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Chairperson

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

Alice Yaker  
Share

Glenn Wagner  
Rotisserie Baseball League

Steve Wolf  
Rotisserie Baseball League

Barbara Solomon  
Harlem's Honeys and Bears

Padre Ricardo Terga  
CICM  
Spanish Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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2                   SPEAKER QUINN: All right. We've  
3 got a few ceremonials today. Let me start with  
4 the first one from Council Member Gale Brewer for  
5 Share. So the folks here who are here from Share  
6 can make their way up to the front that would be  
7 terrific. I'll turn the mic over to you.

8                   COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Folks  
9 coming up, Alice Yaker and the wonderful,  
10 wonderful members of Share. Come join us. Come  
11 quickly. Come on, stand up here because you're  
12 the front and center piece today. You're the  
13 heroes.

14                   I'm here to thank Share for its  
15 incredible efforts on behalf of survivors of  
16 breast and ovarian cancer but more importantly I  
17 think what's great about Share is it really  
18 believes in the word. Today the proclamation is  
19 to talk about sharing lunch, meaning making sure  
20 that there is yet one more way in which this  
21 wonderful organization is donating as a community  
22 service to the efforts that Share stands for. But  
23 really, it's saying to all New Yorkers, this is  
24 how we should behave.

25                   So I want to thank Share because

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2 you really understand not only what it does to  
3 support those of us who have breast or ovarian  
4 cancer but more importantly how the rest of New  
5 York should behave.

6 Thank you very much Alice Yaker. I  
7 know that the Speaker feels so strongly about  
8 Share and I know that all of the City Council  
9 supports your great work. Thank you very much.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: If the clerk could  
11 read the proclamation and then we'll hear from  
12 Alice and the other Share gang.

13 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Council, City  
14 of New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of  
15 the City of New York is proud and pleased to honor  
16 Share for its 31 years of survivor led support to  
17 those affected by breast and ovarian cancers as  
18 they kick off their month long share your lunch  
19 program.

20 And whereas, Share is committed to  
21 creating--

22 SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing] A  
23 little quiet while the Clerk is reading the  
24 proclamation. Thank you.

25 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Share is

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2 committed to creating and sustaining a supportive  
3 network and community of women affected by breast  
4 or ovarian cancer to ensure that no one faces  
5 these diseases alone.

6           Whereas, Share Your Lunch Day is a  
7 new month long initiative Share plans to launch on  
8 September 25th to generate more awareness about  
9 breast and ovarian cancer as well as spotlight the  
10 important role support programs play in the lives  
11 of women and men affected by a diagnosis.

12           Now therefore be it known that the  
13 Council of the City of New York honors Share and  
14 encourages New York City businesses to participate  
15 in the Share Your Lunch Program. Christine C.  
16 Quinn, Speaker for the entire Council, Gale A.  
17 Brewer Council Member Sixth District, Manhattan.

18           SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you and let  
19 me give the mic to Alice. And thank you again for  
20 all of your tremendous work. You've been a leader  
21 in Share for a very, very long time so thank you  
22 very much.

23           [Applause]

24           ALICE YAKER: Thank you. Thank you  
25 on behalf of Share and on behalf of the tens of

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2 thousands of women and men who we have served  
3 annually. Women and men who are affected by  
4 breast or ovarian cancer who come through our  
5 doors, through our hotline to get information, to  
6 get support, to get resources from survivors who  
7 understand as no others can what it means to go  
8 through a diagnosis of breast or ovarian cancer.  
9 It is an empowerment model of the highest order.

10           The City Council has been  
11 enormously supportive of Share. This is a program  
12 where we're really going to be partnering in a  
13 larger way with the businesses in New York City to  
14 help their employees understand the issues of  
15 breast and ovarian cancer through the mouths of  
16 survivors and to get the support that Share needs.  
17 All of our services are free of charge so we need  
18 the support in order to be able to continue these  
19 programs and make sure we're there for everyone  
20 who needs our services.

21           So thank you for this proclamation.  
22 Gale, you have been wonderful. Speaker you have  
23 been enormously supportive of Share over the years  
24 and we appreciate it. To all of the council  
25 members who have supported this initiative we

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2 thank you very, very much.

3 [Applause]

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Alice.

5 MS. YAKER: Share your lunch.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you and I  
7 think this is a great new addition to your work.  
8 I really want to thank you. I want to thank my  
9 good friend Eileen, who is here and who does so  
10 much great work for Share as well. So thank you  
11 all and go forth and eat lunch.

12 [Laughter]

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Okay. The next  
14 ceremonial is going to be extraordinarily serious,  
15 very focused. Led by Lou Fidler, it's going to be  
16 neither of those things, focused or serious. This  
17 is an ode to Lou Fidler and Jimmy Oddo's  
18 Rotisserie Baseball League. In tough times you  
19 have to remember to have a little fun. So Lou  
20 Fidler and the Rotisserie Gang. Where's Jimmy?  
21 He's embarrassed to stand with you at this, I  
22 think Lou, is what's happening here? Can somebody  
23 step out and get our minority leader, whose  
24 Rotisserie Baseball team is in fourth place. What  
25 place is yours in Lou? Second. All right. I

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2 don't really understand anything I'm saying except  
3 Rotisserie baseball so just in case... The lack  
4 of leadership that's why Oddo's team is in fourth  
5 place, clearly. Well why don't you get started  
6 and bring your gang up.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: All right,  
8 gang. Come on down. Actually, we are half  
9 serious. Right here just as long as it's not  
10 right in front of me. There's Jimmy, okay.

11 28 years ago in a restaurant on the  
12 East Side of Manhattan, these guys got together  
13 and invented a game that is now played seriously  
14 by six to seven million Americans. Several  
15 hundred thousand of whom live here in New York  
16 City. They spawned an industry that generates  
17 \$1.5 billion a year. As you'll hear in the  
18 proclamation, managed to make no money on it.

19 It is in fact something that many  
20 people...I'm sure as we do this people will stop  
21 and say, hey, I play Rotisserie, I play Fantasy  
22 Football. All of this started with these guys.  
23 They have played together in the original league  
24 for 28 years and this is it. They are calling it  
25 quits, although I'm sure some of them will manage

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2 to hook up with other leagues of serious players.  
3 In all honesty, while we are a little bit tongue  
4 and cheek here today, because that is the sprit in  
5 which this game is played and in which the books  
6 and the rules were written, it has brought a great  
7 deal of fun to really millions of people.

8           So we do honor them and they are in  
9 the heart, they're all essentially New Yorkers  
10 although they moved in and out of town. It all  
11 started here, it all started in Jessica Lappin's  
12 District on the East Side. We have a proclamation  
13 here for them today honoring what they have done  
14 since-that's all that's all I get. Jimmy, who is  
15 in fourth place, is too embarrassed to say  
16 anything now, What do we do from here? The Clerk  
17 will read the proclamation and he's been duly  
18 prepared.

