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2 [sound check, pause] [background
3 comments]

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please. Quiet
5 please.

6 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Hi. Hi, we're
7 going to get started.

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: [shushing for quiet]
9 Quiet for the Speaker.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing] If
11 people can settle in. We've got four ceremonials
12 today, which is a bit unusual, but we have four. We
13 usually have three. The first one is by our Minority
14 Leader Matteo, who's honoring the Moore Catholic
15 High School Mavericks Softball Team. [applause] If
16 they can start coming up. If you can start heading
17 up here as we introduce them. So, Council Member
18 Matteo will be honoring the Moore Catholic High
19 School Mavericks Softball team for their outstanding
20 performance during the 2017 season and for winning
21 its first Staten Island Archdiocese and State Double
22 A Championship in 15 years. [applause] Alright. I'm
23 going to pass it off to Council Member Matteo.
24 Congratulations.

25 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet down, please.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you, Madam
3 Speaker. Welcome Mavericks and another—another girls
4 softball championship team from the district. So,
5 welcome. A great softball team this year, a
6 powerhouse from the beginning, but more importantly
7 we're proud of U.S. student athletes. So, thank you
8 for what you've—this is the wrong one. [background
9 comments] That's all right? That's alright. That's
10 alright. No. It's my job to look. No, it's over
11 there isn't it. But welcome to City Hall. We're
12 extremely proud of you, and like I said, you know, it
13 seems like from the start that you guys just rocked
14 it on the field this year, and you're rocking in the
15 classroom, which makes us even more prouder, and, um,
16 that you are inspirational young women in...in our
17 community and my district. So, it's a wonderful a
18 proc—I'll pull this because that's the right one.
19 Um, and I'm just going to read some highlights from—
20 from your great year. The team, like I said, was a
21 powerhouse from the moment they took the field. On
22 May 30th, they capped an incredible 22 and 4 season
23 by winning the State Championship with an 8 to
24 nothing win over Saint Anthony's in Long Island.
25 Coach Payne and his team I think they're going to be

2 back here for awhile. I think he has a lot of young-
3 younger girls on the team, right. So, I think we're
4 going to be a powerhouse for years to come, which
5 certainly makes us proud. Some highlights.
6 Sophomore Victoria Grillo first team Allstate catcher
7 won the Smith Cup Award recognized as Staten Island's
8 top softball player and was the team with remarkable
9 with a 581 batting average. Junior short stop
10 Angelina Reno, 15 Allstate and advance All Star hit
11 472 and threw no hit of the season. A sophomore
12 pitcher Kris-Kristen Brennan went 8 and 0 with a .086
13 ERA in the regular season and 5 to 1 in the playoffs,
14 and finished the championship run with a pair of two
15 hitters, and junior center fielder a good friend of
16 mine and family Kris-Kristen Blanchard another All-
17 Star and advanced All-Star batted 424 this season
18 and, you know, Kristen lost her mom this year, and I
19 know she dedicated the season to Janice, a good
20 friend to all of us. So, it made the season even
21 more special, and I could go on and on about what
22 great student athletes you are. You're extremely-
23 very, very proud of all of you, and the season that
24 you had. Thank you to the principal, the athletic
25 director, the coaches, Coach Payne and his staff for

2 your remarkable dedication and leading these fine
3 girls to victory on and off the field. So thank you.
4 Welcome to City Hall. We're all extremely proud of
5 you and we're going to ask the clerk to read the
6 proc.

7 CLERK: Council City of New York
8 Proclamation.

9 Whereas, the Council of the City of New
10 York is proud to honor the Moore Catholic High School
11 Mavericks Softball team for their outstanding
12 performance during the 2017 season and for winning
13 its first Staten Island Archdiocese and State Double
14 A Championship in 15 years; and

15 Whereas, the Mavericks Softball Team, the
16 New York State's No. 11 Advanced (sic) Double A Team,
17 finished the season with an exceptional 20 to 4
18 record with a team comprised of all underclassmen who
19 proved their grit and skill when they defeated Saint
20 Mary's of Lancaster, New York in the State Semi-Final
21 4 to 2 and went on to defeat Saint Anthony's of
22 Huntington, New York in the State Final winning an 8
23 to 0 mercy rule in five innings on May 30, 2017; and

24 Whereas, the Moore Catholic High School
25 Mavericks Softball Team has been guided to greater

2 high school season thanks to the vision and
3 leadership of head coach Kevin Payne and Assistant
4 Coaches Leonard Reyna, Joseph Lynch, Jr. and Glenn
5 Payne. Working together they helped these young
6 players develop the skills they needed to put their
7 dreams within reach while also inspiring them to
8 dream even bigger. As a result they overcame very
9 challenging opponents to win the CHSAA title; and

10 Whereas, the 2017 Moore Catholic High
11 School Mavericks Softball Team is comprised of 12
12 excellent players: Kristen Blanchard, Kristen
13 Brennan, Essence English, Sarah Freeman, Victoria
14 Grillo, Sophia Marzo, Melanie Massa, Ellie Perez,
15 Angelina Reno, Jacqueline Ribaud, Jenna Scotti and
16 Nicole Trani. We commend these players for excelling
17 in both their individual and collective efforts
18 throughout the season.

19 Now, therefore, be it known that the
20 Council of the City of New York honors and
21 congratulates the Moore Catholic High School
22 Mavericks Softball Team for leading the school to its
23 victory in the 2017 Catholic High School Athletic
24 Association Double A Softball State Championship.
25 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the Entire

2 Council, Steven Matteo, Minority Leader 50th District
3 Staten Island, Deborah Rose, Council Member 49th
4 District Staten Island, Joseph Borelli, Council
5 Member 51st District Staten Island.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: They wanted me
7 speak. Yeah, so on behalf of the Speaker again and
8 our colleagues here we want to thank you.
9 Congratulations on such a great season. Before we
10 let you go, we're going to let Essence English come
11 up and speak on behalf of your wonderful team.

12 [applause]

13 ESSENCE ENGLISH: First of all, I just
14 want to say thank you for having us here. We're very
15 proud to represent Moore Catholic, and our softball
16 team. This year was a lot of hard work and
17 dedication, and like you said before, one of our
18 friends lost their mother this year, but she was
19 looking over us the whole time, and it really got us
20 through this year. We wanted us to make—we wanted to
21 work harder for her, and for her mother. She was
22 very like good to us and stuff like that but we just
23 wanted to thank you for having us here. We're very,
24 um, proud to represent Moore Catholic. [cheers/
25 applause]

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Well,
3 congratulations to all. Good luck in the next
4 season, but who's—who's the pitcher here? Oh, the
5 pitcher and who is outfield? That's what I did when
6 I played softball. Not very good at it, but I did d
7 a little bit of softball, I mean a little bit of out
8 field. So..well, congratulations. We—I mean listen,
9 you know, in sports sometimes you may just not think
10 twice about it, but it really does particularly for
11 young women in terms of developing leadership skills
12 and asserting yourself. I think it's really great.
13 So, I congratulate all of you. Congratulations and
14 good luck and hopefully we'll see you again here in
15 the Chamber next year. Alright, thank you.

16 [applause] Oh, yeah for-- [background comments]

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Yay, thank you
18 for coming. [cheers/applause] Okay. The next—
19 [background comments] The next is Paul Vallone, our
20 Council Member Paul Vallone who is here[cheers/
21 applause] to honor someone that we all know, and love
22 dearly Ernie Logan who is retiring after ten years as
23 President of the Council of School Supervisors and
24 Administrators [cheers/applause] and more than—more
25 than [background comments]. So, ten years at the

2 helm but over 40 years as an educator. I know it
3 gets a little loud in the Chamber, but I would ask
4 people to keep their voices down.

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

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We are taking the
8 time to honor, you know, residents of the city of New
9 York for their outstanding achievement, and we would
10 like them to be heard, and their accomplishments to
11 be heard. So, I would ask people to keep their
12 voices down. So, again, I'm going to hand it off to
13 Council Member Vallone, but we all know Ernie and we
14 have come to really admire and--and thank him dearly
15 for his service that--so, 40 years. Thank you so much
16 for the service to and the education of our children,
17 and with that, I'll pass it off to Council Member
18 Vallone.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, Madam
20 Speaker. Hey, let's have another hand for Ernie
21 Logan everybody [cheers/applause] and his gorgeous,
22 beautiful bride right next to him. She snuck in
23 here, too. The Speaker kind of covered it, and the
24 Proclamation that's going to be read has all of the
25 facts, but on a personal note for over three

2 generations of Vallones that you have guided and
3 taught us, and for every Council Member that is here
4 you have been a guiding light for everyone of our
5 educators, and you have always been there for us as
6 legislators to put us on the right path, teach us
7 that our children are teachers, our principals, our
8 educators are number one. So, God bless you, your
9 amazing family and everything that you've done for
10 all of us. You've got some nerve retiring on us, but
11 we'll let you go. We'll let you go, and if we could
12 read the Proclamation.

