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Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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Mark Treyger
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Peter A. Koo
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Rafael Salamanca. Jr.
Ritchie Torres
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
Robert F. Holden
Roy I. Lancman
Ruben Diaz, Jr.
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 [sound check, pause]

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise for the
4 Pledge of Allegiance.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down please.
6 All rise. [Pledge of Allegiance]

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
8 Roll call.

9 CLERK: Adams.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

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

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

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down please.
16 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

18 CLERK: Ayala.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye. I'm sorry.
20 Here.

21 CLERK: Barron.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present. (sic)

23 CLERK: Borelli.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.
25 CLERK: Brannan.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

3 CLERK: Cabrera.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

5 CLERK: Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

7 CLERK: Cohen.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

9 CLERK: Constantinides.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

11 CLERK: Cornegy.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

13 CLERK: Deutsch. Diaz.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

15 CLERK: Dromm.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

17 CLERK: Espinal.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

19 CLERK: Eugene.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

21 CLERK: Gibson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

23 CLERK: Gjonaj.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

25 CLERK: Grodenchik.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

3 CLERK: Holden.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

5 CLERK: Kallos.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

7 CLERK: King. Koo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

9 CLERK: Koslowitz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

11 CLERK: Lancman.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Present.

13 CLERK: Lander.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

15 CLERK: Levin. Cornegy.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here.

17 CLERK: Levine.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

19 CLERK: Maisel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

21 CLERK: Menchaca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

23 CLERK: Miller.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

25 CLERK: MOYA.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

3 CLERK: Perkins.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.

5 CLERK: Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

7 CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

9 CLERK: Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

11 CLERK: Rodriguez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

13 CLERK: Rose.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: HERE.

15 CLERK: Rosenthal.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

17 CLERK: Salamanca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

19 CLERK: Torres.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

21 CLERK: Treyger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

23 CLERK: Ulrich.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

25 CLERK: Vallone.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

3 CLERK: Van Bramer.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

5 CLERK: Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

7 CLERK: Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

9 CLERK: Matteo. Cumbo. Speaker Johnson.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Here.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All quiet in the
12 Chambers please. All rise for the invocation.

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

14 All rise.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today we have
16 some members of the Bronx Clergy Minister Rodolfo
17 Guiles, Deacon Barry Parker, Pastor Dr. Sidney
18 Hargrave, Dr. Rabbi Keith, Elijah Thompson, and they
19 are led today by the—in the Invocation by Pastor Jay
20 Gooding of Miracle Revival Temple (COGIC) at 1555
21 Macombs Road, in the great Borough of the Bronx.
22 Quiet in the Chamber.

23 PASTOR JAY GOODING: Can we just give the
24 lord a hand clap this morning. Amen. [applause] Oh,
25 Lord our Lord how excellent is thy name in all the

2 earth. First, we thank thee for allowing us a brand
3 new da, a brand new year and a brand new mercy. As
4 we celebrated Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Day, I
5 pray that our spirit of unity be exemplified, be
6 magnified in this city, this country and in this
7 state. As we invoke your presence upon this Council
8 and these Chambers, we pray your blessings in their
9 governing of our great city. We ask you to continue
10 to grant your favor and wisdom upon our Public
11 Advocate Letitia James, our New Speaker Corey John,
12 the third and second term Council Members as well as
13 our newly elected members that have the awesome task
14 and responsibility of being our policymakers. Grant
15 them the knowledge and wisdom and to make policies
16 that are fair and just for us all. I pray that you
17 would also bind us together in the spirit of oneness.
18 Help us to always walk in the common unity that will
19 allow us always to be a community, a community that
20 where there is darkness become beams to shine bright
21 lights, a community that where there is despair will
22 transcend a spirit of hope. A community that where
23 there is diversity can be the epitome of unity, a
24 community that where there is hate, can embrace the
25 spirit of love. A community that where there may be

