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

Letitia James, Public Advocate

Amit Paley
CEO and Executive Director of Trevor Project

Bishop Dr. Annette Lazarus Rose
Bethesda Healing Center

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3 Stated Meeting of March 7, 2018 and this is being
4 recorded by Muhammed Arshod[sp] in the New York City
5 Council Chambers.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Could come up as well.
7 If you have a project, you want to come up front.
8 Jonathan, if I may have that for a moment. Thank
9 you. I'm not gonna shake your hand because I'm sick,
10 okay. I'm gonna stay away from everyone. Come on
11 up, come on up everyone. Thank you all for being
12 here. Come on this side too. Sorry, it's a little
13 slow here today because of the snow but Amit, it's
14 great to have you so the New York City Council is
15 really, really proud, here you go, you may have this,
16 really, really proud to honor the Trevor Project, 20
17 years of serving LGBTQ youth across the country. It
18 started, of course, in California but with offices in
19 New York and in Los Angeles and as an openly gay man
20 with two other openly gay men who are council members
21 both of whom were very much involved in the LGBT
22 rights movement back when it wasn't so popular and
23 being someone who was suicidal LGBT teenager myself
24 at the age of 16 years old, I am deeply grateful for
25 the work that the Trevor Project does so we are

2 really honored to have you here today. We are
3 grateful for the work that you all do day in and day
4 out and before I ask you to make some remarks, I want
5 to ask the Clerk to please read the proclamation.

6 CLERK: Council, City of New York
7 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to
8 honor the Trevor Project for 20 years of
9 extraordinary service and dedication to LGBTQ teen
10 and young adults and

11 Whereas, in 1994 producers Peggy Rajski
12 and Randy Stone saw writer, performer James Lecesne's
13 award winning one man show *Word of Mouth* in which he
14 brought an unforgettable character named Trevor to
15 life convinced Trevor's story would make a wonderful
16 short film. Mr. Stone and Ms. Rajski invited
17 Mr. Lecesne to adapt it into a screen play. Set in
18 1981, the film follows what happens to 13 year old
19 Trevor when he realizes that he's gay. When everyone
20 else finds out as well, he is ostracized and in his
21 despair. Trevor starts contemplating suicide.
22 Trevor directed Ms. Rajski went on to win many
23 prestigious awards including the Oscar for Best Live
24 Action Short Film and

2 Whereas, in addition to winning an
3 Academy Award, the film eventually launched a
4 national movement. When Mr. Stone secured an airing
5 on HBO with Ellen DeGeneres hosting, director
6 producer Ms. Raski discovered there was no real place
7 for young people like Trevor to turn when facing
8 challenges similar to his. She quickly recruited
9 mental health experts and figured out how to build
10 the infrastructure necessary for nationwide 24 hour
11 crisis line and writer, James Lecesne secured the
12 funds to start it. In 1998, the night their funny
13 and moving coming of age story premiered on HBO,
14 these visionary film makers launched the
15 TrevorLifeline, the first national crisis
16 intervention and suicide prevention lifeline for
17 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning
18 youth and

19 Whereas, over the course of the last two
20 decades hundreds of thousands of young people in
21 crisis have reached out to the Trevor Project's
22 multiple in person and on-line lifesaving, life
23 affirming resources, TrevorLifeline, TrevorChat,
24 TrevorSpace, TrevorText and Trevor Education
25 Workshops and,

2 Whereas, the need for the Trevor Project
3 is just as great today as it ever has been. Of all
4 youth suicides, 33% identify as LGBTQ. One-third of
5 all LGBTQ kids report having attempted suicide and 9
6 out of 10 report overt harassment at school. The
7 Trevor Project has a tremendously positive and
8 lifesaving impact. It has proven that when young
9 people feel loved and supported, they gain the
10 strength to live, and

11 Whereas, today the Trevor Project is the
12 premier organization providing crisis intervention
13 and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ teens and
14 young adults in New York and across the nation,

15 Now Therefore Be It Known that the New
16 York City Council is proud to honor the Trevor
17 Project in celebration of its 20th anniversary for
18 extraordinary service to LGBTQ young people and their
19 loved ones and we wish it continued success in the
20 years ahead. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the entire
21 Council, Daniel Dromm, Chair LGBT Caucus, Council
22 Member 25th District Queens, Ritchie Torres, Council
23 Member 15th District the Bronx, Jimmy Van Bramer,
24 Council Member 26th District Queens, Carlos Menchaca,
25 Council Member 38th District Brooklyn.