13 CLERK: Council City of New York
14 Proclamation.

15 Whereas, the Council of School
16 Supervisors and Supervisors and Administrators is the
17 Collective Bargaining Unit for 6,100 principals,
18 assistant principals, supervisors and education
19 administrators who work in our city public schools
20 and 200 directors and assistant directors who work in
21 city subsidized centers for early childhood
22 education. CSA also has more than 10,000 members in
23 its retiree chapter. Leading such an important
24 organization requires a president with great vision,

2 integrity and dedication. Ernest Logan has been such
3 a leader; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Logan was born in Harlem and
5 raised in East New York to a family that greatly
6 valued education. Although the family endured
7 enormous hardships, his parents instilled the
8 importance of a college degree, family and faith in
9 him at a very young age. Mr. Logan graduated from
10 Franklin K. Lane High School in 1969 [cheers/
11 applause] and SUNY Cortland four years later, and
12 went on to earn his master's degree in education from
13 SUNY's Baruch College; and

14 Whereas, Mr. Logan launched his career
15 teaching English at PS-224 and within five years was
16 a curriculum writer for the Office of Curriculum and
17 Development. In 1983, he became Assistant Principal
18 at Junior High School 263, and was appointed
19 principal of IS-55 in 1991. After honing his
20 expertise as a teacher and administrator in New York
21 City Public Schools, Mr. Logan took a leave of
22 absence in 1997 to join the Council of School
23 Supervisors and Administrators as a Field Service
24 Representative. He then rose steadily up the ranks

2 and was elected President of the CSA in 2006, and re-
3 elected in 2009, 2012 and 2016; and

4 Whereas, over the course of the last ten
5 years as CSA President, Mr. Logan has truly
6 distinguished himself as a committed and influential
7 advocate for its members. Among many other
8 achievements, he secured a contract in late 2014 for
9 the Department of Education members that provided
10 substantial salary increases and numerous reforms
11 including a career ladder for the union's 760
12 education administrators, something the union had
13 sought for years; and

14 Whereas, Mr. Logan has also been a
15 unifying force for good. By forging relationships
16 with city and state officials, he has consistently
17 demonstrated the importance of bridge building and
18 securing legislation, funding, resources, and
19 policies that enables CSA members to perform their
20 professional duties. For these and other reasons, he
21 received numerous awards for his work and labor and
22 education groups including the Labor Leader of the
23 Year Award and in 2015 and the 2015 Distinguished
24 Leader in Education Award. Mr. Logan and his wife
25 Beatrice, a retired high school guidance counselor,

2 who also established the Ernest A. Logan Scholarship
3 at SUNY Cortland to provide tuition assistance for
4 New York City public school students.

5 Now, therefore, be it known that the
6 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
7 Ernest A. Logan for his outstanding leadership for
8 the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators
9 and for his enduring contributions for academic
10 excellence in New York City. Melissa Mark-Viverito,
11 Speaker for the Entire Council, Paul A. Vallone,
12 Council Member 19th District, Queens and Daniel
13 Dromm, Chair, Education Committee. [cheers/applause]

14 ERNEST LOGAN: Let me just thank you
15 Madam Speaker, Council Member Vallone, and Council
16 Member Danny Dromm and the Council for holding sacred
17 the support of students in public education. It is
18 critical that I'm a kid who is from the project who
19 grew up on public assistance who could rise to the
20 top of the leadership of the school system, and there
21 are other Ernie Logans out there as long as we
22 continue to keep our eyes on them, support them, and
23 this city it will be a great city. We'll always be a
24 great city. So, I want to commend the Council for
25 down through the years always focusing on what was

2 best for education for our children, and the support
3 of my members who have been the principals, assistant
4 principals, education administrators and the Early
5 Childhood directors who have worked with—who work
6 with our youngest and work with our oldest. Thank
7 you so much, and God bless you. [cheers/applause]
8 [background comments, pause] Alright, a lot of love
9 for you in this room Ernie. So, enjoy. I'm sure
10 we'll be seeing a lot of you anyway.

11 Okay, the next ceremonial Council Member
12 Koslowitz. Bea Clera(sp?) I hope I pronounced the
13 last name. [background comments, pause] As we clear
14 out the—we're going—we're going to go to our next.
15 We have two more ceremonials to go. I'm going to
16 pass it off to Council Member Koslowitz, but this
17 always a joyous occasions. I know we do a lot of
18 these in our district when we give certificates and
19 proclamations, I get calls in my office that someone
20 is turning 100 and you want to come and celebrate
21 with them and their family, but Karen Koslowitz has
22 brought one of her constituents to the chambers.
23 We're very happy that we're able to be here with Bea
24 Clera and her family, and I—in celebrating her 100
25 years and her fascinating life story-- [applause] and

2 her fascinating life story, which I will hand off to
3 Council Member Koslowitz so she can tell us a little
4 bit about her. If we could keep it down in the
5 Chamber—

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

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: --I would really
9 appreciate it. So, we can hear about this wonderful
10 New Yorker. [shushing for quiet]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you,
12 Madam Speaker. It is really my honor today to stand
13 before you and introduce Bea Clera, 100 years old
14 this past June. [cheers/applause] I've met people who
15 are 100 years old. I've gone to nursing homes, I've
16 gone even in the senior center, they do not get
17 around, but Bea yesterday was on the subway going
18 into the city to a meeting. [laughter] Bea drives
19 but only to the supermarkets, back and forth twice a
20 month. She is an incredible woman. I met her
21 probably when you were 95 years old coming out of the
22 subway, and I had to walk over to her because she
23 looked beautiful. She was all dressed and like
24 standing there and I spoke to her. I honored her at
25 Women's History Month because she certainly deserved

2 to be honored. Bea was born in 1917. She graduated
3 Hunter College in 1937. [cheers/applause] It was
4 even before I was born. [laughter] A little time
5 before I was born. So, Bea, you are an inspiration to
6 everyone that meets you. You are a wonderful,
7 wonderful person, and I look forward to working with
8 you for many years. In fact, the next four years
9 I'll be term limited. You make me think that I'll
10 sit it out for four years, and maybe come back.
11 [laughter] [cheers/applause] So, Bea,
12 congratulations. It is my honor and please say a few
13 words. [background comments]

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Let's—let's read
15 the proclamation first, and then we're going to hear
16 from Bea.

17 CLERK: Council City of New York
18 Proclamation.

19 Whereas as Ms. Bea Clera was born in 1917
20 to teenage parents in a beautiful brownstone owned by
21 her affluent grandparents, her father was
22 significantly less affluent, however, and that
23 disparity caused dissention between the two families.
24 As a child she moved with her family to the Rockaways
25 and lived in similar housing with a large property

2 that provided space for the vehicles involved in her
3 grandfather's commercial activity. At that time,
4 there were insufficient numbers of children in the
5 Rockaways to provide a kindergarten. So, she entered
6 her—she entered first grade at the age of five; and

7 Whereas, after graduating from secondary
8 school at the age of 15, Mrs. Clera began studying at
9 Hunter College in 1933. Although she graduated with
10 a degree in geological sciences, it was an era of
11 overt discrimination and she could not secure a
12 position in her chosen field. Nevertheless, she
13 persisted and soon found work as a lab tech in the
14 dental lab. There she encountered sexual abuse.
15 Undeterred that experience led her to become a
16 passionate civic and political activist in for equity
17 in the workplace; and

18 Whereas, after Ms. Clera married in 1941,
19 her husband urged her to secure a background in an
20 area that would make her more employable. So, she
21 returned to school studied climatology and
22 meteorology and went on to work as a civilian
23 meteorologist for a division of the United States Air
24 Force dealing with improvement and research of
25 aircraft. When her mother-in-law became ill, her

2 husband was transferred to Fort Jay where government
3 housing was provided. As a result, for several
4 years, Ms. Clera and her husband were full-time
5 residents of Governor's Island; and

6 Whereas, when they returned to civilian
7 life they moved to a home in Forest Hills where Ms.
8 Clear has lived ever since. For several years, she
9 was a stay-at-home mom. Family time was priceless
10 and irreplaceable. Her son was born with an
11 untreatable illness and died at the age of 30. Ms.
12 Clera continued—Ms. Clera continued to shape young
13 minds as an earth science teacher and later as the
14 Director of Student Research at the New York Academy
15 of Sciences. At the age of 80 she left the Academy,
16 joined the Amateur Astronomer's Association, built a
17 reflector telescope and began following solar
18 eclipses wherever the view is best; and

19 Whereas, Ms. Clera has proven that age
20 need not inhibit a sense of adventure. Age itself
21 can be an adventure. After chasing solar eclipses,
22 she journeyed to experience geysers, glaciers,
23 volcanoes and examined evidence of tectonic events.
24 She also penned an essay called *Travel With a*
25 *Purpose*. Her visits to many African countries led

2 her to record her experiences and stories. At the
3 age of 98, she published *Hidden*, her first novel and
4 she's now working on a second book of stories, essays
5 and articles. [cheers/applause]; and

6 Whereas, now at the age of 100, we
7 celebrate Ms. Clera for distinguishing herself not
8 merely by the length of her adventurous life, but for
9 the tremendously positive impact that she continues
10 to have in so many lives. She has enriched the
11 community of Forest Hills with her presence for 62
12 years to date, and she has truly earned the esteem of
13 her fellow New Yorkers.

14 Now, therefore, be it know that the
15 Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Bea
16 Clera in celebration of her 100th birthday, her
17 outstanding achievements, and her enduring
18 contributions to New York City. Melissa Mark-
19 Viverito, Speaker for the Entire Council, Karen
20 Koslowitz, Council Member 29th District Queens.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright.
22 [cheers/applause] Alright, how inspiring for many of
23 us. Thank you so much and as a woman pioneer, which
24 you are, many of us in this room, and those of us
25 that are women in particular know how inspirational

2 that is, and I really appreciate all your work, and I
3 also know that I hear that you like your Merlot. So,
4 I got a little—a little bottle so that she can sip it
5 away when she's happy and enjoy it, right. [laughs]
6 But don't drink it on the train. So, Ms. Clera we
7 would love for you to say a few words, and welcome to
8 the chambers and congratulations.

