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

The Invocation Delivered by:
Council Member Fernando Cabrera, 14th District,
and Reverend Pastor, New Life Church, Bronx

2 [sound check, pause]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Okay, I'd like to
4 get started and invite Council Member Costa
5 Constantinides to come up. Council Member
6 Constantinides will be honoring the Astoria Park
7 Alliance who is being honored for its commitment to
8 transforming parks and green spaces into dynamic
9 community assets for its strong voice on a range of
10 park related issues. We want to welcome you and say
11 thank you for being with us. Council Member
12 Constantinides.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank
14 you, Council Member Dromm. It's my great pleasure
15 and honor to recognize the great work of the Astoria
16 Park Alliance. Founded in 2007, they really have
17 been the preeminent volunteer organization to the
18 jewel that is Astoria Park. Sixty acres of heaven in
19 Astoria but it needs maintenance and it needs love,
20 and it needs someone to steward it, and the Astoria
21 Park Alliance has taken it upon themselves to be
22 those good stewards whether it's raking leaves,
23 whether that's a leaf fest, shredding Christmas, you
24 know, Christmas trees that have been used or holiday
25 trees that have been used, cleaning the shoreline,

2 there's an event I would say every two weeks in
3 Astoria Park that's run by the Astoria Park Alliance,
4 and now branching and doing programming as well
5 making sure there are activities in the park for our
6 kids, for adults and really loving the park, loving
7 the community. So, I really want to thank Martha
8 who's one of the co-founders, and founded, you know,
9 on the idea of just making sure that the park could
10 be beautified. Anthony and Doug as well, really just
11 making sure that Astoria Park gets the love that it
12 needs, and will continue to be educating young people
13 about sustainability, about going green, about the
14 importance of green space in New York City. So, I
15 really want to thank, of course, our Parks Chair
16 Martha Green and Annabel. Thank you all for being
17 here and I'm really excited to honor the Astoria Park
18 Alliance for your great work, and here's to another
19 ten years of—of volunteers and I'll be with you guys
20 next Saturday. [laughs] [applause] Thank you,
21 Danny.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you and I
23 had to say I was there about a week or so ago for the
24 Cusack (sp?) Kickoff for the—there's a 5-K Run and
25 the park looked really, really, really nice, and I

2 was amazed at how clean the shoreline is. Now, I
3 know why. So, thank you for doing that, and I'm
4 going to with that ask the Clerk to read the
5 proclamation aloud.

6 CLERK: Council City of New York
7 Proclamation.

8 Whereas, New York City is home of the
9 most dedicated and civic minded people in the United
10 States. Many of these New Yorkers give countless
11 time to community park groups to help advocate for
12 and maintain their local green space. Today our
13 beloved public parks spaces owe much of their success
14 to area residents who have harnessed their collective
15 energy to work together as a community based
16 organization. The Astoria Park Alliance has excelled
17 as such an organization for the last ten years; and

18 Whereas, Astoria Park Alliance was
19 established in 2007 by Jules Corkery and Martha Lopez
20 Gilpin through the Catalyst program, a project of
21 Partnership for Parks aimed to enhance community
22 participation. Astoria Park Alliance is dedicated to
23 the conservation and sustainability of Astoria Park
24 by empowering public partnerships. Its passionate
25 members come from all different cultural,

2 generational and socio-economic backgrounds, yet
3 share a common belief that building community starts
4 in the park; and

5 Whereas, from the start Astoria Park
6 Alliance has served as strong voice for the community
7 and has spoken up on a range of park related issues
8 including safety, ecology, park usage and sanitation.
9 The organization is also active in helping with park
10 beautification, spending thousands of volunteer hours
11 each year on activities like shoreline cleanups and
12 other bi-week-bi-weekly cleaning activities from
13 spring to autumn; and

14 Whereas, over the course of the last ten
15 years, Astoria Park Alliance has become an aggressive
16 supporter for improvement to Astoria Park and has
17 seen significant results. Many upgrades including
18 the recently refurbished Bocce court have been
19 financed through funds raised by the Astoria Park
20 Alliance. The Alliance is also at the forefront of
21 discussions on the apportionment of the \$30 million
22 received by Astoria Park through the Anchor Parks
23 Initiative; and

24 Whereas, Astoria Park Alliance has
25 received many previous accolades for its tireless

2 efforts including the Golden Trowel Award from the
3 City Parks Foundation earlier this year. This honor
4 was bestowed upon the Alliance where its volunteers'
5 commitment to transforming the parks and green spaces
6 into dynamic community assets; and

7 Whereas, today Astoria Park Alliance. Is
8 guided by some of the most dedicated community
9 servants in the entire city: Chair Martha Lopez
10 Gilpin; Vice Chair Anthony Liberatoscioli; Marketing
11 and Communications Director Doug Monaco:
12 Administrative Director Joe Vella; Treasurer Brian
13 Schliessman; and Fundraiser and Grant Writer,
14 Christina Sidoti; and

15 Whereas, during this milestone year as
16 Astoria Park Alliance reflects on its first decade of
17 growth and success, it also prepares for its future
18 as an official 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

19 Now, therefore, be it known the Council
20 of the City of New York gratefully honors Astoria
21 Park Alliance in celebration of its tenth anniversary
22 and its outstanding services and enduring
23 contributions to Astoria Park and to all of the city
24 of New York. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the
25 Entire Council; Costa Constantinides, Council Member

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2 22nd District Queens; Mark D. Levine, Chair,
3 Committee on Parks and Recreation.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Alright, thank you
5 very much, and we'd like to give an opportunity for
6 someone to say a few words.[applause]

7 FEMALE SPEAKER: We would just like to
8 thank Council Member Constantinides for his dedicated
9 devotion to the community to green space, to
10 sustainability, and we look forward to work very hard
11 with our 501 (c)(3) to do even more to recruit more
12 people for our organization, and to always make that
13 home away from home city parks part of our lives, and
14 part of the lives of anyone who wants to visit.
15 Thank you very much. [applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
17 much. Let's give them a big round of applause. Now,
18 it is officially proclaimed for the Astoria Park
19 Association. Thank you. [pause] Okay, yeah we have
20 some more. Now, I'd like to bring up my group that's
21 going to be honored here today, and I ask Ebony
22 Underwood, a filmmaker to come up, and bring her
23 family with her. Many people here know that one of
24 the issues of passion for me has been working with
25 the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated and Emily-

2 Ebony, excuse me, has been doing a great job with
3 film [pause] and I had the pleasure earlier of
4 meeting her mother who was here full of love, concern
5 so Ebony Underwood is a filmmaker, and she's being
6 honored today for her work in the forefront of Reform
7 Initiatives supporting children lf incarcerated
8 parents, and for her founding of We Us Now, a non-
9 profit that utilizes engaging 21st Century multi-
10 media content to build greater awareness about the
11 destructive effects of mass incarceration on children
12 and parents. And I also want to say that we're
13 joined today by Liz Gaynes, the Executive Director
14 and CEO—the President and CEO of the Osborne
15 Association and Tanya Krupat—I should say Krupat in
16 honoring Ebony today. Three years ago, Ebony began
17 to speak about the pain she suffered as a result of
18 her father's incarcerations. She has successfully
19 used film and social media to tell her story and her
20 life experience. Her work has expanded into a
21 movement built by, led by and four children impacted
22 by parental incarceration. There is a great need for
23 Ebony's work. Let me say that again. There is a
24 great need for Ebony's work. In the United States
25 2.7 million minor children have an incarcerated

2 parent, and another five million have a parent on
3 parole or probation. It is estimated that one in 28
4 children have an incarcerated parent, and 1 in 9
5 African-American children, 1 in 28 Latino children
6 and 1 in 57 white children have an incarcerated
7 parent. Now, those are incredible numbers, and we
8 need to reduce those numbers quickly. October is See
9 Us Support Us Month, a time to support and awareness
10 about the thousands of children in New York City who
11 have a parent incarcerated and to build our citywide
12 capacity to meet the needs of these children. I can
13 think of no better time to recognize Ebony's
14 outstanding advocacy and hope that you will join me
15 in applauding her and her work. Let's give her a big
16 round of applause [applause] and I want to ask the
17 clerk to please read the proclamation aloud.

