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STATED MEETING

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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: LAURIE CUMBO:
Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mark Treyger
Corey E. Johnson
Jumaane Williams
Adrienne E. Adams
Diana Ayala
Alicka Ampry-Samuel
Inez Barron
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Andrew Cohen
Daniel Dromm
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Mathieu Eugene
Vanessa L. Gibson
Mark Gjonaj
Barry Grodenchik
Robert Holden
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Stephen T. Levin
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Deborah Rose
Helen Rosenthal
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Laurie A. Cumbo
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A P P E A R A N C E S

Alison Weir
National Diaper Bank Network

Amy Ellenbogen
Director
Neighbors in Action

2 This a sound check, the Stated Meeting
3 October 31, 2018, being recorded by Israel Martinez,
4 City Council Chambers, City Hall.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Hello! Welcome to
6 the New York City Council. I am Majority Leader
7 Laurie Cumbo. I am going to ask Council Member Mark
8 Treyger to come forward. We have an incredible
9 organization that we are looking forward to
10 recognizing today. Today we are recognizing the
11 National Diaper Bank Network, and if the individuals
12 from the National Diaper Bank Network and my
13 colleagues in government could come forward, we are
14 so pleased to recognize your phenomenal work here in
15 the New York City Council. Thank you. We are so
16 proud to welcome you all here for your tireless and
17 incredible work to fulfill a very necessary need
18 within our City of New York. Thank you. Today the
19 Council is proud to recognize the National Diaper
20 Bank Network for its unwavering commitment to raising
21 awareness of the necessity of clean diapers. The
22 average toddler or infant needs an average of fifty
23 diaper changes per week, and as a new mom you can
24 just imagine how exhausted I am with doing fifty
25 diaper changes per week. National surveys point out

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2 that one in three mothers experience diaper need at
3 some time while their children is less than three
4 years old. There are no government assistance
5 problems to purchase diapers and it can result in
6 economic hardship for families. New York City is
7 proud to be home to numerous community organizations,
8 including Good Plus Foundation, that recognize the
9 importance of diapers and helping to provide economic
10 stability for families in need. Please help me in
11 congratulating the National Diaper Bank Network for
12 distributing diapers to families throughout the five
13 boroughs and beyond. Let's give them a round of
14 applause and congratulations for this critical work
15 [applause]. And we are going to turn it over to the
16 clerk to read the proclamation, and then we are going
17 to hear from Council Member Mark Treyger for bringing
18 this extraordinary organization forward, as well as
19 passing critical legislation as far as accessibility,
20 and then we are so proud to welcome you and to take
21 remarks from you as well. So thank you so much for
22 being here. We'll now turn it over to the clerk.

23 CLERK: Council City of New York
24 Proclamation: The Council of the City of New York is
25 proud to honor the National Diaper Bank Network for

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2 its unwavering commitment to raising awareness of the
3 necessity for clean diapers, known as diaper need,
4 the condition of not having a sufficient supply of
5 clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are
6 clean, healthy and dry. It can adversely affect the
7 health and welfare of infants, toddlers, and their
8 families, and whereas the average infant or toddler
9 requires an average of at least fifty diaper changes
10 each week over three years, and whereas national
11 surveys report that one in three mothers experience
12 diaper need at some time while their children are
13 less than three years old, and 48% of families delay
14 changing a diaper to extend their supply, and whereas
15 there are no government assistance programs for the
16 purchase or provision of diapers and a month's supply
17 of diapers can reportedly cost as much as 6% of a
18 full-time minimum wage worker's salary. As a result,
19 obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can result
20 in economic hardship to families, and whereas the
21 supply of diapers is generally an eligibility
22 requirement for infants and toddlers to participate
23 in childcare programs and quality early education
24 programs, and whereas New Yorkers recognize that
25 addressing diaper need can lead to economic

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2 opportunity for low-income families as well as to
3 improved health for families and their communities,
4 and whereas New York City is proud to be home to
5 numerous community organizations, including the Good
6 Plus Foundation and many others, that recognize the
7 importance of diapers in helping to provide economic
8 stability for families and thus distribute diapers to
9 families in need through various channels, now
10 therefore be it know that the Council of the City of
11 New York gratefully honors the National Diaper Bank
12 Network for distributing diapers to families to help
13 alleviate diaper need throughout the five boroughs
14 and beyond. Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire
15 Council, Laurie A. Cumbo, Majority Leader New York
16 City Council, Mark Treyger, Council Member 47th
17 District, Brooklyn.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow. [applause]
19 Thank you! What a feminist city council we are, and
20 one of our top feminists are Mark Treyger. Thank you
21 for bringing this incredible organization before us
22 today. Can you please tell us a little bit more and
23 to give remarks this morning?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK TREYGER: Thank you
25 so much, Majority Leader Cumbo, and thank you for