2 grudges can replace feelings with generosity. A
3 community that even when we don't agree never become
4 disenchanting and disagreeable. I pray that from
5 these Chambers every person of every borough will be
6 served with justice, righteousness, dignity and
7 liberty for all. In closing, I pray that as prayer
8 and planning is made in these Chambers that your
9 peace and purpose be manifested in this city. These
10 things we ask in your name and for your sake, amen.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen. Please be
12 seated. A motion to spread the invocation in full
13 upon the record. I now call Council Member Vanessa
14 Gibson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you very
16 much, Madam Public Advocate. God afternoon, Mr.
17 Speaker and to all of my colleagues and guests who
18 are joining with us. I am so honored to join with
19 our Public Advocate in recognizing an incredible and
20 distinguished group of Bronx Clergy, members of our
21 clergy representing Bronx County, Minister Rodolfo
22 Guiles, our Board Chairman Deacon Barry Parker,
23 Pastor, Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Dr. Rabbi Keith, Elijah
24 Thompson and certainly the man who has given us the
25 invocation today my good friend Superintendent and

2 Pastor J. Allen Gooding, Sr. I have the honor of
3 working with Pastor Gooding. He's a native New
4 Yorker. He was born and bred in the Great Borough of
5 the Bronx, educated in our public school system, and
6 certainly, he is the pastor of two churches in the
7 Bronx, not one, but two. The Fellowship Tabernacle
8 Church of God of Christ located in the northeast
9 section of the Bronx as well as Miracle Revival
10 Temple Church of God and Christ located in our
11 district in the hybrid section on McCombs Road. And
12 for all the years I've been in the City Council and
13 certainly previously serving in the State Assembly,
14 Pastor Gooding has been an incredibly friend. He's
15 been an advocate, he's been a champion, a leader,
16 teacher and a preacher. He's been someone both
17 personally and professionally that I could always
18 come to whose always been there. Certainly, his
19 ministry has grown throughout the years and in
20 addition, his church has partnered with our
21 distinguished Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark in
22 2016, we hosted a Gun Buy Back Program at his church
23 in the Northeast Bronx where we collected 99 guns to
24 take off of our streets, and that's an incredible
25 honor and certainly Pastor Gooding will continue to

2 work with us. As the Superintendent in the Church of
3 God of Christ, he oversees these two churches, and
4 currently serves as the Vice Chairman of Eastern New
5 York's Urban and Civic Affairs Department for the
6 Church. In addition, he's been the Clergy Liaison
7 working very closely with the NYPD for 16 years both
8 with the 49th Precinct and the Pelham Bay section of
9 the Bronx as well as serving as the Clergy Coalition
10 of the 44th Precinct in our district. He's also
11 served with distinction as a member of the Bronx
12 Borough Presidents' Clergy Task Force, and today he
13 currently serves as the President of the Clergy
14 Council of the 49th Precinct. Many, many titles and
15 in addition Pastor Gooding is also the Director of
16 Community Outreach at Jacoby Hospital with our
17 organization called Standing Up to Violence, also
18 called SUV. This is part and this Council is no
19 stranger to our Cure Violence and Crisis Management
20 work and SUV has been an incredible fabric and
21 foundation in our community, and working with at-risk
22 youth getting them off the streets, giving them an
23 opportunity to be success stories and not statistics,
24 taking guns out of their hands and giving them jobs.
25 And in addition to all of those titles, the one title

2 that I am grateful for Pastor Gooding is he has been
3 a friend. He has been consistent. He has stood with
4 us in the trenches. He has walked the streets of the
5 Bronx with us. Whenever a family has lost a loved
6 one due to violence, Pastor Gooding and all of the
7 Clergy members have been with us praying for
8 families, giving them support and the resources they
9 need to deal with the traumatic experience of being
10 involved in gun violence, and I want to thank him.

11 He is a husband of 26 years to his wife First Lady
12 Nicole Stacey. He is the father of four children--

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

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: --the grandfather
16 of seven--

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down please.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: --and he's also a
19 PK. He's a Preacher's Kid. He is the son of the
20 late Bishop Cesar Gooding and the son of our
21 Evangelist at the Church, mother Josephine Gooding
22 and I'm just so honored that he's here, and I want to
23 thank all of the clergy that have joined Pastor
24 Gooding because in times of turbulence, in times of
25 strength we always go back to the church. The church