18 CLERK: Council, City of New York
19 Proclamation. The Council of the City of New York is
20 proud to honor Ebony Underwood for advocating for and
21 on behalf of children and families whose lives have
22 been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one;
23 and

24 Whereas, in addition to being a lifelong
25 New Yorker, Ebony Underwood is the founder of We Got

2 Us Now, a filmmaker creative consultant and a Soros
3 Justice Fellow at the forefront of reform initiatives
4 supporting children of incarcerated parents; and

5 Whereas, in 2014, Ms. Underwood began to
6 speak publicly about the trauma she suffered from her
7 father's incarceration. She shared her remarkable
8 story through film, television, and social media
9 advocacy. She directed and produced the video *Open*
10 *Plea to the President*, created a documentary short
11 both for Father's Day and launched a website about
12 her family's ordeal. She has contributed to a number
13 of newspapers, magazines and blogs to tell her story,
14 and spearheaded the [coughs] spearheaded the Google
15 initiated digital #Love Letters Campaign to
16 demonstrate the unbreakable bond between an
17 incarcerated parent and their child on Mother's Day
18 and Father's Day; and

19 Whereas, Ms. Underwood's work has
20 expanded into a movement built by, led by and for
21 children impacted by parental incarceration #We got
22 us now. With a mission to educate, empower, and
23 advocate for issues and policies that affect children
24 of incarcerated parents, and keeping families
25 connected We Got Us Now is a non-profit that utilizes

2 engaging 21st Century multi-media content to build
3 greater awareness about the destructive rippling
4 effects of mass incarceration on children and
5 families; and

6 Whereas, the need for Ms. Underwood's
7 advocacy is great. In the United States it is
8 estimated that 1 in 28 children have an incarcerated
9 parent. In New York State at least 148,000 children
10 have incarcerated parents. Research indicates that
11 parental incarceration can have a devastating
12 economic consequence for children, protected factors
13 including support programs, resources and access to
14 parents through visits can make a lasting positive
15 impact on a child's life despite having a parent who
16 is incarcerated.

17 Now, therefore, be it known that the
18 Council of the City of New York is proud to honor
19 Ebony Underwood to raise awareness about our
20 collective obligation to meet the needs of the
21 thousands of children with incarcerated parents in
22 New York City. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for
23 the Entire Council; Daniel Dromm, Council Member 25th
24 District, Queens.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very
3 much, and I've never heard the Chamber so quiet, but
4 I hate to, you know, encourage bad behavior, but lets
5 give her a big round of applause for the work that
6 she has done with the incarcerated—for those who
7 have—are incarcerated for their children. Thank you,
8 Ebony. Would you like to say a few words?

9 EBONY UNDERWOOD: Yes. Thank you so much
10 for honoring me. I am so humbled to be here. I want
11 to thank Council Member Dromm. Thank you so much for
12 the work that you're doing to support children of
13 incarcerated parents, and their parents. I want to
14 thank Tanay Krupat and especially Liz Gaynes for
15 doing incredible work with the Osborne's New York
16 Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents. I
17 want to thank my brother Anthony who was the first
18 person in our family to actually vocalize it. He's
19 here right now and [applause] speak out in support of
20 our family and our father being incarcerated, but
21 there's—there's someone that I really want to
22 recognize. She was doing this work way before I ever
23 had the courage to do it. I never knew about her
24 until I had the opportunity to sit with her mom and
25 talk to her about this issue, and that is Imani

2 Davis, and so I want to say thank you to Imani Davis
3 for being the first—one of the first voices that
4 advocated for Children of Incarcerated Parents.
5 Because of her and her mom, Liz Gaynes, we are now
6 doing incredible work, and we'll continue to do
7 incredible work nationally. We—we got us now. We
8 got us now, and thank you for See Us, Support Us
9 Month and this campaign to highlight this issue
10 around Children of Incarcerated Parents. [applause]

11 LIZ GAYNES: I just want to thank Council
12 Member Dromm who has taken his love of children and
13 his concern about mass incarceration and merged them
14 to do this support for Children of Incarcerated
15 Parents. Really, you're standing alone on this in
16 ways that are very appreciated. Ebony, you're
17 extraordinary. I want to say, though, and I
18 appreciate your mentioning my daughter, but the truth
19 is that what allows children to stand up like this is
20 having a mom like Sherilyn (sp?) to support you, and
21 to say it's okay and to make sure that you can visit
22 your incarcerated parent, and have contact with that
23 person, and having your brother Anthony at your side,
24 and most of all, I would really like to acknowledge
25 your dad and Underwood, because if he hadn't been a

2 father, a fully out father from where he is, we would
3 not be standing here today.

4 EBONY UNDERWOOD: [off mic] Thank you so
5 much. Thank you so much. [applause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you so much,
7 Ebony and it's really an honor and a pleasure to be
8 able to do this and recognize your work. It's really
9 important work. Thank you very, very much. I
10 appreciate it. Okay. [background comment, pause]

11 Okay. Now, I'd like to ask Council Member Eric
12 Ulrich to come up. So, he's going to be honoring
13 NYPD Officers Brian Coffey and Mark Maderik are being
14 honored for their bravery at a house fire in Queens.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please. Keep
16 it down. [background comment, pause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you very
18 much my colleagues. I invite all of you to join us
19 up here at the dais. Today, we are honoring two
20 police officers, New York's finest [applause] and
21 their families. They brought their beautiful
22 children and their families are here with them as
23 well. From the 106th Police Precinct in Ozone Park
24 in my district for their heroism and their courage
25 involving an incident that happened this past summer

2 that some of you may have seen on the news. There
3 was a house fire on July 20, 2017, and there was a
4 motorist who flagged down a patrol car. The two
5 officers that we're honoring today got out of the
6 car, and saw a house engulfed in flames. They kicked
7 down the front door. They saw the smoke, they saw
8 the fire, they ran in anyway because they were the
9 first responders to arrive at the scene, and they
10 actually went back into the home and saved and
11 elderly woman, her grandson and their dog. So, they—
12 they saved three lives that day. [applause] They are
13 just one of many men and women who serve our city and
14 the Police Department and the Fire Department who do
15 extraordinary work, who put their lives on the line
16 to keep people and property safe in the city. We're
17 very grateful for their contributions to what they've
18 done. They were honored by several of the local
19 papers and some other local organizations, but I'm
20 very proud to honor them here in this magnificent
21 Chamber, and inside City Hall, such a beautiful and
22 historic building and present them with a
23 proclamation, but I'll ask the clerk to read the
24 proclamation first and then we'll have them say a few
25 words. We'll have the City Clerk read the proc.

