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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Speaker for the Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams
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Annabel Palma
Bill Perkins
Antonio Reynoso
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Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Ritchie J. Torres
Rafael Salamanca
Mark Treyger
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Paul A. Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Jumaane D. Williams

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

Degenimos Charconia[phonetic]
Executive Director
Latino Commission on AIDS

Diana Wright and husband, Xavier Wright

Dr. Brown from P.S.109 and Students

Paul Egan and Bridgett Raines from UFT

Reverend Doctor Joshua Hollmann
Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church
3357 58th Street in Woodside Queens

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Assembly woman

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All right, I think we're gonna get started. We have two ceremonials today, if my colleagues want to come up and join us. We're gonna be first presenting to Latino Commission on AIDS. If we could have the representatives from the Latino Commission here, join us up here and the colleagues that are present that can join us to celebrate. So we have the executive director, Degenimos Charconia[phonetic] with us and some other representatives, all right. If Jalisa and other colleagues, can we get Dan come on up here. We don't want us to stand up here alone. [Laughter]

So obviously we're celebrating the Latino Commission on AIDS has been serving our city for many years and we want to celebrate them for their outstanding commitment to fight against HIV AIDS and for raising awareness about the disproportionate impacts that HIV and AIDS has on the Latino communities in particular, most recently they even built a strong partnership. They helped bring some representatives from the trans community in Cuba here to New York to do an exchange with members of the LGB

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2 community here in New York and share experiences and
3 the work that they do in Cuba and important the work
4 that is done here and having a great exchange.
5 They've been a great partner on so many different
6 issues. I really appreciate them for that and for
7 this reason we're honoring them this year and will
8 honor them every year but they've been a strong
9 partner with us in a lot of the initiatives that we
10 do here in the City Council so would like to take a
11 moment to really highlight that and share this
12 proclamation with them so I'm gonna ask the Clerk to
13 read the proclamation so we can all get an
14 understanding of the extent of the work that they do
15 each and every day.

16 CLERK: Council City of New York
17 Proclamation. In observance of World AIDS Day, the
18 Council of the City of New York is proud to honor the
19 Latino Commission on AIDS for their outstanding
20 commitment to the fight against HIV AIDS and for
21 raising awareness about the disproportionate impact
22 of the HIV AIDS public health crisis on Latino
23 communities everywhere and whereas tragically more
24 than 200,000 Latinos in the U. S. and Puerto Rico are
25 living with HIV AIDS. Latinos are the fastest

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2 growing ethnic group in America, now representing 17%
3 of the U. S. population yet they account for nearly
4 20% of AIDS cases. For Latinos living with HIV or
5 AIDS and their loved ones, the challenges are often
6 exacerbated not only by social stigma and poverty but
7 compounded by language barriers, immigration
8 statispheres and access to care, testing and
9 increased infection rates. In 1990, Latino leaders
10 came together to address the critical unmet need for
11 HIV prevention and care in their community and to
12 address its unique challenges by forming a coalition
13 for collective action, the Latino Commission on AIDS;
14 and

15 WHEREAS for the last three decades the
16 Latino Commission on AIDS has spearheaded health
17 advocacy promoting HIV education, developing model
18 prevention programs for high-risk communities and
19 building capacity and community service organization.
20 In addition to these endeavors, the Latino Commission
21 on AIDS has made tremendous progress by employing a
22 very effective intersectional approach. Addressing
23 the urgent need for better health care, education,
24 employment, opportunities and housing while
25 mitigating other disparities and advocating for LGBT

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2 and immigrant rights, they recognized that winning
3 the fight for true social and economic justice is
4 essential to eliminating HIV and reaching an AIDS
5 free generation at last; and

6 WHEREAS in this era when the President of
7 our United States aspires to build walls, the Latino
8 Commission on AIDS continues to strengthen the
9 inextricable bond between our nation and others. In
10 September 2017 in partnership with Council Speaker
11 Michelle Mark-Viverito and the LGBT caucus, the
12 members of the Latino Commission on Aids were crucial
13 to bringing a delegation of Cuban LGBTQ leaders to
14 New York City and helped facilitate a meaningful
15 learning experience between us and our Cuban
16 visitors; and

17 WHEREAS during the seven day program, the
18 Latino Commission on AIDS helped guide the delegation
19 of thirteen community based organizations and
20 cultural institutions where they discussed how to
21 work together to strengthen and protect the LGBTQ
22 community. The delegation's visit culminated in a
23 community summit at City Hall with two illuminating
24 panels and in-depth conversations on building better
25 bridges between the LGBTQ communities in New York and

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2 Cuba between diligently fundraising to cover the
3 expenses for the trip, to tirelessly [Inaudible] and
4 translating for the delegation, this historic
5 opportunity would not have been possible without the
6 leadership of the Latino Commission on AIDS.

7 NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that as we
8 observe World AIDS Day and reflect upon the thousands
9 of men, women and children who lost their lives to
10 AIDS, the New York City Council is forever grateful
11 to the Latino Commission on AIDS for its
12 extraordinarily heroic commitment and contributions
13 to changing the trajectory of the epidemic. Melissa
14 Mark-Viverito speaking for the entire Council; Rosie
15 Mendez, Chair, LGBT Caucus, Council Member 2nd
16 District, Manhattan; James Vacca, Council Member 13th
17 District, the Bronx; Corey Johnson, Council Member,
18 3rd District, Manhattan; Carlos Menchaca, Council
19 Member, 38th District, Brooklyn; Jimmy Van Bramer,
20 Majority Leader, 26th District, Queens; Ritchie
21 Torres, Council Member, 15th District, the Bronx;
22 Daniel Dromm, Council Member, 25th District, Queens.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All right. Thank
24 you.

25 [Applause]

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Haviermo [phonetic]
3 say a few words.

4 HAVIERMO: Thank you so much. On the
5 eve of [Inaudible] that is going to be observed
6 tomorrow, I ask all of us to also recognize the
7 leadership of this City Council, the former mayor of
8 our governor because we working to end the epidemic
9 by 2020. We're right on track. Yesterday was
10 released very promising data concerning about women
11 but young, black and Latino gay men, but we gonna
12 continue working together. We're extremely concerned
13 about what is going on in Puerto Rico, the
14 immigration. Don't forget that over 18,000 people
15 are living with HIV in Puerto Rico and we need to
16 respond and address their needs and we know that we
17 have a strong partners in City Council. We love you
18 forever and we will never give up until we reach our
19 goals. It reach now three generations with stigma
20 and phobia and transforming our communities. Mucha
21 gracias.

22 [Applause and crosstalk]

23 [Pause]

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Wonderful. All
3 right. We have an additional proclamation. Council
4 Member Williams is honoring Diana Wright an educator
5 for the last ten years and Teacher of the Year in
6 2014 whose life story became the focus of a short
7 file about her triumph after a near fatal car
8 accident. I'm gonna hand it off to Council Member
9 Williams.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so
11 much Madam Speaker. Very often people talk about
12 what they might do if tragedy strikes them. You
13 don't know until it happens and I think, I don't know
14 if anybody can show the amount of grace and courage
15 that Ms. Diana Wright has shown. As mentioned, she
16 was awarded Teacher of the Year P.S. 109 in 2014 in
17 my district. On June 30 of 2015, she lost a leg
18 after a horrific car accident. She's battled back.
19 She shows a role model to her students, many of which
20 are here, her peers, her community. She wears her
21 new leg not with shame, with a source of pride and
22 inspiration for the kids. She uses it to give them
23 inspiration. She was noticed by Dove and she has a
24 video called "Me Diana" which was directed by Shonda
25 Rhimes and it spreads a message to millions. This is

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2 the least that we can do for Ms. Wright, someone of
3 her importance. She is joined by her husband Xavier.
4 We have Dr. Brown from P.S.109 with some students.
5 Also Paul Egan and Bridgett Raines from UFT. Her
6 story truly, and her sister as well as others, her
7 story truly, truly is an inspiration and
8 many of us can only hope to provide that source of
9 pride in continuance with our lives if something
10 happens so God bless you and thank you for giving us
11 the opportunity to honor you.

12 [Applause]

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Will you please
14 read the proclamation.

15 UNKNOWN WOMAN SPEAKER: Council, City of
16 New York proclamation.

17 WHEREAS the Council of the City of New
18 York is proud to honor Diana Wright for sharing her
19 story of strength, confidence and resilience to
20 inspire students and people of all ages; and

21 WHEREAS when Mathine[phonetic] and Ida
22 Rodriguez welcomed their daughter into the world,
23 they named her Diana after Wonder Woman. Diana
24 Wright has been accustomed to living up to her
25 namesake ever since. After attending New York City

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2 public schools, she earned her bachelor's degree from
3 Suneo [Inaudible] and her master's degree from The
4 College of Mt. Saint Vincent, then return to Gotham
5 to be one of our true contemporary super heroes, a
6 New York City public school teacher; and

7 WHEREAS in addition to being a wife, a
8 devoted mother of two little girls and an athlete,
9 Diana Wright has excelled as an educator for the last
10 ten years. In 2014 she was named Teacher of the Year
11 at P.S./I.S. 109 in East Flatbush. Before long,
12 however, she would be tested physically, mentally and
13 spiritually; and

14 WHEREAS just days after school let out
15 for summer vacation, Ms. Wright was involved in a
16 horrific accident that left her unconscious in Kings
17 County Intensive Care Unit. When she awoke she
18 learned that she had lost her left leg above the
19 knee. With the love and support of family and
20 friends, clergy and colleagues, she persisted.
21 Slowly but surely she regained enough strength and
22 balance to allow her to return to work ahead of
23 schedule by December 2014. Drawing on her faith and
24 her commitment to her family she wanted more; and

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2 WHEREAS Ms. Wright resolved to reclaim
3 her independence and recover the physical strength
4 and endurance she needed to keep up with her eight
5 and seven year old daughters, remembering the
6 resilience of her students and the relentless work
7 ethic of her father who supported a family of seven,
8 she was determined to balance on her new prosthetic
9 leg and regain the ability to walk, lift weights and
10 juggle the very demanding responsibilities of wife,
11 mother and full-time employee of the New York City
12 Department of Education; and

13 WHEREAS Ms. Wright's unwavering
14 confidence and commitment soon garnered the attention
15 of T.V. titan Shonda Rhimes who produced a short film
16 about her triumph over the near fatal accident. The
17 short film called "Meet Diana" was distributed on-
18 line for Dove's Real Beauty campaign and it continues
19 to be widely shared today. On YouTube alone,
20 Ms. Wright's story has already inspired more than two
21 million people; and

22 WHEREAS Ms. Wright has constantly told
23 her students, strength and growth come only through
24 continuous effort in spite of the struggle. Today as

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2 she imbibes that message, she is teaching people of
3 all ages around the world.

4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that the City
5 of New York, sorry, that the New York City Council
6 gratefully honors Diana Wright for sharing her
7 extraordinary story inspiring millions to persevere.
8 Melissa Mark-Viverito speaker for the entire Council,
9 Jumaane D. Williams, council member 45th District,
10 Brooklyn, Matthew Eugene, council member 40th
11 District, Brooklyn.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Okay, please
13 give her another round of applause.