9 BEA CLERA: Thank you all very much for
10 the attention being given to my life. It's more than
11 just the age of 100. It's what I've done with those
12 almost 100 years of activism. I think I spent my
13 life to dispel the explanation of matters of the
14 earth and myths. My major activity has always been
15 to bring rational thought to this resolution of
16 problems to which we cannot sometimes find the answer
17 but the answers are not in myths. The answers are in
18 rational thought and scientific discovery. [cheers/
19 applause] If I can have that as a eulogy, I will feel
20 that I have accomplished what I set out to do at a
21 very young age. In the book called *Hidden*, which
22 deals with my dad and I made up some of the stuff
23 because I couldn't find information about it. There
24 is one story that typifies the kind of person that I
25 am. I was five years old. I don't think that the

2 word old should be applied to a five-year person, but
3 anyway, that's tradition. At five years I was
4 visiting with my mom and brother at the countryside
5 of a friend, and I had difficulty leaving the
6 discussion by adults. I was always learning
7 something, but finally I began to yawn, and fatigue
8 overtook curiosity, and I was dragged out onto the
9 front porch and my mom's technique was, Okay, she'd
10 say, say good night to the animals. I did it. Say
11 good night to the trees and the flowers. Yes. And
12 this time I looked skyward and I said, May I say good
13 night to the stars? Absolutely, which I did. Still
14 looking upward I said, What's a star? My mom said—my
15 mom was only 16 years older than I. I don't know she
16 said. What's it made of? I don't know, she said.
17 What keeps it up there? I don't know, she said and I
18 proceeded to cry. She says I'll buy you a book.
19 Now, to me that illustrates a sort of a tiny peek
20 into my life. That my life consisted of rational
21 thinking. Sometimes it was difficult, but it was
22 always rewarding. I look forward to whatever life
23 there is before me coming up, and I will continue to
24 write books which I've been writing all my life, but
25 never published. I just never felt it was the right

2 thing to do, but now it is. So, I hope that I offer
3 some hope—that's a strange sentence—to everybody here
4 to keep your mind and body busy. Whenever you think
5 of quitting a full-time job, don't just go and play
6 tennis or golf. [laughter] It's not enough. Plan
7 for something for your head to do. Go to a library.
8 Read books to the kids. Go to a hospital and read
9 books to the kids. Do something that you use your
10 brain at. We need you very much especially with
11 rational thought. Thank you so much. [cheers/
12 applause]

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright.
14 Congratulations again and I know we have applied some
15 of that rational thought to what's happening in the
16 White House. I don't know if we can figure that
17 out.[background comments] We'll all laugh. We're
18 probably stumped on that one. Alright. Thank you so
19 much Ms. Clera. [applause] Great, great advice.
20 [background comments, laughter, pause] Our last
21 ceremonial is by Council Member Chin, and it's to
22 honor the South Street Seaport Museum for 50 years of
23 stellar contributions and service. If people have
24 not visited the Seaport Museum, you should. You get
25 a little slice of old New York when you're there.

2 One of the things I didn't realize is they have also
3 in addition to the area of the museum two additional
4 storefronts that have an old printing press and an
5 old print shop. It's really, really fascinating. So
6 people should take a visit, and with that, I'll pass
7 it off to Council Member Chin. One of the many, many
8 cultural institutions in our city who I—that I love
9 to visit, I love to visit a lot of our cultural
10 institutions as a congratulations to the seaport, and
11 I'll pass it off to the Council Member.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Speaker
13 and thank you for your support of the South Street
14 Seaport Museum. It's such an honor to present this
15 proclamation honoring the 50 years of contributions
16 for one of the most treasured cultural institutions
17 in our city, the South Street Seaport Museum.
18 [cheering] And my Council colleagues and I are so
19 proud to support the Seaport Museum on their efforts
20 to ensure that our city's maritime history remains a
21 living history, and to support the much appreciated
22 return of the 1885 sailing ship Wavertree, and it was
23 rebuilt in Staten Island. [laughter] It took a lot
24 of funding, but we were able to do that, and I
25 visited when—in Staten Island, and from the—the

2 bottom of the ship you look up, amazing. But we also
3 were able to get support from our Speaker and our
4 Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, and myself. We
5 were able to provide \$2.5 million to make sure that
6 the Wavertree ship is accessible to everyone in New
7 York City, and then we also have the Lightship, the
8 Ambrose, and that is the iconic symbol of our city's
9 history as a haven for immigrants, and the growth of
10 their educational program. So, I wanted to
11 congratulate again the South Street Seaport Museum on
12 their 50th Anniversary, and I look forward to
13 continuing to support it, the Executive Director,
14 Captain Jonathan Boulware, and all the museum staff
15 and board members and volunteers for their continued
16 success. I know we have a young volunteer here
17 Elijah. He actually moved into the district with the
18 captain. So, they are residents of District 1. So,
19 I'm going to ask the Clerk to read the Proclamation.

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

21 CLERK: Council City of New York

22 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York is
23 proud to honor the South Street Seaport Museum for 50
24 years of stellar service and contributions; and

2 Whereas, since the Seaport Museum made
3 its debut in 1967, it has fostered a greater
4 appreciation among New Yorkers and other visitors for
5 our city's incredible maritime history. Through
6 interactive exhibits, a one of a kind collection
7 comprised of more than 26,500 objects, and its
8 ongoing preservation efforts, the Seaport Museum
9 reveals the history of New York City from its birth
10 to the region we know today; and

11 Whereas, from the turn of the century
12 ships and block printing to wood carving, walking
13 floors, and the floating outdoor classroom, the
14 Seaport Museum's diverse exhibits and programs
15 provide an immersive education in New York's history
16 as a port city as well as a clear lens into the
17 experiences of the millions of immigrants who have
18 sailed to our shores in pursuit of opportunity and
19 economic prosperity; and

20 Whereas, tragically in late 1012, the
21 Seaport Museum was suddenly home to an unwanted
22 immersive experience: Super Storm Sandy. Like homes
23 and businesses across the city, the Seaport Museum
24 was deluged by the storm's surge. Although Sandy
25 left many physical and financial challenges in its

2 wake, the Seaport Museum, reaffirmed its commitment
3 to its mission, soon reopened and reaffirmed its
4 reputation as the little museum that could; and

5 Whereas, today the Seaport Museum's staff
6 and volunteers of educators, sailors and
7 preservationists continue to dedicate their talents
8 and energy to bring New York City maritime history to
9 life, and to support its current renaissance in
10 culture, ferry service and more; and

11 Whereas, the Seaport Museum has truly
12 distinguished itself as one of our greatest cultural
13 treasures, and has earned the attention and gratitude
14 of every New Yorker.

15 Now, therefore, be it known that the
16 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors the
17 South Street Seaport Museum in celebration of its
18 50th Anniversary for cultivating a universal
19 appreciation of New York City's maritime history that
20 transcends cultural, generational and geographical
21 boundaries. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the
22 Entire Council; Margaret S. Chin, Council Member
23 First District, Manhattan;, Jimmy Van Bramer,
24 Majority Leader, Chair of the Committee on Cultural
25 Affairs.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

3 [applause] Now, we're going to ask Captain Boulware
4 to say a few words.

5 CAPTAIN BOULWARE: Thank you. Thank you,
6 Speaker Mark-Viverito. Thank you Margaret, my very
7 own Council Member. I have been—I've been working in
8 your district now for six years, but now I am your
9 very constituent. So, I just want to say first this
10 is a tough act to follow, the three individuals and
11 groups of people who were—who proceeded us today, but
12 they actually make a connection to what we do, and
13 I'll start by saying we live in a great city. We
14 live in the city of New York, and that's a privilege
15 but this city didn't get here by accident. The story
16 that we tell at the Seaport Museum is through our
17 education programs is the very beginning of the city
18 we know and love. And so those of you here in this
19 body who consider on a regular basis matters of great
20 importance to this city are doing that following in
21 the work of those who came before you. And indeed,
22 this body was supportive of the Seaport Museum in its
23 earliest iterations. So, it's not time for history
24 lesson, but just briefly to point out why New York?
25 Why is it what it is? How did New York become what

2 it is? In the 19th Century the there were half a
3 dozen East Coast cities that were roughly equivalent,
4 but New York made some smart decisions. The Dutch
5 said tolerance and trade. Not as a religious colony,
6 as the only trade colony in those East Coast port
7 cities, and then with the opening of the Erie Canal
8 in 1825, New York went from merely an advantage
9 position to absolutely dominant. So, our role right
10 now as a cultural and financial capital is rooted in
11 smart decisions of long ago, and our museum through
12 education programs, through exhibitions, through work
13 on ships at sea, tells that story to the young people
14 of New York and to visitors. Now, what we've endured
15 9/11 shut us down entirely for two whole years. The
16 financial crisis of 2008 hit us as it did everyone
17 and then just as we were covering Hurricane Sandy.
18 So, to some extent I would say it is nearly
19 miraculous that we are alive at all let alone
20 beginning to thrive again, but it is--make no
21 mistake--the ongoing support of this body going back
22 50 years and including the support of this body today
23 that makes that possible. So, I want to call out a
24 couple of people in particular who have been
25 supporters over long periods of time within this

2 group. Obviously, our very own Council Member
3 Margaret Chin. [cheers/applause] Speaker Mark-
4 Viverito, Jimmy Van Bramer, who is again both
5 Majority Leader and Chair of Cultural. Council
6 Member Koslowitz, Council Member Menchaca, and then
7 outside this room, you know, it does take a village.
8 The Department of Cultural Affairs under the
9 leadership of Commissioner Tom Finkelppearl, the
10 Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and, of
11 course, the Mayor of the City of New York. Now, I'm
12 going to wrap up here, but I just want to make one
13 last point. We followed individuals who are
14 excelling or who have excelled and are being
15 recognized for that, and I stand here representing an
16 institution, and it's my privilege to do that, but an
17 institution is only as good as the people in it. And
18 from the beginning, this museum has been the people.
19 It was founded by volunteers who believed that a
20 little piece of New York's origin was worthy of
21 preservation and interpretation. It is kept alive
22 now by staff and board and volunteers who show up on
23 a Saturday morning to climb 150 feet in the air and
24 flip tar on bits of rigging. These are the people
25 who make it possible. It is the students, the

2 visually impaired students that go aboard our ships
3 to learn about maritime ecology. So, thank you to
4 New York City Council for this recognition. Thank
5 you for your long-term commitment to our efforts, and
6 for your future work on that same tact. The work is
7 not over, and thank you again for this recognition.
8 [applause]

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you very
10 much. [pause] And with that, we end ceremonials.
11 [background comments, pause]

12 CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, could I
13 have your attention, please. Quite on the floor,
14 please. At this time, please place all cell phones
15 and electronic equipment to vibrate. Will all non-
16 Council employees, non-Council employees please leave
17 the main floor of the Chambers. Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: The City
19 Council Meeting of—the Stated Meeting of August 24,
20 2017 is called to order. All rise for the Pledge of
21 Allegiance.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

23 [Pledge of Allegiance]

24 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Roll call.