19           JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Council, City  
20 of New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of  
21 the City of New York is proud to honor  
22 distinguished founders of rotisserie League  
23 baseball for the outstanding contributions to New  
24 York City.

25           And whereas, today Rotisserie

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2 Baseball regularly brings joy and anguish to an  
3 estimated six to seven million participants  
4 including hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers.  
5 It has spawned an industry that is now estimated  
6 to generate \$1.5 billion every year. Yet in a  
7 feat of incredible economic planning, its founders  
8 managed not to make any significant money from  
9 their endeavor.

10           And whereas, the original members  
11 of the Rotisserie Baseball League, Glenn Wagner,  
12 Robert Sklar [phonetic], Dan O'Crenn [phonetic],  
13 Steve Wolf, Lee Eisenberger [phonetic], Valerie  
14 Sambere [phonetic], Bruce McCall, Carrie  
15 Schneider, Rob Fleeter, Peter Gethers, Harry  
16 Stein, Michael Pollack and the late and beloved  
17 Commissioner for life, Corleese M. Cork Smith will  
18 be concluding their final season together ending  
19 and incredible run of 28 years.

20           Now therefore be it known the  
21 Council of the City of New York hereby honors the  
22 founders of Rotisserie League Baseball for their  
23 tremendous contribution to the culture, economy an  
24 sports tradition of New York. Christine C. Quinn,  
25 Speaker for the entire Council, Lewis A. Fidler,

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2 Assistant Majority Leader, 46th District,  
3 Brooklyn, James S. Oddo, Minority Leader, 50th  
4 District Staten Island.

5 [Applause]

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Who goes  
7 first Glenn, you or Steve?

8 GLENN WAGNER: I'm going to go  
9 first.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Well you  
11 need the microphone.

12 MR. WAGNER: You think I really  
13 need the microphone?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yeah. I'm  
15 sure you need it.

16 MR. WAGNER: A couple of  
17 clarifications. We never set out to make money.  
18 We set out to create a gift for America, coming  
19 from a now defunct restaurant on the East Side of  
20 New York. We are all, as you can tell from my  
21 accent, born and bred New Yorkers so you realize  
22 what a lie I'm telling about the money thing.

23 [Laughter]

24 We wanted to and in fact each of us  
25 made in the high three figures from this \$1.8

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2 billion operation. And we're just glad that  
3 Councilman Fidler is still playing the game. One  
4 other quick observation, I'm started and excited  
5 to hear there is a Republican playing Rotisserie  
6 League Baseball and you're welcome. Not well?  
7 All right. And now before turning the microphone  
8 over to Steve Wolf of the Wolf Gang, I would like  
9 to read the dictionary. It's 1,600 pages and I  
10 read fast. This is the most recent edition. I  
11 didn't have to do this a long time ago.

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13 Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and  
14 I'm reading from the definition from Rotisserie.  
15 A restaurant specializing in boiled and barbequed  
16 meats, an appliance fitted with a spit on which  
17 food is rotated before or over a source of heat.  
18 And then in this newest edition, a third meaning;  
19 from La Rotisserie Frances restaurant in New York  
20 City where a group of fans began an organization  
21 of a fantasy baseball league in 1980. Of,  
22 relating to or being a sports league consisting of  
23 imaginary teams whose performance is based on the  
24 statistics of actual players.

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25 We didn't make money but we got  
ourselves in the dictionary and I guess we'll have

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2 to just settle for that. Thank you Madam Speaker  
3 and now Steve Wolf of the Wolf Gang has a few  
4 observations.

5 [Applause]

6 STEVE WOLF: Thank you, Glenn. I  
7 want to make sure the Council get its regular  
8 business done so I'll briefly introduce some of  
9 the members. Michael Pollack of the Pollack  
10 Burrows, Rob Flater of Deer Flater Mice, Harry  
11 Stein of the Steinbreinners, Carrie Schneider of  
12 the Carrie Nations. My name is Steve Wolf. My  
13 team is the Wolf Gang.

14 I'd also like to pay a special  
15 tribute to Eve and Bull Wolf, two family members  
16 who were left behind on one Saturday in April  
17 every year so thank you very much.

18 [Applause]

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Okay.  
20 We have three more ceremonials. While we're  
21 moving Rotisserie Baseball house and the Honey and  
22 the Bears up, let me give the mic to Gale Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.  
24 I want to see if Brandice High School is in the  
25 house. Why don't you stand up? We're delighted

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2 to have Brandice High School here. Thank you  
3 Madam Speaker.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you Gale.

5 All right. We have Harlem's own the Honey and the  
6 Bears here. Oopsie. Wait, we got a traffic  
7 situation over here. Hang on. Okay. Why don't  
8 folks move down a little bit? All right. Let me  
9 hand the mic over to Inez.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you  
11 Madam Speaker. This is the great Honeys and the  
12 Bears from Harlem.

13 [Applause]

14 You'll can guess who the Honeys  
15 are. This is a group that was founded in 1979 in  
16 order to promote healthy eating and healthy living  
17 for our seniors. They were a lot younger than.  
18 Do you know now many of them are in their late  
19 70s, their 80s and even 90s and they're in better  
20 health than many of us that sit here in City Hall.

21 [Applause]

22 But in addition, they work towards  
23 building a bridge between our seniors and our  
24 youth. As many of you know, Harlem has been hit  
25 in the last six to eight months with a lot of

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2 violence of youth against youth in our community.  
3 It is this group and many other like this group,  
4 that works very hard to try to promote peace  
5 within the community to try to educate our young  
6 people to see that there is another way. To let  
7 those young people know that there are extended  
8 families within the community that love them,  
9 embrace them and are there for them.

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11 So today, I ask my colleagues,  
12 along with my Speaker, I ask that you come down so  
13 that we can say thank you to you. Because it is  
14 the work that you do, not so much what we do down  
15 here but the work that you do within the community  
16 that actually helps and fosters a positive  
17 attitude in Harlem.

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18 I thank you. I thank you for your  
19 support because you are my back; everywhere I go,  
20 you stand with me. And you've got me. I'm  
21 waiting to be a Honey by the way. Madam Speaker

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22 SPEAKER QUINN: And if we could ask  
23 - thank you Inez - the Clerk to read the  
24 proclamation. Thank you. If we can get a little  
25 quiet in the Chambers please.

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JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Council, City

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2 of New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of  
3 the City of New York is proud to honor the Harlem  
4 Honeys and Bears swim team for breaking  
5 boundaries, making waves and redefining what it  
6 means to be a senior in America.

7           And whereas, the Harlem Honeys and  
8 Bears swim team was founded in 1979 by Bruce  
9 Johnson and Anton Davis of the New York City Parks  
10 Department. It began as a vehicle for senior  
11 citizens to learn basic swimming and survival  
12 skills, water therapy for chronic illness, weight  
13 reduction and relaxation.

14           And whereas, over the course of its  
15 29 year history, the team's membership has grown  
16 from 50 to more than 300 that still reside in the  
17 Village of Harlem. As the skill level and muscle  
18 strength develop, there was a decrease of ailments  
19 resulting in chronic illness.