2 CLERK: Council City of New York
3 Proclamation.

4 Whereas, every hour of every day the men
5 and women of the NYPD worked together to enforce our
6 city's laws, keep our neighborhoods safe and protect
7 their fellow 8.3 million New Yorkers. Whether safe
8 get-safeguarding property or the public, these heroes
9 and heroines commit themselves to their daily duties,
10 which often necessitate extraordinary risks that few
11 others can fully comprehend. NYPD Officer Brian
12 Coffey, and NYPD Officer John P. Maderik, Jr. are two
13 such heroes; and

14 Whereas, Officer Coffey served our nation
15 with the United States Army for two years at Fort
16 Carson, Colorado, including an 11th month-11-month
17 deployment to Bosnia, Herzegovina. After graduating
18 from the Police Academy in 2002, he was assigned to
19 the 106th Precinct in Ozone Park, Queens where he has
20 since honed his expertise in wide range of tasks,
21 from patrol to the Anti-Crime Unit and his current
22 role as a Neighborhood Coordination Officer; and

23 Whereas, Officer Maderik graduated from
24 the Police Academy in 1988 at the age of 20 following
25 the footsteps of his father who served in the NYPD

2 for 36 years. Officer Maderik began his career in
3 the 109th Precinct in 1988 and has been assigned to
4 the 106th Precinct since 1995. When his father
5 retired in 2001, he received his father's Shield
6 Number, and whereas, Officer Maderik currently a
7 Neighborhood Coordination Officer with detective
8 training, and has made more than 800 arrests. In
9 addition to being a Police Benevolent Association
10 Delegate for 12 years and the 106th Precinct Club
11 President, Officer Maderik is also a member of the
12 Brotherhood for the Fallen, and represents the NYPD
13 at funerals honoring fallen officer across the
14 country; and

15 Whereas, on July 20, 2017, around noon,
16 Officer Coffey and Officer John Maderik were at the
17 corner of 112th Street and Rockaway Boulevard in
18 Ozone Park when a motorist flagged them down to alert
19 them to a nearby house fire. The officers
20 immediately parked their vehicle and ran to the home
21 to discover the first floor engulfed in flames. When
22 bystanders said someone was inside the house, they
23 ran in and up the smoke filled stairs to find an
24 elderly woman, her grandson and dog. The officers
25 brought them downstairs and out of the house to

2 safety, then re-entered the home to check the rest of
3 the second floor apartment for other people. Once
4 they had cleared the second floor, they went to the
5 first floor apartment. As they kicked in the door,
6 they were hit with a blast of heat and thick black
7 smoke, but yelled out to see if any potential victims
8 were inside. With no response from the apartment,
9 the officers exited the building. Within minutes,
10 the FDNY was on the scene and the fire was
11 extinguished; and

12 Whereas, we commend both of these Queens
13 born officers for their incredible bravery and their
14 unflinching commitment to the safety of our city.
15 They are truly among the finest of New York's finest
16 and they have earned the esteem and enduring—and have
17 earned the esteem and enduring gratitude of every New
18 Yorker.

19 Now, therefore, be it known that the
20 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
21 NYPD Officer John P. Maderik, Jr. and NYPD Officer
22 Brian Coffey for the—for their out-courageous service
23 to the City of New York and to the community at
24 large. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the Entire
25 Counsel; Eric A. Ulrich, Council Member, 32nd

2 District Queens; Vanessa L. Gibson, Chair, Committee
3 on Public Safety. [applause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you. Thank
5 you very much. I want to thank all off—and this
6 here. Okay, I want to thank my colleagues who have
7 joined us here to honor Police Officer—to honor
8 Police Officer Coffey, and Police Officer Maderik.
9 We have Council Member Gentile of Brooklyn. We have
10 Council Member Garodnick or Barry Grodenchik.
11 Garodnick is here. No, I was getting to Garodnick
12 first. He has seniority. Garodnick is here,
13 Grodenchik is here also, Minority Leader Steve
14 Matteo, Jumaane Williams from Brooklyn, Mark Levine,
15 Brad Lander, Julissa Copeland-Ferreras, or Ferreras-
16 Copeland, sorry, Danny Dromm, myself, Councilwoman-
17 Council Member Koslowitz, Council-United Council
18 Woman and Public Advocate now Letitia James. Thank
19 you for honoring the police officers today. Council
20 Member Palma, Council Member Menchaca, Council Member
21 Chin and Council Member Koo. Okay. So I'm very
22 good. [applause] I'm getting better with names.
23 Alright, so, they saved two lives and their pet on
24 the day of the fire. They got there before the Fire
25 Department was able to get there. They really are

2 heroes. They're doing an extraordinary job. They're
3 also working every day as heroes to bridge the gap
4 and build trust between community and police and
5 police and community. So, we salute them for that as
6 well. I'd like them to say a few brief words so
7 let's hear from Officer Coffey first. [laughter]
8 Coffey first.

9 OFFICER COFFEY: I'd just like to say
10 thank you to Councilman Eric Ulrich for honoring us
11 on this special day. Thank you. [cheers/applause]

12 OFFICER MADERIK: I'd also like to thank
13 Council Member Ulrich. It's a day me and my partner
14 will never forget, and I'm sure my family will never
15 forget this day. Thank you so much. [applause]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you.
17 [pause]

18 CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, at this
19 time we want everyone to find a seat. Non-Council
20 staff please make your way upstairs to the balcony.
21 Once again, non-Council staff please make your way up
22 to the balcony. Also, please silence all electronic
23 devices. Private conversations please take outside.
24 Once gain, non-Council staff, please make your way up
25 to the balcony. Thank you. [pause] Ladies and

2 gentlemen, can I have your attention please. Can I
3 please have your attention in the Chambers, please,
4 can I please have your attention in the Chambers,
5 please.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

7 CLERK: At this time I ask that you
8 please place all electronic devices—all electronic
9 devices to vibrate.

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

12 CLERK: Will all non-Council employers,
13 non-Council employees please leave the main floor of
14 the Chambers. This is additional seating upstairs in
15 the balcony. Thank you. Madam Public Advocate.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [gavel]

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet please. Quiet
18 down.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
20 Chambers. Everyone please find a seat. Quite in the
21 chambers. Everyone quiet down. Please find a seat
22 and please close the door. (coughs) [background
23 comments] All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise. [pause]
25 [Pledge of Allegiance]

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: [off mic] I'm

14 here. (sic)

15 CLERK: Thank you. Crowley.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

17 CLERK: Cumbo. Deutsch.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

19 CLERK: Dromm.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

21 CLERK: Espinal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

23 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras-Copeland.

24 Garodnick.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

2 CLERK: Gentile.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I'm here.

4 CLERK: Gibson.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

6 CLERK: Greenfield. Grodenchik.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

8 CLERK: Johnson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

10 CLERK: Kallos.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

12 CLERK: King. Koo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

14 CLERK: Koslowitz:

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

16 CLERK: Lancman.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

18 CLERK: Lander.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

20 CLERK: Levin.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

22 CLERK: Levine.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

24 CLERK: Maisel.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

2 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

4 CLERK: Mendez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

6 CLERK: Miller. Palma.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

8 CLERK: Perkins. Reynoso. Richards.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

10 CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

12 CLERK: Rosenthal.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

14 CLERK: Salamanca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

16 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

18 CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Here.

20 CLERK: Ulrich.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

22 CLERK: Vacca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

24 CLERK: Vallone.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

2 CLERK: Williams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

4 CLERK: Matteo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

6 CLERK: Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

8 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Quiet
11 in the Chambers. All rise for the invocation.