2 has always been our sanctuary. It's always been our
3 foothold. It's always been our source of strength
4 and encouragement, and certainly on the cusp of
5 recognizing the 89th Birthday of the Reverend Dr.
6 Martin Luther King, Jr. what better time than this to
7 come together in the spirit of together and
8 fellowship. And I want to thank Pastor Gooding and
9 certainly Madam Public Advocate, I please ask you to
10 welcome Pastor Gooding and all of the distinguished
11 members of the Bronx Clergy to our Chamber, and thank
12 you, Pastor, for your prayer over our proceedings.
13 May God bless you and keep you. I love you and
14 appreciate you. Thank you for being here.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you,
16 Council Member and we thank you Pastor and we thank
17 the members of the delegation from the Bronx. Thank
18 you so much. [applause] Adoption of Minutes,
19 Council Member Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Motion that the
21 Minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 30, 2017
22 and December 11, 2017 be adopted as printed. PUBLIC
23 ADVOCATE JAMES: [interposing] [shushing for quiet]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

4 Messages and papers from the Mayor.

5 CLERK: None.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
7 from city, county and borough offices.

8 CLERK: None. M7, OMB Withdrawal.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Received,
10 ordered, printed and filed.

11 CLERK: Preconsidered M8, Transferring
12 city found between agencies.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Finance.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
15 communications.

16 CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-
18 ups. Quiet in the Chambers, please.

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

21 CLERK: M9 through M11 Various
22 Applications.

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Are coupled on a
24 call-up vote and I would now like to a roll call vote
25 on all Land Use Call-Ups.

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

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

5 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

7 CLERK: Ayala.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

9 CLERK: Barron. Borelli.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

11 CLERK: Brannan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Cabrera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

15 CLERK: Chin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Cohen.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Constantinides.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

21 CLERK: Cornegy.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

23 CLERK: Deutsch.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

25 CLERK: Diaz. Dromm.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

3 CLERK: Espinal.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

5 CLERK: Eugene.

6 COUNCIL EUGENE: Aye.

7 CLERK: Gibson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

9 CLERK: Diaz.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes.

11 CLERK: Gjonaj.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

13 CLERK: Grodenchik.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

15 CLERK: Holden.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Kallos.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

19 CLERK: King.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present and aye.

21 Clerk: Koo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

23 CLERK: Koslowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Lancman.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye

3 CLERK: Lander.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye. .

5 CLERK: Levin. Levine.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

7 CLERK: Maisel.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

9 CLERK: Menchaca.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

11 CLERK: Miller.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

13 CLERK: MOYA.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Yes.

15 CLERK: Perkins.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

17 CLERK: Powers.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Reynoso.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

21 CLERK: Richards.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

23 CLERK: Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rodriguez.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

3 CLERK: Rose.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

5 CLERK: Rosenthal.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

7 CLERK: Salamanca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

9 CLERK: Torres.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

11 CLERK: Treyger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

13 CLERK: Ulrich.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

15 CLERK: Vallone.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

17 CLERK: Van Bramer.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

19 CLERK: Williams. Yeger.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

21 CLERK: Matteo

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

23 Clerk: Cumbo. Speaker Johnson.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Aye. Good

25 afternoon. Before we have to read the vote--sorry.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's Land Use
3 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 45 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative. Quiet in the
5 Chambers please as we now hear from the Speaker Corey
6 Johnson.

7 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good afternoon.
8 Before we begin I'd like to recognize the passing of
9 a hero here in New York City Lieutenant Jos Stash.
10 Before becoming a lieutenant Joe was a firefighter
11 when he bravely risked his life on September 11,
12 2001. Joe succumbed to 9/11 related illness last
13 week. I also would like to take a moment and
14 recognize the loss of one of the most important
15 figures in the history against the fight of HIV and
16 AIDS. Founder of the American Foundation for AIDS
17 Research, AMFAR, Dr. Mathilde Krim devoted her life
18 to ending HIV and AIDS and inspired countless others
19 to do the same. From early days of the AIDA
20 epidemic when fear, misinformation, and
21 discrimination abounded, she raised public awareness
22 about the epidemic and generated funds for medical
23 research that helped lead to life saving treatments.
24 As an HIV positive man who has been living with the
25 Virus for over 13 years, I know that I likely would

2 not be alive today without the efforts of Dr.
3 Mathilde Krim. I met her during my first trip to
4 New York City at the age of 18. I was seated next
5 to her the Hetrick Martin Institute dinner. Little
6 did I know the important role that she would
7 ultimately play in my life. My thoughts and prayers
8 go out to the family and friends of Dr. Krim. Her
9 legacy will live on in the Countless lives that she
10 saved. If folks would stand I'd like to take a
11 moment of silence and honor Lieutenant Joe Stash
12 from the FDNY--

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please rise.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: --and Dr. Krim
15 and their families. [moment of silence observed]

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you all.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: So, jumping into
19 our docket for the day, today we're voting to extend
20 the Fiscal Year 2019 Preliminary Budget as we begin
21 this session with our newly minted Finance Chair,
22 Danny Dromm.