2 [Applause]

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank the Clerk as
4 always for reading that. I want to let the folks in
5 the Trevor Project know before I turn it over to
6 Amit, that we are joined by our Public Advocate,
7 Letitia James, Council Member Bill Perkins, as said,
8 Council Member Danny Dromm, Council Member Rafael
9 Salamanca from the Bronx, Council Woman Karen
10 Koslowitz from Queens, Councilman Barry Grodenchik
11 from Queens, Councilman Bob Holden from Queens,
12 Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer from Queens and we
13 are really, sorry, and Council Member Margaret Chin,
14 my neighbor, who represents this district from
15 Manhattan. I'm really grateful that you are here and
16 congratulations on 20 years so I want to turn it over
17 to Trevor's executive director or CEO?

18 AMIT PALEY: Both titles.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Both titles, Amit
20 Paley.

21 AMIT PALEY: Thank you so much. I just
22 wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you here in
23 particular. The Speaker who is battling the flu, for
24 being here, to the entire LGBTQ caucus, to the
25 council members and other elected officials who are

2 here. Thank you so much for this honor and for
3 recognizing the work that all my colleagues here and
4 across the country do every day on behalf of LGBTQ
5 youth. We are the world's largest suicide prevention
6 organization for LGBTQ young people but we do a lot
7 in New York City. I am based in New York as are all
8 my colleagues who are here right now and New York
9 City has really been a model for standing up for
10 LGBTQ young people for decades. We know that suicide
11 is a public health crisis for LGBTQ youth and yet we
12 also know that it is preventable and that there is a
13 lot that we can do to help LGBTQ young people and
14 that's how we're so excited to partner with the City
15 hopefully this year to really expand our presence in
16 New York City even further and to really make New
17 York City a model, first in the nation example of
18 comprehensive suicide prevention for LGBTQ youth so
19 thank you for having us here and thank you for all
20 that you do for LGBTQ people.

21 [Applause]

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
23 Thank you and a big round of applause to all the
24 staff of the Trevor Project for all their hard work
25 as well and let's get a photo together.

2 [pause]

3 CLERK: Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have
4 your attention please. Can I please have your
5 attention. At this time, at this time, please place
6 all electronic devices to vibrate, all electronic
7 devices to vibrate. Will all non-council employees,
8 non-council employees please leave the main floor of
9 the Chambers. Thank you. Madam Public Advocate.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please take your
11 seats. Please close the back doors. Quiet in the
12 Chambers please. Everyone please take your seat.
13 All rise for the pledge of allegiance.

14 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
15 the United States of America and to the Republic for
16 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,
17 with liberty and justice for all.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.
19 Roll call. Quiet in the Chambers.

20 CLERK: Adams?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

22 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

24 CLERK: Ayala?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

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2 CLERK: Barron? Borelli? Brannan?
3 Cabrera? Chin?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

5 CLERK: Cohen?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

7 CLERK: Constantinides?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here

9 CLERK: Cornegy?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Here

11 CLERK: Deutsch? Diaz?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Here.

13 CLERK: Dromm?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

15 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene? Gibson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

17 CLERK: Gjonaj? Grodenchik?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Yes.

19 CLERK: Holden?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

21 CLERK: Kallos? King? Koo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

23 CLERK: Koslowitz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

25 CLERK: Lancman?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

3 CLERK: Lander? Levin? Levine? Maisel?
4 Menchaca? Brannan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

6 CLERK: Cornegy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: The Brooklyn
8 delegation is still meeting but on behalf of them,
9 they're all on their way.

10 CLERK: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So you're
12 calling out attendance for my entire delegation who's
13 on its way.

14 CLERK: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: So Brooklyn's not
16 in the house?

17 [Laughter]

18 CLERK: Miller?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

20 CLERK: Thank you, three away.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: [Laughter]

22 CLERK: Moya?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

24 CLERK: Perkins?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Yes.

2 CLERK: Powers?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

4 CLERK: Reynoso? Richards?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

6 CLERK: Lander?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

8 CLERK: Rivera?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

10 CLERK: Menchaca?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presenta.

12 CLERK: Rodriguez?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

14 CLERK: Rose?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

16 CLERK: Rosenthal?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

18 CLERK: Salamanca?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

20 CLERK: Torres?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

22 CLERK: Deutsch?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

24 CLERK: Treyger? Ulrich?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

2 CLERK: Maisel?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

4 CLERK: Vallone?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

6 CLERK: Van Bramer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

8 CLERK: Williams? Yeger? Matteo?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

10 CLERK: Cumbo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Here.

12 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. I

15 apologize but to maintain quorum today, I cannot

16 grant any early excusals and so I apologize in

17 advance. Please rise for the invocation. The

18 invocation will be delivered by Bishop Dr. Annette

19 Lazarus Rose from Bethesda Healing Center at 167 E.

20 98th Street from the Borough of Brooklyn.