25 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE:

2 CLERK: Barron.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present

4 CLERK: Borelli. Cabrera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

6 CLERK: Chin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

8 CLERK: Cohen.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

10 CLERK: Constantinides.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

12 CLERK: Cornegy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

14 CLERK: Crowley.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

16 CLERK: Cumbo. Deutsch.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

18 CLERK: Dromm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

20 CLERK: Espinal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

22 CLERK: Eugene.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

24 CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland. Garodnick.

25 Gentile.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

3 CLERK: Gibson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

5 CLERK: Greenfield.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD:

7 CLERK: Grodenchik.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

9 CLERK: Johnson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

11 CLERK: Kallos.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

13 CLERK: King.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.

15 CLERK: Koo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

17 CLERK: Thank you. Koslowitz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

19 CLERK: Lancman.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

21 CLERK: Lander. Levin. Levine.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

23 CLERK: Maisel.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

25 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

3 CLERK: Mendez.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

5 CLERK: Miller.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

7 CLERK: Palma. Perkins.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Presente.

9 CLERK: Reynoso.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

11 CLERK: Richards.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

13 CLERK: Rodriguez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

15 CLERK: Rose.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

17 CLERK: Rosenthal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

19 CLERK: Salamanca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

21 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

23 CLERK: Ulrich. Vacca. Borelli.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.

25 CLERK: Vallone.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

3 CLERK: Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

5 CLERK: Matteo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

7 CLERK: Van Bramer.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

9 CLERK: Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

11 CLERK: We have a quorum.

12 CHAIRPERSON GENTILE: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you.

14 All rise now for the invocation.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

16 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Our

17 Invocation today is being delivered by Rabbi Yaniv

18 Meirov, Executive Director Chazaq at 141-24 Jewel

19 Avenue, Flushing in the county of Queens.

20 RABBI YANIV MEIROV: Honorable New York

21 City Council Members [speaking Yiddish] I am grateful

22 to day for the opportunity to offer a few words of

23 blessing to this esteemed gathering with the members

24 of the New York City Council in addition to the

25 numerous friends and guests. There is a special

2 prayer offered abad in the synagogue to remind every
3 person of their responsibilities to God, their family
4 and their community. This includes participation in
5 public prayer offering food and basic needs for the
6 poor and hospitality to your guests. At the end of
7 this prayer we recite the following passage for which
8 I will recite the translation. To those who are
9 engaged in the needs of the community, and serving it
10 faithfully, then God almighty shall reward them
11 mightily, remove from them all illnesses, heal their
12 bodies and forgive iniquities and send bountiful
13 blessing and success for all their good deeds along
14 with their brothers. This prayer particularly
15 pertains to all of you every single one of you. You
16 are engaged in active community participation to
17 provide for the needs of New York City residents day
18 in and day out. You serve your local communities by
19 looking out for each individual's welfare and
20 providing them many resources that benefit and new
21 Yorkers in their respective communities. I pray that
22 all of you by serving your communities faithfully
23 will reap the personal rewards of the blessings
24 described and give you strength and good health to

2 continue in your public service for many, many years
3 to come. May God bless you all.

4 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you,
5 Rabbi, and now a motion to spread the invocation in
6 full upon the record by Council Member Lancman.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you. Good
8 afternoon colleagues. If ever you are having a bad
9 day and you feel a little bit down, and maybe a
10 little dispirited, I want to share with you Yaniv's
11 cell phone number. Everybody else has it. You'll
12 give him a call, and you will be inspired and
13 motivated to push through whatever challenge you are
14 confronting. The head of the organization called
15 Kazak (sp?) primarily in my community and in Karen
16 Koslowitz's community, but in other communities as
17 well, he and that organization are leaders that all
18 of us could-should aspire to, and to emulate
19 providing services and programs primarily to the
20 Rabbi and Jewish community, but to the entire Jewish
21 community, and frankly anybody who shows up as well.
22 It's a great pleasure to welcome him here to the City
23 Council, and as he is technically a constituent of
24 Council Member Koslowitz, I would invite her to say a
25 few words as well.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. I
3 also want to welcome Yaniv. Although he's stationed
4 out Rory's district, he does a lot of work in my
5 district, and I welcome you here today, and thank you
6 for all that you do, and Yaniv is also on Community
7 Board 6. So, he works for the community also. So,
8 thank you very much.

9 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Again, thank
10 you, Rabbi. Thank you. Adoption of Minutes,
11 Councilman Treyger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I move that the
13 minutes of the Stated meeting of June 6, 2017 and
14 June 21, 2017 be adopted as printed.

15 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Messages and
16 Papers from the Mayor.

17 CLERK: M 538 submitting Mario Gooden for
18 appointment to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
20 and Elections.

21 CLERK: M 539 submitting Anne Holford-
22 Smith for appointment to the Landmarks Preservation
23 Commission.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Rules, Privileges
25 and Elections.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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2 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Communication
3 from City, County and Borough Offices.

4 CLERK: None.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Petitions and
6 communications.

7 CLERK: Preconsidered M 5—excuse me.
8 Preconsidered M 540 recalling introduction No. 1648-
9 A.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Consumer Affairs.

11 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Land Use
12 Call-Ups.

13 CLERK: M 541, Sidewalk Café.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Roll call. I ask
15 for a roll call vote on all Land Use Call-Ups.

16 CLERK: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to make
18 an introduction. [pause] If I could just --

19 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: [interposing]
20 Yes, you—you may.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I'd
22 just like to call my colleagues' attention that I'm
23 joined today by my intern Shelly—Chanise Pollard.
24 She's a graduate of the University of Albany. She's
25 pursuing. She has her bachelor's in economics and a

2 minor in business, and her interests are to become a
3 business lawyer, and I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Borelli.

5 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: May I order
6 for a moment calling Council Member Perkins.

7 CLERK: Perkins.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Well, thank you
9 very much. With permission, I'd like to vote on all
10 Land Use Call-Ups and coupled items on the General
11 Order Calendar. I vote aye.

12 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Yes, you may.
13 Okay.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Thank you.

15 CLERK: Borelli.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on
17 all Land Use items, and permission to vote on all
18 General items. I vote aye on all except 0119-D, and
19 1348-A.

20 CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Cohen.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Constantinides.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

4 CLERK: Cornegy.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

6 CLERK: Crowley. Deutsch.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

8 CLERK: Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

10 CLERK: Dromm.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

12 CLERK: Espinal.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

14 CLERK: Eugene.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

16 CLERK: Garodnick. Gentile.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

18 CLERK: Gibson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

20 CLERK: Greenfield.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

22 CLERK: Grodenchik.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

24 CLERK: Johnson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

2 CLERK: Kallos.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

4 CLERK: King.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Koo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

8 CLERK: Thank you. Koslowitz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

10 CLERK: Lancman.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK: Levin. Levine.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Maisel.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

16 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

18 CLERK: Mendez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

20 CLERK: Miller.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

22 CLERK: Reynoso.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

24 CLERK: Richards.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

2 CLERK: Rodriguez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

4 CLERK: Rose.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

6 CLERK: Rosenthal.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

8 CLERK: Salamanca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like
10 to vote aye on all call-ups and with permission I
11 would like to vote on all call-up items on the
12 General Order Calendar and all resolutions.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Yes, go
14 ahead.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.
16 Thank you.

17 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye

19 CLERK: Ulrich.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

21 CLERK: Vacca. Vallone.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

23 CLERK: Williams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

25 CLERK: Matteo. Van Bramer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

3 CLERK: Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

5 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Today's Land

6 Use Call-ups are adopted by a vote of 40 in the

7 affirmative, 0 in the negative. Communication from

8 the Speaker.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,

10 Council Member Gentile and to all of my colleagues

11 good afternoon. Buenos tardes. I want to start off

12 by acknowledging-taking a moment to acknowledge some

13 unfortunate losses in our community. Mary Codd a

14 former Staten Island Council Member passed away last

15 week at the age of 89. Council Member Codd

16 Contributed much throughout here life to this city,

17 to this Council to so many others, and her loss,

18 which touched so many serves as a reminder of the

19 impact of her legacy of the Staten Island

20 constituents she so dutifully served. We also lost

21 Milton Mollen who was in charge of the Mollen

22 Commission. Established by the then Mayor David

23 Dinkins investigated drug related police corruption

24 in the 1980s and early 1990s. Mr. Mollen made it his

25 life's mission to assess the extent of the police

2 corruption in the city, root it out and increase his
3 department's efforts to combat such corruption. We
4 mourn the loss of these inspiring New Yorkers and
5 reiterate our commitment to combatting the senseless
6 acts of gun violence that have become an undeniable
7 crisis in this country. So, please join me in a
8 moment of silence for Ms. Codd and Mr. Mollen, two
9 wonderful people who had such a deep impact on our
10 city. [moment of silence observed]. Thank you, my
11 colleagues. So, we have a long agenda today. I want
12 to just start off by briefly talking about the
13 resolution that I am sponsoring and that is being co-
14 sponsored by Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, which
15 will condemn the hatred spewed by white supremacists
16 at the rally in Charlottesville, Virginia last week.
17 What happened last week exposed the ugly racist
18 underbelly of our country and I believe there the
19 fundamental nature of these white supremacist groups
20 that the current administration has chosen to not
21 only turn a blind eye to, but to openly condone this
22 kind of racist behavior has simply made the situation
23 even worse. The actions of these white supremacists
24 especially those who have engaged in violence are
25 vile and beyond disgusting. That is why the Council

2 will consider this resolution today. We want to make
3 clear that this type of behavior has no place in New
4 York City and, therefore, no place in this country
5 and as always, we remain vigilant about protecting
6 everyone regardless of their race, gender or
7 sexuality or background.