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: All rise.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: The invocation
14 will be delivered by Delivered by: Council Member
15 Fernando Cabrera, representing the 14th District
16 covering—covering Kings Bridge, Fordham, Mount Hope
17 and University, but more important 25–29 year as a
18 very Reverend Pastor of the New Life Church in the
19 Borough of the Bronx. Quiet in the Chambers.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Let's bow our
21 heads. Father, we pray for your guidance and wisdom
22 today as we move forward the agenda of you people in
23 New York City who specifically lift up to you the
24 precious people in Puerto Rico who are in dire need
25 of help in the most difficult time in the history of

2 the island. We call upon you to love on them to the
3 generosity of those who are responding right now. We
4 ask you for—now for your grace and favor to fall upon
5 us. We pray all these things in your name. Amen.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 Please be seated. A motion to spread the Invocation,
8 Council Member Miller. I now move to spread the
9 invocation in full upon the record and thank Council
10 Member Cabrera for that prayer. Adoption of Minutes.
11 Council Member Matteo.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Motion that the
13 minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 24, 2017 be
14 adopted as printed.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Messages and
16 Paper from, the Mayor.

17 CLERK: None.

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

20 CLERK: None.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
22 Communications.

23 CLERK: None.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
25 Ups.

2 CLERK: M-552 through M-556, various
3 applications.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I don't have
5 that. Sorry. Excuse me. Coupled on Call-up Vote.

6 CLERK: Barron.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: You said 556 as
8 well? You included 556 in that, right?

9 CLERK: Yes, ma'am.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Okay, yes so then
11 yeah, coupled on call-up vote, and as for a roll call
12 on all Land Use Call-Ups.

13 CLERK: Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

15 CLERK: Borelli. Cabrera.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

17 CLERK: Chin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Cohen.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Constantinides.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

23 CLERK: Cornegy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

25 CLERK: Crowley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Can I have
3 permission, Madam Public Advocate, to vote on all
4 calendar items?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Deutsch.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

11 CLERK: Dromm.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

13 CLERK: Espinal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

15 CLERK: Eugene. Ferreras-Copeland.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Aye.

17 CLERK: Garodnick.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

19 CLERK: Gentile.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

21 CLERK: Gibson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

23 CLERK: Greenfield. Grodenchik.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

25 CLERK: Johnson.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

3 CLERK: Kallos.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

5 CLERK: King. Koo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

7 CLERK: Koslowitz:

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

9 CLERK: Lancman.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK: Lander.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

13 CLERK: Levin.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

15 CLERK: Levine.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

17 CLERK: Maisel.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

19 CLERK: Mealy. Menchaca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Mendez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

23 CLERK: Miller.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Miller.

25 CLERK: Palma.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Perkins. Reynoso. Richards.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

5 CLERK: Rodriguez. Aye.

6 CLERK: Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

8 CLERK: Rosenthal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

10 CLERK: Salamanca.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

12 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Ulrich.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes. (sic)

16 CLERK: Vacca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

18 CLERK: Vallone.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

20 CLERK: Williams.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

22 CLERK: Matteo.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

24 CLERK: Van Bramer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

2 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

3 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 Today's Land Use Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 39
6 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. All quiet
7 in the Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker
8 Melissa Mark-Viverito. Quiet in the Chambers.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam
10 Public Advocate, and good afternoon. Buenos Tardes to
11 everyone. Before until I get the—into the points of
12 my speaking here, I wanted to just recognize that we
13 have Adrienne Adams with us here in the Chamber,
14 [cheers/applause] and we still have a little formal
15 hurdle to go through in terms of the general
16 election, but will soon join us in the Chamber right
17 after that. So, welcome here today, and so to begin
18 today, I want to also take note that—that October is
19 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One and
20 four women will be a victim of domestic violence or a
21 survivor at some point in their lifetime, and
22 thousands of New Yorkers seek help to report abuse
23 every year. Along with our Women's Caucus, I
24 encourage everyone to participate in the New York
25 City Go Purple Day of Action this Thursday, October

2 19th with City Council outreach happening from 8:00
3 to 9:00 a.m. in districts across the city. If you're
4 interested in joining the morning events or receiving
5 more information to distribute to your districts at a
6 later time, you can reach out to Monica Abend in
7 Council Member Cumbo's Office. Since our last meeting
8 a number of number tragic events have occurred in our
9 country and around the world. Beginning close to
10 home, I on behalf of this Council send my condolences
11 to Council Member Andy King on the passing of his
12 father Andrew King, Jr. A Korean War Veteran, we
13 thank Mr. King for his service, and our thoughts are
14 with his family at this somber time. Further out,
15 the Council would like to express its solidarity for
16 the citizens of Somalia as they recover from the
17 largest terrorist attack to ever impact the country.
18 These actions must be condemned wherever they occur,
19 and we send our sympathies to the residents of
20 Mohadishu. On the domestic front, our country has
21 also faced some heroin events over the last three
22 weeks. Only days after our last stated meeting, 50-
23 58 innocent people were gunned down in the city of
24 Las Vegas, in what has become the largest mass
25 shooting in modern American history, definitely

2 nothing to be proud of. There is really nothing that
3 can be said here to convey the full scale of emotions
4 this event incurs. These lives were taken in vain
5 period. It's well past time to invoke common sense
6 gun control at the national level regardless of the
7 political implications period. It really is
8 incredible that there is more thought and process
9 into regulating what women do with their bodies than
10 what we do regards to gun control in this country. No
11 private citizen should be able to accrue an arsenal,
12 and no individual should ever go to something as
13 innocuous as a Sunday night outdoor concert for the
14 fear that they may not return home. Our thoughts are
15 with the friends and families of those who were lost,
16 and we hope for a quick recovery for the many who
17 remain hospitalized. In California, we commend first
18 responders for their relentless efforts against the
19 wild fires threatening communities along the northern
20 coast, and in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S.
21 Virgin Islands, and the many other Caribbean nations
22 impacted by hurricanes this season. We pray for no
23 further destruction or loss of life as residents work
24 to rebuild. As we had mentioned a need for relief
25 happening in Puerto Rico and obviously of an

2 extremely personally touched by this, and talking as
3 loudly as I can against the inadequacies of this
4 Administration, I want to ask Council Member Fernando
5 Cabrera to say a few words. He just recently went
6 down on a humanitarian trip. I want to thank him
7 personally for having done that. He visited some of
8 the affected areas on the island, and wants to share
9 some thoughts. So, Council Member Cabrera if you
10 could say a few words.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you Madam
12 Speaker, and thank you so much for standing for the
13 people of Puerto Rico. Having the race in Puerto
14 Rico, this is also very personal to me. I had the
15 opportunity last week. I just got back on Saturday
16 to go the most devastated part of the island, an area
17 where FEMA has not shown up, an areas where people
18 are literally going hungry, people are going thirsty.
19 Please do not believe the rhetoric that's coming out
20 that some people are telling you that help is getting
21 to every place in Puerto Rico. Certainly, they have
22 it in this area in the mountainous area where we were
23 the first ones, a team that I went in with some
24 pastors, and certainly if pastors can make it to a
25 mountain, I'm sure FEMA could get there and bring