21 BISHOP DR. ANNETTE ROSE: Good afternoon,

22 everyone. Our Father in heaven we come before you

23 this afternoon with full understanding that you are

24 Lord and we are mere humans. Baring this in mind, we

25 are committing our ways to you, asking for direction

2 as we begin this journey of transacting business on
3 behalf of the constituents of District 41 in this
4 great City of New York. I thank you for all 51
5 Council Members, the Speaker Mr. Corey Johnson and
6 our Public Advocate Letitia James, Clergy and all
7 other New York City officiants present. Your word
8 declares in Proverbs 29, verse 2, that when the
9 righteous are in authority, the people rejoice but
10 when the wicked man rules, the people groan.
11 Heavenly Father, I thank you for Council Woman Alicka
12 Ampry-Samuel because of her love for the people, the
13 people will rejoice. I pray that you will continue
14 to direct her and her team as they go forth like the
15 daughters of the Loufa[phonetic], may she have the
16 strength and the courage to fight for the rights and
17 the wellbeing of the people of New York, specifically
18 those of Bedford Stuyvesan, Ocean Hill, Brownsville,
19 East Flat Bush, and Crown Heights because of the
20 disparities and injustices meted out for so long.
21 May she always be an agent of change addressing the
22 mental, social and economic injustices that our
23 communities face daily. May she and her team
24 strategist to build homes in our communities, create
25 programs to further our education and productivity,

2 improve our health and finances ultimately making New
3 York City one of the greatest in this nation to live
4 and Dear God, I ask that those of us who are called
5 to the clergy will do our part to support her vision
6 and participate readily in the upliftment of New York
7 City. Help her Lord in her effort to practice law in
8 the service of human needs. This we ask in Christ's
9 name, Amen.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Amen, please be
11 seated. Quiet in the chambers. A motion to spread
12 the invocation. Council Member Ampry-Samuel.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you
14 so much. That was very emotional for me. It is an
15 honor for me

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me, quiet
17 in the Chambers. Thank you. We apologize Council
18 Member.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: It is an
20 honor for me and all the members within the 41st
21 Council District and all the members here in the New
22 York City Council, and in particular the Brownsville
23 community to sit here and witness such an amazing
24 prayer given by Bishop Dr. Annette Lazarus Rose who
25 has her congregation that is just around the corner

2 from where my mom lives on E. 98th Street and Blake
3 Avenue and I just want to say when we watched that
4 church be built, it turned into a sanctuary for so
5 many families in the Brownsville community, so many
6 families from after school programs to summer
7 programs. You have done so much for our community
8 and not just as the Bishop and a clergy member but a
9 strong woman, a strong wife, a mother and a
10 grandmother dedicated to our people so I thank you so
11 much for that prayer. It is again an honor for you
12 to be here and I move that we spread the invocation
13 today. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Bless
15 you Pastor. Adoption of minutes, Council Member Van
16 Bramer.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Motion that
18 the minutes of the stated meeting of January 16, 2018
19 and January 31, 2018 be adopted as printed.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Messages and
21 papers from the Mayor.

22 CLERK: M19, preliminary Mayor's
23 management report.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
25 printed and filed.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication
3 from City, County and Borough offices.

4 CLERK: M20 and M21, Comptroller reports.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
6 printed and filed.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and
8 communications.

9 CLERK: None.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use call
11 ups.

12 CLERK: M22 through M26, various
13 applications.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call up
15 vote. I'd like to ask for a roll call vote on
16 today's Land Use callus.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And again please
18 be reminded that no early excusals will be granted.
19 I apologize.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We need to get the hell
21 out of here.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Right, to
23 maintain quorum, another way, to maintain quorum.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Grodenchik, did you
3 hear me? We need to get the hell out of here. No
4 comment.

5 [Laughter]

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: That's another
7 way to say it.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Roll call vote.

9 CLERK: Adams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

13 CLERK: Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

15 CLERK: Barron?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote Aye.

17 CLERK: Brannan?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

21 CLERK: Cohen?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

25

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Did we call
3 Ampry-Samuel?