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2 your support every step of the way as well. Today we
3 here honoring the National Diaper Bank Network and
4 its partners for their incredible dedication and
5 determination towards making sure that the need for
6 access to affordable and clean diapers is a part of
7 the public conversation. We are a month removed from
8 National Diaper Need Awareness Week and with this
9 council unanimously voting in favor of my legislation
10 that would require the City to provide free diapers
11 at city-contracted child care centers, domestic
12 violence shelters, and temporary housing shelters
13 just two weeks ago this seems like a great time to
14 recognize the work that advocates like those at the
15 National Diaper Bank Network are doing to make that
16 the needs of some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers
17 and Americans are represented. The cost of diapers,
18 as we have heard, or baby wipes, should never come
19 between a parent and their ability to pay their rent
20 or put food on their family's table. Diapers and
21 wipes are not luxury items. They are a critical and
22 expensive everyday necessity that some of our city's
23 families struggle to afford. The National Diaper
24 Bank Network's great research on this issue has shown
25 that while the cost of infant care as a percentage of

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2 income in New York State for a two-parent household
3 is 15%, the number rises sharply to 55% for single-
4 parent households. Government assistance programs
5 like WIC or SNAP cannot be used to purchase diapers
6 and many child care centers in early childhood
7 education programs do not allow children to be
8 dropped off without their own diapers. Not being
9 able to afford diapers means children miss out on
10 critical academic, social, and emotional development
11 and are unable to work or pursue an education. The
12 lack of a sufficient supply of clean diapers also has
13 the potential to negatively affect the health and
14 welfare of infants, toddlers, and their families.
15 This is all to say that this is an incredibly serious
16 issue that has a significant impact on public health
17 and economic outcomes for many of our city's children
18 and families, and the work done by those who have
19 joined us today is integral in advocating to ensure
20 that their needs are being met. I want to recognize
21 all the partners here in attendance, including the
22 Good Plus Foundation, Little Essentials, the Hope
23 Line, and all of the volunteers who have joined us as
24 well. I thank the National Diaper Bank Network and
25 these devoted advocates for being cognizant of the

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2 need to provide basic common decency and help
3 strengthen our social safety net, and I thank our
4 speaker and my colleagues for their support as well,
5 and I would like to ask Alison Weir of the National
6 Diaper Bank Network to say a few words.

7 ALISON WEIR: Thank you, Councilman
8 Treyger. Thank you, Majority Leader Cumbo, and
9 thanks to the Council on behalf of the National
10 Diaper Bank Network. I would like to thank the
11 Council for recognizing the importance of diapers to
12 families in New York City and of the important work
13 of diaper banks in connecting families with diapers.
14 The National Diaper Bank Network members program
15 working in the five boroughs include the Good Plus
16 Foundation, the Hope Line, Little Essentials, and NYC
17 Mamas Giving Back. Thank you to the representatives
18 of those organizations joining us here today. Also,
19 thanks to the Council for committing to provide some
20 of New York's most vulnerable children the diapers
21 they need while in shelter, early childhood programs,
22 and other programs designed to help them and their
23 families thrive. Programs that connect people with
24 the basic things they need, like food, healthcare,
25 and diapers, have greater impact, leading to more

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2 people getting and keeping more jobs, driving the
3 local economic engine, and getting back to their
4 communities. This law will not only help the babies
5 and their families thrive, it will help New York City
6 continue to thrive as well. Thank you all to making
7 sure that babies have all the diapers they need to
8 stay clean, healthy, and dry, and thank you for this
9 great honor.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you. [applause]

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Wow! I love this
12 council and I love the work that we do. Thank you so
13 much Mark Treyger. Thank you so much for the
14 incredible work that your entire organization does.
15 And thanks to all these great feminists here who are
16 here to support all of the incredible work that you
17 do. I love this feminist council body. Can we all
18 get together to take a photo with the proclamation?

19 [pause]

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right. We
21 are going to do the next proclamation. If all of my
22 colleagues could come forward, we're going to
23 recognize an incredible member and colleague today
24 who is presenting a proclamation. It is Majority
25 Laurie Cumbo. She has a wonderful proclamation that