20           Now today be it known that the  
21 Council of the City of New York honors the Harlem  
22 Honeys and Bears Swim Team for their distinguished  
23 contributions to the Village of Harlem and all of  
24 New York City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for  
25 the entire Council, Inez E. Dickens, Council

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2 Member Ninth District, Manhattan.

3 [Applause]

4 MALE VOICE 1: On behalf of the  
5 Harlem Honeys and Bears we accept this and we're  
6 so grateful to receive this. There is an old  
7 saying, you must be careful of what you ask for,  
8 my sister. Two years ago we decided to make you  
9 an honorary Hone and Bear. Two years went by,  
10 there was a lot of things and she said I know you.  
11 That's when we saw you in Albany, right? Inez, we  
12 are going to bestow you as an honorary Honey and  
13 Bear. Barbara Solomon.

14 [Applause]

15 BARBARA SOLOMON: Inez, we love you  
16 dearly. You have always been in our hearts, you  
17 have always been a part of us. We're going to  
18 present you with this proclamation that we drew  
19 up. Yes, you're going to get a proclamation.

20 Proclamation. Whereas the  
21 Honorable Inez Dickens has demonstrated the  
22 ability to swim among sharks and barracudas. She  
23 has survived ways and means while holding her  
24 breath under water.

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2 ability to move in a vertical and horizontal plane  
3 through unchartered waters. She has whipped up  
4 the troubled waters and made calm the raging sea.

5           Whereas, she has shown her ability  
6 to remain underwater for long intervals while  
7 holding her breath to emerge victoriously.

8           [Applause]

9           COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: I thank--

10          MS. SOLOMON: We're not finished.

11          MALE VOICE 1: I have the honor of  
12 putting this symbol of our swim team.

13          SPEAKER QUINN: Does it fit?

14          MALE VOICE 1: That's another  
15 story.

16          [Applause]

17          MALE VOICE 1: Thanks to your  
18 staff.

19          MS. SOLOMON: Councilman Inez  
20 Dickens, we have waited two years to give you this  
21 cap to make you an honorary member. I give this  
22 to you in love at the Harlem Honeys and Bears.

23          [Applause]

24          COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you.

25          MALE VOICE 1: And at a later date,

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2 I will show you the secret hand shake.

3 [Laughter]

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Congratulations.

5 Thank you all very much. All right. There are  
6 still more ceremonials. If I could ask folks to  
7 either move back to their seats or to exit the  
8 Chambers please. We're going to need to clear  
9 this area please. If I could just get a little  
10 quiet while we move on to the next. If I could  
11 just try to clear the Chambers. We have a very,  
12 very, very important presentation to make. You  
13 guys come on over here.

14 I think we all recognize the four  
15 guys standing up here with me, John Francis, John  
16 Madden, Robert Oles and Lou say your last name so  
17 I don't say it wrong.

18 LOU GUILERMO: Guillermo.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Okay.

20 [Applause]

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Now, not the common  
22 spelling. We recognize these four guys because we  
23 see them many times a week. We see them when  
24 we're in the building, coming through the doors,  
25 going through the metal detectors. We well know

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2 from the terrific care they give us, what  
3 dedicated members of our New York Police  
4 Department that they all are. We've seen them on  
5 days like the horrible day when James Davis was  
6 killed, leap into action when need be.

7 We saw, just this week as many of  
8 us read in the paper, while we were inside.

9 Actually I got an email from Barbara saying, don't  
10 worry the baby is fine. I emailed back and said  
11 what baby. She said oh, hadn't you heard? A baby  
12 went into seizures, the mother came running into  
13 City Hall and four police officers brought the  
14 baby, literally, back to life.

15 While I was sitting in City Hall  
16 working, these four guys were out there literally  
17 saving a baby's life. And we wanted to take a  
18 moment today.

19 [Applause]

20 We wanted to take a moment today to  
21 do three things. One, to thank you, which we  
22 don't do enough, for taking such great care of all  
23 of our, our staffs and our constituents when they  
24 come into City Hall. So first and foremost, thank  
25 you for that.

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[Applause]

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Secondly, anytime we have an emergency, whether it's a tragic one like the day we lost James or a constituent who falls, an intern who faints, you guys come running up and help us in those particular times of need. Thank you also for what you did this week. I don't know what any of us would do if a mother ran frantically up to us with a baby in their arms and that baby wasn't breathing. But thank God you guys are four examples of why our Police Department is so great. You didn't have to think. You didn't hesitate. The four of you knew what to do and that baby is now find. It's probably a day her mother will never, ever forget.

There aren't enough ways for my colleagues and I to say thank you so we're going to give you these small certificates as a very, very, very small way for us to say thank you for actually being so great to us, so great to that baby and for being four of New York's finest every day but particularly this day.

[Applause]

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mics you're just going to say we were just doing our job ma'am. But it's a pretty unbelievable job and you did it remarkably this week so I would love to give any of you the opportunity to speak.

JOHN: Many thanks to the Council here for this tremendous honor. This is really a team effort. That effort actually extends beyond the four that were here. There were a lot of people that were instrumental and many thanks to the council and the tremendous relief to us to know that the baby is doing very well. Thank you all.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: All right. I think we want to make sure we all get in the picture with you so if I could ask the four officers to step over here and the Council members to line up behind them so Bill can get all of us in the picture with them. Set up here. Okay. Maybe some of the smaller members can be up front. Bill, try to get as many folks as possible. Where did Bill go? Bill is getting a chair. Somebody hold that chair or Madden is going to have to resuscitate him. We don't need another incident.

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2 Barbara hold the chair. All right.

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4 Now, we just recognized four New  
5 York law enforcement heroes. If I can just get a  
6 little quiet. I was saying that we just honored  
7 four law enforcement heroes. Our final ceremonial  
8 was just slightly held up because our example of a  
9 hero in a world of journalism in New York City was  
10 actually doing his job. So if I could ask Stan  
11 Brooks to come up and if I could ask my colleagues  
12 to come up.

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13 Stan Brooks was recently inducted  
14 into the New York Press Journalism Hall of Fame  
15 here in New York.

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[Applause]

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17 We wanted to take a moment and give  
18 Stan an official New York City Council  
19 proclamation, remarking this important moment in  
20 his career and also an important moment in New  
21 York journalism. We also wanted to take a moment,  
22 Stan, to say congratulations but also to say thank  
23 you because I know I speak for all of my  
24 colleagues, you always treat us with fairness and  
25 respect.

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And in all of your reporting, what

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2 comes through when you hear your voice on the  
3 radio is a love of New York City and a desire to  
4 make sure that listeners know what they need to  
5 know about their great City. In a way, when we  
6 listen to you, we can tell in your voice you're  
7 imploring people to listen carefully because what  
8 you're talking about is about their New York and  
9 that matters. I just want to thank you for taking  
10 such care of our City in your reporting.

