lead their families, men who
13 will inspire others. We thank you for the award and
14 I just have one more thing: All set.

15 EAGLE TEAM: We're set. [applause]
16 [background comments]

17 EAGLE TEAM MEMBER: Good evening. On
18 behalf of the players of Eagle Academy, we want to
19 thank you. We worked so hard for this. We worked so
20 hard for the championship to be able to say we won
21 finally. It was bitter feeling when we lost in the
22 second round of playoffs and we got left on zip. So
23 that was bitter feeling we had in our mouth, and we
24 took it out on everybody else the rest of the season,

2 and we want to thank you, and let's go for next year.
3 We've got one more year left. [applause]

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, so
5 congratulations to all of you. The best of luck in
6 the next season. I don't know if the season is
7 coming up. I don't—I'm going to follow sports, but
8 in your academic as well really wish you the best. I
9 actually visited Eagle Academy in the Bronx about two
10 week ago. I think it's in Council Member Ritchie
11 Torres's district. Incredibly impressed with them as
12 an academic institution, and I it's only developing
13 the best in our young people. So congratulations to
14 all of you. [applause, background comments]

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please, quiet,
16 please.

17 CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, can I have
18 your attention, please.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
20 [shushing for quiet]

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet.

23 CLERK: At this time, please place all
24 electronic devices, all electronic devices to
25 vibrate. Will all non-Council employees, non-Council

2 employees please leave the main floor of the
3 chambers. Thank you. Quiet, please. [gavel]

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have quiet
5 in the Chambers. Everyone please find a seat, please
6 close the doors. May members take their seats. May
7 we keep it down in the Chambers please as we begin.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] All
9 quiet.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Members, please
11 take your seats. The recessed meeting of May 10,
12 2017 held on May 24th will be—I will call the meeting
13 to order. May we now have a roll call on the
14 recessed meeting.

15 CLERK: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

17 CLERK: Borelli.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

19 [shushing for quiet]

20 CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

22 CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

24 CLERK: Cohen.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

2 CLERK: Constantinides.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

4 CLERK: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

6 CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

8 [shushing for quiet]

9 CLERK: Deutsch.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Right on it.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [laughs]

12 CLERK: Dromm.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

14 CLERK: Espinal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

16 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras-Copeland.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Here.

18 CLERK: Garodnick.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

20 CLERK: Gentile.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

22 CLERK: Gibson. Greenfield.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

24 CLERK: Grodenchik.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

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2 CLERK: Johnson.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

4 CLERK: Kallos.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

6 CLERK: King.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present. Thank

8 you.

9 CLERK: Koo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

11 CLERK: Koslowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

13 CLERK: Lancman.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

15 CLERK: Lander.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

17 CLERK: Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

19 CLERK: Levine.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

21 CLERK: Maisel.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

23 CLERK: Mealy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Present.

25 CLERK: Menchaca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

3 CLERK: Mendez. Miller.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

5 CLERK: Palma.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

7 CLERK: Perkins.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.

9 CLERK: Reynoso.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

11 CLERK: Richards.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

13 [shushing for quiet]

14 CLERK: Richards.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARD: Present.

16 CLERK: Thank you. Rodriguez. Rose.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

18 CLERK: Rosenthal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

20 CLERK: Salamanca.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

22 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

24 [shushing for quiet]

25 CLERK: Ulrich.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.

3 CLERK: Vacca.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

5 CLERK: Vallone.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

7 CLERK: Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

9 CLERK: Wills.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Present.

11 CLERK: Matteo. Van Bramer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

13 CLERK: Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I'm here.

15 CLERK: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: I will now

17 adjourn the recessed meeting, and I call to order the

18 Stated Meeting of May 24th. May everyone please-

19 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. All rise.

20 [Pledge of Allegiance]

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

22 Quiet in the Chambers, please. We will now begin

23 with the roll call.

24 CLERK: Barron.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

2 CLERK: Borelli. Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

4 CLERK: Chin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

6 CLERK: Cohen.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

8 CLERK: Constantinides.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

10 CLERK: Cornegy.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

12 CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo. Deutsch.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

14 CLERK: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

16 CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

18 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras-Copeland.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I am

20 here today. (sic)

21 CLERK: Thank you. Garodnick.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

23 CLERK: Gentile.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

25 CLERK: Gibson. Greenfield. Grodenchik.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

3 CLERK: Johnson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

5 CLERK: Kallos.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

7 CLERK: King.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Here.

9 CLERK: Koo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

11 CLERK: Koslowitz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

13 CLERK: Lancman.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

15 CLERK: Lander.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

17 CLERK: Levin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

19 CLERK: Levine.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

21 CLERK: Maisel.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here. [pause]

23 Mealy--nope. Okay. Mealy. Menchaca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

25 CLERK: Mendez. Miller.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.

3 CLERK: Thank you. Palma.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

5 CLERK: Perkins.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.

7 CLERK: Reynoso.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

9 CLERK: Richards.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARD: Present.

11 CLERK: Thank you. Rodriguez. Rose.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

13 CLERK: Rosenthal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

15 CLERK: Salamanca.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

17 CLERK: Torres.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Here.

19 CLERK: Treyger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

21 CLERK: Ulrich.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

23 CLERK: Vacca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

25 CLERK: Vallone.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

3 CLERK: Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

5 CLERK: Wills.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Here.

7 CLERK: Matteo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

9 CLERK: Van Bramer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

11 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All

14 rise for the Invocation.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the

17 Chambers. The Invocation will be delivered by

18 Reverend Rev. Dr. Eun Joo Kim, who resides in the

19 great Borough of Queens. Quiet in the Chambers,

20 please.

21 DR. EUN JOO KIM: Will you bow your heads

22 and join me in prayer. Gracious God, we thank you

23 for the gathering of the Stated Meeting of our City

24 Council Members, leaders who serve the over 8.5

25 million of New York City, and who represent the

2 tremendous diversity of our great five boroughs. We
3 are especially grateful to be celebrating AAPI
4 heritage in this month of May joining cities and
5 states across the country in recognizing the
6 contributions and achievement of our Asian-Americans,
7 and Pacific Islands, brothers and sisters. Indeed,
8 the AAPI communities have significantly enhanced the
9 fabric, vitality and wellbeing of our magnificent
10 city. If variety is the spice of life, New York is
11 truly the most flavorful city in the world. We are
12 thankful that we live in New York the quintessential
13 American City. Yet, at the same time the
14 cosmopolitan epicenter of the globe. It is the
15 capital of the world not only because of its
16 financial might, cultural depth, media reach, fashion
17 leadership, educational opportunities, technological
18 expertise and entertainment options. But because New
19 York City appreciates immigrants, exercise is
20 welcome. It celebrates diversity, and practices
21 inclusivity. Our metropolitan-metropolis remains the
22 international heartbeat and pulse because we
23 recognize and rely on the talents and capacities of
24 our multi-faceted, multi-cultural, multi-lingual
25 citizens, residents and visitors. We lift up our

2 representatives here this afternoon. May they
3 realize what an incredible privilege it is to lead
4 and legislate on behalf of so many lives.
5 Concurrently, may they remember the awesome
6 responsibility they have as Council Members who face
7 challenges and make policies that affect lifestyles
8 and livelihood and have reverberations and
9 ramifications not only domestically, but around the
10 planet. Therefore, fill each member with wisdom,
11 clarity, perseverance, creativity and energy
12 especially our Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and our
13 Public Advocate Letitia James. Lord God, these are
14 uncertain times with unexpected and unprecedented
15 events breaking throughout the daily news cycle.
16 Through the waves and winds of local and national
17 political turbulence, may this Council be ever-steady
18 in striving for the common good. May they strengthen
19 New York as the experiment example and epitome of
20 what a thriving city can and should be. May they
21 never tire of fulfilling what you require of us. As
22 the Prophet Micah tells us to act justly, lover mercy
23 and to walk humbly with your God so that New York
24 City endures as the beacon model and hope for all the
25 nations showing that diversity can and must come

2 together in unity without losing flavor and vibrancy,
3 and may we continue to be blessed so that we can
4 bless others. We give you all glory, honor, power
5 and praise, and we pray all these things in your holy
6 name. Amen.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen. Please be
8 seated. [background comments] Quiet in the
9 Chambers, please. [shushing for quiet]

10 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
11 down, keep it down.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [shushing for
13 quiet] May we have quiet in the Chambers. Just take
14 your seats, and now Motion to Spread the Invocation
15 in full upon the record, Council Member Vallone.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, Madam
17 Advocate.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
19 down please.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
21 [shushing for quiet]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Reverend Dr. Eun
23 Joo Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea and came to
24 the States in 1974 and grew up in Woodside and
25 Whitestone, Queens. She graduated from Cornell

2 University with a Double Major in American History
3 and Music Theory. She then went onto Princeton
4 Theological Seminary where she received her Masters
5 and Doctorate degree. Over the years she has served
6 a Youth Pastor, English Ministry Pastor and Speaker
7 at several Korean-American churches and gatherings in
8 New York/New Jersey area. Reverend Dr. Kim has
9 worked for the United States Federal Government
10 Department of Commerce Centers in 2000 a partnership
11 specialist and served as the Queens team leader. She
12 has also worked as the Director for the Center for
13 Youth Development in Queens YWCA and is a Board
14 Certified Chaplin and Staff Chaplin at the New York
15 Hospital Queens for over ten years. She recently
16 finished her Doctorate in Church Leadership at
17 Fordham University and has been preaching at various
18 churches here in Queens. Reverend Dr. Kim is a
19 member of the Giving Church of New York and Flushing,
20 and is interested in the intersection of culture,
21 community and the church as clearly dignified and
22 seen in her beautiful blessing given today. Thank
23 you, Madam Advocate.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 Council Member Mendez. I move that the Minutes of

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2 the Stated Meeting of April 25th of 2017 be adopted
3 as printed. Messages and Papers from the Mayor.

4 CLERK: None.

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

7 CLERK: None.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
9 Communications.

10 CLERK: None.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
12 Ups.

13 CLERK: M-513 and 514.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on Call-
15 Up Vote. Roll-roll call.

16 CLERK: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Madam Public
18 Advocate, please.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [off mic] Yes.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Before I cast my
21 vote-

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
23 [shushing for quiet]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --I just want to
25 acknowledge that we're joined in the Chambers here by

2 Zaire Fune (sp?) who is-is a graduate from Poly Prep
3 and presently interning at Bolton St. Johns who's
4 majoring in history and minoring in African-American
5 studies and he is-he has completed his second year at
6 Duke, and I'm pleased to have him introduced because
7 he's my God Son. [background comments] Zaire where
8 are you?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: There he is.

11 [applause]

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 [shushing for quiet]

16 CLERK: Borelli.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Yes.

18 CLERK: Cabrera.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

20 CLERK: Chin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Cohen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye..

24 CLERK: Constantinides.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam
3 Public Advocate, may I be allowed to vote not only on
4 the call-ups, but all on the General Order Calendar
5 today?

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I vote
8 aye.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Cornegy.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Crowley. Cumbo. Deutsch.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

14 CLERK: Dromm.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

16 CLERK: Espinal.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

18 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras-Copeland.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Aye.

20 CLERK: Garodnick.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

22 CLERK: Gentile.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Madam Public

24 Advocate, I have permission to vote on Land Use Call-
25 Ups and General Orders?

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye on
4 all.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 MEMBER

7 CLERK: Gibson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

9 CLERK: Greenfield.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

11 CLERK: Grodenchik.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

13 CLERK: Johnson.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

15 CLERK: Kallos.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

17 CLERK: King.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Madam Public
19 Advocate, I would like to vote aye on all call-ups,
20 and with permission, I would like to vote on all
21 coupled-coupled items on the General Order Calendar
22 and all Resolutions.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote aye.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

2 CLERK: Koo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Koslowitz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

7 CLERK: Lancman.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Yes, I'd like to
9 be able to vote on all the Call-Ups, General Orders,
10 Resolutions, et cetera.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. [laughs]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: I vote aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Thank
14 you, et cetera.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you.

16 [laughs-

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

18 [shushing for quiet] Quiet in the Chambers, please.

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
20 down. Keep it down, keep it down.