1 she wants to present, and she needs all of her
2 colleagues with her here today. Today MAJORITY
3 LEADER CUMBO is proud to honor the Crown Heights
4 Community Mediation Center! Yes! And hopefully our
5 public advocate can come and join us. Oh, my
6 goodness! [claps] Yes! If everyone from the Crown
7 Heights Community Mediation Center could come in, our
8 new Neighbors in Action, yes! Neighbors in Action,
9 yes! All of my friends! [pause] Oh my goodness! Wow,
10 it's a lot of Neighbors in Action! [kissing sound]
11 This is the neighbors, this is the whole community,
12 everybody came, oh my goodness! This is the biggest
13 gathering we might have had! This is incredible,
14 wow! Rabbi Eli Cohen is here, too, my goodness! And
15 y'all keep coming! [pause] Oh my goodness, we got a,
16 wow. Neighbors in Action brought some energy today,
17 I can feel it vibrating from behind me. Today we are
18 also proud to honor the Crown Heights Community
19 Mediation Center, now Neighbors in Action! We are
20 here to recognize an organization for two decades of
21 outstanding service and enduring contributions to the
22 community. Give it up for two decades! [applause]
23 The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center, now
24 Neighbors in Action, they are an incredible project
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2 of the Center for Court Innovation. They have worked
3 to promote safer and healthier neighborhoods in
4 central Brooklyn through programs to decrease
5 violence, empower young people, promote community
6 building, and alleviate daily challenges for people
7 struggling with poverty. They are a national and
8 global role model about how we bring community
9 together in order to bring gun violence to an end.
10 That's right! [applause] This organization recognizes
11 that we cannot rely on a police force exclusively to
12 end gun violence in our community, that it takes an
13 entire village, an entire community, people from the
14 community that are invested in the community, that
15 love the community and come from the community in
16 order to address those who are most in need, in order
17 to come up with solutions how we solve our everyday
18 problems through different ways of conflict
19 mediation. The mediation center helps residents
20 solve problems and access services related to
21 housing, jobs, public benefits, healthcare,
22 immigration, and more, because the challenges that
23 people face are so much more than what we know.
24 Please join me in honoring the Crown Heights
25 Community Mediation Center for twenty relentless

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2 years of community building and promoting safety, as
3 we also celebrate its new name, Neighbors in Action.
4 Congratulations [applause] for making our community
5 communities where we all feel loved, where we feel
6 safe, and where we feel included. We are not going
7 to have the clerk read the proclamation and then you
8 are going to have your dynamic council member bring
9 more greetings. So if we can have the clerk.

10 CLERK: Council City of New York

11 Proclamation: Whereas the Council of the City of New
12 York is proud to honor Neighbors in Action for twenty
13 years of outstanding service and enduring
14 contributions to the community, and whereas for the
15 past twenty years the Crown Heights Community
16 Mediation Center, a project of the Center for Court
17 Innovation, has worked to promote safer and healthier
18 neighborhoods in central Brooklyn through programs
19 that decrease violence, empower young people,
20 encourage healing, promote community building, foster
21 neighborhood leadership, and alleviate daily
22 challenges for people struggling with poverty, and
23 whereas the mediation center's efforts exemplify how
24 neighborhoods once torn apart by violence can become
25 peaceful, vibrant communities through the

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2 collaborative efforts of local residents, nonprofit
3 organizations, businesses, elected officials, and
4 faith-based leaders, and whereas the mediation center
5 launched Save our Streets, also known as SOS...

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Please keep it
7 down.

8 CLERK: ... as part of the first program
9 in New York State to implement the Cure Violence
10 model of gun prevention, SOS staff mediate conflicts
11 that might result in shootings, mentor those at risk
12 of being victims or perpetrators of violence, and
13 work with neighborhood leaders to promote a visible
14 public message against violence, and whereas the
15 mediation center helps residents solve problems and
16 access services related to housing, jobs, public
17 benefits, family law, immigration, health care,
18 summer programs for youth, mental health treatment,
19 adult education classes, and emergency food and
20 housing through programs such as neighbor services
21 and Legal Hand, and whereas in recognition of its
22 growth beyond Crown Heights, its breadth of offerings
23 in the areas of youth development, violence
24 prevention, neighbor services, and community building
25 programs, and its ongoing involvement in the

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2 leadership development of local residents, the Crown
3 Heights Community Mediation Center is changing its
4 name to Neighbors in Action, or NIA, and whereas we
5 commend the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center
6 for its twenty years of building community and
7 promoting safety, while also celebrating its new
8 name, Neighbors in Action, one that justly describes
9 the dedication, optimism, and energy the organization
10 brings to collective, inclusive, community healing
11 and change. Now therefore be it known that the
12 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors
13 Neighbors in Action for twenty years of outstanding
14 service and enduring contributions to the Crown
15 Heights community and all of New York City. Corey
16 Johnson, speaker for the entire council, Laurie A.
17 Cumbo, Majority Leader, Council Member 35th District
18 Brooklyn, Stephen Levin, Council Member 33rd District
19 Brooklyn, and the rest of the Brooklyn delegation.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes! [applause] I
21 want to give my time to a dynamic council member who
22 has been at the forefront of making sure that the
23 Cure Violence model is implemented all throughout
24 this city, as well as the nation. He is a phenomenon
25 leader and has really put himself on the front lines