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

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I look forward to
3 working, yes. [applause] I look forward to working
4 with all of our colleagues in securing a smart and
5 responsible budget for the city of New York during
6 these difficult challenging financial times. I want
7 to make this Council a strong independent body, and
8 we will do that today by increasing resources for
9 Council Members and their offices. Every member
10 deserves this. Their staff deserves it, and I'm—I'm
11 proud that we're doing that today as well. That
12 completes the highlights of our docket and I look
13 forward to proceeding with today's vote. That ends
14 Communication from the Speaker.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Discussion of
16 General Orders. Seeing none Report of Special
17 Committees.

18 CLERK: None.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of
20 Standing Committees.

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Finance Preconsidered Intro 1 Budget Extender.

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
24 General Orders with a message of necessity.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered M8 and Resolution
3 2, Transfer of City founds.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Coupled on
5 General Orders.

6 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar,
7 Resolution Appointing Various Persons Commissioner of
8 Deeds.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
10 General Orders, and I would now ask for a roll call
11 vote on all items on the Genera Order Calendar.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
13 Chambers please.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Keep it down please,
15 keep it down.

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Quiet down.

17 CLERK: Adams.

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

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: First of all, I
22 would like to thank you, Madam Public Advocate,
23 Speaker Corey Johnson, and all of my colleagues for
24 attending my inaugural on Sunday. It was an amazing
25 feeling to get the text, the phone calls and the

2 bodies in the room to support me. My family was over
3 the moon, and so was I. With that, I vote aye on
4 all.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Congratulations.

6 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on

12 all.

13 CLERK: Borelli.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Brannan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye, all.

17 CLERK: Cabrera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

19 CLERK: Chin.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on

25 all.

2 CLERK: Cornegy.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Deutsch.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Diaz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: [off mic]

8 CLERK: Gracias. Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

10 CLERK: Espinal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Eugene.

13 COUNCIL EUGENE: Aye.

14 CLERK: Gibson.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Gjonaj.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Grodenchik.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

20 CLERK: Holden.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

22 CLERK: Kallos.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: King.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.

2 Clerk: Koo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Koslowitz.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Lancman.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK: Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye. .

10 CLERK: Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Levine.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Maisel.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

16 CLERK: Menchaca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

18 CLERK: Miller.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: MOYA.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

22 CLERK: Perkins.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Powers.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

2 CLERK: Reynoso. Richards.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

4 CLERK: Rivera.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to
6 explain my vote.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes. [laughs]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So, I want to
9 take this opportunity to recognize the passing of an
10 icon and pillar of my district and of the Lower East
11 Side, Adella Fargas. Adella was the proud founder
12 and owner of Casa Villa, which is Alphabet City
13 institution that doesn't just serve the best Puerto
14 Rican food in the city, but a place that since 19676
15 has provided a piece of home for so many Puerto
16 Ricans and New Yorkers of Puerto Rican descent
17 including myself. So, I-I just has a rice and beans
18 this past Friday ordering my usual, but I did not
19 realize this would be the last time that Adella would
20 occupy her seat at the back of the restaurant.

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

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So, you see
24 Adella was the grandmother for our community, our,
25 you know, our abuela, and whether it was with her

2 amazing food, just good conversation, she always had
3 an knack for making people feel as if they were with
4 family back on the island. I remember going with my
5 family and friends to Casa Villa not just for the
6 food but also for the chance just to see her. She as
7 a proud supporter of a free and thriving Puerto Rico,
8 and it always—she was always willing to cook for
9 those who were fighting for the movement. But most
10 importantly, Adella was someone who brought people
11 together, and made the Lower East side what it was
12 and what is today. I just want to extend my
13 sincerest condolences to Adella's family to her
14 children Abigale and Luiz and to her grandchildren.
15 I ask that we just take a very brief moment of
16 silence to honor—honor the Lower East Side's
17 grandmother someone that I and all of our community
18 will miss so dearly.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quite in the
20 Chambers. A moment of silence, please. [a moment of
21 silence observed] Thank you. May she rest in peace.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: And I vote aye.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Rodriguez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

2 CLERK: Rose.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

4 CLERK: Rosenthal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye, aye on
6 all.

7 CLERK: Salamanca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

9 CLERK: Torres.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Treyger.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I just want to
13 commend-- Permission to briefly explain my vote.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, sir.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you. I
16 just want to commend the Speaker for recognizing the--
17 the real need to increase pay and our--and our staff
18 salaries. This is a real need in the Council to
19 retain quality folks who work so hard and give of
20 themselves, and I just want to commend the Speaker
21 for recognizing that, and keeping his commitments as
22 well. So, I--I proudly vote aye on all.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 CLERK: Ulrich.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yes.