8 Now, moving on to today's agenda, our
9 matters of Land Use, today the Council is going to
10 vote on multiple Land Use items including the ECF
11 project at 1860 Second Avenue in my district of El
12 Barrio East Harlem. This project will deliver three
13 new state-of-the-art high schools serving thousands
14 of students each year. Over 300 units of affordable
15 housing with rents as low as \$500 a month for a one-
16 bedroom apartment. A brand new Marx Brothers
17 Playground, hundreds of new jobs with an agreement
18 around local hiring, and by building a new high
19 school, we will free up additional cultural space at
20 the Julio De Burgos Cultural Center. This is an
21 extraordinary collection of public benefits, and
22 because these high schools serve students from all
23 boroughs the benefits of this project will be felt
24 citywide. Projects as complicated are really a team
25 effort. So, I want to thank Deputy Mayor Glen, the

2 principals of the three high schools, the New York
3 City Education Construction Fund, Avalon Bay, CB-11,
4 the Manhattan Borough President, Chair Richards and
5 Chair Greenfield and my staff Ramon Martinez, Julie
6 Presley, Joe Toronto, Jorge Zarkisian (sp?) and the
7 Land Use Team Julie Lubin and Jeff Eland for all of
8 their work. On the legislative side, the Council is
9 going to be voting on a set of legislation regarding
10 resources for youth in our Juvenile Justice System,
11 all sponsored by Council Member Fernando Cabrera,
12 Introductions 1237-A, 1451-A and 1452-A. These three
13 bills would require the Administration for Children's
14 Services to review the department's current system
15 for maintaining health records in the Juvenile
16 Detention System including electronic records to
17 improve the current system, to allow appropriate
18 adults such as a coach, teacher or clergy person to
19 be visit youth in secure detention facilities and to
20 facilitate video conference visitation for youth in
21 secure detention facilities with family or legal
22 guardians for discharge planning, treatment and
23 rehabilitative conversations. For staff I want to
24 thank Beth Golub, Deepa Ambekar, Josh Kingsley, Will
25 Hungatch, and moving on, the Council is also going to

2 be voting on several other pieces of legislation.
3 First, Intro 135-A sponsored by Council Member
4 Elizabeth Crowley will produce more detailed
5 reporting on response times to medical emergencies
6 and fires, and response-response times by community
7 district and FDNY division. This bill will provide a
8 fuller picture of response times to help the public
9 and policymakers make informed decisions on these
10 crucial issues. For staff I want to thank Brian
11 Crowe and Will Hungatch (sp?) To help reduce
12 recidivism, the Department of Correction has recently
13 significantly increased the amount of programming
14 available to inmates including vocational training,
15 drug and alcohol counseling and other educational and
16 therapeutic programs. Intro 1348-A sponsored by
17 Council Member Robert Cornegy would require the
18 Department of Corrections to provide a minimum of
19 five hours per day of vocational or educational
20 programming for more inmates. This includes pre-
21 trial detainees who make up over 85% of the jailed
22 population, and our staff I want to thank Brian Crowe
23 and Will Hungatch for those bills. The next Intro
24 1148-A, sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm will
25 require comprehensive reporting regarding mandatory

2 and optional educational services offered by the
3 Department of Education to 16 and 17-year-old inmates
4 and 18 to 21-year-old inmates respectively. This
5 would include information such as rates of
6 attendance, rates of diploma and GED completion,
7 class sizes, rates of assaults and the use of force
8 of force by staff on inmates and a report on any
9 plans by the DOE and DOC to ensure a continuity of
10 education post release. After we're—additionally,
11 we're going to vote on Intro 1310-A sponsored by
12 Council Member Corey Johnson, which will mandate that
13 meaningful discharge planning be provided to any
14 incarcerated individuals sentenced to more than 30
15 days in the Department of Correction custody. This
16 bill would help to ensure that those released from
17 custody after a jail sentence are given a meaningful
18 opportunity to reform their lives. And all these
19 bills again these are ACS related bills, and again
20 the staff with all—Brian Crowe and Will Hungatch
21 thank you so much for working on all of the bills.

22 Up next, the Council is going to vote on
23 a package of bills that aims to address systemic
24 inequalities in our city. Intro 1500-B, which I am
25 sponsoring would require certain agencies to complete

2 gender, racial, sexual orientation and income
3 assessments of their services and programs,
4 employment practices, contracting practices and
5 budgeting and to create action plans to address the
6 findings of these assessments, and I first called for
7 this legislation during my State of the City address
8 in February. Though some might call institutional
9 racism as structural and equity myths, they persist
10 even in a city as progressive as ours. Women and
11 people of color continue to be marginalized. Yet, we
12 have very limited data to prove this. Assessments
13 and benchmarks are therefore critical to dismantling
14 these pervasive issues. We have to engage in a
15 deeper analysis of why these inequities exist, and
16 what we can do to combat this as a city. We need to
17 be intentional about our language to make sure this
18 process is as effective and targeted as possible, and
19 that this is what Intro 1500-B aims to accomplish.

20 Intro 1512-A sponsored by Council Member
21 Danny Dromm would require certain city agencies to
22 provide all of their employees with trainings on
23 implicit bias, discrimination, cultural competency
24 and structural inequity including with respect to
25

2 gender, race and sexual orientation, and on how these
3 factors impact the work of such agencies.

4 Intro 1520-A sponsored by Council Member
5 Brad Lander would require the Mayor to include
6 information on gender, racial, sexual orientation and
7 income and income equity in the Annual Report on
8 Social Indicators, which will be retitled as the
9 Report on Social Indicators and Equity. The Social
10 Indicators Report is an annual report, which presents
11 data from various indicators, and collectively
12 describes social conditions in New York City.
13 Currently, information on gender, racial, sexual
14 orientation, and income equity is not mandated in
15 this report. Such data would help to identify
16 disparities within specific populations and target
17 populations of particular need, and on those I want
18 to thank on staff Casey Addison, Zee Highlu (sp?),
19 Aminta Kilawan, Rachel Cordero and thank you so much
20 for your work on these.

21 The other package of bills has to do with
22 food insecurity, which we know is of great concern to
23 many of us. It continues to be a problem for many
24 New Yorkers, and this set of bills is going to seem

2 to address one factor of this issue by reducing food
3 waste.

4 Intro 1439-A, sponsored by Council Member
5 Antonio Reynoso would require any city agency before
6 disposing of confiscated food that is safe and edible
7 to notify at least one food rescue organization so
8 they may retrieve such food at their own expense
9 before disposing of the food. On staff I want to
10 thank Alex Paulenoff, Nicole Abene and Nadia Johnson,
11 and Jonathan Seltzer.

12 Next, the Council will vote on Intro
13 1514-A sponsored by Council Member Rafael Espinal and
14 myself, which would require the Department of
15 Sanitation or another appropriate agency designated
16 by the Mayor to create and maintain a food donation
17 web portal. In this portal, restaurants, grocery
18 stores, produce markets, dining facilities and food
19 rescue organizations can connect more easily
20 facilitating logistics between prospective food
21 donors and food rescue organizations. Again, this is
22 another initiative that was announced in my State of
23 the City Address. I'm really excited that we're
24 going to be voting on this legislation today. The
25 same set of staff on this bill, which is Alex

2 Paulenoff and Nicole Abene, Nadia Johnson and
3 Jonathan Seltzer.

4 The next bill is Intro 1119-A. I'm
5 sorry. Yeah, 119-A, 119-D. I'm sorry 119-D. This
6 is Council Member Jumaane Williams' bill. Six city
7 entities collect information on police misconduct
8 through complaints and lawsuits, but there is limited
9 coordination and analysis on how to use this
10 information to improve policing, better support
11 police officers, and reduce costs to the city.

12 Continuing our efforts to create meaningful criminal
13 justice reform, the Council is going to vote on Intro
14 119-D, sponsored by Council Member Jumaane Williams,
15 which would create the most comprehensive review of
16 the root causes of police misconduct in the country.
17 Finding patterns and trends in these incidents is the
18 first step toward making sure they don't happen in
19 the first place. This doesn't just help the
20 communities the police serve, but officers themselves
21 by improving training, supporting them throughout
22 their careers, and helping them avoid incidents that
23 lead to complaints. The staff I want to thank Kelly
24 Taylor, Rob Newman, Josh Kingsley, Eisha Wright for
25 all of their hard work. And now finally, on a large

2 piece of legislation, a large bill here, this is
3 Council Member Espinal's bill, Intro 1688-A, Council
4 Member Espinal's bill, which would establish a
5 nightlife advisory board and an office of nightlife.
6 Members of the board would be appointed by the
7 Council and the Mayor and be tasked with evaluating
8 and making recommendations related to city laws and
9 policies affecting the nightlife industry. The
10 Office of Nightlife will conduct outreach, review
11 information on complaints and violations and serve as
12 a liaison between nightlife establishments, residents
13 and government. For staff I want to thank Valkeith
14 Mirig (sp?), Israel Martinez, Rachel Cordero and Robe
15 Newman. Those—that's the legislation. A lot that
16 we're doing today on the calendar.