4 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

6 CLERK: Cornegy?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

8 CLERK: Deutsch?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

10 CLERK: Diaz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Dromm?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

14 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene? Gibson?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

16 CLERK: Gjonaj? Grodenchik?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

18 CLERK: Holden?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

20 CLERK: King? Koo?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

22 CLERK: Koslowitz?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

24 CLERK: Lancman?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

2 CLERK: Lander?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

4 CLERK: Levine? Maisel?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

6 CLERK: Menchaca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Miller?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

10 CLERK: Moya?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

12 CLERK: Perkins?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

14 CLERK: Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

16 CLERK: Reynoso?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on

18 all.

19 CLERK: Richards?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

21 CLERK: Rivera?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

23 CLERK: Rodriguez?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Rose?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

3 CLERK: Rosenthal?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

5 CLERK: Salamanca?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

7 CLERK: Torres?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.

9 CLERK: Treyger?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

11 CLERK: Ulrich?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

13 CLERK: Vallone?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

15 CLERK: Van Bramer?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

17 CLERK: Williams?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

19 CLERK: Yeger? Matteo?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

21 CLERK: Cumbo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.

23 CLERK: Eugene?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [Inaudible]

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Is that aye?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Yes, aye.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

4 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Today's land use
7 call ups are adopted by a vote of 43 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative. All quiet in the
9 Chambers as we now hear from the Speaker Corey
10 Johnson.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon. I am
12 sick so we're gonna get out of here fast so I can go
13 home and get into bed but I'd first like to welcome
14 the Trevor Project to City Hall today. I am proud to
15 honor the Trevor Project for 20 years of
16 extraordinary service and dedication to LGBTQ teens
17 and young adults. As a gay teenager two decades ago,
18 the Trevor Project helped really shape who I am
19 today. They are the largest suicide prevention
20 organization for LGBT young people in the country and
21 I'm thankful for the work that their staff does. If
22 we could please give them a round of a hand. They're
23 up in the balcony and I want to thank...

24 [Applause]

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I also wanted to
3 acknowledge Dillon Casey from the Land Use Division.
4 Dillon's last day is Friday as he'll be moving to
5 California to advocate for fair housing and work on
6 related policy issues. Dillon's work on behalf of
7 the Council these last three years has been of
8 superior quality and we thank him for his hard work
9 and we wish him all the best in sunny California so I
10 want to thank Dillon. Is he here?

11 [Applause]

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Dillon's in the back.
13 I want to thank him.

14 [Applause]

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: He has been great to
16 work with so I'm really, really grateful and good
17 luck so if folks could be quiet for a moment. Now on
18 a heartbreaking note, on Monday. If folks could turn
19 their phones off. On Monday tragedy struck in Park
20 Slope in Brooklyn and my heart aches for the Park
21 Slope community and I express my deepest condolences
22 to the families of two young children who were
23 killed, four year old Abigail Blumenstein and one
24 year old Joshua Lew. This is a devastating tragedy
25 and we must do everything in our power to further

2 reduce traffic fatalities in our City. I want to
3 invite Council Member Brad Lander to say a few words.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you
5 Mr. Speaker. Our community is shattered this week.
6 Abby was a beautiful four year old girl that was
7 described as smart and cheerfully curious about
8 everything by those who loved her. Her mom is
9 pregnant and she was excited to be a big sister.
10 Josh was a eighteen month old with a six month old
11 little brother who was a darling little boy. Abby's
12 mom, Ruthie Ann, is a Tony winning actor. She's
13 pregnant and still in the hospital so I ask that you
14 hold her in your prayers and when she won her Tony a
15 few years ago, she thanked her friend Lauren, Josh's
16 mom, in her remarks. Every detail is just
17 shattering. They were killed by a driver whose car
18 had run four red lights in the last two years and
19 been caught speeding in four school zones by cameras.
20 She should not have had a license to be driving
21 around. She stopped at a red light, watched a car go
22 by and with the light still red and the opposite
23 crosswalk full of people, accelerated into them
24 killing these two kids and hitting a few others. The
25 investigation is underway, of course, but we, we've

2 done a lot in this Chamber to try to make our streets
3 safer and we have but boy it doesn't feel like it's
4 worth anything on a week when you lose these two
5 babies so I just ask that we all recommit to working
6 together to keep reckless drivers off our streets.
7 We've got a lot more to do there and to make our
8 streets safer too and for now, just to hold these two
9 families in your hearts. Thank you.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: So if folks could rise,
11 we're gonna take a moment of silence.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All rise.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: For the two babies that
14 we lost and to all the victims and folks that are
15 mourning.