11 [Applause]

12 Before we get to hear from Stan, if  
13 the Clerk could read the proclamation.

14 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Council, City  
15 of New York Proclamation. Whereas the Council of  
16 the City of New York is proud to honor Stan Brooks  
17 for upholding excellence in journalism and for  
18 providing an outstanding public service to the  
19 community for more than 50 years.

20 And whereas, Mr. Brooks, a native  
21 New Yorker, graduated from Syracuse University and  
22 worked as a reporter and editor at Newsday for 11  
23 years before becoming the news director for a Top  
24 40 radio station called 1010 Wins in 1962. Two  
25 years later, he was approached by Westinghouse

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2 Management and trusted with an enormous secret.  
3 1010 Wins was going all news and he would be in  
4 charge of its news department. Working in  
5 secrecy, Mr. Brooks assembled the air and  
6 editorial staffs, created the format and on April  
7 19, 1965 he launched 1010 Wins as our nation's  
8 first successful all news station.

9           And whereas, after heading the 1010  
10 Wins news department for several years, Mr. Brooks  
11 decided to return to the work he loves best -  
12 reporting. Since then, generations of New Yorkers  
13 have tuned into 1010 Wins news and turn to him.

14           And whereas, this week the New York  
15 Press Club, a professional organization of members  
16 and former members of the news media have honored  
17 Mr. Brooks by inducting him as one of the  
18 inaugural members into their hall of fame.

19           Now therefore be it known that the  
20 Council of the City of New York hereby honors Stan  
21 Brooks for his outstanding service to New York  
22 City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire  
23 Council.

24           [Applause]

25           SPEAKER QUINN: Mr. Brooks, do you

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2 have anything to say?

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STAN BROOKS: After 46 years in radio, I think I'm speechless. I didn't save any babies this week and I never belonged to a Rotisserie baseball league, I have friends who did. I'm honored, I'm surprised and overwhelmed. As you said, Monday night I was inducted into the Press Club Hall of Fame, which is an honor.

As I said then, I'll say now, just working as a reporter is honor enough. I think it's the greatest job in the world. You said I love New York. I grew up, I was born in the Bronx almost 82 years ago and grew up in the City and went to City College for a couple of years. I love New York. I'm living back. I lived in the suburbs when my kids were growing up because I worked on Newsday. But 24 years ago we moved back to the City in your district.

I love living in the City. And my wife loves it even more. As far as my job, being a reporter is just the greatest job in the world. My wife said if she had her life to live over again, she would like to live it as a reporter. She thinks I'm lucky. I get paid to cover things

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people get paid to go to.

I covered a couple of World Series and a couple of playoffs in '77 and '78. I covered the Yankees when they played the Kansas City Royals and then went on to play the Dodgers in two World Series. My kids were jealous. They said can't you smuggle me into the press box. I covered Attica, which is an awful story but it was a revealing story of real life and drama up in Attica, New York. I went to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield, covered Hurricane Camille in Louisiana, just all the conventions pretty much since '64 except one or two.

It's just been a ball. I've said many times and Rich Lamb knows this. Working with Rich Lamb in City Hall is probably one of the best benefits of all.

[Applause]

It is a pleasure to be locked into a little room with him. But he knows my saying is that I once taught Journalism at St. John's for a couple of semesters, five semesters. I used to tell my students, I take out my press card and I would say this is a ticket to the 50-yard line of

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And from a kid growing up in the Bronx during the Depression, getting to all the places that I've gotten to and met all the people I met, particularly all the people here at City Hall, it's just wonderful. I go back to Bob Wagner being Mayor and Tom Cate being leader of the Council. It's just been a ball and a privilege and an honor and a joy.

I just thank you. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. It's wonderful.

[Applause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Congratulations. And that concludes our ceremonials.

JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Ladies and gentlemen, can I have your attention please? Can you please turn all cell phones and pagers to vibrate? Will all non-Council employees, the lobbyists, please leave the main floor of the Chambers. Thank you.

SPEAKER QUINN: Council Member McMahon just wants to recognize some folks who are with us. If we can just get quiet for a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Thank you

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2 Madam Speaker. I just want to recognize a class  
3 from the Wagner College class on Sociology and  
4 urban Studies, our future council members, mayors,  
5 governors and probably President of the United  
6 States. They're sitting right up there. Go  
7 Seahawks.

8 [Applause]

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: All rise.  
10 I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United  
11 States of America and to the Republic for which it  
12 stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with  
13 liberty and justice for all. The invocation will  
14 be delivered by Padre Ricardo Terga. Roll call,  
15 I'm sorry. I didn't have my glasses on.

16 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Addabbo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO, JR: Here.

18 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Arroyo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DEL CARMEN ARROYO:  
20 Here.

21 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Avella.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Here.

23 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Baez.

24 [no response]

25 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Barron.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.  
3 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Brewer.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.  
5 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Como.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER COMO: Here.  
7 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Comrie.  
8 [no response]  
9 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: De Blasio.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER BLASIO: Here.  
11 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Dickens.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.  
13 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Dilan.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.  
15 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Eugene.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
17 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Felder.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.  
19 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Fidler.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.  
21 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Foster.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.  
23 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Garodnick.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.  
25 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Gennaro.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.  
3 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Gentile.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
5 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Gerson.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Here.  
7 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Gioia.  
8 [no response]  
9 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Gonzalez.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Here, Gioia.  
11 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Ignizio.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.  
13 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Jackson.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.  
15 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: James.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.  
17 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Katz.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Here.  
19 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Koppell.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.  
21 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Lappin.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN:  
23 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Liu.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Here.  
25 MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Martinez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: McMahon.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Mealy.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Monserrate.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Nelson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Reyna.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Quiet please.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Stewart.

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COUNCIL MEMBER STEWEART: Present.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR.: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: White.

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COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS WHITE, JR.:

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Yassky.

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COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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MICHAEL MCSWEENEY: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: We have a

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2 quorum. Now all rise please for the invocation to  
3 be given by Padre Ricardo Terga.

4 PADRE RICARDO TERGA: My brothers  
5 and sisters. In the love of God and our common  
6 deep yearning to make our beloved City of New York  
7 a haven of justice and to human solidarity, I  
8 thank you sincerely for inviting me to elevate  
9 this prayer to God, our loving Lord, as all of you  
10 embark on your exciting civic adventure of  
11 service. Let us pray.

12 Oh merciful Lord, blessed is the  
13 wonder of Your creation. By Your word the heavens  
14 were made, by the breath of Your mouth all the  
15 stars. You're infinite love sustains us. Blessed  
16 and compassionate Lord, You are our help and our  
17 shield. And in You do our hearts find joy.

18 We bless and trust in Your holy  
19 name. May Your love be upon all of us and  
20 especially upon these, Your spiritually beautiful  
21 and blessed persons. These legislators whom You  
22 and Your providential designs have gathered today  
23 in this August Chamber of justice and of civic  
24 responsibility.