14 [Applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: And we're gonna
16 allow her, allow her the opportunity to speak and I
17 hope everyone takes pride and particularly the young
18 ladies. We don't have enough women in this council
19 and so I hope some of the inspiration that she brings
20 allows you to do further, better things, maybe join
21 us here on the council one day.

22 DIANA WRIGHT: Hi, good afternoon
23 everyone. I just want to say thank you to Councilman
24 Jumaane Williams for this recognition, this honor. I
25 am so appreciative for this. I just want to thank so

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2 many more people that have been with me throughout
3 this entire journey, my immediate family, my husband,
4 my daughters, my students, my administrators,
5 supervisors, a very supportive group of people and my
6 church family. I mean, the list goes on. I'm here
7 today because of their encouraging words because of
8 their support and their understanding. I set goals
9 and they support me on my vision and I accomplish
10 them one step at a time. Thank you.

11 [Applause]

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Well thank you so
13 much for joining us here and all these students. You
14 have a lot of love around you but thank you for your
15 inspiration and your strength. That really is
16 serving as a guiding light to all the young people
17 and I'm sure anyone who interacts with you so thank
18 you so much for your courage. All right.

19 [Applause][Crosstalk]

20 [Pause]

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Well, once
22 again ladies and gentlemen, we ask everyone to find a
23 seat. Non-council staff please make your way up to
24 the balcony. Once again, Non-council staff make your

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2 way up to the balcony. We ask you to please silence
3 all cell phones or electronic devices at this time.

4 [Pause][Crosstalk]

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can I have
6 your attention please? Can I please have your
7 attention? Quiet in the chambers please. At this
8 time, quiet in the chambers please. Can we take
9 those cameras outside please? Can we please take
10 those cameras in the back outside please? Thank you.
11 At this time please place all electronic devices, all
12 electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-council
13 employees, non-council employees please leave the
14 main floor of the chambers. If you do not work for
15 the council, you have to leave the main floor of the
16 chambers. There is additional seating upstairs in
17 the balcony. Thank you.

18 [Pause] [Crosstalk]

19 [gavel]

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Everyone please
21 take a seat. Please close the doors. All rise for
22 the pledge of allegiance.

23 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
24 the United States of America and to the Republic for

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2 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,
3 with liberty and justice for all.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Please be seated.
5 Roll call. Quiet in the chambers.

6 CLERK: Barron?

7 BARRON: Present.

8 CLERK: Borreli?, Cabrera?

9 CABRERA: Here.

10 CLERK: Chin?

11 CHIN: Here.

12 CLERK: Cohen? Thank you.

13 Constantinides? Cornegy? Crowley?

14 CROWLEY: Here.

15 CLERK: Cumbo?

16 CUMBO: Present.

17 [Boos]

18 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Sh-hhh -

19 None of that.

20 CLERK: Deutsch?

21 [Crosstalk]

22 CLERK: Deutsch?

23 DEUTSCH: Right here.

24 CLERK: Dromm?

25 DROMM: Present.

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2 CLERK: Espinal?

3 ESPINAL: Here.

4 CLERK: Eugene?

5 EUGENE: Here.

6 CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland? Garodnick?

7 GARODNICK: Here.

8 CLERK: Gentile?

9 GENTILE: Here.

10 CLERK: Constantinides?

11 CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

12 CLERK: Gibson?

13 GIBSON: Here.

14 CLERK: Greenfield?

15 GREENFIELD: Here.

16 CLERK: Grodenchik?

17 GRODENCHIK: Here.

18 CLERK: Johnson? Kallos?

19 KALLOS: Here.

20 CLERK: King?

21 KING: Present.

22 CLERK: Koo? Kosolowitz?

23 KOSOLOWITZ: Here.

24 CLERK: Lancman?

25 LANCMAN: Here.

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2 CLERK: Lander?

3 LANDER: Here.

4 CLERK: Levin? Levine?

5 LEVINE: Here.

6 CLERK: Maisel? Mealy? Menchaca?

7 MENCHACA: Presente.

8 CLERK: Mendez? Miller?

9 MILLER: Here.

10 CLERK: Thank you. Palma? Perkins?

11 Reynoso?

12 REYNOSO: Here.

13 CLERK: Richards? Rodriguez? Rose?

14 ROSE: Here.

15 CLERK: Rosenthal?

16 ROSENTHAL: Here.

17 CLERK: Salamanca?

18 SALAMANCA: Present.

19 CLERK: Torres?

20 TOREES: Aye.

21 CLERK: Treyger?

22 TREYGER: Here.

23 CLERK: Ulrich? Vacca?

24 VACCA: Here.

25 CLERK: Vallone?

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2 VALLONE: Here.

3 CLERK: Williams?

4 WILLIAMS: Here.

5 CLERK: Matteo?

6 MATTEO: Here.

7 CLERK: Van Bramer?

8 VAN BRAMER: Here.

9 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

10 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Here. All
11 quiet in the chambers. Please close the doors. All
12 rise for the invocation. The invocation will be
13 delivered by Reverend Doctor Joshua Hollmann, the
14 pastor of Christ Lutheran Church at 3357 58th Street
15 in Woodside Queens. All quiet in the chambers.

16 REVEREND HOLLMANN: A word of prayer and
17 a word of peace for our City and for our Council.
18 All might and merciful God, yesterday, tomorrow and
19 even today your steadfast love remains. This
20 afternoon we ask you to continue to bless our City
21 and inspire those who govern and serve New Yorkers,
22 especially our City Council to do what is right,
23 honorable, just and compassionate. We thank you
24 limitless God for the ability to imagine what could
25 be better and for opportunities to put into practice

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2 the realities of your mercy and your justice for all.
3 During this season of hope and the giving of
4 happiness in Jesus, let us not grow weary in doing
5 good or neglect the ease of gratitude and the
6 authenticity of charity. Enlighten us with your
7 grace that we may welcome others as you welcome us.
8 In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy
9 Spirit. Amen.

10 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Please be
11 seated. A motion to spread the invocation in full
12 upon the record. Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JIMMY VAN BRAMER: Thank
14 you very much Madam Speaker. A motion to spread the
15 invocation

16 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Excuse me
17 Council Member, may we have quiet in the chambers.
18 [Crosstalk] Sh-hhh. Council Member Van Bramer has
19 the floor.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
21 very much. I would like to offer a motion to spread
22 the invocation in full upon the record and also take
23 this moment and privilege to welcome our Pastor from
24 Northern Woodside who does an amazing job at Christ
25 Lutheran Church. I want to thank him for his

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2 service, for his presence at so many community
3 events, whether they be holiday lightings or rallies
4 to keep our streets safe along Broadway and certainly
5 his beloved 58th Street. I want to thank him and his
6 family, his wife Amy and their son, Elijah, for their
7 constant presence in our communities, lifting us up
8 in so many ways, for taking care of the young people
9 in Northern Woodside but also those of us who are a
10 little bit more senior so with great love from the
11 great neighborhood of Woodside, we say thank you to
12 Reverend Joshua Hollmann for his great service.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you
15 Council Member and thank you Pastor. Adoption of
16 minutes, Council Member Vacca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I make a motion
18 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 17,
19 2017, be adopted as printed.

20 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Messages
21 and papers from the mayor?

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: None.

23 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO:
24 Communication from city, county and borough offices?

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: M561, the
3 certification of Adrienne E. Adams, new Council
4 Member, 28th District.

5 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Received
6 order, printed and filed.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you
8 Madam Speaker.

9 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Yes.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: At this time,
11 the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council will perform
12 the formal ceremony of Council Member Adrienne Adams
13 taking her oath of office.

14 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Quiet in
15 the chambers.

16 [Applause]

17 CLERK: Please raise your right hand and
18 repeat after me. I Adrienne Adams

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I Adrienne Adams

20 CLERK: Do solemnly swear

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: do solemnly swear

22 CLERK: That I will support the

23 Constitution of the United States

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: That I will
25 support the Constitution of the United States

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2 CLERK: And the Constitution of the State
3 of New York

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: And the
5 Constitution of the State of New York

6 CLERK: And the Charter of the City of New
7 York

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: And the Charter of
9 the City of New York

10 CLERK: And that I will faithful discharge

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: And that I will
12 faithful discharge

13 CLERK: The duties of the office of

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: The duties of the
15 office of

16 CLERK: Council Member

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Council Member

18 CLERK: For the 28th District

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: For the 28th
20 District

21 CLERK: In the Borough and County of
22 Queens

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: In the Borough and
24 County of Queens

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2 CLERK: According to the best of my
3 ability.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: According to the
5 best of my ability.

6 CLERK: Council Member Adams,
7 Congratulations.

8 [Applause]

9 [Pause]

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: [gavel] All
11 right.

12 [Crosstalk]

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: May we resume
14 order. May we resume order. Congratulations Council
15 Members. Petitions and Communications?

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: None.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Land use call
18 ups?

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: None.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: May we have quiet
21 in the chambers. Quiet in the chambers as we now
22 hear from the speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

23 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you
24 Madam Public Advocate. Good afternoon, Buenas tardes
25 to all my colleagues. I really hope everyone had a

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2 wonderful, happy Thanksgiving with family and friends
3 and first and foremost obviously as we just saw, we
4 had the wonderful welcoming committee for our newest
5 colleague, Council Member Adrienne Adams.
6 Congratulations so much on your victory and being
7 here with us today. Adrienne brings a lifetime of
8 community service and experience to this council.
9 It's also an honor obviously as have been talking a
10 lot about the lack of women. It's great to welcome
11 another woman of color to this legislative body and
12 we look forward to working with our new colleague so
13 again congratulations and welcome Council Member
14 Adams. I also want to thank everyone who made our
15 Puerto Rico resilient celebration on Monday night a
16 huge success. I was especially honored to welcome my
17 dear friend, San Juan mayor, Carmen Yulín Cruz, to
18 celebrate our Puerto Rican heritage and the
19 contributions that our people have given to our city
20 and to this country and although we celebrated the
21 beauty of our people and our culture, this event had
22 even more significance as our island has been in the
23 spotlight. Our continuous pleas for help
24 commensurate with the level of devastation have been
25 ignored by this President and here in New York we

2 continue to take action and provide assistance so
3 from the bottom of my heart I want to thank each and
4 every one of you for your continued and on-going
5 support. On a more somber note, we mourn the victims
6 of last week's attack at a mosque in Egypt where over
7 300 people were killed. A house of worship is
8 supposed to be a place of peace and we mourn all of
9 those who lost their lives. It's truly tragic and it
10 is a truly horrifying situation. I do hope that
11 there is some comfort that could be found during this
12 time so jumping into the docket of the day, the
13 council's gonna begin by voting on the rezoning of El
14 Barrio of East Harlem, the creation, creating
15 affordable housing on the site of the Bedford Union
16 Armory in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, the zoning text
17 amendment for East River 50's and the construction of
18 a new school in Majority Leader Van Bramer's
19 district. For the past eighteen months, we have
20 engaged in meaningful conversations with
21 stakeholders, community leaders, business owners and
22 local residents and today I am proud to announce the
23 City will make commitments that adopt this community
24 based vision on zoning and accompanying investments
25 in El Barrio East Harlem. As the cost of living in

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2 New York City continues rising, we recognize that the
3 creation and preservation of affordable housing is
4 imperative to insure New Yorkers can continue to live
5 and thrive in our diverse neighborhoods. Advancing
6 the East Harlem neighborhood plan is a major victory.
7 From expanding affordable housing and providing
8 substantial and unprecedented investments in our
9 neighborhoods public housing stock to boosting
10 employment in local businesses and revitalizing the
11 La Marqueta, this rezoning plan presents a
12 comprehensive vision for our community's future. As
13 we create new affordable housing, we also recognize
14 the importance of protecting the integrity of our
15 neighborhood's character and cultural identity. That
16 is why we came together to reduce the density and the
17 height across the neighborhood to levels more in
18 keeping with the character, beauty and vibrancy of El
19 Barrio East Harlem. I want to thank the
20 administration for working with us on this issue and
21 our partners in the Steering Committee, particularly
22 Council Member Bill Perkins, Community Board 11 and
23 Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer for their
24 collaboration and input to make El Barrio East Harlem
25 a better place to live for our constituents. I also

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2 want to thank, on the staff, George Sarkisen
3 [phonetic], Roger Mann, Rebecca Crimons [phonetic],
4 Chelsea Kelley, Jeff Uwin [phonetic], Dalen Casey and
5 Joe Toronto.