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2 of a critical issue. He is not just here in City
3 Hall doing this work, but he is within our very
4 communities, on street corners, making sure that he
5 is working with the people to create better outcomes.
6 I want to bring forward Council Member Jumaane
7 Williams. [applause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Thank
9 you, Majority Leader. You guys are awesome, and this
10 body should be very proud. About seven years ago I
11 was happy to lend my name and voice with the
12 [INAUDIBLE] point we started a pilot program that was
13 Cure Violence. It has lead to, thanks to the
14 Majority Leader and Council Member Gibson, the
15 mayor's office of Gun Violence Prevention, but the
16 first time I ever heard of Cure Violence was in a
17 meeting with Amy and some people at SOS, and that
18 help germinate a seed, and of course there were other
19 organizations that really helped push it, but you
20 guys have been in the forefront of it and maybe if it
21 wasn't for that meeting maybe we wouldn't have got
22 here, maybe so, but I just remember that meeting. It
23 had such an impact on me because we kept thinking, I
24 kept thinking this cannot just be a police issue. If
25 it was, it would have been fixed already. So when I

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2 had that meeting it clicked immediately, and I just
3 want to say thank you for that, and this body should
4 be proud and I thank the Majority Leader for honoring
5 them today, and this city, although we have a long
6 way to go, that was one of the most effective
7 programs that we have right now in dealing with gun
8 violence and when we did all of these things they
9 told me the sky would crack open, black and brown
10 people would fall from it, they would destroy the
11 entire city. It didn't. With the safest city we
12 have been since 1951, so we are moving in a nice, the
13 right direction. If you are victim of crime that
14 means nothing, it's just data, but we are moving in
15 the right direction. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you!
17 [applause] Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER JUMAANE WILLIAMS: It was
19 co-chaired by Council Member Cabrera, I have to make
20 sure I mentioned that, the task force.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. And I
23 want to recognize some folks that you won't be able
24 to hear from today because we are limited in time,
25 but I want to give special shout-outs to Kenton

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2 Kirby, Heather Day, David Gaskin, Tiffany Murray,
3 Hannah Margolin, and Brian Cunningham [applause], who
4 are critical partners in making this work happen. I
5 also want to thank the original project director,
6 Cheryl Goldstein, Amy's predecessor, Gillian Shagan,
7 Effay Charles, Marlin Peterson, Marlice Talay, and
8 Juan Ramos. They are all and were in leadership
9 positions at the mediation center and are part of
10 this twenty-year celebration, but without further ado
11 I want to bring forth a dynamic woman. Amy, you
12 rock, you are a rock star, [applause] you are
13 phenomenal, you are incredible, and you have led this
14 organization with such strength and power and
15 compassion and we appreciate the service that you
16 have given of your life. I know the sacrifice that
17 it must be on your family. But you have done
18 extraordinary work and we are so proud to have you
19 here today. Ladies and gentleman, let's give it up
20 for Amy! [applause]

21 AMY ELLENBOGEN: Wow, thank you so
22 much. This is such an honor, thank you. I wrote
23 some words. Thank you for taking the time to
24 acknowledge the twenty years' worth of achievements
25 of the Center for Court Innovation project the Crown

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2 Heights Community Mediation Center and, wishing us
3 luck in our new iteration, Neighbors in Action.
4 Today in light of national events it is even more
5 significant that you have chosen to recognize the
6 successes of this radiant group of people. We stand
7 before you, a multi-faith, multi-religious,
8 multiracial group of dreamers, thinkers, planners,
9 and doers. We understand that pain must not be
10 wasted and that we must turn trauma into triumph. We
11 tackle complex and seemingly intractable systemic
12 problems such as violence and inequity with vigor and
13 rigor. We act with courage, conviction, and
14 righteous anger that is paired with extreme
15 hopefulness. Over the years I have had the privilege
16 of hearing many stories from the Bible or religious
17 traditions and I want to share one that is from the
18 Jewish tradition, but was shared with me from a local
19 black pastor because I'm from Crown Heights and
20 that's what happens. So this story is that a rabbi
21 asked his students how they could tell when night has
22 ended and day has begun. And his students said, oh,
23 is it when you can see the difference between a pear
24 tree and a fig tree? And the rabbi said no. Is it
25 when you can see whether an animal is a sheep or a

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2 dog? And the rabbi said no. When is it? It's when
3 you can see the light that is within you in your
4 neighbor, when you see the light of any stranger in
5 them and know that they are your brother and sister,
6 you are in the light, in the day. Until then it's
7 all night. Neighbors in Action is about gathering
8 this light and harnessing it, amplifying it, and
9 creating positive change. We know how to do this
10 because we've been doing it for twenty years as the
11 Crown Heights Community Mediation Center. We were
12 the first to bring Cure Violence model to New York
13 City. We were the first to bring youth courts to
14 high schools. We've attracted phenomenal people who
15 see the lightness and the greatness in everyone,
16 choose compassion over contempt, action over inertia.
17 We understand that we have tremendous dormant power
18 and that together we can activate and create the kind
19 of neighborhoods we want and deserve. Thank you.
20 Such an honor!