25 They pray to You our blessed Father

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2 in profound humility and faith to illuminate their  
3 minds with Your internal wisdom and prudent  
4 discernment to enflame their hearts with the  
5 ardent determination to create a society in our  
6 City of New York of justice, of compassion, of  
7 honesty and of moral rectitude.

8 To encourage their spirits with the  
9 awareness and deep felt experience that You,  
10 merciful God, stand by them always, in moments of  
11 profound joy and fierce challenge. Bountiful  
12 Lord, found of life, nourish these special women  
13 and men with the knowledge of your mysteries so  
14 that each and every one of them may keep Your  
15 commandments, Your guides to life. And thus,  
16 through the power of Your Holy Spirit, they may  
17 live in You and You in them.

18 Lord, Your people of the ancient  
19 covenant, the Jews, continue in this City to obey  
20 the Torah and cling with the deepest of fidelity  
21 to the Talmud. Bless them and their children with  
22 ongoing prosperity, security and freedom from  
23 danger from generation to generation. [Foreign  
24 Language]

25 Lord, during this season of

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2 Ramadan, I pray to You for these our Muslim  
3 brothers and sisters [Foreign Language] Our  
4 mother and the [Foreign Language] of Jesus, our  
5 Savior, pray for them so that they may continue to  
6 search deeply into their hearts and discover the  
7 radiance of your love that brings true peace.

8           Nourish Your people, Lord, and  
9 especially these wonderful City legislators for we  
10 hunger for your Word. Blessed Lord, You are the  
11 God of all of use, of those who search for You in  
12 the embrace of Gannesh of Shiva, of those who seek  
13 You in the enlightenment of the Buddha or of those  
14 who seek You in the principals of Confucius.  
15 Scatter the gloom of our hearts and with the light  
16 of Your love, restore us to live through the  
17 precious blood of Jesus, our Savior.

18           Enable all of these distinguished  
19 ladies and gentlemen, seated legislators in this  
20 privileged room to earnestly strive for the well-  
21 being of all of our people of New York, no matter  
22 their race, their color or creed. Give them the  
23 energy, the fire of enthusiasm, the tenacity, the  
24 creativity and the intelligence to make of our  
25 City of New York an abode where all are cared for

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and where all care for each other. Amen.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Motion to spread the invocation by Council Member Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Gracias Padre. And I move that we spread the invocation in full upon the record.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered. Adoption of the minutes, Council Member Mendez. Quiet please.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I make a motion that the minutes of the stated meetings of June 29th and July 23rd of 2008 be adopted as printed.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered. Thank you.

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MS. MENDEZ: Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet please. A moment of silence. Speaker.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Thankfully today we have not lost any soldiers since our last meeting.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Sorry, I thought you did.

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SPEAKER QUINN: That's okay. No,

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Messages  
and papers from the Mayor.

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JONATHAN ETTRICKS: M1116, Mayor's  
Management Report.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,  
printed, filed.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:  
Communication from City, County and Borough  
offices. Quiet please.

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JONATHAN ETTRICKS: M1117.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Received, ordered,  
printed, filed.

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JONATHAN ETTRICKS: M1118,  
Submitting Judith Stuck, Commissioner of  
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SPEAKER QUINN: Rules, Privileges  
and Elections.

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JONATHAN ETTRICKS: M1119 through  
M1195 on page 11, Base Station and License  
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SPEAKER QUINN: Transportation.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Could you  
repeat where you are? I'm sorry.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: There's no  
3 petitions on communications. Land Use Call Ups.

4 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: M1196.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Could we please  
6 have a roll call on that Land Use call up.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: Addabbo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Avella.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: Baez.

14 [no response]

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Madam  
17 Chair, I request unanimous consent to vote aye on  
18 all land use call ups and general order calendar.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So  
20 ordered.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Como.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMO: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR:

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Present. Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: De Blasio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DE BLASIO: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Madam

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Public Advocate, I vote yes on the land use call

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So  
ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes  
on those items.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gentile.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gioia.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez.

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on  
all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: James.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Katz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: I vote aye  
and request unanimous consent to vote aye on the  
general order calendar.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Thank you.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Koppell.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I vote aye

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vote aye on the general orders calendar and on

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resolutions.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I vote aye

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Liu.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Martinez.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: I vote  
3 aye and I request unanimous consent to vote aye on  
4 the general orders calendar and all resolutions.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So  
6 ordered.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: McMahon.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: Mealy.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Request  
11 unanimous permission to vote on all land use call  
12 ups and all general calendar orders and  
13 resolutions.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So  
15 ordered.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Monserrate.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MONSERRATE: Aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Nelson.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: I request  
23 unanimous permission to vote aye on all land use  
24 all ups and the general orders calendar and  
25 resolutions.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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ordered. And could you all please keep it down.

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It's very hard to hear people in the back so quiet

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Recchia.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on

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all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOKS: I vote

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aye and request unanimous consent to vote aye on

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all general call ups and aye on the resolutions.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Stewart.

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COUNCIL MEMBER STEWART: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Vacca.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I ask  
3 permission to vote aye on all call ups and general  
4 order items.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So  
6 ordered.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vallone.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vann.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Weprin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN: White.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: Aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN: Yassky.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker Quinn.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Yes.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Today's  
24 land use call ups were adopted by a vote of 49 in  
25 the affirmative, 0 in the negative. Speaker

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2 Quinn.

3 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very  
4 much. We are voting today on Intro 822A.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet  
6 please.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: The Industrial  
8 commercial Abatement Program, ICAP, it used to be  
9 call ICIP. I want to thank the Chair of our  
10 Economic Development Committee, Tom White. I also  
11 want to thank John Smith, the counsel to the  
12 Committee, Jeff Haberman, Jim Carris and Lazette  
13 Camilla for their work on this.

14 This piece of legislation will make  
15 some very, very important changes to one of the  
16 City's largest tax abatement programs. By  
17 changing it form an incentive program to an  
18 abatement program, by targeting in a more focused  
19 way which sectors we are focusing on, we are going  
20 to make sure that these abatements are actually  
21 used in a way that's generating economic  
22 development. But doing it in a more targeted way  
23 that is going to make this program leaner and  
24 meaner.

25 In the long run by doing this, we

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2 could save hundreds of millions of dollars of  
3 taxpayer money while still spurring economic  
4 development and business growth where it needs to  
5 happen. So I want to thank all of my colleagues  
6 who worked on this. This is an important moment  
7 to keep this program going but particularly at  
8 these tough economic times, make sure we're doing  
9 it in a smarter, leaner way that will save  
10 taxpayer funds.