6 Next the Council's gonna vote on three
7 finance items. First off, Introduction 799B,
8 sponsored by Council Member Dan Garodnick, would
9 establish a small business tax credit against the
10 commercial rent tax. The credit would provide
11 complete tax relief for taxpayers who report incomes
12 of \$5 million or less and who pay less than \$500,000
13 a year in rent. Manhattan's small business owners
14 have had to make too many sacrifices just to keep
15 their livelihoods. Intro 799B would alleviate the
16 financial burden of having to pay a rent tax on top
17 of having to pay the rent itself for the borough's
18 businesses. This legislation reflects a long over-
19 due step to provide relief to those businesses who
20 have been struggling for far too long. First off, I
21 want to thank Rebecca Chasen, Eric Bernstein, Raymond
22 Juskie [phonetic], Emra Edif [phonetic] and Davis
23 Winslow.

24 Next introduction of 1376A, sponsored by
25 Council Member Helen Rosenthal, would require the

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2 Department of Finance to issue an annual report on
3 the commercial rent tax. Again, Rebecca Chasen, Eric
4 Bernstein, Raymond Juskie [phonetic], Emra Edif
5 [phonetic] and Davis Winslow. Thank you for that.

6 And Intro 1750A, sponsored by Council
7 Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, would provide
8 critical property tax information to new homeowners
9 throughout the city. Want to thank Rebecca Chasen,
10 Eric Bernstein and John Seltzer for their help on
11 this Bill.

12 Moving on the council will vote on a
13 number of transportation bills. Intro 231A,
14 sponsored by Council Member Jimmy Vacca, would
15 require the Department of Transportation to notify
16 applicants for sidewalk construction permits to
17 consult the Department of Parks Recreation's website
18 for information on scheduled tree planting. I want
19 to thank Jeff Baker, Malik Nasaradine [phonetic],
20 Johnathan Mazaradono [phonetic], Emily Rooney, Chem
21 Obachar [phonetic], John Bazil, Susan Aser and Andrea
22 Vasquez.

23 Intro 1251A, sponsored by Council Member
24 Alan Maisel, would require the Department of
25 Transportation to prioritize repairs of ponding

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2 conditions on roadways. I want to thank Jeff Baker,
3 Malik Nasaradine [phonetic], Johnathan Mazaradono
4 [phonetic], Emily Rooney, Chem Obachar [phonetic],
5 John Bazil, Susan Aser, Andrea Vasquez and Alex
6 Wasenberg [phonetic].

7 Introduction 955A, sponsored by Council
8 Member Dan Garodnick would increase the maximum civil
9 penalty set out in the Administrative Code for Street
10 Construction, maintenance, repair, obstruction and
11 closure violations. I want to thank Jeff Baker,
12 Malik Nasaradine [phonetic], Johnathan Mazaradono
13 [phonetic], Emily Rooney, Chem Obachar [phonetic],
14 John Bazil, Susan Aser, Andrea Vasquez and Kelly
15 Taylor.

16 Intro 973B, sponsored by Council Member
17 Corey Johnson, which would create a committee on City
18 health services to review data and other information
19 on the health of New Yorkers and the effectiveness of
20 health services provided by City agencies. I want to
21 thank Jeff Baker, David Sitzler, ZeManuel Hilu
22 [phonetic], Crystal Pond and Susan Aser.

23 The council will also be voting on Intro
24 1278A sponsored by Aging Committee Chair, Margaret
25 Chin. It's a continuation of the council's efforts

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2 to ensure that the rapidly growing number of social
3 adult day cares operating in the City are providing
4 proper services to vulnerable senior citizens such as
5 those suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia. I want
6 to thank Jeff Baker, Caitlyn Fahey, Emily Rooney,
7 Susan Aser, Andrea Vasquez, Daniel Croop and Johini
8 Sumpara [phonetic].

9 Next we're gonna vote on a package of
10 bills to increase oversight training and feedback for
11 ACS's Child Welfare and Preventive Services programs.
12 Intro 1374A, sponsored by General Welfare Committee
13 Chair, Steve Levin, will provide quarterly reports on
14 the utilization of preventive services. Intro 1598A
15 also sponsored by General Welfare Committee Chair,
16 Steve Levin, would require ACS to ensure that all
17 families receiving preventive services are provided
18 with an annual survey regarding their experiences
19 with preventive services. Intro 1590A, sponsored by
20 Council Member Fernando Cabrera, would require ACS to
21 require all individuals providing preventive services
22 to attend trainings on an on-going basis and no less
23 than once per year. Intro 1607A, sponsored by
24 Council Member Debbie Rose would require ACS to
25 complete a study on child protective caseloads and

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2 workloads and Intro 1609A, sponsored by Council
3 Member Rafael Salamanca, would require ACS to report
4 annually on the aggregate findings and
5 recommendations of this child fatality review. On
6 the staff side, I want to thank Jeff Baker, Ameenta
7 Kilawan [phonetic], Tanya Cyrus, Andrea Vasquez,
8 Susan Aser, Johini Sumpara [phonetic], and Daniel
9 Croop.

10 Next we're gonna vote on bills improving
11 services for HRA public assistance clients, Intro
12 1461A, sponsored by General Welfare Committee Chair,
13 Steve Levin, would require the Human Rights
14 Administration, Department of Social Services to
15 conduct customer service and professionalism training
16 for all employees that interact with members of the
17 public and work in job centers or Snap centers where
18 individuals may apply for public assistance benefits.

19 Intro 1635A, sponsored by Council Member
20 Corey Johnson, would require the Department of Social
21 Services to create and issue a job center appointment
22 receipt for all individuals who visit job centers.

23 Staff I want to thank Jeff Baker, Ameeta Kilawan
24 [phonetic], Tanya Cyrus, Andrea Vasquez, Susan Aser,

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2 Johini Sumpara [phonetic], and Amera Nuzat
3 [phonetic].

4 Moving on, the council will vote on Intro
5 1210A, sponsored by Council Member Ritchie Torres,
6 would require the Department of Housing, Preservation
7 and Development to create a publicly available
8 speculation watch list of regulated buildings who
9 based on several factors tenants might be at risk of
10 being displaced. Buildings on the watch list may be
11 prioritized for HPD preservation programs or
12 initiatives. I want to thank Jeff Baker, Megan Chin,
13 Hose Conde and Sarah Gastelom [phonetic].

14 Next council will vote on Intro 1431A,
15 sponsored by Council Member Barry Grodenchik which
16 would require registration of Lift directors and sets
17 forth the qualifications and duties of Lift
18 directors. I want to thank Jeff Baker, Megan Chin,
19 Hose Conde and Sarah Gastelom [phonetic].

20 Also vote on bills imposing crane
21 modernizations, Intro 443A, sponsored by Council
22 Member Ben Kallos, would impose age limitations on
23 cranes used in New York City and Intro 1403A,
24 sponsored by Housing and Buildings Chair, Jumaane
25 Williams, which would require the installation of

2 anemometers on cranes. I want to thank Jeff Baker,
3 Megan Chin, Hose Conde and Sarah Gastelom [phonetic].

4 In addition, the council will vote on
5 Housing and Buildings Committee bills that would
6 define harassment. Intro 1721A sponsored by Housing
7 and Buildings Chair, Jumaane Williams, would amend
8 the definition of harassment to include acts or
9 omissions related to violations of the construction
10 code.

11 Intro 152C, sponsored by Council Member
12 Brad Lander would create a certificate of no
13 harassment pilot program which would require certain
14 buildings to apply for a certificate of no harassment
15 before obtaining Department of Buildings' approval of
16 permits of other construction documents for certain
17 covered work. Jeff Baker, Megan Chin, Jose Conde and
18 Sarah Gastelom [phonetic] I wasn't to thank you for
19 the work on that.

20 Next the council will vote on Intro
21 1300A, sponsored by Dan Garodnick which would require
22 the Department of Environmental Protection to collect
23 all noise mitigation plans from construction sites
24 and make those plans publicly available on the DEP

2 website. I want to thank Jeff Baker, Semara Swanson,
3 Nadia Johnson and John Steltzer.

4 Also, we're gonna vote on Intro 461A,
5 sponsored by Council Member Vacca, which would
6 require the Department of Education by June 1 of each
7 year to post and distribute information about the
8 availability of summer meals including where and when
9 such meals are available and eligibility requirements
10 for such meals. Jeff Baker, Elizabeth Hoffman, Kelly
11 Taylor, Semeta Tesmook [phonetic], Andrea Vesquez and
12 Susan Aser thank you.

13 Next Intro 1400, sponsored by Council
14 Member Helen Rosenthal, would amend local law 67 of
15 2008 governing participation of minority and women
16 owned business enterprises in construction projects
17 receiving benefits under the industrial and
18 commercial abatement program ICAP, which provides
19 abatements for property taxes for periods of up to 25
20 years. I want to thank Jeff Baker, Alex Paulinoff
21 [phonetic], Maria Johnson, and Alea Alee [phonetic].