17 Finally, though, I do want to end on a
18 non-legislative, non-agenda matter. We allocated,
19 this Council allocated close to \$1 million to the
20 Tech 51 Initiative, which is a new pilot program we
21 are demonstrating with Coalition for Queens and for
22 Skolis to connect NYCHA residents to jobs in the fast
23 growing technology sector. The program includes a
24 pledge that 11 companies have signed, they've signed
25 onto this, committing—having them commit to

2 considering candidates who have completed the program
3 in lieu of a college degree. Some of those companies
4 are kick starter Yahoo, Barclays, Blackstone and
5 managed by Que. (sic) We launched the program
6 officially at Kickstarter last week and hope more
7 companies will join our pledge to bring more
8 diversity, equity and inclusion to New York City's
9 tech companies. Very proud of that initiative. I
10 want to thank all of the staff that has really help
11 make that happen. And so again, with all of that on
12 our calendar, a heavy, heavy load today. I thank
13 everyone, my colleagues and staff that have made all
14 of this work happen, and with that, I end
15 communication from the Speaker.

16 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Discussion-
17 thank you, Madam Speaker. Discussion of General
18 Orders. I don't see any. Any sponsors? No. Okay.
19 We'll continue. Report of Special Committees.

20 CLERK: None.

21 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Reports of
22 Standing Committees.

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Consumer Affairs Preconsidered M 540 recalling Intro
25 No. 1648-A.

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

4 CLERK: Preconsidered intro 1688, Office
5 of Nightlife.

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

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Finance Preconsidered Reso 1621, Organization
10 Funding.

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Fire
14 and Criminal Justice Services, Intro 1013-A,
15 Discharge Planning for Inmates.

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

18 CLERK: Intro 1148-A, Educational
19 Programming for Adolescents.

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

22 CLERK: Intro 1348-A, Inmate Vocational
23 Programming.

24 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and
25 coupled on General Orders.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Juvenile Justice Intro 1237-A Health Records for
4 Youth in the Juvenile Justice System.

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

7 CLERK: Intro 1451-A, Visitors to Youth
8 in Detention Facilities.

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

11 CLERK: Intro 1452-A, Video Conferencing
12 for Youth in Detention Facilities.

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

15 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
16 Use, LU 709 and Reso 1624, Manhattan Sidewalk Café.

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

19 CLERK: LU 710 and Reso 1624, Bronx
20 Sidewalk Café.

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Motion to
22 Disapprove.

23 CLERK: LU 711 and Reso 1626, Manhattan
24 Sidewalk Café.

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

4 CLERK: LU 716, Special Permit.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved and
6 modifications and referred to the City Planning
7 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70-b of the Rules of
8 the Council, Section 197-d of the New York City
9 Charter.

10 CLERK: LU 717 and Reso 1627, Special
11 Permit.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Motion to
13 Disapprove.

14 CLERK: LU 718 through LU 727 on page 7,
15 various applications.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Oh, 27-approved
17 with modifications and referred to the City Planning
18 Commissioner pursuant to Rule 11.70-b of the Rules of
19 the Council, and Section 197-d of the New York City
20 Charter.

21 CLERK: LU 728 and Reso 1628, Property
22 Tax Exemption.

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO:

24 CLERK:

25 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO:

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2 CLERK:

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

5 CLERK: LU 729 and Reso 1629, Friends of
6 the High Line.

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

9 CLERK: LU 737 and Reso 1630, UDAAP
10 Brooklyn.

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

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
14 Oversight and Investigations, Intro 119-D, Police
15 Conduct.

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

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
19 Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered Reso 1631,
20 Committee Membership Changes.

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

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro 1439-A,
25 Food Disposal.

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

4 CLERK: Intro 1514-A, Food Donation Web
5 Portal.

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

8 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
9 Women's Issues, Intros 1500-B, 1512-A and 1520-B in
10 relation to gender, racial and other equity
11 assessments.

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

14 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar,
15 Intro 135-A, Response Times for Firefighters and
16 Ambulances.

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

19 CLERK: LU 700 and Reso 1632 through LU
20 703 and Reso 1635 on page 11, Zoning Amendments and a
21 Special Permit.

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

24 CLERK: Resolution Appointing Various
25 Persons Commissioner of Deeds.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on
3 General Orders, and I ask now for a roll call vote on
4 all items on the General Order Calendar.

5 CLERK: Barron.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on all
7 with the exception of 737 and the accompanying
8 resolution on which I am abstaining.

9 CLERK: Cabrera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Chin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Cohen. Constantinides.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
15 all.

16 CLERK: Cornegy.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Deutsch.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all with
20 the exception of 119-B and no on that.

21 CLERK: Dromm.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Espinal.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Permission to
25 explain my vote?

2 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Yes, go
3 ahead.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I just want to
5 quickly speak on Intro No. 1688, which will create
6 the Office of Nightlife. I really urge all my
7 colleagues to please vote in support of this bill.
8 This bill, which was mentioned earlier, will create
9 the Office of Nightlife to deal with nightlife
10 issues. I know a lot of us hear about complaints
11 about the bars in our neighborhoods. We hear a lot
12 of complaints about what communities have with these
13 bars, but also other issues that we have to tackle.
14 You know, DIY spaces, cultural spaces being shut
15 down, our community spaces that really provide
16 spaces—that really provide a place for artists and
17 musicians to really showcase their art, and really
18 help New York be what it is today, and this—and we're
19 known to be the city that never sleeps because of our
20 nightlife, and we must do everything we can to
21 support it. I know there are concerns about the
22 quality of life issues that nightlife has brought
23 into some of our communities, but in Amsterdam
24 they've instituted an office of nightlife two years
25 ago, and in those two years they've seen a drop in

2 quality of life issues, and crime by 30%. So, this is
3 a win-win-win for our businesses, our cultural
4 spaces, for our city and for our local communities.
5 So, it really makes sense for us to vote in support
6 of this bill. I really want to thank all the staff
7 and the Speaker for all the time they put—to put this
8 together. Thank you.

9 CLERK: Eugene.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

11 CLERK: Gentile.

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

14 CLERK: Gibson.

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

17 CLERK: Greenfield.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you. I'd
19 like to congratulate Council Member Espinal and
20 officially proclaim him the nightlife king of New
21 York City. I'm going to abstain on Preconsidered
22 Reso 1621 and Intro 119-D, and vote aye on all the
23 rest. Thank you.

24 CLERK: Grodenchik.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all
3 except 119-D.

4 CLERK: Johnson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I want to
6 congratulate my good friend Rafael Espinal on the
7 passage of his bill, and I also want to congratulate
8 Council Member Cabrera for the package of bills
9 today. With that, I vote aye on all.

10 CLERK: Kallos.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: King.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Koo.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all except

16 Intro 119-D.

17 CLERK: Koslowitz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Lancman.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Lander. Levine.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Maisel.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye on all except

25 119-D.

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2 CLERK: Menchaca.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Mendez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all and no
6 on Preconsidered Intro 1688.

7 CLERK: Miller.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all except
9 for 119-D, abstaining.

10 CLERK: Reynoso.

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

13 CLERK: Richards.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

15 Congats to the Speaker on a great project.

16 CLERK: Rodriguez.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

18 CLERK: Rose.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

20 CLERK: Rosenthal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I'm going to
24 abstain on 119-D and aye on the rest.

25 CLERK: Ulrich.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I'm voting aye on
3 all with the exception of Intros 119 and 1348 and aye
4 on the rest. Thank you.

5 CLERK: Vallone.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all with
7 the exception 119-D, where I vote no.

8 CLERK: Williams.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
10 excused to explain my vote.

11 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Yes, you may.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

13 First, congratulations to all my colleagues on the
14 bills they're passing. [coughs] Excuse me. I
15 disagree (sic) with Council Member Espinal and I
16 don't want to get lost near Council Member Cornegy's
17 bill. It's doing a lot towards make sure that
18 there's education and changes in the Criminal Justice
19 System particular on Rikers. I just want to talk
20 about 119 for a second. I appreciate my colleagues'
21 support and I actually understand some of the
22 positions my colleagues have been put in. This bill
23 simply makes a report of publicly available
24 information. It doesn't give any other information
25 than already exists publicly right now. It just

2 recreates a report of that information that is in
3 different areas that unfortunately we can't look at
4 in any cohesive way. It is meant only to provide
5 assistance in finding patterns in which we can help
6 make policing better. That's all. It's not supposed
7 to be punitive. It's not supposed to be negative.
8 Quite frankly, it's probably the most innocuous
9 policing bill I have ever tried to get passed in the
10 City Council. It is a reporting bill and I think
11 anyone could agree looking at data it's helpful. In
12 terms of the PBA and the pressure they have been
13 applying, this is probably the most disingenuous
14 effort I have seen from the PBA. The first time they
15 have mentioned any kind of disapproval of this bill
16 was two days ago as we were passing it. I want to
17 make it clear that we had two hearings, not one, two.
18 This is part B, which means we had five iterations of
19 the bill. At no point in time did they engage anyone
20 about this bill. I would like to ask for a record if
21 the PBA wants to say that they engaged me, and I said
22 no, please provide any kind of record of where you
23 tried to reach out to me. I have now and always will
24 be available to provide any kind of communication
25 with the PBA. If they would like to engage in this

2 kind of discussion, it would be helpful if they do it
3 genuinely, and not at the last minute putting
4 pressure on members in a tough time. It's very
5 difficult during this time to have partners that are
6 not really engaged in this process. I want to thank
7 the Speaker. I want to thank Commissioner O'Neill,
8 Commissioner Mark Peters, Cynthia Conti-Cook, Legal
9 Aid Society, Gihan (sp?) Kang, CPR, Michael Sisitzky
10 NYCLU, Rob Newman, Kelly Taylor and Mike Tooma (sic),
11 all of the staff that worked on it. Lastly, I want
12 to make sure that it is clear that no part of this
13 bill particularly--

14 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: [interposing]
15 Thank you, Council Member.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: --particularly
17 after Section F & G were meant to limit DOI and the
18 Inspector General's ability to get any information
19 they currently have now in law.