2 help. The situation is dire. Just in Jayuya (sp?)
3 there's only one supermarket open, and people who
4 have their version of Food Stamp cards can't even use
5 them. We're talking about the poorest of the poor.
6 They can use them because there is no means of
7 communication. The only way I got a phone call out I
8 had to go to the—literally to the highest top—top of
9 the mountain there, which was extremely dangerous.
10 I've never taken a road that's so dangerous that to
11 be able to have communication. I want you to listen
12 to what I'm about to tell you: The water system in
13 Puerto Rico is about to go through—and through the
14 people that I know that work with the water
15 department there, they're about to go through
16 something right now. They're running on generator
17 power, temporary generators. Those generators were
18 not made to run for months. They're about to go
19 down. What that means is that you're going to have
20 a situation if they don't have back-up generators
21 then people are going to star going thirsty. There's
22 not enough water to go around. You can't buy water
23 anywhere especially in the areas of the highest need.
24 We need generators for those who want to help out.
25 We need generators to go to those highest hit areas

2 because the electrical grid is going to be built up
3 around the island, and not—and they're not going to
4 start in the middle of the island, and—and based on
5 what I saw on the mountains, no way they're going to
6 get this done by December 15. I don't know who came
7 out with that date, but it's impossible. They're
8 going to have to build it literally from scratch or
9 they're going to have to remove everything that is
10 there, and build it up again. Madam Speaker, thank
11 you so much and one request, if we could make a loud
12 voice about tarps getting to this area. People are
13 living—listen, without no roofs. It broke my heart.
14 There is not a day that I didn't cry when I was over
15 there. No roofs, living in houses that literally got
16 blown away, and they're living in this condition, and
17 when I asked at the government level, they told me
18 they only brought a thousand. In the 24 days that—
19 that the hurricane hit, only a thousand tarps. I
20 mean that just really ticks me off that something
21 like that. You never heard me speak like that in
22 this Council, but I'm telling you it's unnerving,
23 it's frustrating to see these people had to—our
24 people had to live under this condition and FEMA

2 needs to just simply show up. Thank you Madam
3 Speaker.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: [interposing]
5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you for
7 your voice and thank you to the Council for listening
8 today.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you,
10 Council Member and I know—I know I want to thank all
11 the colleagues because they've been incredibly
12 supportive of—of the efforts around Puerto Rico.
13 Thank you so much, and now moving onto the docket of
14 the day. The City Council is going to begin this
15 afternoon by voting on the reappointment of Dr.
16 Robert Cohen to the Board of Correction, and on
17 multiple land use items including the rezoning of
18 Lower Concourse North in the South Bronx. As a
19 representing Council Member for this project, I can
20 speak first hand to the serious time and effort that
21 has gone into developing plans to turn the Concourse
22 into a major help for the surrounding community. I
23 really credit the Land Use Team for their work, for
24 their district office, Community Board 4, local
25 advocates and interested developers on getting this

2 project moving forward and implementing the
3 modifications that will ensure this becomes a
4 community asset for generations including the siting
5 of a new—of a new approximately 570-seat school at
6 639 Saint Ann's Avenue, and at present the remainder
7 of the project is slated to include 600 units of
8 affordable housing with 70% of the units at or below
9 80% of AMI in phase 1. Community facility is phased
10 to house a universal hip-hop museum and local non-
11 profit Bronx Works, and around 2.6 acres of open
12 space including a waterfront esplanade, an extension
13 of Mill Pond Park and public plaza along Exterior
14 Street. The Council will also be considering
15 Resolution 1675, 2017 today authorizing myself, the
16 Speaker to file our joint amicus briefs on behalf of
17 the Council in litigation challenging the rescission
18 or modification of the Deferred Action for Childhood
19 Program also known as DACA. As the futures of
20 Dreamers across the nation have been repeated
21 attacked, we at the City Council have made it clear
22 that we stand with undocumented immigrants throughout
23 the city and throughout the United States as they
24 seek a legal means remain in the country, and they

2 will continue to do so at whatever level becomes
3 necessary going forward.

4 On the legislative side, the Council will
5 be voting on Introduction 1728 sponsored by Recovery
6 and Resiliency Chair Mark Treyger, which would
7 establish a Hurricane Sandy Recovery Task Force to
8 analyze the recovery efforts in New York City in
9 response to Hurricane Sandy, and make specific
10 recommendations for preparing the city for future
11 recovery efforts. I want to thank staff Jeff Baker,
12 Malaika Jabali, Patrick Mulvihill, Jonathan Seltzer
13 and Jim Wilcox.

14 Introduction 1517-A, sponsored by
15 Governmental Operations Chair Ben Kallos would amend
16 the date on which Candidate Financial Disclosure
17 Reports are due to 25 days after the last date for
18 filing and designating or independent nominating
19 petition. It would similarly provide a 25-day filing
20 period providing candidates in primary elections and
21 20-day filing period for candidates designated to
22 fill a vacancy. I want to thank staff Elizabeth
23 Kronk, Zachary Harris, Rachel Cordero, Jeff Baker and
24 Brad Reid. Our first legislative package for today

2 continues building upon our previous work to improve
3 construction site safety standards.

4 Introduction 1404-A sponsored by Housing
5 and Buildings Chair Jumaane Williams would increase
6 the minimum civil penalties and fines for violations
7 of the site safety provisions of the New York City
8 Building Code and the Administrative Code of the City
9 of New York.

10 Introduction 1429-A, sponsored by Council
11 Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland would require that
12 workers at construction sites that require a site
13 safety manager, site safety coordinator, or a
14 construction superintendent receive free shift
15 instructions including a discussion of safety
16 concerns regarding the tasks and activities to be
17 performed during that shift.

18 Introduction 1444-A, sponsored by Council
19 Member Mark Treyger, expand the requirement that
20 workers at construction sites that require a site
21 safety manager, site safety coordinator or a
22 construction superintendent receive site specific
23 safety orientations and periodic refreshers to all
24 construction sites.

2 And Introduction 1437-A, sponsored by
3 Council Member Carlos Menchaca, which would double
4 the civil penalties for construction sites with
5 excessive violations. I want to thank the staff
6 Megan Chin, Guillermo Patino, Jose Conde, Sarah
7 Gastelum and Jeff Baker.

8 Moving on, Introductions 1509-A, 1510-A
9 and 1511-A, sponsored by Small Business Chair Robert
10 Cornegy, would require the Commissioner of Small
11 Business Services to post on the city's website
12 online business tools and resources including
13 accounting, recording keeping and bookkeeping
14 service. The package would also require the
15 Commissioner of SBS to prepare and disseminate a
16 State of Small Business Survey by September 2018, and
17 to create a comprehensive workforce development plan
18 based to the extent practicable on the results of
19 that survey. For staff I want to thank Sylvester
20 Yovanna, Michael Kurtz, Jeff Baker, Aliya Ali,
21 Crilhien Francisco, Terzah Nasser and Ayisha
22 Schaumburg.

23 On affordable housing and HPD reporting
24 the Council will be voting on Introduction 336-A
25 sponsored by Council Member Brad Lander, which would

2 require the Department of Housing Preservation and
3 Development to report on the amount and location of
4 affordable housing provided through its Inclusionary
5 Housing programs. The report would also include
6 certain information about affordable housing such as
7 the amount and type of government financial
8 assistance provided. We will also be voting on Intro
9 942-A sponsored by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez,
10 which would require HPD to provide housing
11 development project information in a non-propriety
12 format that permits automated processing.
13 Additionally, this legislation requires HPD to report
14 to the Council on the completion dates, location,
15 developer information and the source, type and value
16 of all city financial assistance and other financial
17 assistance provided by the city for housing
18 development projects.