21 CLERK: Lander.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Madam Public
23 Advocated I'd like to vote solely on the Land Use
24 Call-Ups.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

4 CLERK: Levin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Madam Public
6 Advocate, I would like to request permission to vote
7 on all Land Use Call-Ups, General Orders-items
8 coupled on the General Order Calendar, and
9 Resolutions.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, thank you.

13 [shushing for quiet]

14 CLERK: Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Maisel. Mealy. Menchaca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

19 CLERK: Mendez. Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Affirmative.

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

22 CLERK: Palma.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Madam Public
24 Advocate, I would like to vote aye on all Land Use
25 Call-Ups and with permission-

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
3 [shushing for quiet]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: --vote on the
5 items that are on today's General Calendar Order.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
7 please.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Keep
11 it down, please. We're having a difficult time
12 hearing.

13 CLERK: Perkins.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Reynoso.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

18 CLERK: Richards.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARD: Aye.

20 CLERK: Thank you. Rodriguez. Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

22 CLERK: Rosenthal.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

24 CLERK: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Madam Public
3 Advocate, I would like to vote aye on all Call-Ups
4 and with permission, I would like to vote on all
5 Call-Up items on the General Order Calendar and all
6 Resolutions.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: It vote aye.
9 Thank you.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

13 CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Vallone.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Advocate,
18 permission to vote aye on all matters on today's
19 Call-Ups on today's calendar.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

25 CLERK: Wills.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: May I vote aye on
3 all Call-Ups on the General Order Calendar, coupled
4 resolutions and any et ceteras that Lancman covered?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Thank you

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Matteo. Van Bramer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

10 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye. [background
12 comments]

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

14 Today's Land Use Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 42
15 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Quiet in
16 the Chambers, please. May we have quiet in the
17 Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker Melissa
18 Mark-Viverito.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam
20 Public Advocate. I'd like to ask my colleagues to
21 please stand or everyone to their feet. (sic)

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing] All
23 right.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Over the past
25 week we have faced some sad losses in our city, in

2 our community here at City Hall and around the world.
3 I ask for all of us here today to join me in a member
4 of silence for Alisa Alsman, an 18-year-old visitor,
5 tourist to New York whose life was tragically cut
6 short by a drunk driver in Times Square last week.
7 Peter Wertheim, Chief of Staff in the Office of the
8 Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development,
9 who many in this Chamber have worked closely with
10 over the years, and who unfortunately passed away
11 while attending a family wedding in California on
12 Sunday, and to the many victims of the Manchester
13 Bombing on Monday. Our hearts are with the families
14 of those lost and hopes for a quick recovery are with
15 the survivors who remain affected. So I ask for a
16 moment of silence. [moment of silence observed]
17 Thank you, my colleagues.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

19 [background comments]

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Starting off our
21 legislative docket for the day, the Council will
22 begin by voted on multiple land use items. The
23 Morning Site Heights Historic District consisting of
24 approximately 115 buildings of various architectural
25 styles in Upper Manhattan, and the Cathedral of St.

2 John the Divine,, the largest Anglian Church in the
3 world and seat off the Episcopal Diocese of New York
4 will vote receive a vote to determine the designation
5 of landmark status. This is in Mark Levine's
6 district and Council Member Levine will say a few
7 worlds.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, Madam
9 Speaker. I'm so pleased that today we'll be
10 preserving in perpetuity one of the most historic
11 neighborhoods in New York City Morningside Heights
12 where we'll be creating a new district to protect
13 over 100 buildings as well as the Campus of St. John
14 the Divine. This is a community, which as much as
15 any others in New York City is defined by its
16 relation to its architectural heritage, a heritage,
17 which has been at risk-

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
19 [shushing for quiet]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: --at a time when
21 real estate development is accelerating in the
22 community and despite the presence of historic
23 districts on all sides, Morningside Heights has
24 remained vulnerable, and I'm so pleased that we will
25 be changing that today. This would not have happened

2 without 20 years of work from an incredible coalition
3 of community activists, the Morningside Heights
4 Preservation Council led by Laura Friedman, Robert
5 Stern and Harry Shcwartz, who fought tirelessly to
6 make this possible, and I have to acknowledge the
7 incredible work of the Land Use Team here at the
8 Council--

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
10 [shushing for quiet]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: --Julie Lubin,
12 Jeffrey Campagna, Jeffrey Ewin (sp?), Dylan Casey,
13 Amy Levitan and Raju Mann, and I must also
14 acknowledge the great partnership of LPC in this
15 effort including, of course, Chair Srinivasan, the
16 Executive Director Sarah Carroll and Lauren George.
17 Again, I'm excited about this historic moment and
18 urge my colleagues to vote yes. Thank you.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. The
20 Council will also vote on public sitings for two
21 locations in order to facilitate the development of
22 additional public school space for Brooklyn and
23 Staten Island. 357 Targee Street in Council Member
24 Debbie Rose's district will receive a vote as will
25 the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Chestnut in

2 the district of Council Member Rafael Espinal and I
3 invite them both to speak on these acquisitions.
4 First Council Member Rose and then Council Member
5 Espinal.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you Madam
7 Speaker. Alleviating school overcrowding in my
8 district is a top priority of mine, and while we made
9 pro-progress in recent years, some schools remain
10 overcrowded like PS-65 which is 133% over capacity.
11 PS-13 is at 154% over capacity-

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quite,
13 please.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: --and PS78 is at
15 156% over capacity. Overcrowding not only puts a
16 strain on teachers, but it makes it more difficult
17 for students to concentrate on their lessons, limits
18 innovation in the classroom and ultimately leads to
19 lower test scores. Today, at our Stated Meeting, we
20 will take a significant step forward to what
21 alleviating overcrowding and ensuring quality
22 educational facilities for children on the north
23 shore of Staten Island by authorizing the purchase of
24 land at 357 Targee Street. I've been working for
25 months with the School Construction Authority and the

2 Department of Education to identify an appropriate
3 location--

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
5 [shushing for quiet]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: --that would just
7 meet the needs of families in my district.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
9 please.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Together we found
11 357 Targee Street in Stapleton and ideal location for
12 a new state-of-the-arts school complete with science
13 labs, performing arts space, exercise rooms,
14 cafeteria and more including classroom space for more
15 than 800 students. Last fall and winter we hosted a
16 public review process and a response from my
17 constituents was overwhelmingly positive. So I look
18 forward to today's City Council vote authorizing the
19 purchase of this property so that it can take—we can
20 take it to the next step, and ensure a quality
21 educational opportunities for North Shore families
22 for generations to come. Thank you, Madam Speaker
23 for your support.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.
25 Council Member Espinal

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Thank you, Madam
3 Speaker. I'm really proud to be able to vote today on
4 the siting of a school in my district that actually
5 came out of the East New York Rezoning Plan. This
6 would be a 1,000 seat school in East New York, and it
7 will help deal with the current overcrowding in
8 District 19, but also make room for the new residents
9 that are coming in thanks to the rezoning. This will
10 be a state-of-the-art school. We'll have all the
11 works to take care of—of kids in Pre-K to 8th, to the
12 8th grade, and one of the things that I asked for is
13 to make sure that it had a—a state-of-the-art
14 greenhouse on the rooftop because I do believe that
15 urban gardening is the future of the city, and I want
16 to make sure that the kids in East New York have the
17 opportunity to learn how—how to urban garden, and
18 they'll be prepared for when that industry continues
19 to grow in—in New York City. So, you know, I'm
20 really proud to be here today and announce this
21 siting and I'm looking forward to the work ahead, and
22 I really want to thank all the chairs of the Zoning
23 Committees, David Greenfield, Peter Koo, and Donovan
24 Richards for all their help and thank you, Madam

2 Speaker, for pushing—putting this in the agenda.

3 Thank you.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. Last
5 up for Land Use, the Council will vote on a Zoning
6 Map change and zone text amendment for 600 East 156th
7 Street in the Bronx. This rezoning will allow for
8 the addition of public parking spaces serving a
9 mixed-use development featuring 450-seat Charter
10 school, and 175 units of 100% affordable housing.
11 This is in Council Member Salamanca's district, and
12 if he could say a few words.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,
14 Madam Speaker. Today, I'm pleased to encourage my
15 colleagues to vote in favor of two land use items
16 that will work to create—

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
18 [shushing for quiet]

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
20 please.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: --that will
22 work to create affordable housing in the Melrose
23 Neighborhood of my district. The project that will
24 stem from zoning is one that Land Use Team and I have
25 worked diligently on and have carefully negotiated to

2 ensure it fits the needs of my community. This was
3 not an easy process, but I'm pleased to say that
4 today--

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
6 [shushing for quiet]

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet
8 please when they're all up front. (sic)

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse—excuse us
10 Council Member. May we have quite in the Chambers,
11 please? We apologize Council Member.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.
13 This was not an easy process, but I'm pleased to say
14 that today I feel incredibly confident that these
15 land use actions won't just lead to new affordable
16 housing in the South Bronx, but new affordable
17 housing for the South Bronx. Specifically as a result
18 of our negotiations additional units have been set
19 aside for families making 30% of AMI or less.
20 Additionally, a new community school will be provided
21 space below the new housing. Finally, this building
22 will be staffed by workers being paid fair wages with
23 good benefits. With that said, I am pleased to say
24 that since taking office in March of 2016, I have
25 worked to secure or create 3,512 affordable

2 apartments for my district. I look forward to
3 continuing to—the work to ensure all residents of our
4 community have access to quality housing right in
5 their own neighborhood. I would like to thank the
6 Land Use staff Raju Mann, Amy Levitan and the Land
7 Use Counselors and Chair Greenfield and Chair
8 Richards on their help and guidance on these
9 projects. Thank you.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. Next,
11 the Council will vote to co-name 53 streets and
12 thoroughfares throughout the city. Among the
13 locations receiving co-namings are 85th Street
14 Central Park Transverse, which will be co-named for
15 Detective Steven McDonald, who was paralyzed in the
16 line of duty in 1986, and passed away earlier this
17 year. Metropolitan Avenue and Saint Raymond's Avenue
18 in the Bronx, co-name for—

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
20 [shushing for quiet]

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --deceased NYPD
22 Sergeant Paul Tuozzolo and East 7th Street and Second
23 Avenue in Manhattan, which will be co-named for
24 Moises Locon and Nicholas Figueroa, both victims of
25 the 2015 East Village gas explosion. This is one of

2 the many ways that the city works to commemorate lost
3 residents who make substantive contributions to the
4 communities, and I'm honored that the Council will be
5 recognizing them today.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please,
7 Keep it down.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I want to thank
9 Chris Sartori, Patrick Mulvihill, Kenneth Grace,
10 Chima Obichere, Jim Wilcox and Ed Adkin. Thank you
11 for you work on those bills. On a legislative side,
12 Introduction 1627-A sponsored by Council Member Eric
13 Ulrich, would permanently change the name of the
14 163rd Avenue pedestrian bridge in Queens to the Joel
15 A. Neal Saint Pedes-Joel A. Neal Street Pedestrian
16 Bridge. Staff is Chris Sartori, Patrick Mulvihill,
17 Kenneth Grace, Chima Obichere, Jim Wilcox and Ed
18 Adkin, and I'd ask Council Member Ulrich to say a few
19 words. [pause] Oh, sorry. I think he left. So,
20 okay, no problem. Moving on. Introduction 1305-A
21 sponsored by Council Member Rafael Salamanca would
22 require the Department of Parks and Recreation to
23 post notices of the effective date of temporary
24 parking restrictions relating to tree removals at
25 least two days before the commencement of such

2 restrictions. A lot of work in the Parks Committee
3 for this session. Chris Sartori, Patrick Mulvihill,
4 Kenneth Grace, Chima Obichere, Jim Wilcox and Ed
5 Adkin thank you for your work on those bills, and
6 Council Salamanca will speak to it.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,
8 Madam Speaker. Today I'm pleased that we're voting
9 on Intro 1305, which will require the Department of
10 Parks and Recreation to post notices of the effective
11 date of temporary parking restrictions relating to
12 tree removals on at least two days before the
13 commencement of such restricts with certain
14 exceptions. This legislation was a community-driven
15 effort aimed to provide a simple fix to an issue that
16 can affect all of us in our daily lives. Simply this
17 bills says that not less than two days prior to the
18 commencement of temporary parking restrictions on any
19 street or roadway for the purpose of removal of trees
20 by the department, the department shall post notice
21 of the effective date of such restrictions on such
22 streets or roadways unless the plan work is to occur
23 in accordance with other existing parking
24 restrictions such alternate site parking regulations.
25 Such notification shall include the effective date of