20 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you,
21 Council Member.

22 CLERK: Matteo.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 119, no on
24 1348 and yes on the rest.

25 CLERK: Van Bramer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [off mic] Aye on
5 all.

6 CLERK: Council Member Cohen.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I am voting no on
8 119-D and aye on all the rest.

9 CLERK: Thank you. Cornegy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Yeah, I'm sorry.
11 I do need to explain my vote.

12 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: You may.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you.

14 Today, we as a Council have the opportunity to pass a
15 bill that will mandate much needed programming for
16 persons detained or incarcerated on Rikers Island for
17 a period exceeding ten days. As you may know, Rikers
18 Island houses up to 10,000 persons on a daily basis
19 with about 77,000 passing through the facility in
20 total each year. Of those, roughly 85% have not been
21 convicted of a crime. Unfortunately, as of today,
22 individuals merely awaiting trial on Rikers Island
23 often spend months or even years without access to
24 structured services like vocational training,
25 counseling, cognitive behavior therapy addressing

2 drug dependencies and much more. Too often these
3 long stays in the confines for Rikers lead to
4 tragedies. We should all by now be aware of the
5 story of Kalief Browder, a young man who maintaining
6 his innocence awaited trial on Rikers Island for
7 three years. Much of Kalief Browder's time on Rikers
8 was spent in solitary confinement and all of his time
9 was spent without access to services that may have
10 saved his life. In addition to possibly saving
11 lives, programming for persons detained on Rikers for
12 long periods of time mandated by Intro 1348-A
13 provides opportunities for them that have been shown
14 to reduce the chances they end up in jail again.
15 Whether it be reducing an individual's dependence on
16 drugs or teaching them a skill they can use to find
17 employment upon release, ensuring the individuals on
18 Rikers Island have access to the services they need
19 is paramount to improving the outcomes of our
20 criminal justice system. I'd like to thank those
21 members of Kalief Browder's family who were here and
22 to witness this important vote. I would also like to
23 thank the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Chair of the
24 Criminal Justice and Fire Services Committee,
25 Elizabeth Crowley, my colleagues who have joined me

2 as sponsors of this bill, the Legal Aid Society,
3 Brian Crowe, and my staff for all their work in
4 getting this bill to the floor today. I urge all my
5 colleagues to (coughs) to vote in favor of this
6 important legislation to honor the memory of Kalief
7 Browder and ensure that there are not further
8 tragedies like this. And lastly, I'd like to give a
9 special shout-out to my daughter who less than three
10 hours ago I ushered her into her dorm to study pre-
11 med after denying a fully scholarship at Saint Johns
12 to play volleyball choosing to go to SUNY New Paltz
13 to study medicine. Please give me prayers. Thank
14 you. [laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: My prayers are
16 with you, my friend. I just did the same thing with
17 my daughter Katina. Hardest day ever. The hardest
18 day ever

19 CLERK: Crowley.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Thank you. I'd
21 like to vote yes on all Land Use Call-Ups. I'd like
22 to vote no on Intro 119-D and aye on all the rest.

23 CLERK: Williams.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on
3 all with the exception of LU 77 and Reso 1630 on
4 which I abstain. [background comments, pause]

5 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Okay. Okay, I
6 though it was—it was all over. Okay, okay. Alright,
7 all items on today's General Order Calendar were
8 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 0 in the
9 negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of
10 Intro 119-D, which was adopted by a vote of 28 in the
11 affirmative, 10 the negative and 3 abstentions and
12 Intro 1348-A, which was adopted by a vote of 38 in
13 the affirmative, 3 in the negative and 0 abstentions,
14 and Land Use 737 and Reso 1630, which was adopted by
15 a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative
16 and it looks like two abstentions and Intro 1688,
17 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,
18 1 in the negative and 0 abstentions, and Reso 1621,
19 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,
20 0 in the negative and 1 abstention, and the Revised
21 Land Use Call-Ups vote is 41 in the affirmative, 0 in
22 the negative and we'll check. Going to take a quick
23 ckeck.

24 CLERK: [off mic] It says 28.

2 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Does it say
3 28? Okay, let me repeat that again. Intro 119-D was
4 adopted by a vote of 28 in the affirmative, 10 in the
5 negative and 3 abstentions. Okay, great.

6 [background comments] Introduction and Reading of
7 Bills.

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All items have
9 been—all items have been referred to the committee as
10 indicated on the Agenda.

11 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Great.
12 Discussions of Resolutions. Resolution we have as
13 Preconsidered Reso 1620. It's a voice vote. It's a
14 resolution condemning the Charlottesville Neo-Nazi
15 Rally and calling upon President Donald J. Trump to
16 swiftly, unequivocally and consistently denounce such
17 actions and ideologies and direct funding to
18 organizations working to counter far right extremism.
19 It's a voice vote. So, all in favor say aye.

20 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

21 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: All opposed?
22 The Resolution passes. General discussion.

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: You can go.

24 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Oh, I'll
25 start—I'll start the discussion. Thank you. Earlier

2 this year a 27,000-gallon oil spill over the coast-
3 off the coast of Southwest Brooklyn was nearly swept
4 under the rug had it not been for the vigilance of
5 environmental advocates and the media. By failing to
6 notify elected officials, the state continues to
7 jeopardize the health and safety of constituents. In
8 response, I'm introducing what we're calling the
9 Shorefront Notification Package with Council Members
10 Costa Constantinides and Jumaane Williams to ensure
11 New Yorkers can be informed and protected making the
12 decisions that interact with New York's waterways.
13 Intro 1689 will require the Department of
14 Environmental Protection, the Office of Emergency
15 Management to report to the Council the affected
16 Council Members and affected community boards when
17 there is a release of oil. Both DEP and OEM will
18 have to publish or report on their website that will
19 be updated monthly regarding these spills and deliver
20 a full report to the Council annually. Intro 1690,
21 will require the DEP to notify the Council, the
22 affected Council Members and affected Community
23 Boards when bodies or water are not safe for humans
24 to be in contact with because of contamination from
25 sewage or other harmful chemicals. This bill also

2 requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
3 to notify the Council, affected Council Members and
4 the affected Community Boards when beaches are closed
5 or under advisory. When the oil spills reach an
6 overflow or any other similar ecological disaster in
7 dangerous waters or shoreline quality, the city must
8 use all tools at its disposal expeditiously notify
9 all relative and entities. As local officials we
10 are better equipped to disseminate this information
11 to our residents. So, jointly with Council Members
12 Costa Constantinides and Jumaane Williams the
13 Shorefront Notification package will shield New
14 Yorkers from unknowingly being exposed to hazardous
15 chemicals in our bodies of water. So, our goal is
16 that these bills will ensure that the people of New
17 York are informed and protected from waterway hazards
18 at the shorefront. I look forward to working with
19 other members of the Council passing this package of
20 bills to protect our constituents from contact with
21 unsafe waterways and urge my colleagues to sign on.
22 Okay. [bell] Right on time. Look at that. Alright.
23 Council Member King.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [off mic] Good
25 afternoon. [on mic] Good afternoon City Council

2 Members, colleagues, friends and all of New York.
3 Today I'm introducing 1693, a bill which requires the
4 Department of Corrections to have a transfer policy
5 that is more transparent. Currently, people are
6 being moved in the dead of the night out of state
7 facilities to state facilities without any
8 information passed onto their attorneys or to their
9 families. This unilateral process devolves any
10 transparency, and it's in receipt of oversight.
11 Currently, right now, the only notification is after
12 an inmate has been moved. So, right now, if I wanted
13 to transfer it restricts an individual's involvement
14 in their case. We have a city—we have city funded
15 attorneys with long case loads, showing up to meet
16 their clients only to learn that they have been moved
17 or transferred to another facility. But let's not
18 even talk about the attorneys in the system. Let's
19 talk about the families. I've spoken to a number of
20 families who have gone through this horrific
21 experience of traveling hours to visit a family
22 member only to find out that they have been
23 transferred to another location. We want to make sure
24 that we do something different, and that's what this
25 legislation does that I'm proposing today, which

2 allows proper notification to all parties at a seat
3 at the table to know that hey if there is an
4 application to-for a transfer for any inmate that
5 inmate immediately-immediate-immediately gets
6 notified as well as their attorneys, and the inmate
7 has the ability to notify three contacts to let them
8 know that there's an application for their transfer.
9 We in this Council committed to efforts of reforming
10 the Criminal Justice System and spotlighting issues
11 of openness. I hope that you would join in this
12 spirit and sign on to 1693, and lastly, I want to
13 honor and pay my respects to two of my constituents
14 who passed this this week. Those of you who have
15 heard the story of 14-year-old Dominick Bess, which
16 was taken from us too soon, a Mount Saint Michael's
17 football freshman [bell] who died while working out
18 on the field. I want to give prayers to him and his
19 family as I spoke to his mother only to recently find
20 out that he's a relative of mine through-on my wife's
21 side, and I also I want to just give prayers to--

22 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Councilman,
23 please finish.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I will finalize. I
25 just want to give prayers to J. W. Smith who

2 recently—he just died yesterday morning. He was part
3 of the 12th District Council Cabinet, who was a
4 community board member who was a block association
5 president, but a pillar and a religious leader in our
6 neighborhood. He will be sorely missed.