19 And finally, Intro 1645-A sponsored by
20 Council Member Donovan Richards, which would require
21 HPD to annually report on contributions to the
22 Affordable Housing Fund. Staff, I want to thank
23 Megan Chin, Guillermo Patino, Jose Conde, Sarah
24 Gastelum and Jeff Baker.

2 Our Legislation to Enhance Department of
3 Homeless Services reporting and practices, the
4 Council will be voting on Intro 622-A, sponsored by
5 Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, which will require
6 DHS to provide information to all new recipients of
7 shelter on domestic violence and Intro 1460-A,
8 sponsored by General Welfare Chair Steve Levin, which
9 would repeal provisions of the Administration Code
10 enacted by Local Law 651 of 1993 in regards to
11 establishing an advisory board and interagency
12 coordinating council and replace it with a section
13 creating a continuum of care steering committee
14 responsible for advising DHS on the implementation of
15 the Federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid
16 Transition to Housing Act of 2009. A lot of the
17 serious state of homelessness in our city and given
18 that we are in the middle of National Domestic
19 Violence Awareness Month, I want to give Council
20 Members Crowley and Levin serious thanks for this
21 timely legislation. On staff, I want to thank Andrea
22 Vasquez, Jeff Baker, Tanya Cyrus, Namira Nuzot (sp?)
23 Ayisha Schaumburg, and Terzah Nasser. And finally,
24 the Council will end today by voting on Intro 1313-A,
25 sponsored by Council Member Julissa Ferreras-

2 Copeland, which would expand Chapter 8 of Title 20 of
3 the Code, the Earned Sick Time Act, which will be
4 renamed The Earned Sick and Safe Time Act, and which
5 would be expanded to allow victims of family offense
6 matters to use earned safe hours in connection with
7 overcoming such abuse. This is obviously a very
8 sensitive and important issue to be tackling. I want
9 to commend Council Member Ferreras-Copeland for
10 addressing a reality that faces both women and men
11 throughout the city everyday. Staff, I want to thank
12 Matt Carlin, Jeff Baker, Kevin Kotowski and Kendall
13 Stephenson, and thank you all for being here today,
14 and that ends communication from the Speaker.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Seeing no-one
16 interested in discussing General Orders, Report of
17 Special Committees.

18 CLERK: None.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of
20 Standing Committees.

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil
22 Service and Labor, Intro 1313-A, Safe Time Act.

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

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Finance, Preconsidered Reso 1679, Morris Park BID.

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

6 CLERK: LU 755 and Reso 1682 through
7 Preconsidered LU 765 and Reso 1684 Property Tax
8 Exemptions.

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

11 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
12 General Welfare Intro 622-A, Domestic Violence
13 Initiative.

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

16 CLERK: Intro 1460-A, Continuum of Care
17 Steering Committee.

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

20 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
21 Governmental Operations, Intro 1517-A, Candidate
22 Disclosure Reports.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Housing and Buildings, Intro 336-B, Inclusionary
4 Housing.

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

7 CLERK: Intro 942-B, Transparency
8 Regarding Assistance to Developers.

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

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

13 CLERK: Intro 1404-A, 1429-A, 1437-A, and
14 1444-A Safety Provisions on Construction Sites.

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

17 CLERK: Intro 1645-A, Inclusionary
18 Housing Affordable Housing Fund.

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

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
22 Uses, LU 747 through LU 753 on the next page, Zoning
23 Amendments, the Disposition of five city-owned
24 properties and a Special Permit.

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

7 CLERK: (coughs) Excuse me. LU 757 and
8 Reso 1685 and LU 758 and Reso 1686, Zoning Map
9 Amendments.

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

12 CLERK: LU 763 and Reso 1687, Unenclosed
13 Sidewalk Café.

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

16 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 771 and Reso
17 1688 and LU 772 and Reso 1689, Northeastern Towers.

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

20 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 783 and Reso
21 1690, Property Tax Exemption.

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

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public
3 Safety, Intro 1569-A, Prohibiting Disorderly
4 Behavior.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and laid
6 over.

7 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
8 Recovery and Resiliency Intro 1720-A, Hurricane Sandy
9 Task Force.

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

12 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
13 Privileges and Elections, Preconsidered M 557 and
14 Reso 1691, approving the reappointment of Robert L.
15 Cohen, M.D. Board of Correction.

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

18 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Small
19 Business, Intro 1509-A, Online Business Supports.

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

22 CLERK: Intro 1510-B and Intro 1511-A,
23 Workforce Development Plan and Survey for Small
24 Businesses.

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

4 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar, LU
5 747 and Reso 1692 through LU 753 and Reso 1697 on the
6 next page.

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

9 CLERK: Resolution Appointing Various
10 Persons Commissioner of Deeds.

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Commissioner--
12 Coupled on General Orders, and I ask for a roll call
13 vote on all General Order items.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
15 Chambers, please [shushing for quiet] for a vote.

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

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet down.

18 Thank you.

19 CLERK: Barron.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

21 CLERK: Borelli.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on
23 all Land Use Call-Ups and all General Order items
24 except Preconsidered M 557 and the accompanying Reso
25 1691.

2 CLERK: Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Chin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Cohen.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Constantinides.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
10 all.

11 CLERK: Cornegy.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Deutsch.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to
17 congratulate all of my colleagues on their
18 legislation, and also to congratulate Dr. Bobby Cohen
19 on his reappointment to the Board of Correction. I
20 vote aye on all.

21 CLERK: Espinal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Eugene
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye on all
3 Land Use Call-Ups and all the attending (sic) bills
4 on that. I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Ferreras-Copland.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote
7 aye on all.

8 CLERK: Garodnick.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

10 CLERK: Gentile.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Gibson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
14 briefly explain my vote.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you. I
17 want to congratulate all of my colleagues that are
18 passing very important legislation today, but I
19 certainly wanted to recognize our Speaker-

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

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: --for her
23 successful Lower Concourse Project that came out of
24 Bronx Community Board 4. I'm grateful that through
25 this project we're getting affordable housing and the

2 first Universal Hip-Hop Museum in the city of New
3 York coming from Bronx County. It furthers our
4 efforts to truly recognize that the birth place of
5 hip-hop is in Bronx County. So, I thank you, Madam
6 Speaker for putting together a plan that includes
7 housing, park space, access to school seats and
8 educational opportunities for our young people, and I
9 vote aye on all. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 CLERK: Greenfield.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you. I
13 vote aye on all Land-Use Call-ups and all other items
14 on the General Order Calendar.

15 CLERK: Grodenchik.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

17 CLERK: Johnson.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

19 CLERK: Kallos.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

21 CLERK: King. Koo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Koslowitz:

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be
25 excused to explain my vote?

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I want to
4 welcome Adrienne Adams. I know Adrienne for a very
5 long time, and she certainly is going to be an asset
6 to our body, and I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Gentile.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
9 Gentile, did you want to correct you vote or--

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: No.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Okay, thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: No. [laughter,
13 background comments]

14 CLERK: Lancman.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Lander.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Permission to
18 briefly explain?