22 We'll also vote on a package of bills on
23 criminal justice reforms and transparency. Criminal
24 justice reform is a hallmark of my tenure as speaker
25 and the council will pass three bills that address

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2 two crucial issues rectifying erroneous criminal
3 records and addressing the roughly one million
4 outstanding criminal warrants for low level offenses.
5 Intro 1723A which I sponsored will require the
6 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to make efforts to
7 address outstanding criminal warrants and to issue an
8 annual report related to these activities. It also
9 requires the Department of Correction to respond to
10 certain requests for records relative to erroneous
11 warrants within three business day. Intro 1636A,
12 sponsored by Council Member Corey Johnson would
13 require the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to
14 take a variety of actions to address issues related
15 to erroneous criminal and juvenile records. It would
16 also require the New York City Police Department to
17 quickly respond to records requests necessary to
18 rectify erroneous records and Intro 1712A, sponsored
19 by Council Member Rory Lancman, will require the
20 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to issue a bi-
21 annual report comprehensively addressing criminal
22 summonses issued by all city agencies. I want to
23 thank Jeff Baker, Brian Crodes [phonetic], Eva
24 Ambacar [phonetic], Casey Adison, and Steve Rister.
25 And finally the council will vote to prohibit

2 conversion therapy. Conversion therapy is barbaric
3 and inhumane and right here in New York City we will
4 insure that all individuals would be able to live
5 without fear of coercion and to change into someone
6 who they are not. Intro 1650A which I sponsored will
7 prohibit any person from charging consumers for
8 services intended to change a person's sexual
9 orientation or gender identity. My partners in New
10 York City government and I will continue to be the
11 model for acceptance across the nation as we ban
12 conversion therapy once and for all. I want to thank
13 Jeff Baker, Zema Ohilu [phonetic], [Inaudible], Nuzat
14 Chowdery [phonetic], Rachel Cordero and Jeff Baker
15 and that completes the highlights of our docket. A
16 lot on the docket and I look forward to proceeding
17 with today's votes and with that I close
18 communication from the speaker. Thank you Madam
19 Public Advocate.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Quiet
21 in the chambers as we now turn to the discussion of
22 general orders beginning with Council Member Barron.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you Madam
24 Public Advocate. I rise to talk about Land Use 808-
25 812. Just as a background, we know that in New York

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2 City we've got approximately 60,000 homeless people
3 and a huge percentage of New Yorkers who are rent
4 burdened. In Community Board 35, the median income
5 for the neighborhood is about \$44,000. According to
6 ANHD, 50% are rent burdened and more than 50% are in
7 danger of displacement. The Bedford Armory
8 [phonetic] Project, the city owned property have
9 presented an opportunity as the community wanted to
10 have a community land trust established or to have
11 development by a not for profit organization and they
12 wanted a multi-purpose community facility and they
13 wanted a 100% affordability. This vote today that
14 we're taking does not leave any of what the Community
15 Board voted to have.

16 [Applause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: In 2005, the
18 Federal

19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Sh-hhh. Quiet
20 please.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: In 2005, the
22 Federal government indicated that where rezonings
23 take place in so-called transit zones, there is
24 gentrification. That's what the federal government
25 said in 2005. The City proposed that market rates

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2 are needed in order to sustain rentals that are
3 affordable supposedly to the people who live in that
4 community. I don't accept that premise and I've not
5 allowed that to happen in my community district.
6 Affordability is a dangling partisan. Affordability
7 is a dangling partisan. It needs to stay affordable
8 to whom so ANHD has said that in New York City the
9 households that meet income for market rates is
10 approximately 29% of New Yorkers and if we look at
11 the district where this proposal is being brought,
12 there are about 20% of the people currently living
13 there who can afford market rate rentals so this
14 proposal, I think, deserves 40% for market rate and I
15 think it's not affordable to the people who live
16 there. I think the City is not fulfilling its
17 obligation to address the issue of homelessness and
18 people who are rent burdened and for that reason I
19 cannot vote for this and I think that the long term
20 lease that the City has agreed to does not benefit
21 the community. Thank you so much.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
23 thank you. Sh-hhh, Sh-hhh. Council Member
24 Garodnick.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you very
3 much. I rise to speak on a few items very quickly,
4 not that quickly.

5 [Laughter]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: that I had the
7 opportunity to have been involved in and the first
8 was Intro 799, a bill that will reform the commercial
9 rent tax and reduce the tax burden on Manhattan's
10 small businesses. Currently, the commercial rent tax
11 imposes a 3.9% surcharge on rent paid by businesses
12 starting at rents of \$250,000 per year. This bill
13 would double the threshold at which businesses become
14 subject to the tax bringing it to \$500,000. As our
15 effort is targeted to helping small businesses in
16 particular, this new threshold applies to businesses
17 with less than five million dollars per year in total
18 income, businesses that make between five and ten
19 will receive a partial credit against their tax
20 liability. This will be a big help for small
21 businesses and I ask my colleagues for their support
22 today. The second, Intro 1300 requires noise
23 mitigation plans to be filed with the DEP and posted
24 on the outside of construction sites. Noise is one
25 of our City's top quality of life issues and

2 construction noise is a major contributor to the
3 overall noise problem. Currently all construction
4 sites must have a noise mitigation plan associated
5 with their work and those plans must be kept on file
6 but they need not be filed with the City or posted
7 publicly. This bill would change that requiring
8 noise mitigation plans to be filed with the DEP,
9 published on line and posted on the outside of
10 construction sites. It will add transparency and
11 accountability for people affected by construction
12 noise and will allow DEP to enforce plans more
13 efficiently. The third bill is Intro 955 which
14 raises the maximum fines for companies that fail to
15 repave and repair streets properly after companies
16 dig them up. Big entities like Verizon, ConEd, Time
17 Warner often dig up our streets to lay wires, fix
18 cables and check on pipes. That's important work but
19 once it's done they have an obligation to the public
20 to repair the streets according to standards and
21 specifications set by the Department of
22 Transportation. That's not always done or done well
23 and that's why this bill doubles fines on certain
24 violations and I ask my colleagues to support all
25 three. Thank you.

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

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: New Yorkers are
5 tired of out of control, out of scale,
6 overdevelopment destroying affordable housing and our
7 neighborhoods. Today we have an opportunity to stop
8 the march of super tall buildings from commercial
9 districts on East 57th Street into residential
10 districts where they would displace rent regulated
11 residents to build the buildings for billionaires.
12 In 2015, we formed the East River 50's Alliance which
13 has grown to 45 buildings in the area, 2,600
14 individual members from 500 buildings all over the
15 City with support of friends of the upper East side,
16 historic district Seville and City wide organizations
17 like the Municipal Arts Society. Council Member Dan
18 Garodnick, Senator Liz Krueger, Manhattan Borough
19 President Gale Brewer joined me as co-advocates and
20 Congress Member Carol Malone has joined in support.
21 We worked with the Department of City Planning on
22 several options for providing affordable housing as
23 part of proposal. DCP ultimately advised that with
24 the change to a tower on base to produce affordable
25 housing with the existing inclusionary housing

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2 framework which we agreed to improve and is what
3 we've proposed. We removed the grandfathering
4 provision that the City Planning Commission had added
5 erroneously and City Planning has voted that removing
6 this provision was in scope. This rezoning will
7 protect oxygenarians like Hernd [phonetic] and Wurth
8 and seniors like Charles Fernandez and his sister who
9 face displacement from their affordable rent
10 regulated units. Your vote today is in support of
11 residents over real estate developers, putting
12 affordable housing for real New Yorkers over
13 buildings or billionaires. Thank you.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
15 Council Member Lander.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you Madam
17 Public Advocate.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet please.
19 Council Member Lander.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you Madam
21 Public Advocate. I arise today to ask my colleagues
22 to support Intro 152C which would require a
23 certificate of no harassment before landlords get
24 permits for a demolition or a substantial alterations
25 of their buildings. This council has taken

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2 significant steps together to prevent tenant
3 harassment by extending the right to council by
4 putting the burden of proof on landlords, by
5 expanding the definition, by focusing on
6 constructionist harassment. Unfortunately in too
7 many cases, unscrupulous landlords still persist
8 because the bucket of gold at the end of their
9 efforts of harassment by getting out low income and
10 working class tenants and tripling or quadrupling the
11 rent is just too big so the certificate of no
12 harassment policy looks to block them from making
13 that mint to profit from the harassment by denying
14 them the building permits that they need to do so.
15 Before landlords of covered buildings will be able to
16 get those permits they would have to demonstrate they
17 had not harassed tenants out of the building and if
18 they're found to have harassed tenants out, they
19 would not be able to get their building permits for
20 five years unless they agree to make 20 or 25% of
21 their building affordable to low income tenants
22 beyond any MIA [Inaudible] 21A requirements with no
23 public subsidy. A program like this has been in
24 place in Hell's Kitchen since 1974 and it is the
25 result of the work of some tremendous tenant

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2 advocates that we are expanding it today so I want to
3 give big props to the Coalition Against Tenant
4 Harassment, ANHD, Make the Roll, America Justice
5 Center, 5th Avenue Committee, to the St. Nick's
6 Alliance and a whole bunch of other groups. When
7 this council passed mandatory, inclusionary housing
8 we want a commitment for the administration to work
9 with us. We formed a task force that met for a year
10 looking at what buildings should be covered and we've
11 got a great, I won't go into all the details of what
12 buildings and what neighborhoods are covered, but it
13 covers 11 community districts, a wide range of
14 buildings and in every single community district
15 across the city, any building where there's been a
16 finding of harassment in court or by HCR, any
17 building in the Alternative Enforcement Program or
18 any building with a vacate order will have to go
19 through this program. This isn't gonna solve the
20 problem but it is a big and significant step forward.
21 Big thanks to Megan Chin, to Jeff Baker, to Ed Atkin

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member,
23 can you bring your comments to your close?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: to Danny Levers,
3 to the Speaker and the Housing Chair on helping to
4 get this done. Thank you.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank
6 you so much. Council Member Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. One of
8 the most sacred duties of government is the
9 protection of the most vulnerable of our society. It
10 is therefore critically important that the agency
11 tasked with this responsibility of protecting the
12 safety of our children which is the Administration of
13 Children's Services, has the absolute best processes
14 in place to safeguard and secure their wellbeing.
15 For decades we have been looking at only at the sizes
16 of the caseloads and that has not been enough. We
17 must have a better understanding of the complexity of
18 worker caseloads, digging deep to analyze this type
19 of data is the heart of Intro 1607A which authorizes
20 ACS to conduct the study and make best practices
21 recommendations based on data gleaned from the study
22 which will happen no later than September 30, 2019.
23 In particular, this study will analyze the number of
24 children per family caseload and their prior ACS
25 involvement of the family, analyze the relationship

2 between the size of the family and prior ACS
3 involvement to the complexity of the case and to
4 access best practices and make recommendations based
5 on this data to improve child safety and wellbeing
6 outcomes. It is my hope that this study will help
7 adjust caseworker's workload by taking into account
8 the complexity of their cases and the corresponding
9 additional work that complex cases require and will
10 enable ACS workers to better carry out their mission
11 of insuring the safety of our children and to prevent
12 unneeded deaths. I want to thank Speaker Melissa
13 Mark-Viverito and the General Welfare Committee
14 Chair, Steve Levin for their support of this
15 important legislation and all who worked to make this
16 a great bill. Thank you.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
18 Council Member Chin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Today we are voting
20 on Intro 1278A legislation that will dramatically
21 increase information available, about, and
22 transparency on social adult day cares. This bill
23 continues this council's effort to address the need
24 of millions of caregivers across the City. Yesterday
25 during the council committee's hearing about unpaid