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Photo time, so
22 let's all get close, let's all get real family-like,
23 and let's take this photo, because this is for future
24 generations to understand the legacy that they have
25 the ability to build on top of. [pause] Thank you,

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2 Neighbors in Action! We are so proud to have you here
3 at City Hall. It has been an honor for you to come
4 here and to celebrate with us twenty years!

5 UNIDENTIFIED: OK, we need to clear the
6 floor of the chambers please. We need to clear the
7 floor of the chambers, please, so we can start the
8 meeting. Thank you. [pause] Sergeants, please clear
9 the center aisle, please. Please clear the center
10 aisle. [pause] Quiet on the floor, please. Quiet on
11 the floor, please. Ladies and gentleman, at this
12 time please place all electronic devices, all
13 electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-council
14 employees, non-council employees please leave the
15 main floor of the chambers. There is additional
16 seating upstairs in the balcony. Thank you
17 [INAUDIBLE] public advocate.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Quiet in the chambers, all
19 rise for the Pledged of Allegiance.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: All rise.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: I pledge allegiance to the
22 flag of the United States of America, and to the
23 republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
24 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
25 Please be seated. Roll call. Quiet in the chambers.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Adams.
COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.
COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.
COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Barron.
COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Borelli. Brannan.
Cabrerera.
COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen.
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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: Espinal.
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene.
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Gibson.
COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I'm here.
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COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.
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COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.
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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos.
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: King. Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman.
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UNIDENTIFIED: Maisel.
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COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.
UNIDENTIFIED: Miller. Moya. Perkins.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Reynoso.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Richards.

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Salamanca.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

UNIDENTIFIED: Torres.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

UNIDENTIFIED: Treyger.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I'm here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Williams.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Matteo. Cumbo.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I'm here.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you. Quiet in the chambers please, shhhh. All rise for the invocation.

UNIDENTIFIED: All rise.

UNIDENTIFIED: The invocation will be delivered by Rabbi Michael S. Miller, the executive vice president and CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, located in the Borough of Manhattan.

RABBI MICHAEL S. MILLER: [Hebrew]

shalom, Lord of the Universe, as we gather in this chamber we mourn, we grieve, we are in pain. It is so difficult for us to come to grips with what took place in a house of worship in Pittsburgh,

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2 Pennsylvania just four days ago. How could it be
3 that someone could enter a house of prayer on the day
4 of the Jewish Holy Sabbath as a baby boy was about to
5 be named in a bris and shatter that sanctity that by
6 emptying an AR-15 assault rifle and two Glock semi-
7 automatic handguns into the pews, murdering eleven
8 innocent souls? How can it be that the safe space,
9 the haven of a place we all refer to as a sanctuary,
10 as a sanctuary, can be so cruelly and violently
11 desecrated with the spilling of human blood? In 1790
12 President George Washington visited the Jewish
13 community of Newport, Rhode Island. After his visit,
14 he penned a letter to the congregation. He wrote
15 that "The government of the United States which gives
16 to bigotry no sanction requires only that they who
17 live under its protection should demean themselves as
18 good citizens." He then prayed and pledged that "May
19 the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in
20 this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will
21 of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in
22 safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there
23 shall be none to make him afraid." So how can it be
24 that a 97-year-old Jewish woman, a mother,
25 grandmother, and great-grandmother, spoken of as a

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2 sweet and lovely lady who was quick with a friendly
3 greeting, a hug and a smile, was targeted? Or a 66-
4 year-old bow-tie-wearing Jewish primary care
5 physician who embraced HIV patients when no other
6 doctors would touch them? Washington promised safety
7 and the absence of fear. The same question can be
8 asked about the other nine sweet souls whose lives
9 were brutally and abruptly terminated. The only
10 answer we have, Lord, is hate. Hate is corrosive,
11 eating away at the innocence with which we are born.
12 To the best of my knowledge there is no hate gene.
13 One has to learn to hate. We, Lord, as leaders of
14 the City of New York, as leaders that must dedicate
15 ourselves with every ounce of strength to combat this
16 evil virus, to battle against it with all of our
17 fiber, to wage war to conquer it with the breadth of
18 our fortitude. Our ammunition is nothing more than
19 love, than understanding, than tolerance, than
20 acceptance, and we need to mind our words because
21 words matter. We need to fashion ourselves into
22 societal engineers, building bridges, interconnecting
23 the gorgeous diversity that we are blessed with in
24 our beloved city, with all bridges leading to the
25 ideal and precious value of peace, la paz, shalom,