2 such restrictions, the location of such restrictions,
3 and the estimated end date of such restrictions. The
4 department will also be tasked with notifying the
5 community boards where said work is occurring. An
6 exemption is made in the bill to allow the department
7 to act when it is immediately necessary to preserve-

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
9 [shushing for quiet]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: --public
11 safety. With that said, I encourage my colleagues to
12 join me in supporting this bill today, ensuring-
13 ensuring that a community gets ample notice of when
14 off-street parking will be effective, but tree
15 maintenance simply makes sense, and I'm proud that
16 we're voting on this bill today. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
18 Council Member. Intro 841-A council-sponsored by
19 Council Member Ritchie Torres would require the
20 Campaign Finance Board to include a copy of each
21 voter's voting history for the prior four years along
22 side the quadrennially issued voter guide. I want to
23 thank the staff, Brad Reed, Zachary Harris, Rachel
24 Cordero and Council Member Torres will say a few
25 words about his bill.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you, Madam-
3 Madan Speaker. This has been widely caricatured as
4 the Voter's Training Bill, but here in New York City
5 we have a real crisis of low-low voter participation.
6 Civil legislation would expand the scope of the Voter
7 Guide to include one's voter history, and knowledge
8 of one's voter history has been shown empirically to
9 boost voter participation. So the point of the
10 legislation as I see it is not so much to shame as it
11 is to gently remind people of their most basic civic
12 duty. That's the extent of my comments so--

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay. Next,
14 we're going to be voting on Intro 951-A sponsored by
15 Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, which would require
16 existing multi-line telephone systems in certain
17 businesses and city agencies to have direct telephone
18 access to 911 such that a prefix is not required
19 prior to dialing by May 1, 2019.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
21 [shushing for quiet]

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, Keep it
23 down.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: A very common
25 sense bill. Congratulate Council Member Crowley for

2 introducing it, and now we will be voting on it. To
3 the staff Malika Jabali, Patrick Mulvihill, John
4 Russell, Jim Wilcox, and Ed Adkin, and I would ask
5 Council Member Crowley to say a few words.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I want to thank
7 the Speaker and Council Member Jimmy Vacca and the
8 Technology Committee for bringing this vote—this bill
9 up for a vote. Unfortunately, it took a horrible
10 situation in which a woman was killed in a hotel
11 room, and her young daughter witnessed the murder.
12 She was unable to call 911 because of an access code
13 that the phone had. So, this will no longer be the
14 case for any private numbers in the city. But, in
15 order to dial 911 all you will need to do is dial 911
16 and emergency help should be on its way. So I thank
17 the Speaker for her leadership, and I urge my
18 colleagues to vote in support of the bill. Thank
19 you.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
21 Council Member, although we are moving into the
22 warmer months, Introduction 722-A—

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
24 [shushing for quiet]

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --sponsored by
3 Housing and Buildings Chair Jumaane Williams, looks
4 to increase the minimum nighttime temperature that
5 residential building owners are required to provide
6 tenants during heating season from 55 degrees to 62
7 degrees regardless of outdoor temperature. To staff
8 I want to thank Meagan Chin, Guillermo Patino, Jose
9 Conde, Sarah Gastelum, Jim Wilcox and Ed Adkin, and
10 ask Council Member Williams to say a few words.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [pause] Thank
12 you, Madam Speaker. As you mentioned we will be
13 passing Intro 722-A. Minimum night time temperatures
14 we're bringing it up to 62 degrees between October
15 1st and May 31st regardless of the outdoor
16 temperature. I want to make sure I give a big shout
17 out to Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer who
18 had this bill before me in the Council and who co-
19 sponsored it with me this session. The effective
20 date is October 1, 2017--

21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep
22 down, please.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I do know it's
24 almost summertime, and so we're attempting to do this
25 bill, but we wanted to make sure we had it in enough

2 time for the heating season. We actually tried to
3 get it done before the last heating season. There
4 were some—come hiccups, but we're glad that we are
5 able to get it now. Sufficient heat is a quality of
6 life issue that cannot be ignored in the larger
7 conversation of tenant's rights period, particularly
8 if you're talking about people who are otherwise also
9 ill, elderly and young children. Currently, the
10 outdoor temperatures have to be 40 degrees to require
11 a landlord to turn on the heat, and even when the
12 minimum indoor temperature—temperature only mandates
13 it be 55 degrees, I don't think people realize unless
14 they've been in 55 degrees in their house in the
15 wintertime how cold that actually is. In addition,
16 as HPD testified, it sometimes causes confusion when
17 inspectors have to come to test to see whether the
18 heating is there. If the temperature outside is 41
19 and 42 degrees, 39 degrees, it causes a lot of
20 confusion. In addition, I remember being a tenant
21 organizer to be saddened to have to let tenants know
22 that actually—they actually may be—the landlord may
23 be following the law. They just allow it to be very
24 cold. So I'm pleased that we were able to work with
25 the Administration and my colleagues including the

2 Speaker to get this bill passed. It will impact
3 thousands of New Yorkers during this next winter
4 season. Again, thank you to the Borough President,
5 Meagan Chin, Guillermo Patino, Jose Conde, Laura
6 Popa, Matt Gewolb, Jeff Baker, Ed Adkin and Mike
7 Toomey from my staff, and my former LDN and my Chief
8 of Staff Nick Smith.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
10 Council Member. Of our two major legislative
11 packages being voted on today, the first seeks to
12 reform the New York City Board of Standards and
13 Appeals through the implementation of a series of
14 oversight measures and operational improvements. I
15 want to thank on staff Brad Reed, Zachary Harris and
16 Rachel Cordero. In the interest of time I'm going to
17 let the members elaborate on the specifics of each of
18 their bill--

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
20 [shushing for quiet]

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Beginning with
22 our Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer on Intro 282-A.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
24 very much, Madam Speaker and to Chair Kallos for
25 supporting this. The Board of Standards and Appeals

2 has been a thorn in the side of many of us, and many
3 of our communities for far too long too often
4 disregarding community input from community members,
5 and civic associations, community boards and elected
6 officials. Intro 282 will change that by adding some
7 transparency and accountability by requiring the
8 Board to consider the input of community members,
9 elected officials and community board, and when it
10 decides to disregard our views, they must spell out
11 exactly why they have chosen to do so, how they have
12 chosen to do so, so that communities can respond. In
13 the past, when we were disregarded, they didn't even
14 have to address our concerns, our dissent and spell
15 that out, and telling us that input was regarded or
16 disregarded and why they disagree with the findings
17 of communities who, of course, know best what is
18 appropriate for their neighborhood. So I'm—I'm
19 really grateful that this whole package is occurring
20 and that the Board of Standards and Appeals will be
21 forced to respond communities, listen to communities,
22 address communities when those who want to build out
23 of context and out of character developments come to
24 our communities. So I want to thank the Speaker, the
25 Chair, all of our co-sponsors and, of course, my

2 staff Andre Sviga (sp?), my Legislative Director Matt
3 Wallace, my Chief of Staff for their work on this
4 package. It's a long time coming. Thank you very
5 much.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.
7 Introduction 418-A sponsored by Council Member Karen
8 Koslowitz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.
10 Community Umbrella Boards spend significant time and
11 effort on special permit applications brought before
12 them for review. Public hearings, Community
13 outreach, special committees and full board review
14 are common when considering special permits.
15 Community and borough boards should not feel that
16 their recommendation on a matter was discarded by the
17 ESA. Intro 418-A would require the--

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
19 [shushing for quiet]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: --Board of
21 Standards and Appeals in granting or denying an
22 application before them to respond to any relevant
23 recommendation filed by a community or borough board
24 regarding such application. [pause]

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
3 Council Member. Introduction 514-A sponsored by
4 Minority Leader Steve Matteo would required that for
5 any term variance granted by the BSA after December
6 31, 2013--

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
8 down please.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --the Board shall
10 notify the owner of the property of the expiration of
11 the variance six months in advance. Council Member
12 Matteo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you, Madam
14 Speaker. We've been discussing BSA form for most of
15 the 13 years I've been in government. Government is
16 either staffer or elected official. So I'm glad
17 we're seeing so many meaningful BSA bills become law
18 today, and I thank my colleagues for that. The bill
19 I am sponsoring will bring much needed transparency
20 and potential enforcement to a land use matter that
21 is often overlooked. Owners of properties operating
22 with the use that was permitted by a variance should
23 seek renewals in a timely fashion. Too many times
24 I've seen issues come before one of my borough's
25 community boards seeking renewal of an expired

2 variance. All the while the now legal use was
3 continuing. By notifying owners of the expiration in
4 advance and reminding them of potential penalties
5 under the Building Code, I believe this bill will
6 incentivize many owners to get their acts together
7 earlies in order to reapply for the variance. Quite
8 simply, this bill looks to ensure that property
9 owners apply for this variance in a timely manner. I
10 want to thank the Speaker and Chair Kallos for their
11 support of these reforms, my staff Brad—Brad Reed and
12 other Council staff for all their work on this bill.
13 Thank you.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
15 Council Member. Next, we're going to hear from
16 Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee Chair Donovan
17 Richards on Introduction 1200-A.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you,
19 Speaker and I'm proud to stand here today to ensure
20 that the Board of Standards and Appeals does its fair
21 share of accountability when it comes to applicants
22 notifying communities and elected officials about
23 applications in their neighborhoods. Intro 1200-A
24 will require developers to send applications to
25 council members, borough presidents and community

2 boards by certified mail or any method that provides
3 proof of service. The BSA is then required to post
4 on its website that the proof of delivery was
5 received and verified. It was shocking to hear that
6 the BSA does not track these instances where
7 applicants to not follow through on this required
8 step in the process. Whether these applicants were
9 trying to sneak by this process or of notification or
10 were just sloppy, this requirement will ensure that
11 the BSA is working with communities and elected
12 officials to ensure the process is not compromised.
13 With that being said, I'd like to thank our Speaker,
14 Chair Kallos, the Government Operations Committee
15 Counsel Brad Reed and my Legislative Director Jordan
16 Gibbons. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
18 Council Member. Quite a productive meeting today I
19 would say. We have a lot going on. The last five
20 bills in the package were sponsored by Governmental
21 Operations Chair Ben Kallos.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
23 [shushing for quiet]

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: They include
25 Introductions 1390-A-

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet.