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2 caregivers, I heard heart wrenching stories about a
3 husband who forsake his own health to bring his wife
4 to the doctors and adult children who take turns
5 using they vacation days to ensure that their mother
6 is never alone. Social adult day cares offer
7 caregivers, a majority of whom are women, a break for
8 a couple of days to take care of their own needs.
9 However, as the state made it easier to access these
10 services with little oversight, some unscrupulous
11 providers open programs that endangers multiple
12 seniors, threatened the funding of good senior
13 centers and good social adult day cares and opened
14 the door to Medicaid fraud. Intro 1278A require
15 DIPTAS [phonetic] to create an on-line database of
16 all social adult day cares in the City. The database
17 would also indicate the number of violations issued
18 at a given day care and the outcome of that
19 violation. Most importantly, Intro 1278A would allow
20 people to submit complaints about bad social adult
21 day cares electronically and directly to DIPTAS
22 [phonetic] social adult day care office person. By
23 offering greater levels of transparency, 1278A can
24 help identify bad actors in the system and allow
25 families to make informed decisions for our senior

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2 and caregivers. I want to thank our Speaker Melissa
3 Mark-Viverito for her support throughout the process
4 and I also want to thank our wonderful committee
5 staff, Kathleen Fahey, Emily Mooney, Daniel Croop and
6 Johini Sumpara [phonetic] and my Deputy Chief of
7 Staff, Vincent Bank for all their work on this and
8 all the advocates who helped push this forward.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank
10 you. Council Member Johnson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I thank you
12 Madam Public Advocate that an individual accused of a
13 crime is innocent until proven guilty is one of the
14 bedrocks of our Criminal Justice System. An
15 erroneous criminal record completely undercuts that
16 foundation in our society. Erroneous criminal
17 records with basic bureaucratic errors burden over
18 two million New Yorker with an assumption of guilt
19 for crimes they were never convicted of or in some
20 cases for which they were not even prosecuted. That
21 no City agency is responsible for maintaining the
22 accuracy of these records is possibly even more
23 disheartening than the inaccuracies themselves. My
24 bill Introduction 1636A would require the Mayor's
25 Office of Criminal Justice to address erroneous

2 criminal records but it's not enough to merely
3 correct the current errors because in many cases the
4 professional or personal damage has already been
5 done. This bill will also require that office to
6 address the root causes of these inaccuracies to
7 prevent this from happening in the future and to
8 report on these actions. I also want to talk about
9 another bill that I am passing today. New Yorkers
10 who rely on our City's safety net of social programs
11 are an incredibly vulnerable population. It includes
12 people who are homeless or pending eviction or
13 utility shutoff. These folks come to us to help keep
14 their roof over their heads, putting food on the
15 table, or paying their medical bills. We have to do
16 everything in our power to make sure these New
17 Yorkers receive the help that they need. My bill
18 Introduction 1635A would require HRA, the Human
19 Resource Administration, to issue a receipt to
20 everyone who comes into a service center seeking
21 assistance. This receipt will consolidate the
22 confusing array of information individuals often
23 receive. It would also require HRA to publicly
24 report wait times at service centers and clarify the
25 process for individuals to make a complaint. These

2 are common sense protections that should be provided.
3 I ask my colleagues to vote in favor of this piece of
4 legislation and also Introduction 973B on City health
5 care services. Thank you very much.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
7 Council Member Greenfield.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you
9 Madam Public Advocate. I'd like to speak briefly on
10 several land use proposals that we have up for a vote
11 today and a lot of conversations that have been had
12 about them and while I think it's important to
13 remember that we have a lot of conversations (thank
14 you), we have a lot of conversations that happen and
15 the product of these final items are literally
16 thousands of hours worth of work. The idea that
17 somehow people expect for these applications to be
18 completed and perfect, honestly I find bizarre. All
19 of these applications are better as a result of the
20 thousands of hours of work that have gone in. We
21 have a firm philosophy in this council that we defer
22 to members. It's a very good reason. Members know
23 their districts better than anybody else and in my
24 experience as a land use Chair, nine times out of ten
25 you end up with a better result and specifically I

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2 want to commend my colleague, Council Member Laurie
3 Cumbo, for reaching a deal on the Bedford Union
4 Armory that will

5 [Crosstalk]

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Sh-hhh. Sh-hhh.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: that will -
8 that's okay. Folks this is, this is democracy.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the
10 chambers. Quiet in the chambers. Quiet [Gavel]

11 [Crosstalk]

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
13 Greenfield has the floor. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: The deal not
15 only removes luxury condos but it keeps the land
16 public through a 99 year lease and increases the
17 affordable housing to 60% of the 400 units at 60% of
18 AMI or below. For those people who say it's not
19 affordable, I find that very curious.

20 [Crosstalk]

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Fifty of
22 those units, fifty of those units, fifty of those
23 units are 30% AMI. That means that you can make \$10
24 an hour and you can afford to move into a brand new
25 affordable housing unit with a state of the art

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2 recreational facility with space for community based
3 organizations.

4 [Crosstalk]

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: The folks,
6 the folks up there, I respect you but quite frankly
7 in a democracy, we had an election. The voters were
8 clear. The voters

9 [Crosstalk]

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: If this
11 continues, we're gonna clear the room.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: And the
13 voters support Council Member Laurie Cumbo as do we
14 and that's what we're doing here today

15 [Crosstalk]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: and I think
17 people need to appreciate, people need to appreciate
18 that this ladies and gentlemen is democracy at its
19 finest. There was an election. There were results
20 and the result is that

21 [Crosstalk]

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Sh-hhh.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: there is an
24 outstanding project that will not now go forward

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank
3 you.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: thanks to
5 Council Member Cumbo so I thank you all for coming
6 out and I thank you for your opinions but
7 unfortunately, unfortunately

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: the people
10 have spoken and that's exactly what we're doing
11 today.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member
13 thank you. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you
15 very much.

16 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.
17 All right, so I think we're gonna

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Excuse me.

19 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: We're gonna
20 clear, we're gonna clear the room upstairs. We're
21 gonna clear the balcony, all right.

22 [Crosstalk] [Crosstalk]

23 [Pause]

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: I think we're
25 gonna get started again.

2 [Crosstalk]

3 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Let's resume.

4 Sh-hhh. Is, Council Member Cornegy, you have the
5 floor. We're still in general orders.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, thank
7 you Madam Public Advocate. Today in New York City,
8 someone who has defrauded a homeowner to obtain the
9 deed to their home can leverage the power of City
10 agencies and utility provider to force rightful
11 homeowners out of their homes. This bill 1770 will
12 require the sheriff's department to notify the
13 Department of Finance, the Department of
14 Environmental Protection and certain utility
15 providers of properties under investigation for deed
16 fraud. This notification will help prevent
17 fraudulent actors from taking advantage of City
18 resources to force unassuming homeowners out of their
19 homes and help stem the tide of deed scammers
20 victimizing countless innocent New Yorkers. I'm
21 asking my colleagues to sign on to Intro 1770 which
22 will help protect unassuming homeowners from deed
23 theft and deed fraud. Thank you.

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thanks and lastly
25 Council Member Van Bramer.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
3 very much Madam Public Advocate. Today is a day to
4 celebrate for the families and children of Sunnyside
5 and Woodside. Today the council is voting on LU822
6 which will allow the School Construction Authority to
7 move forward with a plan to build a new state of the
8 art intermediate school in Sunnyside Queens. This
9 project will turn a dilapidated car garage that has
10 been abandoned for a number of years into a
11 cornerstone of our community that will improve the
12 lives of families and children for years to come.
13 This will be a nearly 700 seat new intermediate
14 school helping to alleviate overcrowding in school
15 district 30 in every neighborhood in my district.
16 School district 30 is one of the most overcrowded in
17 the City of New York. Ensuring that our children are
18 able to go to school, a school that's in their own
19 neighborhood, as well as keeping children from having
20 to cross dangerous thoroughfares like Queens
21 Boulevard and Northern Boulevard is a win for our
22 district and for all of the children and families in
23 our neighborhood. The new school will reduce class
24 sizes throughout the district and allow educators to
25 better nurture and instruct our children improving

2 the outcomes for our students. Over the last eight
3 years, I'm proud that we've been able to site, build
4 and fund now 13 new schools in my district.

5 Investing in the future of our children is by far the
6 most important work that I do as a council member. I
7 want to thank everyone involved and I urge all of my
8 colleagues to vote yes on this important school in
9 our district which will change the face of our
10 neighborhood and the future of our neighborhood for
11 decades to come. Thank you.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. I'm
13 sorry, I overlooked one Council Member, Council
14 Member Williams.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
16 much Madam Public Advocate. I just wanted to talk
17 about two bills I am proud to be sponsoring today.
18 First one is combined with Council Member Kallos on
19 cranes. Crane accidents in New York City have led to
20 five deaths and dozens of injuries in the last five
21 years. Wind is a factor in many of these accidents.
22 This, my bill, creates guidelines for uses of
23 anemometers on cranes and derricks and having the
24 information that we collect from these instruments
25 will make it easier to keep equipment safe and

2 protect workers and pedestrians. Together with
3 Council Member Kallos' bill that require the
4 inspection of cranes as they age. They represent a
5 significant effort toward addressing technology
6 failures in construction and using technology to
7 solve these problems. Just want to point out that
8 there was a lot of focus on 1447. At that time, we
9 said this body is doing much more when it comes to
10 construction safety for workers and the public alike.
11 We had a hearing with 21 bills. These are in
12 addition to those and the council will not stop until
13 we have put back the culture of safety that has been
14 eroded. The last one, Intro 1721A, which is combined
15 with Council Member Lander. Landlords have no
16 shortage of imagination when it comes to finding ways
17 to harass tenants and remove them from their homes.
18 Our laws need to keep up with their actions. It's
19 very hard to legislate the morality of unscrupulous
20 people who will always find ways to be unscrupulous
21 so this body will have to keep coming back time and
22 time again to deal with the harassment issue because
23 as we pass laws, landlords and unscrupulous landlords
24 will very shortly thereafter try to find loopholes to
25 slip in. My building in particular, adds to the

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2 definition of harassment dealing with work without a
3 permit and lying about permits and for both bills I'd
4 like to thank the committee staff, the Speaker,
5 Council Member Kallos, Council Member Lander, the
6 Coalition Against Tenant Center Harassment, NAHD,
7 Make the Roll, Legal Aid Society and Legal Service
8 New York, Committee Staff and my [Inaudible] state
9 director, Mike Toomey [phonetic]. Thank you.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

11 Seeing none other report of special committees?

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: None

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Report of

14 standing committees?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the

16 Committee on Aging, Intro 1278A, Database of adult

17 day cares.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Um, coupled on

19 general orders.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the

21 Committee on Civil Rights, Intro 1650A, Prohibiting

22 Conversion Therapy.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on

24 general orders.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
3 Committee on Economic Development, Intro 1400 MWBE
4 Projects.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
6 general orders.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
8 Committee on Education, Intro 1461A, Summer Meals.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
10 coupled on general orders.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
12 Committee on Environmental Protection, Intro 1300A,
13 Noise and Mitigation Plans.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
15 coupled on general orders.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1465A,
17 Residual Fuel Oil and City Power Plants.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and laid
19 over.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
21 Committee on Finance, Intro 799B and Intro 1376A,
22 Commercial Rent Tax.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
24 coupled on general orders.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1750A,
3 Real Property Taxes.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
5 coupled on general orders.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
7 Reso. 1730, Organization Funding.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
9 general orders.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
11 LU819 and Reso. 1732 and LU 820 and Reso. 1733,
12 Various Applications.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
14 general orders.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
16 Committee on General Welfare, Intros 1374A, 1461A,
17 1590A and 1598A, Preventive Services.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
19 coupled on general orders.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1607A
21 and 1609A, Child Protective Case Loads.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
23 coupled on general orders.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1635A,
25 AHRA Job Centers.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
3 coupled on general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
5 Committee on Health, Intro 973B, Committee on City
6 Health Care Services.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
8 coupled on general orders.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
10 Committee on Housing and Buildings, Intro 152C,
11 Certificate of No Harassment.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
13 coupled on general orders.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 443A,
15 Crane Modernization.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
17 coupled on general orders.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1210A,
19 Speculation List.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
21 coupled on general orders.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1403A,
23 Crane Anemometers.