11 We're also voting today on Intro  
12 825A, it's a street co-naming bill. It names 84  
13 streets or public places in all five boroughs. I  
14 want to thank the Chair of our Parks Committee,  
15 Helen Foster, for working on this. I also want to  
16 thank Lyle Franks, her counsel, Jeff Haberman and  
17 Patrick Movilli [phonetic], the policy analyst to  
18 the Committee. I also want to thank Council  
19 Member Reyna for her work on the appointment to  
20 the Tax Commission that we are taking up today.  
21 That concludes Communications from the Speaker.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank  
23 you. Discussion of general orders. Council  
24 Member Jackson.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you

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2 Public Advocate. I rise today in support of the  
3 street co-namings. Let me just thank the Chair of  
4 the Parks Committee, Helen Diane Foster, and all  
5 staff that were involved in this particular  
6 process. As you know, there are 84 names but five  
7 of those names are within my district. I co-  
8 sponsor with Inez Dickens with one or two of them,  
9 A. Philip Randolph Boulevard--

10 SPEAKER QUINN: [interposing] Madam  
11 Public Advocate, if we could just get a little  
12 quiet in the Chambers. I think it's hard to hear  
13 Council Member Jackson.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: They're  
15 very noisy today. It's a lot of whispering,  
16 please keep it down.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: A. Philip  
18 Randolph Boulevard and if you don't know A. Philip  
19 Randolph was a prominent 20th century African  
20 American Civil Rights leader and founder of the  
21 Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which was a  
22 huge achievement for labor and especially for  
23 African Americans labor organizing.

24 And also we have W.E.B. DuBois  
25 Avenue and he was an American Civil Rights

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2 activist, a public intellectual sociologist,  
3 educator and historian. Reverend Dr. Ollie B.  
4 Wells, Sr. Square, 145th Street between Adam  
5 Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard and Frederick  
6 Douglas Boulevard in Manhattan. And Rita Veradan  
7 Place up in Inwood, 215th Street and Broadway.

8 I have the honor of having with me  
9 three individuals that have been affiliated with  
10 the co-naming of the Reverend Doctor Alfred  
11 Austin, the founder and organizer of Antioch  
12 Baptist Church on 125th Street. And he was the  
13 pastor there for over 30 years and built and  
14 organized that church and that community. He is  
15 so being honored with a street co-naming.

16 We have with us his daughter who is  
17 a current pastor, Reverend Atkins; Reverend Atkins  
18 can you please stand. And his wife, Mrs. Austin  
19 and a trustee of the church.

20 [Applause]

21 And I forgot the paper. I want to  
22 thank you all for coming in knowing that it's been  
23 a long time coming and you've been patient all of  
24 this time in order to have this street co-named  
25 after your father, after your husband and after

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2 the former pastor of your church. Thank you very  
3 much.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
5 Member Brewer.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you  
7 very much. I want to also thank Council Member  
8 Foster and the staff and talk particularly about  
9 three street namings which are in the West 90s.  
10 Unfortunately, three great tenant leaders of the  
11 Mitchell Lama movement passed away, two recently  
12 and one some time ago, Doris Rosenbloom, Bob Lewis  
13 and Jim Garst [phonetic]. And I think Council  
14 Member Foster knows that they were the first to  
15 testify at our hearing and they're really the  
16 first in terms of families who are still with us,  
17 friends who adored them. I'm being one of them  
18 that feel that these three individuals saved  
19 hundreds and hundreds if not thousands of  
20 apartments over the years with their intelligence,  
21 their ability to organize communities.

22 Be they Mitchell Lama rentals or  
23 Mitchell Lama Co-ops, they were the brains, the  
24 intelligence and the commitment behind the  
25 Mitchell Lama's in the City of New York. So no

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2 matter which borough you live in, if you live in a  
3 Mitchell Lama or if you represent a Mitchell Lama  
4 or if you're part of housing movements in the City  
5 of New York for affordable housing, these three  
6 individuals made a difference. They will always  
7 be missed. I live in the neighborhood and I'll be  
8 delighted to look up and think about their major  
9 contributions. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Seeing  
11 nobody else. Report of Special Committees.

12 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: None.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Reports  
14 of Standing Committees. Quiet please.

15 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Report of the  
16 Committee on Economic Development, Intro 822A, Tax  
17 Abatement Program.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled  
19 on--

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:  
21 [interposing] The more I ask you to be quiet the  
22 noisier you get. What do you want me to do?  
23 Thank you. Please keep it quiet.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled  
25 on general orders.

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2 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Report on the  
3 Committee on Finance, Reso. 1549A, Belmont  
4 Business Improvement District.

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

7 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Pre considered  
8 Reso. 1624, Fiscal 2009 Expense Budget.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
10 orders.

11 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Pre considered  
12 LU 874 and Reso. 1627, Senior Housing.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
14 orders.

15 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Report of the  
16 Committee on Land Use, LU 762 and Reso. 1628, UDAP  
17 Brooklyn.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
19 orders.

20 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: LU 837 and  
21 Reso. 1629 through LU 840 and Reso 1632, Whitney  
22 Museum.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
24 orders.

25 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: LU 864 and

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Reso. 1633 and LU 865 and Reso. 1634, Unenclosed Sidewalk Café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

JONATHAN ETTRICKS: LU 867 and Reso. 1635, Zoning Map Changes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Pre considered LU 875 and Reso. 1638, 330 C School Facility.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation. Pre considered 825, Naming of 84 Thorough Fares and Public Places.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections. M112 and Reso. 1639, Approving the appointment of Fideel Breeha, New York City Tax Commission.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general orders.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: General  
3 order calendar.

4 JONATHAN ETTRICKS: Resolution  
5 appointing various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general  
7 orders and at this point I'd ask for a roll call  
8 on all items that have been coupled on the general  
9 order calendar please.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: Addabbo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Arroyo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Avella.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Baez.

17 [no response]

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Como.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COMO: Aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: De Blasio.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DE BLASIO:

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2 Permission to explain my vote.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

4 ordered.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DE BLASIO: Thank

6 you. I'm voting for all items today on the

7 general order calendar. But I do want to speak

8 particularly to Intro 822A, the ICAP/ICIP issue.

9 I'm concerned about the lack of oversight for

10 programs like this that give away literally

11 millions in tax breaks without sufficient

12 accountability. I know for several years there

13 have been conversations about inserting labor

14 standards into these economic development programs

15 to ensure that the jobs that these tax breaks

16 support pay a decent wage.

17 I hope that we can all prevail upon

18 our colleagues in Albany, which is the crucial

19 place for this discussion, to more seriously focus

20 on this issue going forward. And that the Council

21 can be a constructive partner in pushing Albany to

22 really look into how all of these programs that

23 the City oversees will have greater accountability

24 and standards and support working New Yorkers not

25 just their employers.

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I vote aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Dilan.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Felder.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Foster.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Gerson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: May I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So

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ordered.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Thank you  
3 Madam Public Advocate. Today among the co-namings  
4 we will presumably approve, we have two of our  
5 deceased heroes of the New York Auxiliary Police  
6 Force, two corners co-named at the initiative and  
7 introduction of our Speaker, Nicholas Baccaro  
8 Corner and Eugene Marsalla Corner. These two  
9 unarmed auxiliary police officers raced into  
10 harm's way on the street, which is actually  
11 adjoining the two districts our Speaker and I  
12 represent.