7 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Council
10 Member Miller.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you,
12 Council Member. Today, we're introducing Resolution
13 1623 calling on the State Legislature to pass and the
14 Governor to sign Assembly Bill 7193, Senate Bill
15 5634, which would automatically enroll the members of
16 Local 372 New York City Department of Education into
17 the Retirement Pension System after working for 90
18 days. These school crossing guards, school aids,
19 lunch workers and others play critical roles in
20 ensuring that our young scholars are safe and eating
21 healthy meals so that they are ready and prepared for
22 their educational experiences. But while they're
23 doing these jobs in combination with other
24 responsibilities that come with their everyday task,
25 many of them are unaware of the benefits that they

2 are eligible for including a retirement pension.
3 Some of these members have the city-been with the
4 city workforce for years, but have never properly
5 filled out the proper paperwork in order to be
6 eligible for the pension. While 372 was doing
7 everything they can to advocate on behalf of workers
8 and our children, we should make sure that this does
9 not happen in the future. By automatically enrolling
10 them in the New York City's Pension system, we will
11 not have to worry about filling out—they will not
12 have to fill out erroneous paperwork on top of their
13 other responsibilities that we are asking them to do
14 in order to expedite the work of our children. And I
15 ask my colleagues to sign onto this resolution.
16 Thank you very much.

17 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you,
18 Council Member. Council Member Williams.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I
20 just wanted to weigh in briefly on this discussion of
21 statues. No one can survive a litmus test of purity.
22 No one. None of our heroes. I do believe we should
23 have some criteria of how we review our heroes, and
24 who should be lionized and celebrated. I believe
25 there should be a discussion of what redemptive

2 qualities and achievements can go into a box, and
3 weight that against all the evils or bad things that
4 were done, and I think if we do that, we'll have a
5 very legitimate discussion about who should be
6 heroized and who should not. In terms of Columbus in
7 particular, I want to make sure this discussion
8 happens with everyone's humanity being recognized
9 including the Italian-American humanity and how they
10 were treated in this country when they got here, and
11 what that particular statute means in that particular
12 place, and what type of pride that was given to them.
13 At the same time, I want to make sure we fully
14 understand what the representation of Columbus means
15 to so many. We cannot have this discussion without
16 acknowledging the genocide that he represents. Most
17 of the redemptive qualities that goes in that box
18 have been made up whether it was him discovering
19 America or whether it was he had to be some type of
20 warrior fighting against people who came to do bad
21 things against. We should both be comrades to having
22 discussions, but be realist in what is actually
23 happening. My hope is that we can find a way to
24 celebrate Italian pride in a very serious way without
25 celebrating a many who represents so much oppression

2 to so many. This is an important discussion at the
3 very important time as many of us look up and see
4 people being icons and celebrated without any context
5 of history of what they've done or without being able
6 even to look up to see anybody that represents
7 themselves or what they've gone through. My hope is
8 that a task force will take this very, very seriously
9 and consider all of those things. Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Council
11 Member Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
13 have some brief comments. First, on a positive note,
14 yes we celebrated someone who is 100 today, but I
15 want to remind people that last week I invited you to
16 come to my mom's celebration. Some of you sent
17 citations, flowers, proclamations, and I thank you
18 for that. My mom celebrated her 95th birthday. So,
19 I just wanted to share with you that she was born in
20 South Carolina, came here, became a domestic. She
21 and my father had three children, and then they took
22 in some foster children and wound up adopting two of
23 those foster children that she took in. She was very
24 active in her community. She was on the community
25 board. She was active in the political scene, and

2 she just did a lot, and her motto is to God be the
3 glory. So, I just wanted to put that on the record
4 about my mom. Secondly, I want to call our attention
5 to the disaster in Sierra Leone. I haven't heard
6 much about it, but I just want to pick our
7 consciousness that this is the same country that's
8 just recovering from the outbreak of Ebola, and now
9 there's mudslide after torrential rainfalls that has
10 taken the lives of at least 500 people. There are
11 another 500 who are missing, and there are thousands
12 of who are homeless. So, they're calling on the
13 United States to offer humanitarian, financial and
14 economic and material aid to Sierra Leone, and I
15 invite my colleagues to get involved in missions, and
16 efforts to bring assistance to Sierra Leone, and I'm
17 working on something myself and coordinating with
18 Council Member Cabrera's wife in that capacity as
19 well. And, in terms of the passing of Dick Gregory,
20 he was a great comedian. He was very sharp. He had
21 a lot of off-the-cuff remarks, but they were very
22 biting and they were very targeted, which made him a
23 target of the FBI. So any time that the FBI has
24 their sights on you, you must be doing something that
25 they feel is a threat. So, I wanted to acknowledge

2 his passing, and lastly I associated myself with the
3 comments made by my colleague Jumaane Williams about
4 statues and we're looking and work, with the Speaker
5 and we're looking at how we can remove the statue of
6 J. Marion Simms who brutalized African women in his
7 experiments that he conducted on them without
8 anesthesia, and I also invite my colleagues to work
9 with me on the state that's here that my predecessor
10 Charles Barron always talked about.

11 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: For your
14 speech.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: As well as the
16 photos that are here.

17 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you,
19 council Member. Council Member Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Good afternoon. I
21 want to draw my colleagues' attention to two pieces
22 of legislation that I'm introducing today: Intro
23 1684 and Intro 1685. The first bill, Intro 1685
24 allows for certain land use applications by the
25 Mayor, Borough President or the City Council Land Use

2 Committee to be exempt from the Department of City
3 Planning's Pre-Application requirement. By skipping
4 these requirements, complete land use applications
5 such as text amendments can be certified more quickly
6 allowing the City Planning Commission to begin the
7 review process even earlier within our communities.
8 This bill will have—will ensure a timelier review of
9 a land use application that I hope to introduce with
10 the Manhattan Borough President ensuring a public
11 review process that gives the Two Bridges community
12 the new tools to fight back against over-zealous
13 developments. The second bill, Intro 1684 requires
14 the Department for the Aging to create an interagency
15 coordinator position. Even though our seniors
16 greatly benefits from a variety of programs we have
17 within various agencies like the LINK program and the
18 New York City Rent Freeze Program, our city agencies
19 are not always able to share relevant information
20 with each other. The DFTA Interagency Coordinator
21 will advise the DFTA Commissioner of all the city
22 services that is relevant to the aging community. I
23 want to thank the staff Kaitlyn Fahey, Emily Britany
24 Rooney, Raju Mann, Julie Lubin, Jeffrey Campagna, Liz
25 Lee, and the entire Land Use Team for working on this

2 bill. I also want to thank all my summer interns
3 who's been terrific this summer: Alex Hirsch,
4 Florence Child, Rene Kim, Juliana Parabi (sp?) Jamie
5 Fury, Lucy Yang, Cameron Chu and Daniel Lamb, and I
6 urge my colleagues to sign onto Intro 1684 and 1685.
7 Thank you. [bell]

8 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you,
9 Council Member and finally, Council Member Cabrera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
11 much. I want to take a moment first to thank the
12 Speaker and my colleagues in today's vote for Intro
13 1237-A and 12--and 1451-A and Intro 1452-A, and I
14 neglected to thank those on the Juvenile Justice
15 Committee, the staff for their follow-up: Deepa
16 Ambekar, Willie Hungatch (sp?) and John Kingsley for
17 their excellent work on this bill. I just want to
18 take a moment to join the chorus with Council Member
19 Barron's situation, and she has her own, which is
20 dire. We need to join forces, and I believe that
21 together we could do more, and we could help those
22 who desperately need help today and today. And last,
23 I'd like to just mention a bill that I'm introducing
24 today Intro 1683. This bill requires that anyone
25 running for City Council must live in the district

2 they seek to represent for at least one year by the
3 time that they will take office. The bill will
4 provide for exemptions in the case of an election
5 immediately following the appointment—the appoint—the
6 appointment—the appointment is properly launched of
7 council district. This is simple straightforward
8 legislation and will help ensure that the City
9 Council can just know and understand and it can
10 effectively advocate for the communities they're
11 wanting to represent. With that, I finish. Thank
12 you so much.

13 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Thank you,
14 Council Member Cabrera and we are going to go Council
15 Member Greenfield.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you,
17 Council Member Gentile for being our lonest serving
18 Council Member. I appreciate your leadership up
19 there. Just wanted to flag for folks Intro 1691,
20 which is an introduction today that would establish a
21 commission to develop a citywide shelter siting plan.
22 I think we have to recognize that the homeless
23 challenge in New York City is a challenge that all of
24 us face, and quite frankly the combination of
25 politics and nimbyism has prevented many shelters

2 from coming into locations where they are necessary.
3 This proposal would essentially take the politics out
4 of siting homeless shelters and would create a five-
5 year permanent plan to expedite and to site homeless
6 shelters in New York City that would allow for us to
7 tackle what is a major problem. I think we have to
8 be honest about the fact that it is difficult to site
9 homeless shelters and at the same time it is
10 necessary, and I think that all of us have a
11 responsibility to take care of our homeless friends
12 and neighbors. And so I'd encourage you to take a
13 look at that, and to sign onto Intro 1691, and I also
14 welcome my son Abraham Greenfield who has a couple of
15 weeks off before school and thank him for joining us
16 here in the New York City Council, and thank all my
17 colleagues and wish you an enjoyable end of the
18 summer.

19 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: A new
20 Greenfield coming to the Council soon?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: No too soon.
22 He's only ten years old, but thank you.

23 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Okay, the
24 final remarks from the Speaker speaking over there.

25 (sic)

2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Well, thank you
3 Council Member Gentile and thank you to all of my
4 colleagues for—for your work today and that ends and
5 we're—that ends the Council's session today, and we
6 are adjourned. [gavel]

7 PRESIDENT PRO TEM GENTILE: Great. The
8 Stated Meeting of August 24, 2017 is adjourned.

9 [gavel]

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