2 CLERK: Vallone.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Van Bramer.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Williams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

8 CLERK: Yeger.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

10 CLERK: Matteo

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

12 Clerk: Cumbo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

14 CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye.

16 [background comments]

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All items on

18 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a vote

19 of 49 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0

20 abstentions, and there is the Revised Land Use Call-

21 Ups, they were adopted by a vote of 49 in the

22 affirmative and 0 negative. Introduction and reading

23 of bills.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: All items have

25 been to committee as indicated on the agenda.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: We do not have
3 any resolution this afternoon. We will be with
4 general discussions beginning with Council Member
5 Rodriguez.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
7 First of all, I would like to thank all my colleagues
8 who expressed their support as we were standing for
9 the right to Ravi (sic) to stay in the United States.
10 Today, at 4:00 p.m. his case will be heard today in
11 Brooklyn. We don't have much expectation of any new
12 changes, but his lawyer they're doing they can, and
13 the decision will be made in the City of New York on
14 for Ravi who will stand not only for himself but for
15 millions of undocumented Americans will be a granted
16 an opportunity to reopen his case to stay in the
17 United States. I encourage all my colleagues to
18 continue fighting not only for us, but for those
19 millions of undocumented individuals that no one
20 asked them for the immigration status when they spend
21 billions of dollars buying in Target, Marshal's and
22 other big stores. However, we don't allow them to
23 have the opportunity to live in peace in this nation.
24 So, with that, I'd like to again express my thank you

2 to all my colleague who have been supporting in this
3 case.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council
5 Member Cumbo. [background comments] Council Member
6 Barron.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
8 Public Advocate. Just want to remind us of Dr.
9 Martin Luther King, and when I think of Dr. King, I
10 think about the radical King not the passive, mild
11 King that brought his message of a dream, but the
12 radical king who the government saw as the most
13 dangerous person in America because he refused to be
14 silent, because he had boldness to call out things
15 that were unjust and to challenge this country to do
16 better. Dr. Cornell West describes him as the black
17 prophetic traditional minister with fire in his
18 bones, love in his heart, light in his mind and
19 courage in his soul. So, I just want to say that as
20 we've gone through a lot of ceremonies and recognized
21 the contributions and the sacrifices of his life that
22 we look at him in the totality of who he was, and
23 that he was not afraid to call this country out for
24 all of those things that he said were injustices, and
25 to call on us to be revolutionaries. I invite you to

2 read his book and I invite you to read Dr. Cornell
3 West's book, *The Radical Dr. King*. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
5 Council Member Williams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I
7 first want to associate myself with Council Member
8 Barron's words. It is actually an awesome book. Too
9 often we try to sanitize who Dr. King was. He was
10 revolutionary, he was an agitator. He disrupted the
11 norm. It is weird to me as I heard people talking
12 about what happened to Ydanis and I and why we were
13 out there at the same out of one side of their mouth,
14 and the second side of their mouth celebrating Dr.
15 King Day. If you do not understand why people were
16 out there fighting for Riley (sic), fighting for Gene
17 Montegro (sp?), fighting for moral immigration
18 standards, you do not understand who Dr. King was,
19 what he was trying to do, the methods he used. Non-
20 violence should not be confused with being docile. I
21 do want to speak briefly on what happened with myself
22 and Council Member Ydanis. First of all, thank you
23 for all of the texts, and the well wishes that are
24 received. I really appreciate it. I do want to say
25 thank you particularly to Speaker Johnson who was out