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you. I'm
21 grateful to my colleagues for supporting Intro 336-B,
22 which will for the first time make it possible for us
23 to know where inclusionary housing developments are
24 taking place and the information that we need about
25 them to make sure this policy is working, something

2 we've been trying to get for about a decade. So, I'm
3 grateful to the administration for supporting them
4 and to all of you. I want to join Council Member
5 Dromm for in saying thank you to everyone for
6 supporting the re-appointment of Dr. Bobby Cohen to
7 the Board of Corrections where he has really been a
8 critical, critical voice for oversight and for
9 justice, and I want to give credit to Council Member
10 Ferreras-Copeland on her Earned Sick and Safe Time
11 Bill, watching on social media the last several days
12 the Me 2# call our attention to story after story
13 after story has been really chilling, and I'm glad
14 this Council is at least taking one small step in the
15 direction of making it a little easier for women at
16 least to report and take care and be safe when those
17 incidents take place. So, thank you. I vote aye on
18 all.

19 CLERK: Levin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Levine.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Maisel.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

25 CLERK: Menchaca.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I want to also
3 welcome Ms. Adrienne Adams to the wonderful Chambers.
4 I'm looking forward to working with you in the
5 future. I vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Mendez.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Miller.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
10 explain.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
13 Public Advocate. First, I'd like to say that today
14 I'm very proud to be voting on an important piece of
15 legislation, which will expand upon one the—the
16 Council's biggest and most recent accomplishments and
17 that is paid sick leave, and I'd like to congratulate
18 Council Member Ferreras-Copeland on her leadership on
19 this. And, just once again that demonstrates while
20 you'll be so sorely missed around here, and—and it's
21 very important that in recent times this has become
22 more relevant than ever and—and I thank you for your
23 leadership. I proudly vote aye on all, and certainly
24 I gladly welcome my partner in government and
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2 neighbor to the Council Ms. Adrienne Adams. I look
3 forward to great things. Thank you.

4 CLERK: Palma.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Reynoso.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on
8 all.

9 CLERK: Richards.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I vote aye on
11 all.

12 CLERK: Rodriguez. Aye.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
14 explain my vote.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would like
17 to thank the Speaker, Chair of Housing Williams and
18 the rest of my colleagues for their support on Intro
19 942-B, which will increase the transparency regarding
20 the financial assistance provided to developers. As
21 the numbers of affordable housing development
22 increases around the city, we must be transparent
23 about where our tax dollars are going. Creating and
24 preserving affordable housing helps to stabilize the
25 lives of some of our hardest working low-income and

2 middle-class New Yorkers. In our fight for expanding
3 much needed affordable housing will continue, but we
4 must ensure developers receiving these benefits are
5 good actors. Developers will continue playing an
6 important role as we continue to build more
7 affordable housing, and expect that the good ones
8 will support this bill. Thank you. With that, I
9 vote aye.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

11 CLERK: Rose.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye

13 CLERK: Rosenthal.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
15 explain my vote.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I just want to
18 welcome Adrienne Adams to the City Council, and to
19 the Women's Caucus. We need you there. What we lack
20 in numbers we make for in our strength. So, welcome.
21 I vote aye on all.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Salamanca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on
25 all.

2 CLERK: Torres.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all

4 CLERK: Treyger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
6 briefly explain my vote.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you,
9 Public Advocate. I also want to welcome our newest
10 colleague Adrienne Adams. I want to combine my
11 thanks for both bills--

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

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

16 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: --that I've
17 sponsored today. I want to thank Speaker Melissa
18 Mark-Viverito for her leadership and support for
19 both. I want to thank Borough President Oddo from
20 Staten Island for his call for a Hurricane Sandy Task
21 Force, which is very instrumental. I want to thank
22 the Chair of the Committee on Housing and Building,
23 Jumaane Williams, my colleagues who co-sponsored both
24 of these bills, Rob Newman and Laura Popa, Jeffrey
25 Baker, Ed Adkin, Jennifer Wilcox, Malaika Jabali,

2 Megan Chin, Anna Scaife from my staff, and last but
3 not least the many advocates who provided thoughtful
4 feedback that strengthened these pieces of
5 legislation, and I thank my colleagues. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: And I vote aye
8 on all

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Ulrich.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
12 with the exception of Preconsidered 557 and the
13 accompanying Reso 1691. Aye on all others. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Vacca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye on all.

18 CLERK: Vallone.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all and
20 welcome Adrienne.

21 CLERK: Williams.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be
23 excused to—may I be excuse to explain my vote?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
3 much. Congratulations to all [coughs] who have
4 bills, and the Speaker for her land use and
5 especially the Hip-Hop Museum in Council Member
6 Gibson-- Yes, the birth place was the Bronx, but
7 Brooklyn raised it. So, you know, we are proud as,
8 and I welcome to Adrienne as my soon-to-be colleague.
9 I just want to call attention to a package of bills,
10 but in particular 1404, which is a key part of the
11 Construction Safety Act. Many people were focused on
12 1447, but I want to say that we as the Council led by
13 the Speaker made clear that construction site safety
14 would be more than just 1447. With this package of
15 bills that are going to be passed today, we will be
16 up to 11 bills out of 21 in the Construction Safety
17 Act, which was the largest amount of bills that we've
18 ever heard at one time, underscoring how important
19 this issue was. My bill in particular increases
20 fines, and it says that fines cannot simply be the
21 cost of doing business. We need to impose penalties
22 in order to spur real reform. We want to help bring
23 back a culture of safety that has been allowed to
24 erode for far too long. Just today five construction
25 workers were injured in a partial building collapse

2 in Crown Heights in Council Member Cornegy's
3 district. I understand one is in critical condition.
4 The bill will enforce—will increase enforcement
5 through increasing many civil penalties, fines for
6 sight and safety violations. Immediate hazardous
7 violations will double from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Major
8 violations will increase from the no establishment at
9 all to \$1,000. With that, I want to thank again the
10 Speaker and Housing and Building Staff Megan Chin,
11 Guillermo Patino, Ed Adkins, Sarah Gastelum, and Jim
12 Wilcox, and Mike Toomey from office my Legislative
13 Director. Thank you. I should probably vote. I
14 vote aye on all with the exception of Land Us 757,
15 758 and the accompanying Resos, which I abstain.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

17 CLERK: Lancman.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thanks. Can I
19 just be recorded as a no on 1517-A? Otherwise aye on
20 all.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Matteo.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on M 557,
3 accompany Reso 1691 and aye on the rest. [door
4 bangs]

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

9 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote aye.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: I, too, want to
11 welcome Adrienne Adams to the Chambers to the Woman's
12 Caucus of eight and someone once told me that eight
13 of kind always beats a full house. [laughter] Thank
14 you. All items on today's General Order Calendar
15 were adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 0
16 negative and 0 abstentions with the exception of
17 Preconsidered M 557 and Resolution 1691, which was
18 adopted by a vote of 43 in the affirmative, 3
19 negative and 0 abstentions, and Land Use 757 and
20 accompanying Resolution 1685, which was adopted by a
21 vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 1
22 abstention, and LU 758 and Resolution 1686, which was
23 adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0
24 negative and 1 abstention, and Intro 1517-A, which
25 was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 1

2 negative and 0 abstention. On the Revised Land Use
3 Call-Ups, the vote is 46 in the affirmative, 0
4 negative. The Introduction and Reading of Bills

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills have
6 been referred to committees as indicated on the
7 Agenda.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now we'll
9 have a discussion of resolution beginning with
10 Resolution 1292, a resolution calling upon the New
11 York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to
12 sign legislation amending the Real Property Law to
13 allow victims of domestic violence to terminate
14 leases upon written notice to landlords, and we'll
15 being with Council Member Rosenthal.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so
17 much. Resolution 1292 calls on the state to make it
18 easier for a survivor of domestic violence to break
19 their lease to leave a dangerous environment. Even
20 when a survivor of domestic violence has made the
21 difficult decision to leave an abusive relationship,
22 logistical questions about concerns like breaking an
23 apartment lease all too often act as barriers to
24 leaving and abusive environment. As lawmakers and as
25 everyday bystanders, it is our responsibility to work

2 whenever possible to remove those barriers and
3 empower survivors. I want to thank Michelle Lee and
4 my Legislative Director Sean Fitzpatrick for their
5 work on this issue, and I hope that we'll be able to
6 work with the state legislature to make progress on
7 this issue. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
9 Council Member Barron, do you want to speak on this
10 resolution or the next one. So on this resolution
11 all of those in favor say aye.