16 [pause]

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: So we're gonna jump
20 into our docket for the day. The Council will vote
21 to landmark properties in Manhattan and Brooklyn
22 which are the Interborough Rapid Transit IRT Company
23 Powerhouse located in Council Member Helen
24 Rosenthal's district. Many of you probably know it.
25 If you drive up the West side highway, you see that

2 old beautiful building with those stacks in the west
3 50's. It's a gorgeous old building and I'm so glad
4 that we're land marking it today. We're gonna
5 landmark the Empire State Dairy Company buildings
6 located in Council Member Rafael Espinal's district
7 and 827-831 Broadway buildings which is located in
8 Council Member Carlina Rivera's district. Next, the
9 Council's gonna vote on a package of legislation to
10 better serve the needs of runaway and homeless youth.
11 This is an important issue and one that hits close
12 home for me because in many cases young people from
13 my community, the LGBTQ community, are thrown out on
14 the street because of their sexual orientation. We
15 must do everything we can to help our young people
16 and with that in mind I sponsored Introduction 410-A
17 which would require the Department of Youth and
18 Community Development to develop a plan to provide
19 shelter to all runaway and homeless youth who request
20 shelter. This bill would also require DYCD to report
21 annually on runaway and homeless youth. The next
22 bill in this package is Introduction 490A sponsored
23 by Council Member Vanessa Gibson which would require
24 that runaway and homeless youth be permitted to
25 remain in runaway and homeless youth shelters for

2 extended time limits, doubling the permitted time in
3 a crisis shelter from 30 days to 60 days which is a
4 big deal if you are a young person who's in a crisis
5 shelter to double the length of stay and extending
6 the time in transitional independent living
7 facilities from 18 months granting an additional six
8 months to 24 months, another big, big deal and the
9 last piece which I actually think is probably the
10 most important part of this package of bills is
11 Introduction 556A sponsored by Council Member Ritchie
12 Torres. It would require the Department of Youth and
13 Community Development to include shelter services for
14 homeless young adults ages 21 to 24 as part of the
15 continuum of care for runaway and homeless youth
16 services. The reason why this is so important and
17 I'm sure Council Member Torres will talk about this.
18 State law which the City lobbied for, granted us the
19 ability to increase the age, raising the age allowed
20 for young people to get these services. If you are
21 20 years old and you turn 21, you are kicked out of
22 an RHY shelter and put into a DHS shelter. This
23 grants us the authority to let these young people
24 stay in RHY shelters which help them and get them
25 back on their feet up to the age of 24. It is going

2 to help so many young people who are homeless in New
3 York City. I want to thank the staff involved, Paul
4 Cinegol[phonetic], Kevin Cotowski[phonetic], Andrea
5 Vasquez, Lewis Cholton Brown, Jessica Ackerman and
6 Iesha Wright. We are also gonna vote on Resolution
7 177, sponsored by Council Member Mark Treyger which
8 calls on New York State on the New York State
9 legislature to amend the penal code Section 130-05
10 related to the lack of consent for sexual acts to add
11 persons in police custody to the list of persons
12 deemed incapable of consenting to a sexual act when
13 with a police officer. This is an important
14 resolution and I am really happy that Council Member
15 Treyger has shown leadership on this. The fact that
16 this isn't on the books already is deeply disturbing
17 and something that must be fixed immediately. I also
18 want to, where is Council Member Treyger? I also
19 want to really recognize the fact that when this
20 incident happened in Graves End in Council Member
21 Treyger's district a few months ago, he was the first
22 leader to call and figure out the loophole that
23 existed. The Governor put this in the 30 day
24 amendments but Council Member Treyger was on this
25 issue before anyone else. Because of the rape,

2 alleged rape that occurred with two police detectives
3 and a young woman who was in their custody and he was
4 at the forefront of this. He was pushing this. He
5 was calling on the City to do this and the State to
6 do this and he did this long before the legislature
7 or the Governor decided to take action on this so I'm
8 hopeful because it was put the 30 day amendments,
9 that it will be included but the person who showed
10 the real leadership on this, out of the gate
11 immediately was Council Member Treyger so when the
12 State legislature fixes this and gets it right, the
13 person who deserves the leadership chops on this is
14 our friend and colleague, Council Member Mark
15 Treyger.

16 [Applause]

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to thank the
18 staff on this, Beth Gollum[phonetic] and Casey
19 Addison and that completes our docket for today. I
20 want to thank you all. Let's vote quickly and get
21 back to our districts in this difficult weather.
22 Thank you Madam Public Advocate.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

24 Discussion of general orders? Seeing none. Report
25 of special committees?

2 CLERK: None.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Report of
4 standing committees?

5 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
6 Housing and Buildings, preconsidered Intro 720, site
7 safety training providers.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land
10 Use LU15 to LU19, various applications.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
12 modifications and referred to the City Planning
13 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70B of the Rules of
14 the Council and Section 197D of the New York City
15 Charter.