2 there with us, who spoke up for us, and didn't mince
3 any words about what he saw. Thank you very much. I
4 think Public Safety Chair Council Member Richards for
5 his words and Council Member Torres for agreeing that
6 we should look into what happened. I have particular
7 questions about the instructions that were given to
8 the officers about where they thought they were going
9 into, and I have additional questions about if, when
10 and how the NYPD or other agencies of this city will
11 assist ICE. Because that is what was happening that
12 day. We have for the court—we have further knowledge
13 about even after that particular incident for the
14 assistance that we're giving. These are questions
15 that I'm hoping also to ask the Mayor and the
16 Commissioner. As of yet, they have not reached out
17 to me. So, I haven't had the opportunity to do that.
18 I will say the last time something that's happened to
19 me with another administration, I at least got the
20 respect of that call. I am looking forward to talking
21 about this a little more with Council Member
22 Rodriguez tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
24 Council Member Ulrich.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you, Madam
3 Public Advocate I-I just want to rise for a moment
4 and recognize the passing of a giant in Queens.

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

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: May be unfamiliar
8 to many of my colleagues, but certainly not
9 unfamiliar to many of my colleagues especially
10 Council Member Koslowitz and Barry Grodenchik who had
11 the pleasure of knowing Ms. Maria Thompson who led
12 the Woodhaven Business Improvement District and also
13 the Great Woodhaven Development Corporation for well
14 over 30 years. She was also long time member of
15 Community Board 9. I think one of the original
16 members she started out when they were community
17 planning boards. She was very proud of that, very
18 involved with the Local Precinct Community Council
19 and a long time resident, life long New Yorker and
20 long time resident of-of Woodhaven, Queens. Her
21 heart and soul was really dedicated to the betterment
22 of her community, and she always did so with a smile.
23 She was a friend to many, and she died somewhat
24 suddenly last week. Council Member Koslowitz and I
25 had to-were able to attend her wake, and there was

2 just an overflowing of mourning, but also support
3 and—and good stories about all of the wonderful
4 things that Maria Thompson did for her community and
5 for the Borough of Queens. She loved Queens. She
6 loved the City o New York and she will be missed. She
7 was a giant. Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May she rest in
9 peace and lastly Council Member Kallos unless there
10 are others, others.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Some of you may
12 notice the pen on my lapel. It's a fashion accessory
13 of the season and it's in support of Paid Parental
14 Leave. Mayor de Blasio almost two years ago said
15 that New York City would join other progressive
16 cities like Austin and Pittsburgh in providing
17 municipal workers with paid parental—parental leave.
18 Unfortunately, this has not materialized for our
19 teachers. I for one would like to say that should I
20 be blessed to have a child I plan to take parental
21 leave. I hope that those in this body who have kids
22 have taken it or will take it, and we need to make
23 sure that we make it available to our teachers. So,
24 I hope that you will join me in wearing this pen, and
25 supporting the campaign to make sure that every

2 single one of our municipal workers has access to
3 paid parental leave as we expand it to the city as a
4 whole. And I want to thank our Public Advocate who I
5 believe has been a champion on this issue as well,
6 and I hope we can join together to support our
7 parents. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you and
9 lastly, Council Member Lander I think.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam
11 Public Advocate. You may not have noticed in the
12 depths of Friday afternoon when the Mayor's Monuments
13 Commission released their report that obviously
14 contains some partially contentious information. But
15 one thing I think we can probably all agree on is the
16 city could do a better job of telling all our
17 histories. There are so many stories in this city
18 that are not on the map. The first Planned
19 Parenthood Clinic was in Brownsville, Brooklyn, but
20 the building where it was demolished. So, it's not a
21 landmark. There ought to be a marker. The draft
22 riots, you know, a real dark moment in our history
23 when 11 African-Americans were lynched. EJI, Equal
24 Justice Initiative, Brian Stevenson's remarkable
25 organization is marking those all around the country.

2 There's no marker in New York City. So, over the
3 weekend Council Member, Majority Leader Cumbo and
4 Council Member Van Bramer and I launched a website
5 and a new program allourhitorienyc.com. I invite
6 you to visit it, and suggest things that you think
7 ought to be historic markers on the map in New York
8 City, and we'll be reintroducing a bill we introduced
9 last session, which would authorize and direct the
10 Mayor and the Administration to set up a program that
11 puts all our histories on the map and in honor of
12 King Day, and invite people to take a look at it, and
13 join us in the effort. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, seeing
15 no one else, and now to close our Speaker, Speaker
16 Corey Johnson.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Today's meeting
18 is adjourned. Thank you. [applause] [gavel]

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



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