13 All of the communities of our  
14 districts and throughout the City united in  
15 support of this co-naming to pay proper tribute to  
16 these two young, heroes who did not think twice  
17 for their own safety as they race to assist  
18 others. As we go forward, of course the best way  
19 to continue to honor their memories will be to  
20 continue to support our auxiliary police force and  
21 to give them all that is their due. And to make  
22 sure that our auxiliary police force receives all  
23 of the equipment and protection they need and  
24 deserve.

25 I also want to note and thank my

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2 colleague, Council Member Gentile, for the co-  
3 naming in his district of Joey Graffino Place.  
4 This is of course the firefighter killed during  
5 the terrible Deutsche Bank fire near Ground Zero.  
6 Again, as we honor this hero with a co-naming, the  
7 best way to honor him will be to make sure that  
8 there are no more needless fires at the Deutsche  
9 Bank or at any site...

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: ...any  
12 other construction or demolition site in our City.  
13 Thank you very much. And I vote aye on all.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gioia.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Thank you.  
16 I vote yes on all matters before us today. Thank  
17 you.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gonzalez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I'd like  
22 to vote no on 822A and aye on all others.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson.

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

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WILLIAM MARTIN: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Liu.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye

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on all. And I want to just join and echo the

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sentiment that was expressed by colleague de

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Blasio with regards to the 822A legislation.

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Thank you.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: McMahon.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Monserrate.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MONSERRATE: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Recchia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Reyna.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.  
3 WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanders.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on  
5 all.  
6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Sears.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.  
8 WILLIAM MARTIN: Stewart.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER STEWART: Aye on  
10 all.  
11 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vallone.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on  
13 all.  
14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vann.  
15 [no response]  
16 WILLIAM MARTIN: He said aye?  
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18 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.  
19 WILLIAM MARTIN: White.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: Aye on all.  
21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Yassky.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye.  
23 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.  
25 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: All items on today's general order calendar were adopted by

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a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 0 negative, 0

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abstentions, with the exception of pre considered

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Introduction 825, which was adopted by a vote of

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49 in the affirmative, 0 negative, 1 abstention

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and Intro 822A, which is adopted by a vote of 49

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in the affirmative, 1 negative, 0 abstentions.

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Revised land use call ups were adopted by a vote

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of 50 in the affirmative and 0 negative.

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Introduction reading of bills.

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SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are

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referred to the Committees as indicated on the

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agenda, please.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:

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Discussion of resolutions. Okay. I don't see

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anybody. Okay. Resolutions. I'm sorry. I've

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got it. First is Resolution 1583A and it's

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calling on the Federal Communications Commission

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to investigate Arbitron's personal people meter

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system and its effect on the diversity of radio.

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2 All in favor?

3 GROUP: Aye.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Opposed?

5 Adopted. Pre considered Reso. 1612, which is  
6 endorsing the Speaker's decision to file on behalf  
7 of the Council in a Amicus brief in support of the  
8 plaintiffs in the litigation Casado versus Marcus  
9 for the purpose of reporting the plaintiff's  
10 petition to annul and vacate 2008 apartment of  
11 loft law number 40. All in favor?

12 GROUP: Aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Opposed.

14 MALE VOICE: No.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: It's  
16 adopted. General discussion--I'm having a lot of  
17 trouble with you guys today. Council Member  
18 Jackson. Pass again. Okay. Council Member  
19 Eugene.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you  
21 very much. Thank you Madam Chair. I stand today,  
22 my colleagues to remind you that Haiti is now in a  
23 big crisis. I know that you all know about the  
24 situation that Haiti is facing right now. Haiti  
25 has been hit by four horrific storms. And right

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2 now we are talking about 800,000 people are  
3 affected by the storms in Haiti. We are talking  
4 about children who are starving, who don't have  
5 food, medicine, clean water to drink.

6           Yesterday I testified before the  
7 Congressional sub committee - - and Foreign  
8 Affairs. Everybody agreed that the situation in  
9 Haiti is critical. This morning we have a press  
10 conference--

11           PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:

12 [interposing] Quiet please.

13           COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: --with the  
14 governor and I want to take the opportunity to  
15 thank all my colleagues, especially Speaker  
16 Christine Quinn. She has been very, very  
17 instrumental and supportive, and also all my  
18 colleagues, Larry Seabrook and also Council Member  
19 Jackson and all of you who have been very  
20 supportive in helping me in trying to get some  
21 relief to send to Haiti.

22           It is unacceptable that Haiti is  
23 facing such a tragic situation when Haiti is  
24 located only a few hundred miles from the United  
25 States. Haiti is in the backyard of the United

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2 States. Just imagine one tropical storm in the  
3 United States, just imagine the extent of the  
4 damage from one tropical storm.

5           Haiti was hit by four horrific  
6 storms and the United States, we have the  
7 possibility to evacuate people and to provide  
8 shelter. But the people in Haiti, they were at  
9 the mercy of the four tropical storms. I'm  
10 calling to all of you, to all of my colleagues, to  
11 join me, to make an effort to send a gift to  
12 Haiti.

13           I have to introduce also a Reso. to  
14 ask the President of the United States to give the  
15 TPS to the Haitian people. Please join me in  
16 support of that Reso. because Haiti can not bear  
17 the burden anymore. Thank you very much.

18           PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
19 Member Felder.

20           COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: This is to  
21 bring up a general issue. At every meeting we do  
22 the Pledge of Allegiance, then we sit down and  
23 then we get up for the invocation. Is there any  
24 rule that it has to be done that way? Some of us  
25 are opposed to exercise and would prefer, if

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2 there's no difference, maybe we could just do the  
3 Pledge of Allegiance, have the invocation and then  
4 sit down instead of having roll call in between  
5 and going up and down and up again or down and up  
6 or whatever? Who does this go to, Madam Public  
7 Advocate? If you can get back to me before the  
8 new year, I'd appreciate it.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
10 Member Brewer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you  
12 very much. A couple of bills that are being  
13 introduced today. One has to do with curb cuts  
14 and what that does is ask the Department of  
15 Transportation to conduct bi-annual driveway curb  
16 cut reviews to determine whether or not those cuts  
17 are inactive. That's something that we, thanks to  
18 the Committee, we've had several hearings on this  
19 topic and this is just further discussion of curb  
20 cuts.

21 The second has to do with general  
22 vendors. I know that Council Member Gerson has a  
23 wonderful listing and analysis and bills that he's  
24 introducing on this topic. In my area we're  
25 trying to address the fact that people are

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2 sleeping and vending. Their materials are there  
3 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there is no time  
4 in which the vending materials leave the public  
5 space. So we have legislation on that.

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7 Finally I just want to mention on  
8 Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 10:00 in the morning,  
9 the Technology Committee on white spaces.

10 Basically as you know we are now purchasing radio  
11 waves from the sky. This is a discussion about  
12 what's best for New York, what's best for the  
13 public and what the FCC is going to do about it.  
14 We hope you join us. Thank you very much.

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16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
17 Member Gerson.