16 CLERK: LU20 and Reso. 231 through LU27
17 and Reso. 233 Landmark Designations.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
19 orders.

20 CLERK: LU28 and 29, zoning amendments.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
22 modifications and referred to the City Planning
23 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70B of the Rules of
24 the Council and Section 197D of the New York City
25 Charter.

2 CLERK: Preconsidered LU30 and Reso. 234,
3 Campaign Finance Board Office.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed
5 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

6 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules,
7 Privileges and Elections, M14 and Reso. 235,
8 approving the reappointment of Fernando A. Borquez,
9 Jr., conflict of interest board.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
11 orders.

12 CLERK: M15 and Reso. 236, approving the
13 reappointment of Anthony W. Crowell, conflict of
14 interest board.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
16 orders.

17 CLERK: M16 and Reso. 237 approving the
18 appointment of Salvatore Scapetta[phonetic], board of
19 standards and appeals.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
21 orders and before we keep moving on, I want to thank
22 Chair Koslowitz for chairing the hearing on Rules on
23 these nominations. She did a great job and I really
24 appreciate her leadership on this.

2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Youth
3 Services, Intros 410A, 490A and 556A, Homeless Youth
4 Services.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
6 general orders.

7 CLERK: On the general order calendar,
8 Resolution appointing various persons, Commissioner
9 of Deeds.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
11 orders and I would like a roll call vote on all of
12 the items on today's general order calendar.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
14 Chambers and let's begin our roll call with Council
15 Member Lancman.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK: Adams?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Ayala?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Barron?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.
3 That's with the understanding that we're not
4 considering LU28 and 29. Is that correct?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

6 CLERK: That's correct.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Brannan?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Cabrera?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Cabrera?

12 CLERK: Chin?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

14 CLERK: Cohen?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Constantinides?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on

18 all.

19 CLERK: Cornegy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Deutsch?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Diaz?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Si en tota.

25 CLERK: Dromm?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

3 CLERK: Espinal?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Eugene?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Gibson?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on

9 all.

10 CLERK: Gjonaj?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

12 CLERK: Grodenchik?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 CLERK: Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

16 CLERK: Koo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

18 CLERK: Koslowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

20 CLERK: Lander?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

22 CLERK: Levin?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

24 CLERK: Levine?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

2 CLERK: Maisel?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

4 CLERK: Menchaca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

6 CLERK: Miller?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

8 CLERK: Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Perkins?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shhhhh, quiet in
13 the Chambers please.

14 CLERK: Cabrera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

16 CLERK: Powers?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Reynoso?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

20 CLERK: Richards?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

22 CLERK: Rivera?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Rodriguez?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

2 CLERK: Rose?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

4 CLERK: Rosenthal?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

6 CLERK: Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

8 CLERK: Torres?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all except
10 M14 Reso. 235. I'm going to abstain.

11 CLERK: Treyger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With quick
13 thanks to Speaker Johnson, Public Advocate, Chair
14 Richards, my colleagues, Anna Scaff[phonetic],
15 Vanessa, Ramone, Depa Ombicar[phonetic], Josh
16 Kingsley and our colleagues in the State Assembly and
17 Senate for supporting the Resolution. Speaker
18 Johnson you were one of the first leaders to reach
19 out to offer support to me and my district. I want
20 to publicly thank you right back. I vote aye on all.
21 Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Ulrich?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

25 CLERK: Vallone?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Van Bramer?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

5 CLERK: Williams?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

7 CLERK: Yeger?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

9 CLERK: Matteo?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

11 CLERK: Cumbo?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye on all.

13 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye. That was a
15 record.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All
17 items on today's general order calendar were adopted
18 by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 0 in the
19 negative, 0 abstentions with the exception of M14 and
20 Resolution 235 which was adopted by a vote of 47 in
21 the affirmative, 0 negative, 1 abstention and the
22 revise Land Use call ups are adopted by a vote of 48
23 in the affirmative, 0 negative. Introduction of
24 reading of bills.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
3 referred to committee as indicated on the agenda.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now for any
5 discussion of the following resolution, Resolution
6 177 a resolution urging the New York State
7 legislation to amend the penal law, Section 130-05 to
8 include individuals in police custody as being
9 categorically incapable of consenting to sexual
10 conduct with a police officer. Any speakers on this
11 resolution? Council Member?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: I'd like to echo
13 the Speaker's remarks. I too was shocked that this
14 was not something that was already unlawful under New
15 York State Penal Law. As we know, it's