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2 salaam, ashanti. The name of the synagogue in
3 Pittsburgh is Etz Chaim, taken from the 18th verse,
4 3rd chapter of Proverbs. It is a tree of life for
5 those who grasp it. But the fusillade of bullets,
6 this viciously broke the victims' grip. The 2000-
7 year-old Talmud teaches that those who cut down trees
8 will never ever see a sign of blessing. Hate is a
9 curse. Love and peace are a blessing. I pray that
10 the actions taken by this august body will merit
11 blessing, as it leads the people whom it represents
12 closer to achieving a more just society, a society
13 filled with mutual respect and dignity, filled with
14 love and peace. As Washington concluded his letter,
15 "May the Father of all mercies scatter light and not
16 darkness upon our paths." May this be your will, oh
17 Lord. Amen.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Please be seated. A motion
19 to spread the invocation, Speaker Corey Johnson.
20 Quiet in the chambers, please.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I couldn't think
22 of a better leader to be with us on this sad and
23 solemn and painful day than Rabbi Michael Miller, who
24 is a friend to so many of us here in this chamber.
25 He is the executive vice president and CEO of The

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2 Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, the
3 JCRC. And the JCRC of New York serves as the central
4 coordinating and resource body for the Jewish
5 community in the metropolitan New York area and is an
6 advocate for a strong and secure state of Israel. An
7 active force in New York civic and communal life,
8 JCRC New York builds working relationships within the
9 Jewish community and with other ethnic and faith
10 communities and with public officials and government
11 agencies. It works actively to promote equality of
12 opportunity and the full civil rights and civil
13 liberties for Jewish as well as all other religious
14 and ethnic groups in New York. JCRC also works to
15 combat anti-Semitism, works to combat anti-Semitism
16 and every other form of racism or group prejudice.
17 Rabbi Michael Miller is really the glue that holds
18 some incredible organizations together. He is a true
19 community leader, always working tirelessly to
20 promote harmony and justice in our city and around
21 the world. Rabbi Miller, rightfully, is recognized as
22 one of the foremost influential leaders in the New
23 York Jewish community. He has personally led more
24 than seventy missions to Israel with over five
25 hundred influential New Yorkers, including then-

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2 Secretary Clinton, Senator Clinton, current Senators
3 Schumer and Gillibrand, Mayors Dinkins, Giuliani,
4 Bloomberg, and de Blasio, numerous members of
5 Congress and state and city legislative leaders,
6 media figures, as well as ethnic and religious
7 dignitaries. New York City Council members,
8 including myself, have been fortunate enough to be on
9 Rabbi Miller's extraordinary missions to the state of
10 Israel. It is an honor to have Rabbi Michael Miller
11 here with us today. Rabbi Miller is an amazing man.
12 He is a blessing. He is a blessing not just to hear
13 his healing and moving words on a day like today, but
14 he is a blessing that touches our city and creates
15 dialogue on a daily basis. He has given his life to
16 this dialogue and he does it in the tradition of his
17 family, his father, who he got to see recognized at
18 Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the work that he did after
19 the Holocaust and getting justice, and I know that
20 Rabbi Miller, for someone like him who has to stand
21 up and lead in a moment like this, it is also
22 extraordinarily painful personally when you have
23 given your life to combating anti-Semitism and to
24 pushing back against hate, and to being someone who
25 is thoughtful, careful, and sensitive with their

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2 words. So, again, it's an honor to have, I don't
3 even think of Michael as a rabbi, even though he is a
4 rabbi, I think of him as Michael, it's an honor to
5 have Michael, Rabbi Michael Miller, here with us
6 today and with that I make a motion to spread the
7 invocation in full upon the record.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: So moved. I move now that
9 the minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 26 be
10 adopted as printed. Messages and papers from the
11 Mayor?

12 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Communication from City,
14 County, and Borough offices?

15 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Petitions and
17 communications?

18 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Land use call-ups?

20 UNIDENTIFIED: M1-09 through M1-13,
21 various applications.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Coupled on a call-up vote,
23 at this time I would ask for a roll call vote in all
24 of today's land use call-ups. We are just voting
25 right now on land use call-ups.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Quiet in the
3 chambers.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Sit down, please, sit down.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Adams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Barron.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Borelli.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Brannan.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Cabrera.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

19 UNIDENTIFIED:

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Constantinides. Cornegy.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Deutsch.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Diaz.
COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all.
UNIDENTIFIED: Dromm.
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Espinal.
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: AYE.
UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene.
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Gibson.
COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Gjonaj.
COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.
UNIDENTIFIED: Grodenchik.
COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.
UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos.
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.
UNIDENTIFIED: King. Koo.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman.

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COUNCIL MEMBER Lancman: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to vote
on all land use call-ups and items coupled on the
general order calendar?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.
Thank you.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED: Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Perkins.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all.
3 UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.
5 UNIDENTIFIED: Reynoso.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.
7 UNIDENTIFIED: Richards.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.
9 UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.
11 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye on all.
13 UNIDENTIFIED: Rose.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.
15 UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.
17 UNIDENTIFIED: Salamanca.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on
19 all land use call-ups and with permission I would
20 like to vote aye on all items on the general order
21 calender and resolutions.
22 UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.
24 UNIDENTIFIED: Torres.
25 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.