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
25 coupled on general orders.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1431A,
3 Registration of Lift Directors.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
5 coupled on general orders.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1721A,
7 Amending the Definition of Harassment.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
9 coupled on general orders.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
11 Committee on Land Use, LU746 and Reso. 1734, Property
12 Tax Exemption.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled to be
14 filed pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU773-LU786
16 on page 8, Various Applications.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Approve the
18 modifications and refer to the City Planning
19 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
20 the Council and Section 197(d) of the New York City
21 Charter.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU790 and
23 Reso. 1735, Property Tax Exemption.

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
25 general orders.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU808-812,
3 Bedford Union Armory.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Approve the
5 modifications and refer to the City Planning
6 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
7 the Council and Section 197(d) of the New York City
8 Charter.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU818 and
10 Reso. 1736, Property Tax Exemption.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
12 general orders.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
14 LU822 and Reso. 1737, School Facility, Council
15 District 26.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
17 general orders.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
19 LU823 and Reso. 1738 and LU824 and Reso. 1739, Tax
20 Exemptions.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
22 general orders.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
24 LU821, Zoning Amendment.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Approve the
3 modifications and refer to the City Planning
4 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of
5 the Council and Section 197(d) of the New York City
6 Charter.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
8 Committee on Public Safety, Intro 1636A, 1712A and
9 1723A, Criminal Records, Summons and Warrants.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
11 coupled on general orders.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
13 Committee on Rules, Privileged and Elections,
14 preconsidered Reso. 1740, Approving Changes to
15 Certain Committees.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
17 general orders.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Report of the
19 Committee on Transportation, Intro 231A, Tree
20 Planting.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
22 coupled on general orders.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 955A,
24 Penalties for Street Construction Violations.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
3 coupled on general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Intro 1251A,
5 Repairing and Ponding.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Amended and
7 coupled on general orders.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: On the
9 General Order Calendar, LU773 and Reso. 1741 and LU
10 774 and Reso. 1742, Zoning Amendments.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
12 general orders.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU775 and
14 Reso. 1743, Millbank, Frawley Circle East.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
16 general orders.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU776 and
18 Reso. 1744 and LU777 and Reso. 1725, Zoning
19 Amendments.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
21 general orders.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU778 and
23 Reso. 1746 and LU779 and Reso. 1747, Disposition and
24 Acquisition of City Owned Property.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
3 general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU780 and
5 Reso. 1748 through LU782 and Reso. 1750, East Harlem
6 Rezoning.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
8 general orders.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU785 and
10 786, Harlem Waterfront District.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Re-referred to
12 the Committee on Land Use.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU787 and
14 Reso. 1751 through LU 809 and Reso. 1754, Zoning
15 Amendments.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
17 general orders.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU810 and
19 Reso. 1755 and LU 811 and Reso. 1756, Special
20 Permits.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
22 general orders.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: LU812 and
24 Reso. 1757, Disposition of City Owned Property.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
3 general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Preconsidered
5 LU821 and Reso. 1758, Zoning Amendments.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
7 general orders.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Resolution
9 appointing various persons, Commission of Deeds.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Coupled on
11 general orders and I ask for roll call vote on all
12 general order items beginning with Council Member
13 Garodnick.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you,
15 aye.

16 CLERK: Levine.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

19 Council Member Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Ah, congratulations
21 all my colleagues on these important land use
22 proposal and legislation. I vote aye on all.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: And Council
24 Member Rosenthal.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: And Council
3 Member Copeland, Ferreras-Copeland, moving on.

4 CLERK: Adams.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
7 Council Member Vacca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye on all
9 except 1723. I vote no and I vote aye on all
10 resolutions and I ask that we Tweet Resolution 1287.
11 Maybe someone in Washington will be Tweeting as that
12 person does. Thank you.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

14 CLERK: Barron.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Barron.

16 CLERK: Borreli

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORRELI: 152, 1721 and
18 1723.

19 CLERK: Cabrera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I'd like
3 to congratulate and welcome Adrienne Adams to the
4 City Council and with that I will vote aye on all.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Cornegy.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Crowley.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I'd like to also
10 welcome our newest council member from Queens,
11 Adrienne Adams. I know she's gonna be terrific. I
12 want to congratulate all of those who have important
13 bills that we're voting on today and I vote aye on
14 all. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Cumbo.

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

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes, quiet in the
19 chambers please.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. I want
21 to thank all of my colleagues today that have stood
22 with me and supported me negotiating one of the
23 largest and most important land use deals in
24 Brooklyn, New York on maternity leave has been quite
25 a challenge and I thank all of you for your support

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2 and for working with me to get to this particular
3 point. I want to thank everyone because this has
4 been a challenge and to all of the individuals that
5 were here to voice their opinions and concerns, those
6 concerns have been taken into account. They have
7 been heard but there's a way to go about doing
8 things. There is a democratic process and when I was
9 standing to the side, people asked if I was scared,
10 if I was concerned but when I think about that every
11 time I come into this chamber I walk in with the
12 knowledge and the understanding that my predecessor,
13 the late James E. Davis, was shot and killed here in
14 City Hall so this level of yelling, of screaming, of
15 being inappropriate, of disrespecting one another
16 creates a very dangerous environment for everybody
17 involved and we have to as a City, as a City Council,
18 as a nation, we have to bring respect back and
19 listening to one another and conversation and
20 meetings and discussions but to disrespect one
21 another, to yell at, to shout out, to over talk, to
22 threaten, this is not what democracy is and this is
23 not what democracy looks like. We have a process
24 that we go through to get to the solutions that are
25 gonna make this City a better place. Crown Heights

2 in Brooklyn, New York is in crisis. We are in the
3 largest affordable housing crisis that we've ever
4 known. There are people that are languishing in our
5 homeless shelters. We have over 30 known gangs and
6 sets and crews surrounding the Bedford Union Armory.
7 We have a lack of educational and athletic
8 opportunities and outlets for our young people in the
9 community. It is a community in crisis, a community
10 that cannot wait five to ten, fifteen, twenty years
11 for opportunity, opportunity that must happen right
12 now. What we're talking about and what we're voting
13 on right now is I fought with my colleagues to make
14 sure that we ended luxury condominiums. There are no
15 luxury condominiums for sale as part of the Bedford
16 Union Armory. Sixty percent of the housing is going
17 to be for individuals making between \$27,000 and
18 \$57,000. We could not get to 100% because 40% had to
19 be set aside in order to pay for the world class
20 recreational facility. I wish that there was another
21 way to pay for things other than to pay for things
22 but right now we still have to pay for things. We
23 also are going to have a world class recreational
24 facility that our young people, so many of them who
25 have become involved in gangs, teenage pregnancy, are

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2 now going to have an outlet. We tell them to say no
3 to so many things but give them so few options to say
4 yes to. They will now have an opportunity to say yes
5 to something. I negotiated to have a 25,000 square
6 foot brand new medical facility for those who are
7 uninsured. They will have an opportunity to have
8 affordable healthcare right in their own backyards.
9 I fought to have a 10% set aside for those
10 transitioning out of our homeless shelters so that
11 those that are languishing in our homeless shelters
12 who need housing now and who cannot wait for the
13 bureaucracy and cannot wait for all of the arguments
14 and the rallies to end, who need a home right now,
15 will have that. We're gonna create over 720
16 construction jobs within this particular development,
17 local hiring from the very communities in which
18 people live. In addition to that, there will be over
19 200 permanent jobs created after that. This is
20 progress. This is an opportunity. This is getting
21 something done in our term. Every council member
22 runs on a premise of creating jobs, education, making
23 sure that we have affordable housing and this project
24 does just that.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member,
3 could you bring them to your close.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I most certainly
5 will.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: And I thank
8 everyone for this opportunity to create the greatest
9 level of affordable housing that the Crown Heights
10 community has seen in decades. This is progress.
11 This is getting something done. I thank all of my
12 colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work
13 with you in collaboration to make this, yes, the
14 greatest City in the world. Thank you so much and I
15 proudly vote aye.

16 [Applause]

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you. Thank
18 you. Continuing with roll call.

19 CLERK: Deutsch.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I'll pass.

21 CLERK: Dromm.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

23 CLERK: Espinal.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: With many, many
3 congratulations to Laurie Cumbo in Brooklyn, I
4 proudly vote aye.

5 CLERK: Eugene.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

7 CLERK: Gentile.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Congratulations
9 to Laurie Cumbo. I vote aye on all.

10 CLERK: Gibson.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to
12 explain my vote.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madam
15 Public Advocate and Madam Speaker. I first want to
16 congratulate Council Member Adams and welcome her to
17 the Delegation of the Women's Caucus. We look
18 forward to working with you. I want to congratulate
19 all of our colleagues that are passing very important
20 legislation today but certainly in particular, I want
21 to highlight and thank the speaker and Council Member
22 Lander for the Certificate of No Harassment. This is
23 going to have a transformative impact on so many
24 tenants and families throughout the City, in
25 particular of my district, community districts 4 and

2 5 which fall within the Jerome Cromwell neighborhood
3 zoning area. I am so proud of the work that has been
4 done to make the Certificate of No Harassment a
5 reality. I also want to congratulate our Speaker and
6 Council Members Johnson and Lancman on the Public
7 Safety Criminal Justice Reform Package that relates
8 to outstanding criminal warrants and erroneous
9 records. We know the disproportionate impact that
10 erroneous records has on young men and women of
11 color. It prohibits them from accessing jobs,
12 financial aid and housing and if we can do anything
13 in this term, we just allow them an opportunity to be
14 a success and not a statistic. I also want to
15 certainly thank and commend our Speaker on
16 successfully putting forth a neighborhood plan for
17 East Harlem and I also want to commend Council Member
18 Laurie Cumbo not only for that amazing speech but for
19 being able to successfully craft a neighborhood plan
20 all while on maternity leave. You have truly been an
21 incredible leader and certainly going through my own
22 neighborhood rezoning, I know the challenges we face.
23 We truly want to satisfy everyone's concern, every
24 advocate and leader, labor leader, community
25 organization, everyone that has a true interest in

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2 the affordability of this City. We truly, truly want
3 to satisfy everyone but I know at the end of the day,
4 you both worked extremely hard to craft the best plan
5 for your districts and with that I proudly vote aye
6 on all and congratulations.