3 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --1391-A, 1392-A,
4 1393-A and 1394-A. Council Member Kallos.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Thank you. One
6 of the many reasons I wanted to serve as the Chair of
7 the Committee on Governmental Operations was in order
8 to reform the Board of Standards and Appeals. The
9 BSA is the agency that no one has ever heard of.
10 It's got five members and it has tremendous power
11 over city zoning laws. In the past, developers have
12 been able to circumvent city zoning laws restricting
13 building reforms use, height, density and now even
14 affordability without really having much feedback
15 from community boards or elected officials, and often
16 over our objections. This package of nine bills
17 contains reforms suggested by the Municipal Art
18 Society in 1976--

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
20 down, please.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
22 [shushing for quiet]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: --and again in
24 2004, and built on the work of the previous
25 Governmental Operations Chair Manhattan Borough

2 President Gale Brewer, along with the work of
3 Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Minority Leader
4 Matteo and Council Member Koslowitz, yes BSA reform
5 is actually a bipartisan issue.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Quiet,
7 please.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Zoning Chair
9 Richards and I were proud to join in this package of
10 reforms, which represents years of work by the Land
11 Use Division and the Governmental Operations
12 Committee. This package of legislation and reforms
13 applications, decisions, notifications, staffing and
14 transparency around the BSA so it's more accountable
15 to the public. Specifically, the legislation sets
16 minimum application requirements for developers to
17 show zoning laws should not apply to them with fines
18 up to \$15,000 for knowingly submitting false
19 documents to the BSA. It designates someone at the
20 Department of City Planning to actually protect their
21 zoning code from the BSA. It provides expertise for
22 the BSA with a state certified real estate appraiser
23 to analyze real estate financials provided by
24 developers. It adds transparency around the number
25 of pre-applications, the number of applications,

2 variances approved and denied and the average length
3 of time for decisions and an interactive online map
4 of all variances and special permits generated since
5 1998, which was I graduated Bronx Science, and that
6 way you can actually see when they're rezoning entire
7 neighborhoods. I want to thank our Speaker Melissa
8 Mark-Viverito, Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer,
9 Minority Leader Matteo, Council Member Koslowitz, and
10 Richards--

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
12 [shushing for quiet]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: --for their
14 leadership and partnership--

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
16 down, please.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: --at Land Use
18 Julie Lubin for her expertise. We are so lucky to
19 have her. Our Government Operations Committee
20 Counsel Brad Reed who spent months fighting for and
21 negotiating these reforms as well as Rachel Cordero,
22 Smita Deshmukh and, of course, my Legislative
23 Director Paul Westrick. Thank you to Municipal Arts
24 Societies for their years of attention to planning
25 our city, and perseverance over the years. Forty

2 years later we're doing it. I believe these reforms
3 will empower Council Members, Community Boards and
4 residents to have a much stronger say in any
5 departure from our city's Land Use Plan and the
6 Zoning resolutions. I urge you to vote yes.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
8 Council Member. Next, the Council will vote on Intro
9 1456-A sponsored by Council Member Koslowitz, which
10 would require food carts and trucks to post a letter
11 grade that is based on their most recent health
12 inspection by the Department of Health and Mental
13 Hygiene. Council Member Koslowitz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you,
15 Madam Speaker. I cannot imagine someone not looking
16 for a restaurant's letter from our City's Health
17 Department before deciding whether or not to
18 patronize a restaurant. The A, B, C or grade pending
19 carries with it real significance. The letter grade
20 has become absolutely essential as it relates to
21 restaurants. Yet, everyday countless numbers of
22 people in New York are expected to purchase food from
23 a street vendor without knowing—knowing to a general
24 degree the cart's compliance with the New York City
25 Health Code. The customers who buy food from a

2 street vendor deserve to have the same ability to
3 make an informed decision as patrons of restaurants.
4 Intro 1456 would mandate that the Health Department
5 expand letter grading to street food vendors and that
6 it should mirror the restaurant grading system as
7 closely as possible, and I just want to say as I said
8 before I can't wait for nine months. I'll meet you
9 at one of the vendors, and I'll buy you a hotdog.
10 [laughter] And I also want to say Committee Chair
11 Corey Johnson and the Committee for voting on this
12 wonderful legislation, David Seitzer and Crystal
13 Pond. Thank you very much and, of course, to the
14 Speaker who was very supportive of this bill, and I
15 failed to mention congratulations to Council Member
16 Ben Kallos for his BSA bills.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
18 Council Member. Okay, our final legislation known as
19 the Fair Work Week Package looks to regulate ongoing
20 issues with employment practices in the fast food and
21 retail industries. I want to recognize here with us
22 today the President of 32BJ, Hector Figueroa, and
23 members of that union. [cheers/applause] As well
24 as, or actually workers and RWDSU also—we also have
25 workers here who will be benefitting [applause] from

2 these packages--this package of legislation. With
3 these bills, we aim to establish a national model for
4 protecting workers' rights, and I am proud of this
5 Council for bringing the fight workplace
6 considerations home to New York City. Obviously,
7 there's so many people on the staff side I really do
8 want to--

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
10 [shushing for quiet]

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --first of all
12 commend Matt Gewolb--

13 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --and all of the
15 staff, Matt Carline, Alexis Wasanburg (sp?) Terzah
16 Nasser, Michelle Lee, Aysa Schomburg, Wes Jones and
17 Annie Decker, and all of the colleagues that have
18 sponsored this legislation. Collectively, they've
19 been working really strong and really solid, really
20 focused on making sure that we pass this legislation
21 to all of the members. Council Member Brad Lander,
22 Council Member Johnson, Council Member Ferreras-
23 Copeland for your advocacy. Similar to the BSA
24 package, I'm going to let the members go into details
25 of their legislation, and we will start off with

2 Intro 1384, which is sponsored by Finance Chair
3 Julissa Ferreras-Copeland.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Thank
5 you, Madam Speaker. I am proud today to sponsor
6 Intro 1384-A, the Fast Food Worker Empowerment Bill.
7 This is the first of its kind legislation. It will
8 allow fast food workers to gather their financial
9 resources and focus on the issues that are important
10 to them, enforce penalties and remedies for
11 violations by employers who break the rules and
12 protect workers against retaliation from employers.
13 At a time when the President and federal government
14 continue to gut protections previously available to
15 low-wage workers, working families, communities of
16 color, women and children, it is vital for workers to
17 have the ability to voluntarily contribute to a non-
18 profit that can advocate for their needs. I want to
19 thank all of my fellow co-sponsors and the advocates
20 who support this vision behind this bill. I want to
21 thank my staff, my Chief of Staff Catalina Cruz, my
22 Deputy Chief of Staff Ivan Acosta, the staff in the
23 Legislative Division and Committee of Civil Service
24 and Labor for the working in-working-work on this
25 draft and this bill especially Matt Carlin, Wes

2 Jones, Annie Decker, and very, very specifically Matt
3 Gewolb and—and Joe Toronto who worked tirelessly way
4 into the wee hours to the very last minute to make
5 sure that this bill included everyone's voice. I
6 also want to thank the Mayor's side, Emma Wolf who
7 also engaged in a lot of conversations and a lot of
8 negotiating. I'm very proud of this bill, and I urge
9 my colleagues to support and vote this bill also. It
10 is something that fast food workers expect and
11 deserve from this Council.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
13 Council Member. Intros 1387-A and 1388-A they are
14 sponsored by Council Member Corey Johnson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
16 Speaker. This package of legislation is really about
17 fairness. The workers who would be affected by these
18 bills make the life blood of our local economy. They
19 deserve respectful scheduling practices and fair
20 wages. Some legislation we pass in the Council
21 workers in the abstract involving broad and
22 overarching policy issues, and sometimes a new policy
23 effects are not immediately seen. This is not that
24 of legislation. We saw the direct and immediate
25 benefit to people's lives replacing uncertainty and

2 dependency with security and economic empowerment.
3 When an employee has to sit by the phone not knowing
4 if he or she will be expected to come into work at a
5 moment's notice it shows a complete disregard for
6 employers and their needs. When a shift is
7 unexpectedly cut, it takes away a paycheck that might
8 mean the difference between a person buying groceries
9 or going hungry, making their rent that month or
10 falling behind. We're talking about New Yorkers who
11 have families, who have personal lives. Some of the
12 might even have second jobs that they depend on to
13 make ends meet. With this legislation employers will
14 now to show them the same basic respect for their
15 time that we expect in every aspect of our lives.
16 But simply knowing the details of an unfair--unfair
17 schedule doesn't make it fair. We have to also
18 address the inequity that forces workers to accept
19 unsustainable requirements placed on them by their
20 employers. When your boss asks you to do something
21 is always the underlying subtext of or else. That or
22 else is usually or else we'll find someone else who
23 will. We need to ensure that workers are protected
24 from unreasonable demands by making sure those
25 demands are never made in the first place. Again,

2 employers should be expected to grant their employees
3 the same basic decency we all expect in our daily
4 lives. Asking people to work late into the night and
5 return early the next morning on little to no sleep
6 is an abuse of the power dynamic inherent in that
7 relationship and should not be allowed. Confidence
8 in wage and schedules not only assure—will not only
9 assure that workers have food on the table and a roof
10 over their head, but will also help them plan for the
11 future. When your short-term needs are secured,
12 budgeting for long-terms financial goals like
13 limiting debt and saving for retirement become
14 possibilities. Everyone deserves the opportunity to
15 work hard and succeed. It is literally the American
16 dream. How often do we get to help people achieve
17 their dream? I really want to thank the Speaker for
18 her leadership on this entire package, my fellow
19 members who worked on this, Council Member Julissa
20 Ferreras ad one of the major champions of this, Brad
21 Lander who's been pushing this for so long. I want
22 to thank them for their leadership. I want to thank
23 Chair Miller and the Committee on Civil Service and
24 Labor, and especially to all New Yorkers whose
25 dedication and hard work inspire this legislation. I

2 want to thank 32BJ and Hector Figueroa, RWDSU and
3 Steward Applebaum. Today, we're joined by the
4 President of Local 1102, Alvin Ramnarain who is here
5 representing RWDSU, and I want to thank my Deputy
6 Chief of Staff Louis Cholden Brown for his help and
7 then lastly, Madam Speaker, I just got word sadly
8 that there were three individuals just stabbed
9 outside of a school in my district on West 52nd
10 Street and 8th Avenue. I don't have the detail on
11 it, but it just happened about 20 minutes ago. So,
12 you know, if folks could please keep three men, young
13 men I believe were stabbed. If folks could please
14 keep them in our thoughts and prayers, and I want to
15 thank the NYPD and the first responders that are on
16 the scene up in Hells Kitchen ensuring that everyone
17 is safe. Thank you very much.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank and
19 hopefully yes, we—we will keep everyone in our
20 thoughts, and lastly Introductions 1395-A and 1396-A
21 sponsored by Council Member Brad Lander.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam
23 Speaker. Almost five years ago, a small group of
24 fast food worker in Downtown Brooklyn went on strike
25 and launched and sparked a national movement of fast

2 food workers demanding \$15 an hour and a union, and
3 some dignity for folks who had previously been seen
4 as shift workers, as part-time workers as low-wage
5 workers without rights, without dignity, and what
6 they started there in Brooklyn five years ago has
7 swept across the country, has changed the way we look
8 at fast food workers, the way they look at
9 organizing. Thanks to their work, 22 million workers
10 across the country have seen jobs–minimum wage
11 increases, including 10 million on the way to \$15 an
12 hour thanks to the organizing that they did, and
13 everyone in this city. So I want to just recognize a
14 few of the workers who are in the room with us today:
15 Dialecta Luiz, Shantel Walker, Kenneth Briseter,
16 Charisma Ivey, Pierre Metavea (sp?), Julio Martinez,
17 Vianni Bargas, Rosa Rivera, Jorrell Ware–Jorell Ware
18 and Amber Granham. Thank you guys for your power,
19 for you courage [applause] for your organizing. It
20 is because of you that we're doing this today in the
21 Council, and it's because of you that that organizing
22 is sweeping across the country. I also want to
23 recognize the leadership of both SEIU 32BJ and of the
24 IWDSU for supporting worker organizing, your own
25 members and folks who've got nobody helping support

2 and organize for them. It's really powerful because
3 that \$15 an hour that folks want in this state is
4 great, but if you don't have enough hours to put
5 together a work week that you can pay the rent or pay
6 the food on, or if you don't know what your schedule
7 is going to be in advance and it's not stable enough
8 for you to organize your childcare or your education,
9 it's not much good. And so the work we are doing
10 here today is together, and I really want to thank
11 the Speaker and Council Member Ferreras and Council
12 Member Johnson because these bills function as a
13 package. 1396-A requires that fast food employers
14 provided two weeks advance notice of their schedules
15 so fast food workers will know when they are going to
16 work, and if employers change the schedule
17 afterwards, they have to pay a premium for doing so,
18 so workers have predictability and can cover if they
19 have to make adjustments, and Intro 1395-A will make
20 sure that workers that want to get more hours and
21 want to get to full-time work so they pay their bills
22 and have a chance to do so by requiring that before
23 employers post a new hire notice they have to offer
24 those shifts, those hours to existing workers or
25 those who want to, and get more hours and can get to

2 full-time jobs. Put together with the other bills in
3 this package, with the ban of on-call, and with the
4 Fast Food Empowerment Act, it is a tremendous step
5 forward. Lots and lots of people helped, and I will
6 not name them all, but I just want to add my voice of
7 thanks to the—Matt Gewolb, Annie Decker, Wes Jones,
8 Matt Carlin, Alexis Fondenburg, Michelle Lee, Aysha
9 Schomburg and Terzah Nasser in Leg Division and on my
10 team Annie Levers who do an extraordinary job helping
11 shepherd this package along. Thanks very much.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Brad
13 and thank you for your strong advocacy, and before we
14 close out, I really want to wish everyone a happy
15 Memorial Day and a traffic-free long weekend, right
16 and also invite you all to stop by the Rotunda on
17 your way out today to view the *It Takes Us Stories*
18 *From Across America*, and anti-gun violence
19 photography exhibit, which is sponsored by myself,
20 Council Members Dan Garodnick and Jumaane Williams.
21 I really want to thank Dan or Council Member
22 Garodnick for bringing this to my attention, and
23 really being a strong advocate for it. The
24 underlying stories associated with each picture, we
25 reinforce the notion that we as a representative body