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Excuse me Council
17 Member, Shhhh. We apologize Council Member Yeger.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: As we know, it's
19 unlawful for a corrections officer to have any kind
20 of interaction of that nature with somebody in their
21 custody as a matter of the person not being able to
22 legally consent, even if there is consent by a yes so
23 the notion that it's some kind of a defense that
24 there was consent because, you know, a police officer
25 had these relationships, it's important for us to

2 make our voice heard and ask the State to step in and
3 to pass a law that makes it illegal but what I do
4 want to indicate as well is that when we talk about
5 these cases with the police every once in a while and
6 you hear this, it's always important for us to note
7 for ourselves and for the rest of the City that the
8 vast majority 99.9999%, the police officers do their
9 jobs well, do their jobs hard. They serve our
10 community with pride and with dignity and with honor
11 and we should pass this and I'm grateful to Council
12 Member Treyger for putting this on the agenda and
13 passing this but we should also keep that in mind as
14 we do that.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council
16 Member Yeger. Seeing none other, all of those in
17 favor of Resolution 177 say aye.

18 ALL: Aye.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All of those
20 opposed? Any abstentions? Any abstentions? The
21 ayes have it. And general discussion beginning with
22 Council Member Koo.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I will be very short
24 now. This week we are celebrating the 6th
25 anniversary of the Open Data Week.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shhhhh.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Until March 10,
4 there will be different special events among the City
5 for New Yorkers to discover, explore and use the
6 City's vast wealth of Open Data. Since 2012, every
7 City agency has contributed data to our Open Data
8 Portal and the data sites grow every day. Open Data
9 demonstrates our commitment to a transferring,
10 accountable and less cynical government that takes
11 pride in giving people access to information. Today,
12 accessible data is used by everyone from students to
13 professionals in an effort to influence policy and
14 change in their local communities so I invite you to
15 all encourage your constituents to take advantage of
16 our City's ground breaking efforts to empower them
17 with information and have a safe trip home.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

19 Council Member Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I
21 just wanted to point out two bills very briefly. One
22 is a Bed and Breakfast bill that I'm working on with
23 Council Member Cornegy and borough president Adams.
24 There are many of our one and two family homes that
25 are unduly targeted even as we are trying to crack

2 down on the very egregious air B and B and the second
3 is right to a core that I am reintroducing. It just
4 gives a local right of action for our people's
5 ability to record law enforcement. Many folks may
6 have seen the Buzz feed article that was very
7 disturbing about from 2011 to 2015, at least 319 NYPD
8 employees who committed offenses certainly enough to
9 merit firing were allowed to keep their jobs and for
10 clarity that did come before Commissioner O'Neill but
11 it does lead to many of the things that myself and
12 others have been saying. We've moved in a very good
13 direction and I want to continue to applaud that.
14 There are two areas we are abysmal on. One is
15 transparency and the other is accountability. We
16 have to keep moving forward with that. Although we
17 have unfortunately seen that having footage does not
18 necessarily help with accountability, at least
19 everyone is looking at the same thing. It does not
20 create any new rights. It just gives a private right
21 because if you had to push forward on your right with
22 the constitution, it is much more onerous so I would
23 like my colleagues to please sign on to those two
24 bills and again congratulations to Council Member
25 Treyger for his resolution. I'm happy that the

2 Governor followed the leadership of Council Member
3 Treyger and this Council on something that was
4 ridiculous to begin with. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
6 Council Member Torres.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Thank you. I
8 want to just briefly explain why I abstained from the
9 vote approving the reappointment of Fernando Borquez.
10 I have no doubts about his qualifications for the
11 conflict of interest boards. I have no doubt about
12 his personal and professional integrity but separate
13 and apart from the merits of his individual
14 appointment, I have on a principle objection to
15 fundraising on the part of conflict of interest board
16 appointees. As far I'm concerned, the conflict of
17 interest board is and should be any political
18 institution. It should have the appearance and the
19 substance of political neutrality and it's my opinion
20 that fundraising among COIB appointees undercuts the
21 appearance of political neutrality so it's not an
22 objection to the individual appointee. It's simply a
23 general principle for me.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
25 Council Member Chin.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I just
3 wanted to bring my colleagues attention to Intro 620
4 and 621, two pieces of legislation that will help the
5 City ramp up its efforts to control the New York
6 City's rat infestation problem. In large mixed use
7 commercial and residential area such as lower
8 Manhattan, residents and tourists alike frequently
9 see families of rats enjoying a buffet on the
10 sidewalk so last year I joined Mayor de Blasio to
11 announce a pilot program to place high capacity big
12 bellies trash cans in area with a large numbers of
13 rats. As part of this effort, I'm introducing Intro
14 621. This bill would require buildings within a rat
15 mitigation zone that has nine units or more which are
16 required to have supers to only take out garbage
17 between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. I'm also
18 introducing Intro 620 to require businesses in the
19 spring and summer season to clean the grease and
20 other garbage juice off the sidewalk before they
21 open. These simple solutions can deprive rats of
22 further opportunity from freeloading off our garbage
23 and to achieve lasting result, we all must be a part
24 of the solution. I wanted to thank Chair Reynoso for
25 hearing these bills, preconsider on the Sanitation