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like to vote aye on all items on the general order
calender and resolutions.
UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.
UNIDENTIFIED: Torres.
COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Treyger.
COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: Ulrich.
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.
UNIDENTIFIED: OK, thank you. Thank you,
Woody.
UNIDENTIFIED: Vallone.
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: May I get
permission to vote on all matters on today's general
calendar [INAUDIBLE]?

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: I vote aye on
4 all, thank you.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Williams.

9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Colin Kaepernick
10 where are you? Williams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

12 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Matteo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Aye.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson.

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Speaker Johnson?

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye. Do
22 you want to recall Council Member Borelli?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Permission to
24 vote on land use and all general order items?

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye on
3 all except for Intro 465-A and Intro 899.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
5 Today's land use call-ups are adopted by a vote of 48
6 in the affirmative and zero in the negative.
7 Discussion of general orders, seeing none. Report of
8 special committees?

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Hold on a second.

10 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: OK.

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Discussion of
12 general orders, I think we have Council Member Van
13 Bramer.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Council Member Van
15 Bramer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you
17 very much, Madam Public Advocate. I rise today to
18 talk about three separate land use actions that we'll
19 be voting on today, but before I do that I want to
20 thank Speaker Corey Johnson and his staff,
21 particularly Jason Goldman, who had numerous midnight
22 conversations with me, and Raju Mann, of course, and
23 our amazing staff at the land use division for
24 helping to achieve these victories. What we're
25 voting on today is the Hunter's Point South **UDAB**

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2 which is an action that a previous council took to
3 build 5000 units of housing in Hunter's Point South
4 and Long Island City. That action created the units.
5 It created 2000 affordable housing units. But that
6 action included 5000 units of housing with not one
7 school. The action that we're going to take today is
8 to adapt and change that action in several important
9 ways. Number one, we are lowering the AMIs for the
10 development and we are approving today construction
11 of two brand-new, previously unplanned schools
12 Hunter's Point South community. We're also
13 increasing the number of affordable units from 2075
14 to 2446 units, nearly 2500 affordable housing units
15 with this one action alone. We're also voting on a
16 much smaller action in the Ravenswood community where
17 we are adding another forty affordable housing units
18 in a 116-unit building. But one of the most
19 significant actions is the Jackson Avenue, which has
20 been a years-long struggle on behalf of the Court
21 Square community in particular, and what we have
22 needed desperately in Court Square are school seats
23 and open space for parkland, and in a deal where we
24 are getting 150 affordable housing units, so again
25 all total we're approving nearly 2700 affordable

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2 housing units in Long Island City with these three
3 actions. But in this Jackson Avenue deal we are
4 getting the UPK through fifth grade school guaranteed
5 and funded at 60 million dollars. We are also
6 securing the space under the Queensborough Bridge
7 ramps for the first time ever, moving the Department
8 of Transportation and NYPD school safety vehicles off
9 of those lots, returning them to the public, and at a
10 bare minimum at the beginning creating a 50,000
11 square foot park that is fully funded by the
12 developer in this agreement. We have the Civic
13 Association, the Court Square Civic Association, and
14 Pedro Gomez is president, in support of these actions
15 and in particular the victory at Court Square. So I
16 want to a) encourage all of my colleagues to vote
17 yes, but I want to thank the people of Long Island
18 City, Hunter's Point, and Court Square for fighting
19 for the infrastructure, the schools, the parkland,
20 but most of all the respect from this administration
21 that they deserve for too long. Projects have been
22 approved, but not with the infrastructure that this
23 community deserves and needs. Just yesterday the
24 administration announced a 180 million dollar
25 infrastructure package for Long Island City. This is

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2 a very good start, but it is a down payment on what
3 this community needs going forward given the level of
4 development that has been approved in the past. So,
5 again, almost 3000 units of affordable housing, three
6 new schools, a new park, fully funded, deeper
7 affordability, more affordability and, most
8 importantly, victories for a community that has
9 demanded respect for a long time and is finally
10 getting it. So I want to thank once again Speaker
11 Corey Johnson, Jason Goldman, Raju Mann, Matt Wallace
12 from my staff, and most importantly the people of
13 Long Island City, Court Square, and Hunter's Point
14 for fighting for what they rightly deserve.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Congratulations.
16 Council Member Eugene?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
18 much, Madam Public Advocate. I would like to thank
19 Speaker Johnson for his leadership and I would like
20 also to thank my colleagues on the City Council who
21 have co-sponsored Intro 644-A, making it a
22 requirement for carbon monoxide detectors to be
23 included in businesses and mercantile spaces. This
24 critically important legislation would make the
25 building code carbon monoxide detectors which were