2 fighting everyday for our constituents must continue
3 or work to prevent the spread of gun violence, and
4 I'll ask Dan to say a few words about it. I
5 introduce the photography already.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Right, thank
7 you very much Madam Speaker for your sponsorship of
8 this---these photographic portraits. These portraits
9 are the work of Joe Quint, who is a documentary
10 photographer who has been traveling the country to
11 capture the stories of people whose lives have been
12 affected by gun violence, whether they're injured
13 survivors, family members of victims and the
14 witnesses who while not physically injured, there are
15 emotional and psychological scars. I just want to
16 introduce you to Joe. Joe, just stand up and give a
17 wave over there. That is Joe Quint. Let's give him
18 a round. [applause] Each courts it, and I encourage
19 you to take a look out in the Rotunda and also in the
20 Members' Lounge. It gives you a small, but powerful
21 insight into the real human cost of the gun violence
22 statistics that we talk about so regularly. Each
23 story is unique, yet all share the common thread of
24 our country's shameful record of easy access to these
25 tools of murder. Joe hopes that his work will

2 inspire action on the issue of gun violence and I
3 share his hope. Because the statistics are
4 horrifying. Everyday in America over 300 people are
5 short in murders, assaults, suicides and suicide
6 attempts, unintentional shootings and police
7 intervention. Of those, everyday 93 die including on
8 average seven children. Think about that. That's
9 every single day. Domestic abusers are five times
10 more likely to murder their wives or girlfriends when
11 there is a gun in the house. More Americans have
12 died from guns in the United States since 1968 than
13 on battlefields of all of the wars in American
14 history. The people you will meet in these
15 photographs are only a few of the hundreds of
16 thousands of victims of guns. We cannot allow this
17 continue. The photographs will be on display today
18 in the Rotunda, in the Member's Lounge, as I noted,
19 and in the Speaker's Office, and I hope you will take
20 a few moments to view these compelling images. I was
21 moved. I-I want to thank the Speaker for her
22 wiliness to display these photographs as well as to
23 Council Member Williams for his advocacy on this
24 issue and also support of this exhibition, and to
25 Quint, thank you very much for your work. Thank you.

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you again
3 Dan for your advocacy. The—the—you know, images
4 really are powerful so I really would encourage
5 people to just take a quick swing by that Rotunda and
6 also downstairs and thank you so much for sharing
7 those photos with us, and yes we do honor obviously
8 and—and have Memorial Day coming up. So definitely a
9 way as a reminder to thank and—and remember all of
10 those veterans that continue to serve each and
11 everyday on our behalf and that have given of
12 themselves to defending our country. So thank you
13 for that, and keep them in mind as we celebrate
14 Memorial Day and Memorial Day Weekend. And finally,
15 I want to welcome seniors from Older Adults
16 Technology Services. OATS, who are visiting City
17 Hall during their Civic Day today. I hope they're
18 still here with us. So thank you for being here, and
19 with that, I conclude Communications from the
20 Speaker.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, Madam
22 Speaker. Let us continue to pray for all of those
23 who have been victims by act of violence both here
24 and abroad, and congratulations to all who will now
25

2 predictable schedules. Let us begin our General
3 Order discussion with Council Member Eric Ulrich.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you, Madam
5 Public Advocate. I want to apologize to the Speaker.
6 My colleagues before when-

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
8 [shushing for quiet]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: --I was called
10 up. I was not in the Chamber to speak on the bill
11 today that we are voting on which will officially
12 rename the 163rd Avenue Pedestrian Bridge in my
13 district, which spans over the Hawtree Basin after a
14 true public servant who served and had a-a stunning
15 career and three mayoral administrations, was a
16 constituent of mine after the late Joel A. Mealy, Sr.
17 Commissioner Mealy was first appointed in 1990 by
18 Mayor Dinkins to serve as a member-

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
20 [shushing for quiet]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: --of the City
22 Planning Commission.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
24 [shushing for quiet]

25 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me,
3 Council Member, may we have quiet in the Chambers,
4 please?

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We apologize
7 Council Member.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: As I—as I
9 mentioned Madam Public Advocate Joel Mealy was first
10 appointed to serve the people of this City as a
11 member of the City Planning Commissioner by the
12 Dinkins Administration. In 1994, he was appointed by
13 Mayor Giuliani to serve as the city's Commissioner of
14 the Department of Buildings before he was asked to
15 sever as the Commissioner of the Department of
16 Environmental Protection between 1996 2002. When
17 Mayor Bloomberg took office he asked Commissioner to
18 stay on, but in a different capacity asking him to
19 serve as a Commissioner of the Board of Standards and
20 Appeals. So he had a storied career in our city's
21 history, spanning three mayoral administrations.
22 He's also the Chair of the local community board for
23 almost two decades, a deeply respected individual
24 from—on both sides of the aisles. He died
25 unfortunately in 2013. His family still resides in

2 Old Howard Beach in my district, and this pedestrian
3 bridge, which we are voting to name in his honor and
4 in his memory will serve as a fitting tribute for his
5 family and friends who knew him well, and knew that
6 he represented the embodiment of public service.
7 Thank you very much.

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

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
11 Council Member Deutsch.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you.
13 Following upon the street co-naming that Council
14 Member Treyger and I introduced, which will take
15 place at the intersection of Brighton Beach Avenue
16 and Coney Island Avenue for Larry Savinkin. Larry
17 Savinkin was born in 1955 and raised in Odessa,
18 Ukraine.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
20 [shushing for quiet]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: He emigrated to
22 the United States in 1996 settling in New York City
23 with his wife and two children Galina and Vladmir.
24 On September 11, 2001. Al-Qaeda terrorists struck New
25 York City killing 2,996 innocent people. One of those

2 victims was Vlamir Savinkin, Larry's 21-year-old son.
3 Larry and his family turned their pain into purpose.
4 He and his wife Valentina sought out other New
5 Yorkers who were suffering through the same
6 circumstances, and they formed a not-for-profit
7 organization the September 11th Family Group
8 dedicating—dedicated to honoring the memories of
9 those who were lost. With Larry leading the way, the
10 group built a 9/11 Memorial in Asser Levy Park on
11 West 5th Street in my district. The memorial is a
12 beautiful peaceful place for families to visit and
13 remember their loved ones, and every year on
14 September 11th Brooklyn comes to memorialize the
15 thousands we lost in 2001. Larry continued to be
16 active in local matters, organ—organizing culture
17 events for his fellow New Yorkers, joined—joining the
18 Community Board 13, serving on the Holocaust Memorial
19 Committee, and also working for Congressman Hakeem
20 Jeffries. Larry was a proud husband, father and
21 grandfather when he passed away on March 6th of this
22 year. He was a friend--

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
24 [shushing for quiet]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: --to everyone
3 and all who counted on him for a helping hand, and
4 his impact of the Russian speaking community of New
5 York and all who knew him will be long-lasting. Like
6 the 9/11 Memorial in Asser Levy Park has done for his
7 son, the streets that will be co-named after him will
8 stand as a testament to the life and accomplishments
9 of Larry Savinkin. May he rest in peace. [bell]

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
11 Council Member Treyger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Public Advocate,
13 I will reserve my remarks because I am speaking about
14 a bill that I'm introducing later on.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You reserve your
16 remarks for General Discussion?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Yes, please.
18 Thank you.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
20 Council Member Rosenthal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: [pause] I'm--

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
23 You're going to reserve your remarks for General
24 Discussion?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Well, I wanted
3 to talk about a street co-naming.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: You can do that.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Okay. Thank
6 you very much. So, I want to start by congratulating
7 all of my colleagues on the Fair Work Week Bill.
8 There are important and significant pieces of
9 legislation that will change the lives of many hourly
10 wage workers especially in the fast food industry,
11 and I want to thank them for, you know, working so
12 hard to get these bills passed. We're also voting to
13 celebrate an extraordinary labor and civil rights
14 leader from our past as we vote to co-name the
15 Northwest Corner of Columbus Avenue and 71st Street
16 in honor of Mrs. Ponzi B. Hillman. Mrs. Hillman was
17 an incredible teacher, fighter and leader and we were
18 so blessed that she made the Upper West Side her
19 home. Mrs. Hillman spent her whole life fighting for
20 justice and for human dignity from her courage
21 teaching at Freedom Schools, in some of our districts
22 resisting school integration to her trailblazing work
23 with the UFT to tireless advocacy on behalf of Upper
24 West Side seniors. His dedication to improving the
25 lot of others touched so many lives across the city

2 and across the country. It's a great privilege that
3 we have a chance to commemorate her life today, and I
4 just want to emphasize the peace—the work that she
5 did trying to step out in front of those who would
6 resist school integration. This issue always brings
7 a divisiveness and what Mrs. Hillman did was stand up
8 for what is right, and I am so proud that we'll have
9 a street co-naming in her name.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We'll interrupt
11 now for two votes. Council Member Greenfield.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you.
13 I'd like to request permission to vote on the General
14 Order Calendar and all Resolutions.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote aye.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
18 Council Member Garodnick.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote aye.
20 Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
22 Council Member Vacca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye. Thank
24 you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and
3 Council Member Crowley.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you Madam
5 Public Advocate. I would like to have permission to
6 vote on all Land Use items and all bills today. I
7 vote aye.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, thank you so
9 much. Now, back to General Discussion. Council
10 Member Rodriguez.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I first would
12 like to vote aye on all Land Use Call-Ups and all
13 General Orders.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye and
16 second I would like to say a few words with-about a
17 great street corner. I mean that we are-

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down, please.
19 Keep it down.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
21 [shushing for quiet]

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: --we are great
23 with the street co-naming that the Council will
24 allows us to do in our community. First, we're doing
25 the-we are co-naming a street after the father of-or

2 the great Police Officer, Lawson (sp?) so we are co-
3 naming and take bus away after, and in the borough of
4 Manhattan, we are also co-naming 168 between Broadway
5 and Fort Washington after the great Dr. Sanders who
6 also used to run the Armory on 168 and passed away in
7 the last couple of months. We are also co-naming 168
8 and Amsterdam Avenue after the Miralbal Sisters, the
9 three women that they were killed by the Dictators of
10 Trujillo (sp?), and also—we are co-naming 168 Saint
11 Nicholas Avenue after Albert and Dorothy Rose
12 Blumberg Way, who were a family that dedicate to
13 offering opportunity for those immigrants, the scared
14 Dominicans who were arriving in Washington Heights
15 area, and it was because of their support that we
16 started getting some political participation. With
17 that, I vote aye.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 Council Member Barron.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes, thank you
21 Madam Public Advocate. I want to just comment on two
22 co-namings in my district. Well, yes, two in my
23 district. The first one is Susannah Mashatt Jones
24 Avenue at the corner of Van Bailey and Louisian-
25 Louisiana Avenue. Ms. Jones was call by those of us

2 in the community Ms. Suzy and she held the
3 distinction of being the oldest living woman—oldest
4 living person at the time that she passed. She was
5 116 years old. She still had her faculties. She had
6 lost her vision, but she still had her faculties, and
7 when we asked her we'd say Ms. Suzy, what do you
8 attribute your long life to? She said her diet and
9 I'm sure some of us would question that because she
10 would have eggs, bacon and hominy grits every
11 morning, and she believed in chewing gum. So she had
12 her chewing gum, but she lived in the Vandalia
13 Houses, and she served in the Tenant Patrol until she
14 was 90 years old, and she had the distinction also of
15 founding a scholarship fund because she had limited
16 educational abilities, opportunities rather in
17 Tennessee, but she established a scholarship fund for
18 other people that they would be able to benefit from
19 that. The second person is Horace Morancie Way and
20 Horace Morancie you probably know the name. He
21 fought to bring vital social services to the
22 residents, and he developed many programs to address
23 community issues including housing, job training and
24 domestic violence. He was selected by former Mayor
25 Lindsay to lead the Central Brooklyn Model Cities