12 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those
14 opposed. Any abstentions? They ayes have it. The
15 next resolution is Resolution 1559, a resolution
16 calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass
17 and the Governor to sign Assembly 6811 and Senate
18 5120, an act to establish a private student loan
19 refinance task force, and we will now hear from
20 Council Member Inez Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
22 Public Advocate. I just want to call my colleagues'
23 attention to this—

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

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --resolution which
3 is calling on--

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

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: --which is
7 calling on the Governor to support the legislation
8 that has been introduced by Assembly Member Marcos
9 Crespo, and by Assembly Member--by Senator--it will
10 come to me in a minute. And what we're talking about
11 is that we want to make sure that this rising debt--
12 student debt that young people are being saddled with
13 as they begin to come into their own ability to get
14 into the workplace, be addressed. And this talks
15 about how we can establish a task force to look at
16 how we can address those situations, and it does deal
17 specifically with private colleges, and we're asking
18 everyone to vote on the resolution--in support of that
19 resolution. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
21 Seeing no other speakers, all those in favor say aye.

22 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those
24 opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it, and our
25 last resolution is Preconsidered Resolution 1675, a

2 resolution authorizing the Speaker to file or join
3 amicus briefs on behalf of the Council in litigation
4 challenging the rescission or modification of the
5 Deferred Acton for Childhood Arrivals otherwise known
6 as DACA Program, which provides temporary immigration
7 relief to certain undocumented youth. Seeing no
8 speakers, all of those in favor say aye.

9 COUNCIL MEMBERS: [in unison] Aye.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
11 opposed? Any abstentions? Any abstentions? One
12 abstention. The ayes have it. And now to general
13 discussion beginning with Council Member Koo.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Madam Speaker and
15 Public Advocate, I ask my colleagues to join me today
16 in signing onto Intro 1738. When reporting
17 complaints through the 311 website there should be an
18 option to submit pictures or videos under every
19 category. This option is available for some
20 categories like reporting potholes. For other
21 categories like illegal parking, they don't have the
22 ability to upload visual images taken by persons
23 making the complaint. By making this upload feature
24 standard across the entire website it will streamline
25 the complaint process and give agencies visual aids

2 to help them correct the care—the part of—to correct
3 the park complaint. Finally, in deference to Council
4 Member Williams' bill, this LS (sic) omits housing
5 complaints. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
7 Council Member Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
9 much. First, I want to thank the Speaker for
10 mentioning Somalia. Though it is African lives, I
11 believe they are just as important as all the other
12 lives that we talk about when terrorists attack.
13 Three hundred Somalians lost their lives, and I hope
14 we keep them in prayer. I'd also like to as well as
15 keeping Puerto Rico in payer, make sure that we keep
16 up the U.S. Virgin Island, who has been devastated as
17 well. They do have a fraction of the population, but
18 they are going to be without electricity in some of
19 those islands for up to six months. Many of them
20 like those in Puerto Rico are living in tenements
21 with no roofs and no walls, and so, let's keep both
22 of those countries who—both of those countries who
23 are acting unbeknownst to the President, he—Trump is
24 actually president of both of those. So, let's keep
25 our pressure on him. I'd like to lift up and present

2 the New York City Boss Bill as we're calling it.
3 Employment and non-discrimination based on the
4 reproductive health. I'm asking all of my colleagues
5 to join, and would guarantee that New Yorkers can
6 access medical procedures and medicine without fear
7 of repercussion or retaliation in the workplace. With
8 Trump and the GOP attacking women's (sic) rights on a
9 national scale, we in New York City must act to
10 defend those rights on a local level. Co-sponsored
11 by myself, Council Member Laurie, the Woman's Issues
12 Chair, and Helen Rosenthal, Chair-Co-Chair of the
13 Women's Caucus along with Annabel Palma, Debbie Rose,
14 Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, and Margaret Chin. The
15 bill protects against employment discrimination on
16 the basis of sexual and reproductive health
17 decisions, which refers to any decision to receive
18 services, which are arranged for or offered or
19 provided to individuals relating to the reproductive
20 system creates a safe-space. Creates a space of
21 women facing discrimination to come forward. As
22 we've seen, when such a space is created, we must
23 speak up in strength together. I, along with my
24 colleague, as Council Member Lander mentioned I'd
25 like to do my best to support women with the Me2#.

2 I'm encouraging men to join me and others who are #No
3 More. Let this moment in this national composition
4 become a way for call and alert us men who say no
5 more to the despicable sexual harassment. We are
6 listening, and we support you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and our
8 last speaker is Council Member Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
10 Public Advocate. I want to add my voice to those who
11 talked about making sure that we don't forget the
12 atrocity that took place in Somalia, and remind
13 people that as we talk about Puerto Rico and the
14 disaster that they were subjected to that we also
15 remember to include the U.S. Virgin Islands as my
16 colleague has said. Also, I want to invite you to
17 come to a press conference that will be held in front
18 of the statue of Dr. J. Marion Sims. It's going to
19 be on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in front of his statue.
20 We want it removed. We expect that it's on the list
21 and we want it to be removed. WE invite you to come
22 and join with us. There are a group of us who have
23 been meeting. The Speaker's Office has been meeting
24 with other advocates, and we invite you to come to
25 that press conference. And finally, I want to call

2 your attention to Intro 725. It's a bill that would
3 require that upon the request of a Council Member
4 that the City's Chief Procurement Officer give a
5 status update of any of the awards that have been
6 given or allocated through that—through that Council
7 Member so that we can know what was the total amount
8 that was awarded and what is the status of what has
9 been expended. It's been an issue that we've talked
10 about at various times and this is a bill that seeks
11 to get information so that we would know what
12 happened to the money that we allocated, how much of
13 it was spent and how much of it may be left to be
14 reallocated. So, we look forward to the bill going
15 forward and we invite you to come and to bring your
16 ideas about how to make the bill better. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now to close,
18 the Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

19 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: This is record
20 time. I didn't expect this. So, thank you to all my
21 colleagues again—again to all of the solidarity that
22 is being expressed to Puerto Rico and the Virgin
23 Island. I've been mentioning the Virgin Islands any
24 time I talk about Puerto Rico, and it's important
25 that we not forget we need to be their voice as well,

2 and we're talking about U.S. citizens who this
3 administration seems to be, and is turning its back
4 on and it's pretty outrageous. So, I thank you all
5 for that, the support and with that, it is about
6 almost 3:00 and we are adjourned. [gavel]

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