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19 COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: Thank you  
20 very much Madam Public Advocate. As we all know  
21 we need today, amidst a raging national financial  
22 and economic storm in prices. I just think that  
23 as the Council, which represents the nation's, the  
24 world's financial center in lower Manhattan, it  
25 behooves us to speak out. And to speak out, to  
call upon our federal government to take swift and  
proper action, in particular to support the  
efforts of our senior senator, Senator Schumer,

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2 Chair of the Finance Committee, to take effective  
3 action. But to take effective action in  
4 accordance with the principles of oversight and  
5 transparency and to ensure that any assets or  
6 equity acquired by the federal government as part  
7 of the necessary action is done so in a way that  
8 positions the government to recoup and reimburse  
9 taxpayers at the earliest possible moment.

10 I also think we must all insist  
11 that any federal national package include support  
12 for the homeowners who are facing the foreclosure  
13 crisis, which in addition to an economic crisis is  
14 of course a human crisis. Finally, after we put  
15 in place the necessary short term steps, I would  
16 call upon our federal government to implement the  
17 non-partisan commission on the order of the non-  
18 partisan 9-11 Commission we implemented after that  
19 tragedy to study on a non-partisan expertise  
20 basis, the root causes of the current problem and  
21 to lay out for all citizens the options going  
22 forward for long term policy. Thank you very  
23 much.

24 [Applause]

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council

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2 Member Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Yes, thank you Madam Public Advocate. I also want to just comment on what's happening nationally. I'm not an economist and I'm not an expert on these issues but I must say that in reading I'm completely appalled at the thought of there not being any sort of measures being discussed or proposed at the national level from this administration of curtailing the ability of high powered executives in these companies to be able to benefit further from this crisis by again, getting high paid packages and golden parachutes at the expense of the public taxpayers. And this is really appalling to me.

At the same time this administration refuses to allow judges the flexibility to again decide on the mortgages of those individuals that are about to lose their homes and being able to keep their homes and being able to survive in these difficult times. We must stand strong.

I really commend our Senator Schumer for asking for a level of measure and a

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2 level of discipline in this crisis and asking for  
3 some level of not the \$700 billion that is being  
4 asked but doing it in installments. I think that  
5 is the most responsible thing. I hope that he  
6 stands strong and is able to really persuade other  
7 Senators and this Congress to do the right thing  
8 by the American people.

9                   But I am truly concerned. I am  
10 appalled at what's being proposed. If our  
11 Congress approves of what is being asked by the  
12 administration I really am concerned about the  
13 future of this country. I just really wanted to  
14 say just hearing and reading what's going on and  
15 what measures are being taken. I think we must be  
16 a little more cautious and that there should be a  
17 moratorium on home foreclosures. I think at  
18 minimum the average person in this country should  
19 at least have some relief as well. Thank you.

20                   [Applause]

21                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Seeing  
22 nobody else. Oh. Council Member Ignizio.

23                   COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Thank you  
24 very much. I rise to strongly condemn the  
25 hateful, racist and sexist remarks that Sandra

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2 Bernhardt made recently. I'm not going to speak  
3 to their comments but they're referred to an  
4 acceptance of rape, in this case gang rape. And  
5 as somebody who was personally affected by rape in  
6 my life and fought very closely with Amy Polland  
7 to end the statute of limitations on rape, I don't  
8 find her comments funny.

9 Political dissent on any level,  
10 rhetoric level or when it's about the issues is  
11 fine but I just think that these comments ought be  
12 condemned by the City as a whole. The silence,  
13 quite frankly, has been deafening around the City  
14 and I think people ought to stand up and condemn  
15 her comments and say that there's on place for it  
16 here in this City or in the United States. Thank  
17 you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
19 Member Vann. I can't hear you council member.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you  
21 very much. You're still the public advocate.  
22 Madam Public Advocate I would be remiss by not  
23 bringing to the attention of our body that we lost  
24 from New York City a valiant warrior, an advocate  
25 scholar and a person of Dr. Walter Stafford from

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2 NYU. If the pen is mightier than the sword than  
3 clearly he was a general in the army to liberate  
4 those of us who have been downtrodden, whether  
5 through race or sex or some other form or element  
6 of discrimination.

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8 He grew up in the Civil Rights  
9 movement. He was involved as a college student.  
10 He learned first hand what discrimination and  
11 racism means. He internalized all of that and he  
12 went ahead with his education. Everything that he  
13 learned he turned that into a way of overcoming  
14 barriers for others. He took on the struggles,  
15 not with a sword but with a pen. He perhaps  
16 epitomizes the most scholarly thing an educator  
17 can do and that is to be an advocate. He used his  
18 intellect, he used his education, he used all that  
19 America had given him to try and overcome all the  
20 difficulty and all the negativism that is also an  
21 element in American society.

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23 We met him and I re-met him again,  
24 I guess when I came to the City Council. It is  
25 through his research that we try to target some of  
our resources to overcome some of the poverty that  
exists in our City. He became well known by most

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2 of the members here, particularly members of the  
3 Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. I know the Speaker  
4 became very familiar with him because he did a lot  
5 of work for us.

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7 So I wanted to mention if we did  
8 not know it, we did not read it. We lost a  
9 valiant scholar, a true American, one who was  
10 dedicated to the best that this country has to  
11 offer. WE will miss his leadership and we will  
12 miss his work. Thank you.

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PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
Member Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I'm  
sorry I forgot to also mention before that  
something else that has been incredibly troubling  
to me this past week. The minute I heard about  
the case. I really would hope that some of my  
colleagues might join me in making calls but it's  
the case of Troy Davis in Atlanta.

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This gentleman who is African  
American has been accused, is in jail and is on  
Death Row for the murder, he's being accused of a  
murder of a white police officer. It ends up that  
there has been no physical evidence in this case.

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2 Not only that, every single eyewitness to this  
3 case has recanted and yet this gentleman is on  
4 Death Row.

5 He was about to be put to death  
6 last night and there has been a stay of execution  
7 by the U.S. Supreme Court. This, again, is not an  
8 issue that is resolved. I'm very concerned and  
9 troubled, again, between what's happening at the  
10 national level with the financial crisis and this  
11 case in particular. The direction, I believe we  
12 are lost as a country sometimes in terms of our  
13 moral compass. This really would be very  
14 appalling if this were to happen. I would ask my  
15 colleagues in this Council to make calls or in any  
16 way to express their opposition to what is  
17 happening and the travesty of justice that is  
18 happening in Atlanta.

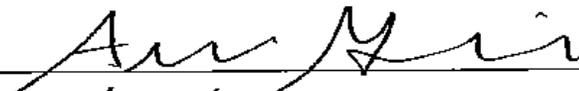
19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
20 Member, I've just been advised, and to offer all  
21 the rest of you, may not speak twice when you  
22 speak in a general discussion. You didn't put  
23 your name down so we didn't know.

24 Excuse me. Oh, sorry yes. And  
25 this Council meeting has come to an end.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

Date October 8, 2008