2 Program, and recently in 2012, the Caribbean-American
3 magazine entitled Everybody's honored him for his
4 immense contributions in promoting the nation of
5 Trinidad and Tobago, and I also want to say that Ms.
6 Suzy's hometown renamed a highway in her honor as
7 well. So she has that distinction in her hometown as
8 well. I have others, but I'll do them in the next
9 part. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
11 Council Member Eugene.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
13 much Madam Public Advocate. I want to comment on
14 three co-namings that we did place also in my
15 district. We know that in New York City we—in New
16 York City we have great people, our senior citizens
17 who made tremendous contributions to our city, and
18 I'm privileged to have three or four of those people
19 living in my district, and—and I want to mention the—
20 the Rebbetzin for their contribution into the
21 community, two wonderful people the Rabbi and his
22 wife that made tremendous contributions to our
23 society, to our city and I am so pleased that we are
24 going to co-name the square after them. And I want
25 to take the opportunity also to commend Rabbi DeCulva

2 (sp), the-the man, and also Rabbi Marshal Benson of
3 the Shabatt for their advocacy. Thank you very much,
4 and I want to mention also a wonderful lady Barbara
5 Simmons. I don't think that I can use any word to
6 express how wonderful she was, and to express-to talk
7 about tremendous contribution to the community, and
8 I'm pleased that we are going to co-name also a
9 street after her. And I-I want to mention also
10 Lenore Briggs also a wonderful person who have made
11 also wonderful contribution to the community. I'm so
12 delighted to see the that City Council is going to
13 vote to co-name those public places after those
14 wonderful people, and I want to thank all of those
15 wonderful people who have worked hard to make this
16 co-naming possible, and thank you also, Madam Speaker
17 for the issue. (sic) Thank you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
19 Council Member Reynoso.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you so
21 much, Madam Chair or Madam. I want to talk about
22 three co-namings in my district Tillie Tarantino Way.
23 She was born an Italian immigrant-to Italian
24 immigrant parents. She resided with her family on
25 Leonard Street in Williamsburg before they purchased

2 the home in the 1950s at 64 Conselyea Street. This
3 house was also a place where she would live and raise
4 her children. So she was the cement in galvanizing
5 the community to amass facility space and helped
6 found the Small World Swinging Sixties Center, and
7 later served as the executor director for almost 40
8 years. She was also a founding member of Greenpoint
9 Renaissance Enterprise Corporation and an active
10 member of Community Board 1. We also have David
11 Pagan Way. David Pagan was born in Barranquitas,
12 Puerto Rico and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. He
13 was a veteran serving in Vietnam as an infantryman in
14 the Air Recovery Division. David Pagan is known for
15 his leadership in founding Southside United HDFC or
16 Los Sures, and serving on the boards of citywide
17 organizations advocating for tenant rights, and
18 working families. And finally, Luz Yolanda Coca or
19 Jolie, was an extraordinary person committed to her
20 faith in the power of community. Originally from the
21 Dominican Republic, Yolanda lived and raised her
22 family in Bushwick, Brooklyn. She was a graduate of
23 Boricua College and worked as a Vista volunteer with
24 the Fifth Avenue Committee. She is a member of St.
25 Joseph's and—St. Joseph's Church and Bushwick

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2 Housing—Housing Independence Project since 2005. I
3 want to thank the Speaker and the City Council for
4 their efforts on these street re-namings for my
5 district. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay, and now for
7 a vote, Council Member Gibson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
9 all, and congratulations to all my college on voting
10 on important legislation today. Thank you, Madam
11 Public Advocate.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. We're
13 not back to the regular scheduled calendar.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The Reports of
15 Special Committees.

16 CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
18 Standing Committees.

19 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil
20 Service and Labor, Intros 1384-A, 1387-A, 1388-A,
21 1395-A, and 1396-A retail and fast food employees.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Finance Presconsidered LU 640 and Reso 1487 through
4 LU 642 and Reso 1489, Tax Exemptions.

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

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Governmental Operations, Intros 282-A, 14-A, 418-A,
9 514-A, Board of Standards and Appeals.

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

12 CLERK: Intro 848-A, Sending voting
13 histories to voters.

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

16 CLERK: Intros 1200-A, 1390-A, 1391-A,
17 1392-A and 1393-A, Board of Standards and Appeals.

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

20 CLERK: Intro 1394-A, adding variance and
21 permit information to city website maps.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Health, Intro 1456-A, letter grades for mobile food
4 vendors.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
6 coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Housing and Buildings, Intro 722-A, dwelling minimum
9 temperatures.

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

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
13 use, LU 604 and Reso 1490, tax exemption.

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

16 CLERK: LU 607 and Reso 1491, sidewalk
17 café.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled to be
19 filed pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

20 CLERK: Excuse me. LU 608 and Reso 1492
21 and LU 609 and Reso 1493, zoning amendments.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
23 General Orders.

24 CLERK: LU 610 and 611 zoning amendments.

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved in
3 modifications and referred to the City Planning
4 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
5 the Council, and Section 197-d of the New York City
6 Charter.

7 CLERK: L--[coughs] excuse me. LU 614
8 and Reso 1494, Maritime Lease.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
10 General Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 615 and Reso 1495 through LU
12 627 and Reso 1499 on page 7, tax exemptions.

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

15 CLERK: LU 628 and Reso 1500, Morningside
16 Heights Historic District.

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

19 CLERK: LU 629 and Reso 1501, Cathedral
20 Church of St. John the Divine.

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

23 CLERK: LU 633 and Reso 1502 and LU 634
24 and Reso 1503, sidewalk cafes.

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

4 CLERK: LU 636 and Reso 1504 and LU 637
5 and Reso 1505, school facilities.

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

8 CLERK: LU 638 and Reso 1506 with
9 Preconsidered LU 656 and Reso 1509 on page 9, tax
10 exemptions and mortgage loan.

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks
14 and Recreation Intro 1305-A, parking restrictions
15 related to tree removal

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

18 CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 1613 naming
19 of 53 thoroughfares in public places.

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

22 CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 1627, Joel
23 Mealy Pedestrian Bridge.

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Technology. Intro 951-A, telephone access to 911
4 service.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
6 coupled on General Orders.

7 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar, LU
8 610 and Reso 1510 and LU 613 and Reso 1513 through
9 1613--and Reso 1513 on Page 11, Zoning Amendments.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
11 General Orders.

12 CLERK: Resolution appointing various
13 persons commissioner of deeds.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
15 General Orders. I dare say I think is probably one
16 of the meetings that we've had the most legislation,
17 and actions to be taken. Coupled on General Orders
18 the commissioner of Deeds, and I ask for a roll call
19 vote on all items.

20 CLERK: Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to
22 explain my vote.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
25 Public Advocate. I'm voting aye on all with the

2 exception of Land Use 616 in which I'm voting no. It
3 is the second part of the Library Project, and I
4 think that what we did when we established that—that
5 project was removed from having a poor door in a
6 building to have a poor building at a remote
7 location. So with that, I'm voting no Land Use 616,
8 and the accompanying Resolution. Thank you.

9 CLERK: Borelli.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all
11 except Intro 1384, 1387, 1388, 1395 and 1396.

12 CLERK: Cabrera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Madam Public
14 Advocate, and Madam Speaker, today is a good day for
15 fast food employers and I congratulate all the
16 sponsors of the bill. With that, I vote aye.

17 CLERK: Chin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Congratulations to
19 all my colleagues on these important legislations and
20 congratulations to fast food workers. I vote aye on
21 all. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Cohen.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I vote aye on all
24 with the exception of Intro 722-A. I abstain on that.

25 CLERK: Cornegy. Cumbo.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

3 CLERK: Deutsch.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

5 CLERK: Dromm.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

7 CLERK: Espinal.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Eugene.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I would like to
11 vote aye on all the Land Use Call-Ups and I vote aye
12 on all.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, thank you.

14 CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: With
16 congratulations to all of my colleagues today, I vote
17 aye.

18 CLERK: Grodenchik.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Permission to
20 explain my vote.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: First, I want
23 to congratulate all my colleagues on their
24 legislation. As the Speaker said, it is a long day
25 here. I want to congratulate Eric Ulrich on the

2 renaming of Joel Mealy Bridge. Joel was truly a
3 renaissance man. He was an admiral in the U.S. Navy,
4 and he did more for the people of the city of New
5 York than they will ever realized. I also want to
6 congratulate my colleague Costa on the renaming for
7 Jimmy Lanza, who worked with former Borough President
8 Schulman to save the apartments of 20,000 families
9 during the last development and condo crisis of the
10 late '80s and early '90s. Myself we are proud this
11 day for my first street renaming for Father John
12 Murray, a former Associate Pastor of American Martyrs
13 Church on Union Turnpike who worked for a generation
14 to save the lives of people addicted to drugs and
15 suffering from alcohol abuse. This Memorial Day, I
16 will remember father, my father-in-law a hero of the
17 War in the Pacific, and my dear friend Alex Jacob who
18 we lost about a month ago. He was a native of the
19 Lower East Side, and was a hero at the Battle of the
20 Bulge, and as he lay there dying on a river bank, he
21 looked up to see two African-American soldiers from
22 General George Patton's army who, indeed, saved his
23 life. He lived to be 91. He was extremely involved
24 in our community. With that, I vote aye on all
25 except Intro 1396. Thank you for-

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: --indulging
5 me.

6 CLERK: Johnson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Permission to
8 explain my vote.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I want to first
11 congratulate Council Member Karen Koslowtiz for her
12 leadership on this issue getting letter grades for
13 food vendors and mobile food carts in New York City.
14 This is a New York City issue. This is an issue that
15 the Council should be—have oversight on. I know that
16 there were some folks in Albany who were trying to
17 take this away from us, and I am glad that the
18 Council took action here today because this was in
19 our purview and I was really glad we are able to do
20 this. I think it's a great piece of legislation. So
21 I wanted to thank her for that. I want to
22 congratulate all my colleagues, and I want to take
23 the rest of my time to remember Peter Wertheim (sp?).
24 Peter was a great, great guy. I am hugely saddened
25 and heartbroken over his untimely passing. I knew

2 him before he worked for Deputy Mayor Glen. I knew
3 him when I was Chair of Community Board 4 and he was
4 the number 2 guy at the Hudson Yards Development
5 Corporation. He and I worked together. He and I
6 then worked together to get the Hudson Yard, Hells
7 Kitchen BID through the process, and when he joined
8 Deputy Mayor Glen's Office he was a consummate
9 professional, thoughtful, funny, charming,
10 responsive, charming. Just a great, great, great
11 guy, and it is a huge loss, 39 years old, a huge loss
12 to lose a guy like Peter who has given so much to the
13 city, and really took his service this city
14 seriously. He was a husband. They were married a
15 few years ago, and Peter was just a tremendous
16 person. I know that Deputy Mayor Glen's Office and
17 the folks that work there are mourning, and that so
18 many folks on the other side of City Hall are
19 mourning, but for those of us that got work with
20 Peter, we know what a great, incredible New Yorkers
21 he was and we'll miss you very, very much. [bell] My
22 condolences to his husband and to his family. I vote
23 aye on all.

24 CLERK: Kallos.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Koo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye and I
4 also want to congratulate Council Member Karen
5 Koslowitz for passing two and one of those really.
6 [sneezing] (sic) Congratulations. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and
8 bless you.

9 CLERK: Koslowitz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Lander.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request
13 permission to explain my vote. Just a few more thank
14 yous. First, I want to thank Chair Miller who
15 chaired a fantastic hearing on this package of bills.
16 It was long. We heard work testimony from a lot of
17 workers, and there were a lot of issues to work
18 through. So thank you, Chair Miller. I thanked Corey
19 before, but I want to thank Louis Cholden-Brown,
20 Council Member Rose was a big supporter of this
21 package and her staff are Edwina Martin. We are
22 lucky to have with us a lot of the leadership from
23 32BJ, not just Hector Figueroa, but Allison Hirsch,
24 David Cohen, Katchen Locke and Candice Tolliver as
25 well Camille from RWDSU and certainly Stuart

2 Applebaum and Jessica Garcia were big supporters.
3 From Center for Popular Democracy Carrie Gleason is
4 here and thanks also to Rachel Deutsch and Elion
5 Farhat (sp?) and a Better Balance did a lot of work
6 here as well because this about helping workers have
7 the possibility even of some work/life balance. So
8 thanks to Sherry Leiwant and Phoebe Taubman. The new
9 Office of Labor Policy and Standards, which this
10 Council helped create has become a great ally in
11 supporting and defending workers, and DCA
12 Commissioner Lorelei Salas, OLPS Director Luz
13 Fladdic, Omne Paga (sp?), as well as Jonie Cletter
14 (sp?) and Lindsay Green were a big help on getting
15 this home. And in my office thanks also to Whitney
16 Hugh and Rachel Goodman. Thanks to all of them and
17 to all of you. Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Levine.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Permission to
20 briefly explain my vote?