7 CLERK: Greenfield. Grodenchik.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Permission to
9 briefly explain my vote, Madam Public Advocate.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you. I
12 just want to thank all those involved in passing
13 today. My Lift Director bill it's part of a package
14 of construction safety legislation some of which has
15 been passed by the council already and signed into
16 law. I especially want to thank Chair Williams of
17 Housing and Building and his staff, my counsel, Steve
18 Behar[phonetic] who became an expert on crane
19 operation and my chief of staff Ire Gurshman
20 [phonetic] for all the great work they have done. I
21 hope that this bill will bring a large measure of
22 safety for our City. We've seen some spectacular
23 accidents in the cranes killing both crane operators
24 and pedestrians on our streets and I hope that this
25 will go a long way to remedy that and lastly I just

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2 want to congratulate everybody who's passing
3 legislation today and I probably shouldn't say this
4 but Ms. Adams, yo Adrienne.

5 [Laughter]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK:

7 Congratulations to all and welcome to the council
8 Ms. Adams.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: You were holding
10 that in for how long? [Laughter] Continuing with
11 roll call.

12 CLERK: Johnson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Permission Madam
14 Public Advocate.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: There's a lot of
17 really impressive bills that we're passing today. I
18 want to congratulate the Speaker and Council Member
19 Dromm on passing the legislation related to banning
20 conversion therapy which is so destructive and
21 horrible in New York City. It's a big deal and I'm
22 really glad we're doing it. Council Member Garodnick
23 has fought for so long on the commercial rent tax.
24 It affects literally every block in my district and
25 it is something that people have been begging for.

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2 It's not a cure all solution but it's something that
3 is going to make a substantial difference in the
4 lives of small business owners and how they pay their
5 bills. I'm proud of the bills that I'm passing today
6 and I also want to congratulate my dear friend,
7 Laurie Cumbo, who did an incredible job negotiating
8 this. The campaign that was run again over the
9 summer was vicious, full of smears and lies. She
10 handled it with grace and with dignity, her character
11 shown through. She did it while pregnant. She did
12 it after she had her beautiful baby Prince and she
13 negotiated this in the midst of having a new born
14 baby so I'm really proud of her and the speech that
15 she gave today on this floor I think was very moving
16 and so I am very proud to support here and vote in
17 favor of this negotiated land use project and with
18 that I congratulate all my colleagues and vote aye on
19 all the bills.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Kallos.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: King.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Permission to
25 explain my vote.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: First I want to say
4 congratulations to my sisters, Council Member
5 Adrienne Adams welcome to the party, Council Woman
6 Laurie Cumbo, thank you for showing us how to pay for
7 something. You did a marvelous job and
8 congratulations on the great work that you've done.
9 To all my colleagues, all of us today, I want to say
10 thank you all for passing legislation that improves
11 the lives of all New Yorkers and especially want to
12 give a shout out to the Land Use Division all
13 everyone voted today for the Article 11 that was
14 voted for Sidney House that's a major project that is
15 being built in my district, the largest humanity for
16 habitat, Habitat for Humanity that's being built in
17 the United States of America which we've been able to
18 invest over \$2.5 million so I want to thank everyone
19 and I vote aye on all and I abstain from Intro 1658.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

21 CLERK: Koslowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Can I be
23 excused to my vote.

24 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Always.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: First I wanted
3 to congratulate everybody on the bills that they are
4 passing today but I especially want to thank Laurie
5 Cumbo for her strength and her courage on today's
6 land use issue. Congratulations Laurie. You did a
7 great job and I vote aye on all.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Lancman.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK: Lander.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Permission to
13 explain.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, member
16 Adams I want to say a big congratulations to Council
17 Member Dromm and the Speaker, your leadership on
18 conversion therapy which with all of us goes back
19 many years to helping us even understand and see it
20 as a problem and what it just means to the humanity
21 of our City and especially for LGBTQ young people is
22 a big deal so congratulations. Congratulations to
23 the Speaker on East Harlem. It is brave in these
24 days to do community planning that might try to lead
25 toward redevelopment and rezoning and to led that

2 effort on the ground and then been able to work with
3 the City and City Planning to bring it home is great
4 and one thing I want to underline is it's the first
5 rezoning that includes a commitment of contribution
6 to NICHA to public housing, something the
7 administration had not been willing to do before,
8 obviously critical if we're promoting redevelopment
9 of a neighborhood that the public housing in that
10 neighborhood also see investment and so thank you for
11 paving the way on that. I'm pleased also to vote yes
12 with Council Member Cumbo on the Bedford Union Armory
13 and I want to note that her advocacy here seems to
14 have helped win some broader policy change, not only
15 that there will not be condos at the Bedford Union
16 Armory but we hear reported at least that perhaps
17 there won't be proposals for condos in the future on
18 publicly owned sites when they are disposed. I do
19 think this is an area where collectively as a council
20 and as a City we can do better to set standards.
21 Mandatory inclusionary housing sets minimum standards
22 for development in privately owned sites when they
23 are rezoned and then Council Members and
24 neighborhoods can advocate to go up from it. We
25 should do more of that on publicly owned buildings as

2 well. Not only that there shouldn't be condos but
3 that we seek to have them developed or owned by not-
4 for-profits or community land trusts, that we
5 maximize affordability to the extent possible when
6 given other amenities like the recreation center that
7 we ensure permanent affordability. There should be
8 policies that we all do together. I want to thank
9 you for helping push us in that direction and hope
10 that we will keep walking forward in it. I vote aye.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

12 CLERK: Barron.

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

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
17 would say that I've heard my colleagues and I still
18 say that as a body we're not taking full advantage of
19 providing housing to the most needy. With 60,000
20 people needing homes and being in the shelter system,
21 we need to do more both as a City and with
22 arrangements that we make with private developers
23 whose bottom line is to make money and increase their
24 profits. I think we could have looked at
25 establishing land trusts and this could have been an

2 opportunity to see how we could make that a model for
3 going forward in the City and I think we could have
4 looked at having a not-for-profit developer bring
5 their expertise into this development so for those
6 reasons I'm voting no on Land Use 808 and 812 and the
7 accompanying Resolutions and I had some concerns
8 about Land Use 773 and 775 but with clarification, I
9 understand it does not include Option 2 so I'm voting
10 yes on that and all the rest. Thank you.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

12 CLERK: Levine.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you Madam
15 Public Advocate. I'd like to congratulate my
16 colleagues, Council Member Dromm, Council Member
17 Lander, the Speaker for their significant
18 achievements today and legislation in land use. I
19 want to say specifically about Council Member Cumbo.
20 I have seen over the last year and a half Council
21 Member Laurie Cumbo truly come into her own and rise
22 to the occasion in looking at this particular land
23 use development with a level of circumspect and
24 consideration and honesty and decency, respect for
25 those that disagree with her, just an overall

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2 responsible way to conduct this office and I'm so
3 proud of the way that she has approached this and
4 navigated these very, very difficult questions with
5 grace and dignity and respect for everybody involved
6 and I am proud that she has been able to achieve this
7 significant outcome for the neighborhood of Crown
8 Heights and the surrounding neighborhood in bringing
9 more affordable housing and deeper affordability in
10 the community center that was promised all along
11 making sure that luxury condos will not be part of
12 this development but overall it was the manner in
13 which she conducted herself that I think is going to
14 be a really significant legacy here and I'm just so
15 proud to call her a colleague and call her a friend
16 and of the significant work that she has done.
17 Laurie, [Inaudible].

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Maisel.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: We love him.

21 CLERK: Mealy.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Pass.

23 CLERK: Menchaca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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2 CLERK: Miller.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Permission to
4 explain.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you Madam
7 Public Advocate. I would first like to thank my
8 friend and neighbor and now colleague. I'd like to
9 welcome Adrienne Adams to the body. Congratulations
10 and look forward to working with, to continue to work
11 with you. I'd also like to congratulate all of my
12 colleagues on passage of the important and thoughtful
13 legislation and some of this legislation on that
14 addresses some homeowner issues and transportation
15 issues that we take for granted but that's why we are
16 here and there is some really thoughtful and
17 intelligent legislation being passed here today and I
18 want to congratulate my colleagues on that but I
19 certainly want to congratulate my colleague Speaker
20 Melissa Mark-Viverito and Laurie Cumbo on their land
21 use those that are being passed today. They are very
22 important. It was mentioned time and time again.
23 The need for housing, affordable housing here in the
24 City of New York, how do we do it, how it has been a
25 challenge and I think that we have demonstrated today

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2 that when folks come together and put the best foot
3 forward that it is possible. Is it perfect?

4 Absolutely not, but it is a foundation and a template
5 for us to get better in creating housing throughout
6 the City and with that I vote aye on all. Thank you.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

8 CLERK: Perkins.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Reynoso.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to
12 explain my vote.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Just like
15 Republicans to silence the majority. [Laughter] Just
16 want to, just want to make mention to the fact that
17 thanking folks like Laurie Cumbo and Rafael Salamanca
18 and a lot of these members in majority/minority
19 communities, I continue to bode the bulk of the
20 affordable housing in this City that we have droves
21 of people coming in from these communities fighting
22 for more affordable housing for deeper affordability
23 and in other districts we do the bare minimum of
24 barely doing MIH and then building at Level 2 or
25 Level 3 of workforce option that these minority

2 communities are crying out for help even in places
3 like again, the Bronx, and in Laurie Cumbo's district
4 where they do this much and that's the reception they
5 get. In more white affluent districts we see people
6 do the bare minimum and not get that response because
7 they don't have the struggles or the amount of poor
8 people or the needs that these other communities have
9 and I think we, we have to talk about that as a
10 council. I don't think we've done that. I think we
11 run away from it and so long as that continues to
12 happen, our communities are gonna continue to cry out
13 and we can't build all the affordable housing on the
14 backs of the council members that have poor districts
15 so I want to say good job to Laurie Cumbo for
16 continuing the work of being able to provide
17 affordable housing for her community and just really
18 want to get back to the fact that Rafael has built
19 more affordable housing in his short amount of time
20 here than possibly any other council member. We
21 can't allow those people to be the only ones that
22 built affordable housing and with that I vote aye on
23 all. Thank you.

24 CLERK: Richards.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you and I
3 want to start off congratulating my found new
4 colleague, Council Member Adrienne Adams. I just
5 also want to circle back and agree with my colleagues
6 and congratulate both first off Speaker Melissa Mark-
7 Viverito on East Harlem and Council Member Laurie
8 Cumbo on her work on Bedford Armory and I want to
9 point out that, you know, there are trade off
10 sometimes that are critical to ensuring that both
11 economic and social growth also happens in
12 communities. It's not good enough to have a strategy
13 where we're just building housing and not thinking of
14 the other amenities that communities need so I think
15 these two rezonings strike an important balance in
16 reaching a medium that's gonna insure that even as we
17 get affordable housing but that local communities
18 receive the particular amenities that they long
19 deserve and I think we do have a lot more work to do
20 in the City in ensuring that we are addressing the
21 affordable housing crises. These two projects
22 certainly are hitting a mark and a target but there's
23 more work we need to do and around community land
24 trusts that was mentioned but also making sure more
25 subsidy dollars are available as well to make sure we

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2 can drive down the affordability levels even to a
3 greater capability and dimension as well so with that
4 congratulations. You've handled yourselves well.
5 Council Member Cumbo, hats off to you on a good deal
6 and to the Speaker, I of course expected nothing
7 less. Melissa does well everywhere and with that I
8 vote aye.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

10 CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to
12 explain my vote.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I want to say
15 welcome to Council Member Adams. We're glad to see
16 you here. You made it girl and to Council Member
17 Chin, I want to thank her for continuing to pass much
18 needed legislation that supports our senior
19 population and to Council Member Cumbo. I think with
20 leadership comes great responsibility and
21 responsibility to make the tough decisions and I
22 truly believe that you are a profile in courage and I
23 congratulate you on getting this legislation passed
24 and with that I vote aye on all. Thank you.