2 Committee yesterday and I also thank Nicole
3 Abene[phonetic] the committee counsel for her work on
4 drafting this bill and I urge my colleagues to sign
5 on. We had to cancel our lunar New Year celebration
6 tonight because of the weather. Hopefully, we will
7 reschedule as soon as possible so that we can
8 celebrate. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
10 Council Member Brannan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Thank you. I'll
12 be very, very quick. Today I want to, I'm
13 introducing Intro 619 which is designed to increase
14 penalties on large corporate chains and businesses
15 for failing to properly remove snow and ice following
16 a snow storm. Most home owners and small businesses
17 take their snow shoveling responsibility very
18 seriously. I have to go home and do that now but
19 some of these big business chains laugh at the
20 thought of being slapped with \$100 fine. Failing to
21 shovel their sidewalks creates a dangerous situation
22 as we all know. After a snow storm there's no excuse
23 for there still to be snow and ice outside some of
24 these very large corporate chains and the bill makes

2 sure not to go after small businesses so Intro 619.
3 Thank you.

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

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you public
7 advocate. Very briefly as chair of the education
8 committee, I'm proud to introduce a package

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Shhhh Excuse me
10 Council Member, we're still in session. Quiet in the
11 Chambers please. We apologize.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Sure and again
13 thank you to all my colleagues for their support and
14 public advocate, thank you for your public as well on
15 that resolution which we appreciate leadership. As
16 chair of the education committee, I'm proud to
17 introduce a package of bills today that would make
18 the Civil Service Exam process more accessible to
19 graduating high school seniors and first time exam
20 takers. One of my two new bills, Intro 672 and Intro
21 671, would require graduating high school students to
22 be informed about the City's Civil Service process so
23 students have a deeper understanding of every option
24 available to them and what they are working towards
25 as they graduate high school. Increasing awareness

2 about the Civil Service exam process and the careers
3 associated with those exams can motivate our students
4 to continue their academic careers knowing that there
5 are more opportunities that will be available to them
6 should they pursue additional degrees. The other
7 bill would create a task force to examine ways the
8 City would waive Civil Service exam fees for
9 individuals taking the test for the first time. We
10 are cultivating many bright and talented young minds
11 in our City and we want to encourage that talent to
12 remain here and help us move forward. By raising
13 awareness and creating opportunities for Civil
14 Service exams and employment, this package of
15 legislation can help us accomplish our goal and I
16 thank my colleagues for their time.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the
18 Chambers please.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: So we have three more
20 folks. We need to get the hell out of here cause the
21 storm is moving in fast so folks when you speak, do
22 it very quickly.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member
24 Constantinides.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: On the
3 strong urging of our Speaker, I will forego my time.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
6 Council Member Rose.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I just want to
8 briefly say Council Member Van Bramer and I are
9 introing 713 and it's to bring an Ombudsman to DYCD
10 to provide oversight over the runaway youth
11 population and to oversee emergency shelter
12 transitional and independent living drop in and other
13 services for runaway youth.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.
15 Council Member Levin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Madam
17 Public Advocate. Just very briefly I want to offer
18 my sympathy and condolences to the families of Joshua
19 Lew and Abigail Blumstein and to the broader
20 community for the tragic and senseless killing of
21 these two little children and my sympathies go to the
22 families and I urge all of my colleagues in
23 government to do more to prevent these types of
24 tragedies from ever happening again and sparing other

2 families from this terrible, terrible suffering and
3 grief and tragedy. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May Abigail and
5 Joshua rest in peace. Mr. Speaker to close.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We're getting the hell
7 out of here. That's all she wrote. Get home safe.

8 [gavel]

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