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you. Well,
23 Madam Speaker, you're right. I think we hit a
24 record. I counted almost 40 bills today. Really a
25 lot to be proud of for this Council, the BSA reform,

2 the work we're doing for voter participation and—and
3 healthy food vending, but I do particularly want to
4 say how proud I am about our package bills for
5 supporting the rights of fast workers and retail
6 workers, and express my gratitude to the sponsors,
7 Council Members Johnson, Ferreras, Lander. I
8 particular want to note Intro 1384-A, which will give
9 workers the chance to pool their resources to make
10 sure that their voice is heard. Really a simple and
11 powerful notion that I'm proud to support, and Intro
12 1387, which will finally give workers the stability,
13 predictability and transparency in their scheduling,
14 which they so long lacked. And I hope and expect
15 this set off a trend nationally so the people see
16 that even in the time when workers are getting no
17 help from Washington that local government and
18 progressive hands can push forward bills that score
19 real wins for our working men and women, and I'm very
20 proud to vote on all today. Thank you.

21 CLERK: Maisel.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic]

23 CLERK: Mealy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all,
25 and I salute to all my colleagues of their

2 legislation and all the war-war veterans that are
3 saving us right now, and keeping the borders safe for
4 all of us and I vote aye on all.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Menchaca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to
8 explain my vote.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I
11 want to also thank all of our colleagues in the City
12 Council for their hefty agenda today that we're
13 passing. I also want to lift up the voices of the
14 workers. Not only do we have to thank 32BJ and the
15 incredible team there, RWDSU and their time, but
16 really the workers are who I want to lift up today,
17 those who came to my office looking to camp out at
18 the City Council these last fast few months and
19 really made sure that their voices were heard. Their
20 voices were heard. Julietta, Charisma, Pierre, who I
21 keep on seeing all over the place, and when he speaks
22 his truth he speaks power. This is the kind of way
23 that democracy needs to work. When legislation is
24 debated, when the people most impacted can come and
25 tell their story, that's how it works, and so I want

2 to say thank you. Keep doing it. We are not done
3 yet. This package represents a lot of work, but we
4 have a lot more to go. So I want to thank the
5 Progressive Caucus for really taking-taking this not
6 only seriously, but making that-making that-those
7 wheels of democracy churn for goodness and justice.
8 I vote aye on all. Thank you.

9 CLERK: Cornegy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Miller.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
13 explain my vote, please.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
16 Public Advocate. First, I-I want to commend my
17 colleagues on the Fair Work Week Legislation and all
18 the legislation that is being passed today. That is
19 really, really important vital legislation being
20 passed to protect the community that has been void of
21 a voice, and I'm proud to be a part of that. I
22 especially want to thank the Speaker's Office and
23 those at 32-32BJ, RSDWU for their advocacy to the
24 Speaker's Office for indulging me as we in this
25 legislation attempt to capture and-and-and-and work

2 towards resolving some of the issues of our target
3 audience in the fast food industry, but also to be
4 able to protect the broader labor movement, and so,
5 I—I really want to thank those who have worked
6 diligently and above and beyond to ensure that all
7 these have happened. So those members of the labor
8 committee, Matt Gewolb, and Joe and also Liz Braddock
9 and Terry McGuinness, people who have worked very hard
10 to ensure that this important legislation was the
11 right legislation, and that it continued to advance
12 the labor movement here in New York City. So, I'm—I—
13 I—with that, I again want to thank all those
14 involved, and I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Perkins.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Reynoso.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to
19 explain my vote.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you, Madam
22 Public Advocate. Congratulations to all my colleagues
23 and—

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]

25 [shushing for quiet]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: --to the
3 colleagues that are left in the Chamber, MSQI, the
4 Middle School Quality Initiative is hosting a debate--

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
6 down.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: --in the
8 Committee Room next door right before the Black,
9 Latino and Asian Caucus meet. Everyone is invited.
10 We're going to see two schools, two middle schools
11 debate against each other regarding issues of
12 immigration and it's a school in my district and a
13 school in Ritchie Torres' district. It's going to be
14 very positive and--and intense, hopefully in--in a
15 positive way, of course, but also just speaking to
16 MSQI, the actual grades of proficiency levels are
17 schools that have the MSQI program have consistently
18 gone up across the board, and it really speaks to the
19 work that that these--the MSQI and the initiative is
20 doing in our schools, and I hope it eventually could
21 come every single school in the City of New York.
22 We're really excited about seeing the two middle
23 schools debate today right after this in the
24 committee room. Thank you very much, and--and Public
25 Advocate.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Richards.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Permission to
5 explain my vote.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: First off, I
8 wanted to congratulate all of the sponsors of the
9 Fair Work Week legislation today. I especially want
10 to highlight Intro 1387, which created
11 predictability, establishes stability, creates
12 transparency and enhances—enhances workers' rights,
13 and, you know, at the end of the day, I think all of
14 these bills help us achieve a medium with the retail
15 establishments and workers by basically treating our
16 workers with respect and dignity while they seek to
17 earn an honest living, and I think these bills strike
18 the right balance. I also just wanted to speak on--
19 Lastly, let me just say a congratulations to Council
20 Members Julissa Ferreras, Lander and Johnson for
21 RWDSU, 32BJ and especially to workers, and lastly, I
22 just wanted to highlight two street re-namings. One
23 is going to a gentleman Julius Freeman who was a
24 Tuskegee airman who we recently lost. He served his
25 country with pride and—and dignity. After his

2 service as a Tuskegee airman, Mr. Freeman has a
3 prominent career within the car industry serving
4 customers such as James Brown and Brooklyn Dodgers
5 Peewee Reese regardless of color. Among Mr.
6 Freeman's many accolades, he has been awarded the
7 Congressional Gold Medal by former President George
8 W. Bush, the Rosa Parks-Parks award from the Lakeview
9 Democratic Club, the Gold Award from Christland(sp?)
10 was invited to the inauguration of former President
11 Obama, and then secondly Mr. Walter Kelly who was a
12 well respected jazz musician who played on the Ed
13 Sullivan Show with Ray-with the Ray Charles band and
14 toward-with the hit Broadway play Sophisticated
15 Ladies, just to name a few of his many accolades.
16 Mr. Kelly dedicated a lot of his life and work to the
17 Robert Kelly Senior Center in our district, which
18 many community members from Council Members both
19 Wills and Miller reside as well. He was a great man
20 who we truly miss, and his wife just left the center
21 from what I know as well. [bell] But we want to
22 definitely pay homage to him, too, and I think two
23 street re-namings are a small token of appreciation
24 for the work that they've done. So with that, I vote
25 aye.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

3 CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to
5 explain my vote.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: First, I'd like to
8 acknowledge all of the hard work, and I do mean hard
9 work that my colleagues put into getting the fair
10 work week packing together --

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
12 [shushing for quiet]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: --and actually--

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
15 down please.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: --voted on today,
17 and I'd like to say that I will continue to work to
18 make the right to request flexible schedule
19 legislation a reality and I want to thank 32BJ and
20 all of the advocates for the--for their work and
21 commitment to this package of bills. Thank you.

22 CLERK: Rosenthal.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.
24 Thank you.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

2 CLERK: Torres.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Treyger.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
7 explain my vote.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I also just want
10 to commend Council Member Koslowitz for her food
11 safety bill. I-I also just want to echo the remarks
12 of my colleague Councilman Deutsch with regards to
13 the re-naming for Larry Savinkin. Larry was a pillar
14 in the Russian speaking community, and organized his
15 family and other families that lost loved ones on
16 9/11 towards a dedication of a memorial in Southern
17 Brooklyn. So I echo the comments of my colleague,
18 and to my colleagues who championed the Fair Work
19 Week package of legislation, just again we've heard
20 this before, but just to humanize it a second
21 further. A worker who closes an establishment at
22 1:00 in the morning should not be the same worker
23 required to open the same establishment five hours,
24 six hours later. That's outrageous, and so I'm very

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2 proud to support this package of bills, and with that
3 I vote—I vote aye.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Ulrich.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
7 with the exception of Intros 1384, 1387, 1388, 1395,
8 1396-A, all A, and I'm going to abstain on Intro 722-
9 A for environmental concerns, which were expressed
10 yesterday at the hearing. Thank you.

11 CLERK: Rodriguez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

13 CLERK: Williams.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I pass.

15 CLERK: Matteo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 1384, 1387,
17 1388, 1395, 1396, aye on the rest.

18 CLERK: Van Bramer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Williams.

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

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: First, I just
25 want to say congratulations to all my colleagues. It

2 was pretty long, but we actually did some very good
3 bills here from Karen Koslowitz, Ritchie Torres, and
4 Council Member Crowley. They're like very good
5 bills. I do want to give a special shout-out to
6 Council Members Ferreras, Lander and Torres. A few
7 years ago what Council Member Lander described I
8 helped shut down a wind-easing (sic) on Fulton
9 Street. I'll never forget at the start of this whole
10 thing. I did an impromptu boycott, and I've been so
11 proud to see where this gone since then. It is
12 something from the \$15 an hour, something that people
13 say could not be done. Something they say will never
14 be done that folks are crazy, and as Council Member
15 Menchaca said, the voice of the people really stood
16 out here. People who felt they had no voice
17 previously where voices were strengthened, and it's a
18 shining example what can happen when people stick
19 together and don't say no or don't take no for an
20 answer. The progressive movement, the reforms that
21 we're pushing forward this is a great example of from
22 the bottom up, and—and staying united. So I'm proud
23 to vote aye on all of these bills, knowing that this
24 is not a completion, but this is a continuation. We
25 have a long way to go for the workers in this

2 country, to 32 BJ, RWDSU, all of the people that
3 represent all of the fast food workers, I hope you
4 are immensely proud and really understand what you're
5 doing here, and as a shining light, and not just for
6 yourselves but for fast food workers and people who
7 are fighting to feed their family across this country
8 even magnified during this age of the Orange Man. I
9 vote aye. Sorry, sorry. I vote aye on all with the
10 exception of LU 616 and Resolution 1496, which I vote
11 no.

12 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

15 [background comments, pause] All items on today's
16 General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote of 15
17 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0
18 abstentions with the exception of Intro 1384-A, which
19 was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative, 3
20 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Intro 722-A, which
21 was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 0
22 negative and 2 abstentions, and Land Use 616 and
23 Resolution 1496, which was adopted by a vote 48 in
24 the affirmative, 2 negative, and 0 abstentions, and
25 Intro 1387, which was adopted by a vote of 47

2 affirmative, 3 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Intro
3 1388-A, which was adopted by vote of 47 in the
4 affirmative, 3 negative and 0 abstentions, and Intro
5 1395-A, which was adopted by a vote 47 in the
6 affirmative, 3 negative, and 0 abstentions, and Intro
7 1396-A, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
8 affirmative, 3 negative and 1 abstention. Then the
9 Revised Land Use Call-Ups vote is 50 in the
10 affirmative and 1 negative. Introduction and Reading
11 of bills. [background comments] Introduction and
12 Reading of bills.

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are
14 referred to the Committees as indicated on the
15 agenda.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, and
17 now we will have a discussion of the resolution,
18 Resolution 1444 and 1445 sponsored by Council Member
19 Miller.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
21 Public Advocate.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
23 [shushing for quiet] Quiet in the Chambers, please.