25 CLERK: Salamanca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like
3 to congratulate and welcome Council Member Adams and
4 also congratulate Council Member Cumbo on a job well
5 done. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

7 CLERK: Torres. Treyger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to
9 explain my vote.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: So I'd like to
12 certainly congratulate all my colleagues on their
13 pieces of legislation and all their achievements and
14 kudos to the Speaker for her district and I'd like to
15 just comment briefly on Council Member Cumbo's land
16 use project. From my understanding it started with a
17 proposal that had two few affordable housing
18 opportunities with luxury condos and it ended up with
19 a proposal due to her determination and her steadfast
20 insistence that the project be majority affordable
21 housing with zero luxury condos and as noted by some
22 of my colleagues, people are not sardines. You don't
23 just stuff them in a box and say here. Live here.
24 They need to have services, schools, parks, a
25 neighborhood so this project also includes affordable

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2 space for non-profits in the community that serve the
3 neighborhood. It also provides affordable
4 recreational space where local residents pay \$10 a
5 month, \$10 a month, so they can have wonderful
6 programs, children, family, seniors so she is
7 providing I believe the deepest level of
8 affordability that the neighborhood has seen in quite
9 some time and she's providing her neighborhood with a
10 full sense of a neighborhood and let me just
11 respectfully add to the advocates. I respect
12 people's passion on this issue but killing the deal
13 would have meant zero affordable housing on that
14 site, zero, cause I don't know what non-profit
15 developer can just go there and build with no
16 resources so Council Member Cumbo I applaud you for
17 your strength during fire and I vote aye on all.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Rodriguez.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye all.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

22 CLERK: Ulrich.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: A warm welcome to
24 Council Member Adams, my neighbor in Queens. I vote
25 aye on all with the exception of Intro 1721 and 1723.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you.

4 CLERK: Vallone.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all
6 except 1723 and welcome Council Member Adams. May
7 you be comforted in knowing that you shall always be
8 going first while the rest of us with alphabetically
9 challenge council member names like myself are always
10 last.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: [Laughter]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Hopefully Madame
13 Advocate, we can address that in January.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: [Laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: We can switch
16 the roll call backwards and forwards but welcome
17 Adrienne and well done Laurie.

18 CLERK: Williams.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I excuse my
20 vote.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: First I too
23 want to congratulate Council Member Adams. I have
24 some dreams I'd like to talk to you about when we get
25 a chance but welcome.

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2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Run girl, run.

3 [Laughter]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: [Laughter] I
5 just want to, while I am standing on the Armory
6 project, I just want to make sure that I put on
7 record a particular exception to people calling my
8 colleague a liar and I just want to make sure that it
9 was noted. I don't see anything that she lied about.
10 I think one can argue whether or not they got what
11 they thought they wanted in the project and when I
12 stood with the Council Member I heard her
13 specifically say she would not support the deal as it
14 is and with comments about it being better and no one
15 can argue that it is significantly better than it was
16 originally when she said she would not support it.
17 There were some questions that I still wanted
18 answered that weren't so I'm gonna go aye on all with
19 the exception of Land Use 808 to 812 and 821 and
20 accompanying Resolutions in which I abstain. Thank
21 you.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Deutsch.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: No on 1650A, aye
25 on the rest. I want to congratulate Laurie Cumbo and

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2 also congratulate Council Member Adams to City
3 Council. Thank you.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Greenfield.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: May I sum it
7 up?

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you
10 very much. Abstaining on Finance Resolution 1730,
11 voting no on 1650, voting aye on the rest and I want
12 to congratulate once again Council Member Laurie
13 Cumbo and I want to congratulate the Speaker on the
14 [Inaudible] rezoning. Terrific accomplishments
15 including \$15 million for NICHU [phonetic] public
16 housing that's brand new. Precedent that's really
17 fantastic and I also want to congratulate Council
18 Member Ben Kallos for his determination in the ERFA
19 rezoning and I want to wish everybody a very happy
20 holidays.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

22 CLERK: Mealy.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I want to
24 congratulate Ms. Adams. Welcome to the council. I
25 just, wanna just say that congratulations to Laurie

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2 Cumbo. She fought a good fight and I'm glad that it
3 was changed but I have promised that I would not vote
4 for this with this development getting it for only a
5 dollar and then having a 99 year lease. I believe it
6 should have been much more affordable housing and
7 more supportive. Talking about two tales of a City,
8 Brownsville gets so many supportive housing and this
9 one should have had a lot more. If we can get 60%, I
10 believe this project since it's the City's and the
11 taxpayer's money, they should have did much more and
12 I vote aye on all and I vote no on 808-812. Thank
13 you.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Um-huh.

15 CLERK: Matteo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I'm voting no on
17 1723, 1721 and 152, aye on the rest.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Van Bramer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to
21 briefly explain my vote.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes sir.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: First of all
24 welcome to Council Woman Adams. I want to
25 congratulate Laurie Cumbo as well for working

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2 tirelessly to get this right on behalf of her
3 community. She doesn't deserve what happened and
4 what people said as she is better than that and I'm
5 proud to serve with you Laurie Cumbo so
6 congratulations. I also have to take a moment as a
7 gay man who struggled for a decade with my sexual
8 orientation to thank the Speaker and Council Member
9 Dromm. Banning conversion therapy will save lives
10 but not only with it prevent tragic suicides but will
11 also allow for LGBT folks to be who they are and
12 embrace who they are sooner, living healthier and
13 better lives so this is a really important step
14 forward. Incredible important piece of legislation
15 so I want to thank them and all those who support it.
16 Thank you very much.

17 CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito.

18 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: As we tally
19 the votes, that was quick. [Laughter] I too want to
20 welcome Council Member Adams and congratulate
21 Prince's mom, Council Member Cumbo. All items on
22 today's general order calendar were adopted by a vote
23 of 46 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
24 abstentions with the exception of Land Use 808-812
25 and accompanying Resolutions which is adopted by a

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2 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 2 negative and 1
3 abstention and Intro 1721A which was adopted by a
4 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 3 negative and 0
5 abstentions and Intro 1723A which was adopted by a
6 vote of 41 in the affirmative, 5 negative and 0
7 abstentions and Intro 1650A which was adopted by a
8 vote of 43 in the affirmative, 2 negative and 1
9 abstention and Intro 152C which was adopted by a vote
10 of 44 in the affirmative, 2 negative and 0
11 abstentions and Land Use 821 and Resolution 1758
12 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative,
13 0 negative and 1 abstention and Resolution 1730 which
14 was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 0
15 negative and 1 abstention. Introduction reading of
16 bills.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All items are
18 referred to committee as indicated on the agenda.

19 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Seeing no
20 discussion on resolutions, let's vote on Resolution
21 614 which reads as follows a Resolution calling upon
22 the New York State legislature to pass and the
23 Governor to sign into law A4558 and Senate 61 which
24 would prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender
25 expression and expand the state's hate crime statute

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2 to include offenses committed against someone on the
3 basis of his or her gender expression or identity.

4 All of those in favor, say aye.

5 ALL: Aye.

6 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All those
7 opposed, any abstention. The ayes have it.

8 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Resolution
9 1225, a Resolution calling upon the New York State
10 legislature to significantly increase funding for the
11 New York State long-term care ombudsman program. All
12 those in favor say Aye.

13 ALL: Aye.

14 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All of those
15 opposed, any abstentions. The ayes have it and
16 Resolution 1226A, a Resolution calling upon the New
17 York State legislature to pass and the Governor to
18 sign A2743 in relation to violations of safety
19 conditions in adult care facilities. All those in
20 favor say Aye.

21 ALL: Aye.

22 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All those
23 opposed, any abstentions. The ayes have it and
24 lastly Resolution 1287A, a Resolution calling upon
25 the United States Congress to pass and the President

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2 to sign HR3185 and Senate 1858 The Equality Act which
3 would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1968 to
4 include sexual orientation and gender identity as
5 prohibited categories of discrimination or
6 segregation with respect to employment, public
7 accommodation and housing. All those in favor say
8 Aye.

9 ALL: Aye.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: All those
11 opposed, any abstention. The ayes have it. General
12 discussion, Council Member Williams. Council Member
13 Williams not being in the room, Council Member
14 Treyger.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you Public
16 Advocate. When people hear about affordable housing,
17 the first question is always who is it affordable
18 for. My new bill will make sure our housing lottery
19 process is much more transparent, we'll finally know
20 exactly who qualifies for affordable housing and
21 perhaps more importantly who doesn't and why. With
22 my bill HPD will have to report on housing lottery
23 outcomes broken down by AMI, eligibility for
24 preference and demographics. The number of
25 applicants who are accepted, rejected or put on a

2 waiting list will also be available and the data will
3 be broken down by a variety of income levels
4 including extremely low income applicants, very low
5 income applicants, low income applicants and moderate
6 income applicants. I'm also pleased to introduce
7 another bill that will help many families here today.
8 It's more expensive than ever to raise a family in
9 our City and diapers are a call to necessity. Having
10 clean diapers for your children is not a luxury but
11 it is a need. Council Member Julissa Ferreras-
12 Copeland made our City better, a more equal place,
13 with her legislation that provided free feminine
14 hygiene products for so many people in our City.
15 Like feminine hygiene product, diapers are also a
16 necessity that should be available at no cost.
17 Diapers are a huge expense and my bill will provide
18 for free diapers for our most vulnerable families and
19 childcare centers and our family shelters and I thank
20 you for your time and also I want to just welcome
21 Council Member Adams to the coolest row in the City
22 Council as well.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: That's where I
24 used to sit. Not seeing Council Member Williams,
25 closing remarks to Speaker Mark-Viverito.

2 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you
3 to all my colleagues and definitely as I think
4 Council Member Cumbo said, you know, we need to
5 be respectful to each other and unfortunately the
6 situation today is one that has happened to other
7 legislative items. I know mine was one of the
8 ones that was being protested today. We do a lot
9 of deliberations. I know in my case, we did
10 extensive conversations and we made a lot of
11 adjustments to accommodate community concerns but
12 we know in this job we can't please everybody.
13 We do the best that we can. We work our damndest
14 and our hardest to ensure that community input is
15 part of the decisions we make and I'm proud of
16 the work that we've accomplished in this council
17 so I congratulate Council Member Cumbo and I
18 congratulate Ben Kallo and all of the other land
19 use items that were on the agenda so thank you
20 all for the support and congratulations again to
21 Council Member Adams. A great interesting first
22 day of your tenure. [Laughter]

23 [Laughter]

24 CHAIR SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: And with
25 that we end the session and we are adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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



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