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
25 down.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We-if you are
3 exiting, please exit quietly. We are still in
4 session. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you again,
6 Public-Madam Public advocate.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
9 [shushing for quiet]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: First-

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
12 down, please.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --Resolution 1440
14 affirms the city's right to collective bargaining and
15 secondly Resolution 1445 urges-

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
17 [shushing for quiet]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --Congress to
19 vote against proposed national right-to-work laws.
20 All these thing are-are the basic tenets and
21 foundation for organized labor.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [interposing] Keep it
23 down, please.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Organized labor,
25 which brought us to 40-the 40-hour work week,

2 workers' safety, labor standards, health and
3 retirement benefits. The city has a great tradition
4 of providing such benefits. That is why the first
5 Labor Day Parade was held here, and that we-

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing]
7 [shushing for quiet]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: --we have an
9 obligation to continue to lead in this way and in
10 organizing. In there time we are -where we are void
11 of social safeties and being threatened by right-to-
12 work all over the country, we are-we are creating
13 laws here today that enforce the rights of workers.
14 But also we must reaffirm the rights that have given
15 us the quality of life for so many workers around the
16 country, and here in New York City today. When Union
17 powers are weakened, so are the workers and so are
18 the communities that they represent and live in.
19 Studies have show that when union membership
20 decreases so does wages. We cannot allow that to
21 happen. Proposed budget that come out of Washington
22 and the changes that we will see, and the
23 implementation at the Labor Department will have
24 serious consequences on the workers right here in the
25 city. So, this is why we are reaffirming the right

2 and basic tenets of collective bargaining, and to
3 right to organize, and we've denounce right to work,
4 which is certainly not the right work. So, I thank
5 my staff for putting together. I ask that my
6 colleagues vote in the affirmative on this important
7 legislation, and we are on a roll in protecting
8 workers. So I'd say let's vote yes, and get it done.
9 Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Now,
11 seeing no other speakers, let us begin by voting on
12 Resolution 994, a resolution calling upon the
13 Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and all other
14 appropriate entities to support a Hudson River
15 greenway between Spuyten Duydil and Yonkers to
16 provide riverfront access in a continuous-continuous
17 stretch concurrent with the Metro North Line
18 extending from Manhattan to Westchester. All of
19 those in favor say aye.

20 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
22 opposed? Any abstention? The ayes have it and
23 Resolution 1444, a resolution affirming the right to
24 collectively bargain for workers in the city of New
25 York. All of those in favor say aye.

2 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye .

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
4 opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it, and
5 Resolution 1445, a resolution calling upon Congress
6 to vote against the proposed right to work
7 legislation. All of those in favor say aye.

8 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
10 opposed? Any abstention? And the ayes have it. And
11 now the general discussion beginning with Council
12 Member Barron.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
14 Public Advocate. First, I want to call my
15 colleagues' attention to Reso 1481, which prohibits
16 third parties from obtaining copies of homeowner's
17 deed, and you can understand why that's being
18 introduced. It's something we want the state to look
19 at, and I just want to talk about two of the other—
20 actually three of the other people who are having
21 street co-namings: Barbara Simmons, who lives in
22 Brooklyn. She was bold, outspoken, relentless on
23 educational issues not only in her community, but
24 across the world—across the state, and she formed and
25 participated in several educational advocacy groups.

2 And next Elombe Brath who we called a walking
3 encyclopedia. He was a great Pan-Africanist. He was
4 the founder of the Patrice and Mumba Coalition. He
5 was an advocate for the rights self-determination for
6 Angolans and South Africans, and he established the
7 Grandassa models, which were a group of dark skinned
8 women, Black women with huge Afros and they wore
9 their cultural attire, and he showed us that yes
10 black is beautiful And finally, Ramon Jimenez. He
11 was a lawyer trained at Harvard. Yet, he brought his
12 skills and talents back to the Bronx, the poorest
13 congressional district in the nation. And he was a
14 professor at Hostos, and he helped to lead the fight
15 to maintain Hostos as an independent unique
16 institution and not be absorbed with another college.
17 In 2010, he ran on the Freedom Party line for
18 attorney general, with Charles Barron running for
19 Governor, and he fought against corruption, cronyism
20 within the system. And while at Hostos, he said
21 well, Hostos was an old tired factory with a \$4
22 million budget. The city saw fit to give all kinds
23 of grants to Yankee Stadium in the millions of
24 dollars, and he finally said: Any reward that I get
25 for what I did is because of the people I was around.

2 We have too many great leaders who want to rise from
3 the people, not with the people. Even good people
4 get hypnotized by power. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. I'd
6 also-let me restate some-the tally vote. On Intro
7 1395-A, it was adopted by a vote of-excuse me-Intro
8 1396-A, it was adopted by a vote of 46 in the
9 affirmative, 4 negative and 0 abstentions. Now,
10 continuing with general discussions, Council Member
11 William.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.
13 First I want to wish all my Haitian brothers and
14 sister a happy Flag Day that we just passed this past
15 week. Also, just to point out that we were fighting
16 for TPS to be extended to the Haitian community. We
17 were very worried about what would happen. The truth
18 be told, we had to struggle under the Obama
19 Administration as well, and President Trump, the
20 Orange Man, extended it six months, which was
21 ridiculously low. Normally, it's 18 months, but our
22 expectations were so low, I guess we ought to take
23 this as a celebration. I do believe it is part of
24 the ignorance of the Administration to believe that
25 Haiti will be in a much better position in six

2 months, and I think part of the-taking away the
3 humanity of these people who are here legally because
4 of what happened in Haiti from the earthquake to
5 Cholera to the hurricane. [coughs] To live-to have to
6 live under a cloud I don't think people understand
7 what it's like to have a life or family trying to get
8 a job, and know that you may have to leave this
9 country in six months. I don't believe that you can
10 deport 16-60,000 people. I actually don't believe
11 you can deport millions of people like we say, but
12 what it does is keep them subjugated under a second
13 class status while using and abusing the talents that
14 they provide for this country. Lastly, I would like
15 to uplift the Second Lieutenant Richard Connor, III
16 who was stabbed to death in the University of
17 Maryland by a white Supremist. His name has not been
18 ringing out in the news. We haven't been asking the
19 questions of how those white Supremists have been
20 radicalized. He was a young black man set to
21 graduate, and he served his country, and these are
22 the types of things that are happening.

23 Unfortunately, it does not get the attention that it
24 deserves. I believe because of who is being killed,
25 and because of the people, what they look like who

2 are killing them. This should be receiving as much
3 attention as any other terrorist attack that is
4 occurring. With that, I wish everyone a Memorial Day
5 including my brother who will soon be enlisting—who
6 has enlisted and soon will be shipped off to the
7 Navy. My prayers are with him and all others.

8 [coughs]

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
10 Miller.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Actually we were
12 out, but now that I have the floor, I'm going to be
13 introducing an introduction on Workers Compensation.
14 Last week, the Government and the State House
15 announced that Workers Compensation rates would be
16 reduced by 4.5%. While this was hailed as a—to
17 support small business, the fact of the matter is
18 that there are many other ways that we can reduce the
19 cost of Workers Compensation while still supporting
20 small business. The City paid almost \$300 million of
21 Workers Compensation claims last year, but almost
22 nothing is being done to see that steps are being
23 taken to prevent such injuries. That is why that the
24 legislation, Intro 1622 will require the—the Law
25 Department of City of New York and OMB to create a

2 quarterly report, which will not just show the money
3 that is being spent on Workers Compensation, but it
4 would also determine where the injury took place, how
5 many claims, who and the titles so that we can
6 prevent this from happening in the future. It can
7 take over a year to receive a determination from
8 Workers Compensation Board, which is why this report
9 would show when the claim was filed and—and when the
10 payment begun. Let us be clear, Workers Compensation
11 is something one—is not something—is something more—
12 not something one uses to support their family, but
13 it is their lifeline when people are injured through
14 no fault of their own when serving the city. That is
15 why in—in—in my prior life we fought to raise the—the
16 Workers Compensation in this—in the country. We are
17 now 17th behind states like Alabama, a 4.5 reduction
18 is a—an abomination to the workers that serve this
19 city. So, I'm hoping that my colleagues can support
20 it. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
22 Council Member Treyger.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,
24 Public Advocate. Colleagues, I ask you to please
25 join me and also Council Member Alan Maisel in

2 supporting Intro 1626, a bill which would create safe
3 Internet exchange—Internet purchase exchange zones
4 throughout the city. Each police precinct would be
5 required to designate a monitored location where New
6 Yorkers can go to safely exchange goods purchased on
7 the Internet, arranged through websites like Craig's
8 List. Two weeks ago, someone selling gift cards
9 through Craig's List was robbed at gunpoint in his
10 hotel room. Earlier this year a Stuyvesant high
11 school student was stabbed and robbed while
12 attempting to sell sweatshirts in a purchase arranged
13 through Facebook Market Place. Cities throughout the
14 country have adopted the Internet Purchase Exchange
15 Safeso (sic) model responding to changing modes of
16 commerce including Hartford, Connecticut, Seattle,
17 Washington, Philadelphia, Miami, Houston and San
18 Antonio, and many others. This common sense bill
19 would allow New Yorkers to conduct simple financial
20 transactions in a safer manner while allowing each
21 precinct the flexibility to designate a location
22 within or near the Precinct House to set appropriate
23 hours and to utilize existing security video
24 infrastructure. No one whether they're trying to
25 downsize and earn a little extra cash before a move

2 or chasing a coveted rarity should fear for the
3 safety. I respectfully urge my colleagues to sign
4 onto Intro 1626, and also I just want to echo the
5 remarks of the Speaker and my colleagues in wishing
6 all of our veterans, armed forces and those who we
7 have lost a very happy and blessed Memorial Day. We—
8 we must always show respect for our veterans not just
9 with words, but with actions. Thank you, Public
10 Advocate.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
12 Council Member Menchaca.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I
14 want to bring up three different introductions or an
15 introduction and two resolutions. Introduction 1621.
16 This is in partnership with Council Member Johnson.
17 This local law will amend the Administrative Code of
18 the City of New York in relation to clarifying gender
19 reassignment surgery that will result in
20 sterilization is not subject to a waiting period.
21 Two Resos, 1484 and 1485, and this is in joint with
22 the Speaker of the City Council calling on the state
23 and the federal government to extend protections for
24 undocumented youth by passing New York State Dream
25 Act of 2017 at the state level as well as bar removal

2 of individuals who dream and grow our Economy Bridge
3 Act of 2017 at the federal level. These are very
4 important conversations to keep going at this time,
5 and I'm glad that the City Council will be reviewing
6 this through the Immigration Committee and back up
7 for—for an affirmation. The next one 1485 this is a
8 resolution calling upon the Department of Homeland
9 Security, John Kelly to prohibit the United States
10 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE agents, from
11 identifying themselves as police officers while
12 conducting immigration enforcements in New York—in
13 New York City. These are the tactics that we see
14 over and over again by ICE. It's wrong on so many
15 different levels, and thinking about public safety in
16 our city we know that Sanctuary cities are cities
17 that are actually safer because we build
18 relationships, strong bond relationships with our
19 local law enforcement. So I'm really thankful for
20 both of these resolutions. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And lastly,
22 Council Member Lander.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam
24 Public Advocate to close us out, I'd like to invite
25 my colleagues to join on Saturday for a pretty

2 special demonstration and you, too, Madam Public
3 Advocate. There will be a high school student led
4 demonstration for New York City School Integration
5 and Desegregation led by the remarkable young people
6 of Integrate NYC for Me, this Saturday at 1:00 on the
7 City Hall steps. They have been building an
8 extraordinary campaign, and have been partners with
9 this Council in moving the issue forward. There is
10 so far to go here. You may have seen recently the
11 Mayor made some comments that expressed some
12 skepticism about how urgent this is to do, and I
13 would just urge you to come listen to what these
14 young people have to say Saturday at 1:00 on the City
15 Hall steps. We'll also be seeing them back in this
16 Chamber before too long. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and I
18 apologize. One more speaker, Council Member Dromm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
20 much and just a reminder that we have right next
21 door, right after the Stated Meeting the Middle
22 Schools Student Debate and Spoken Word Poetry
23 presentation by the Middle School Quality Initiative.
24 So I would hope everybody will stick around and come
25 to the debate right next door right now. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: To close us out,
3 the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. Everybody wanted
4 to--

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Can we remember .
6 (sic) and we are in recess. So with that, thank you
7 to all my colleagues and enjoy the rest of your day.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Enjoy
9 Memorial Weekend. [gavel]

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



Date May 27, 2017