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2 active, which means that the detectors must be
3 installed in both new and existing covered buildings
4 that are equipped with an alarm system. This
5 legislation is a very important step in preventing
6 incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning in commercial
7 spaces. Intro 644-A would also require that the
8 Department of Buildings promote rules that addresses
9 the installation of the specific carbon monoxide
10 detectors mandated by the law, and other ways in
11 which existing buildings can be in compliance. It is
12 important that we create an environment for our
13 businesses that promote safety and does not leave our
14 business owners **subjective** to the risk of accidental
15 carbon monoxide leaks. This legislation, once
16 enacted, will unquestionably save life. A study
17 conducted by the Center for Disease and Control found
18 that a total of 5149 deaths in the United States were
19 a result of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning
20 from 1999 to 2010, which calculated to 430 deaths a
21 year. In New York City more than 400 people were
22 hospitalized and 30 died from carbon monoxide
23 poisoning from 2000 and 2005 as reported by the New
24 York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
25 As you can see, far too many lives are tragically and

2 unnecessarily lost in the United States and New York
3 City every year determine unintentional carbon
4 monoxide poisoning. I call upon all my fellow
5 colleagues to support Intro 644-A. Thank you Madam
6 Public Advocate.

7 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
8 Seeing no one else on the discussion of general
9 report, special committees?

10 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Reports of
12 standing committees?

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
14 Finance, reso 564, business improvement districts.

15 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Pardon me, we
16 were supposed to do communication from the speaker?
17 Yes? I apologize.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: I apologize.
19 Communication from the Speaker, Corey Johnson. I
20 apologize.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: No, it's OK.
22 Thank you, Madam Public Advocate. Good afternoon.
23 Happy Halloween. First, let me start off by
24 commemorating the one-year anniversary of a terror
25 attack that occurred right here in our own back yard.

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2 It was one year ago today, we were all right here in
3 these very chambers, when we received the news of a
4 terror attack near the corner of Chambers and West
5 Streets. It was a horrible day and it led to the
6 loss of eight lives. Today we remember those women
7 and men, Darren Drake, Hernan Diego Mendoza, Diego
8 Enrique Angelini, Alejandro Damien Pagnucco, Ariel
9 Erlij, Hernan Ferruchi, Nicholas Cle vessel, and Ann-
10 Laure Decadt. May they rest in peace. In addition
11 to this somber anniversary I also want to
12 acknowledge, as we heard from Rabbi Michael Miller,
13 the terror and trauma of the past week for our city
14 and our nation. New Yorkers are strong and we are
15 resilient. When we learned of suspicious packages
16 that were sent to CNN's New York bureau and some that
17 were located at a midtown postal facility we did not
18 cower to fear. We moved forward, and I cannot thank
19 the NYPD and all the law enforcement officials
20 involved enough for intercepting so quickly and
21 preventing what could have been a major disaster with
22 loss of life. We will not be intimidated. We will not
23 let those who wish to terrorize our city win, and I
24 am grateful that someone has been arrested and
25 charged in these crimes. Violence has no place in

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2 our democracy. I also want to say this. New York
3 City's stands with our sisters and brothers in
4 Pittsburgh. My heart breaks for the victims of the
5 Tree of Life Synagogue murders and their families and
6 friends left behind. I also mourn for the entire
7 Jewish community here in New York City and around the
8 world. I am proud that our city has the largest
9 Jewish community outside of the state of Israel, and
10 I know this kind of attack, of course, unsettles Jews
11 everywhere. Let us honor their memories by
12 recommitting ourselves now and forever to fight
13 against anti-Semitism and against bigotry of any
14 kind. We do this in the memory of Joyce Feinberg, 75
15 years old, Richard Gottfried, 65 years old, Rose
16 Mallinger, 97 years old, Jerry Rabinowitz, 66 years
17 old, two brothers, Cecil Rosenthal, 59 years old, and
18 David Rosenthal, 54 years old, a husband and wife,
19 Bernice Simon, 84 years old, and her husband, Sylvan
20 Simon, 86 years old, Daniel Stein, 71 years old,
21 Melvin Wax, 88 years old, and Irving Younger, 69
22 years old. These are grandparents, parents,
23 brothers, sisters, and friends, and they will not die
24 in vain. It is so unbelievably tragic, of course,
25 that this happened, but especially that Holocaust

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2 survivors who came to our country were murdered in
3 this despicable anti-Semitic attack. Finally, I want
4 to send my thoughts and prayers to Jeffersontown,
5 Kentucky, and the community there, where a man who
6 reportedly made racist statements murdered two
7 individuals at a Kroger's Supermarket. Both of these
8 individuals who lost their lives were African
9 Americans, Vickie Lee Jones, 67 years old, and
10 Maurice Stallard, 69 years old. They were just
11 spending their day getting groceries, as any of us
12 would do. And we grieve with their families and
13 friends and we in New York City stand with
14 Jeffersontown. Racism has no place in our society.
15 We stand with our friends in the African American
16 community and we want them to know, too, that we have
17 their backs. All of these horrible events have one
18 common denominator, as Rabbi Miller said, hatred.
19 Hatred has no place in this city and in this country.
20 We are better than this. It has been a tough week
21 for all of us, every single one of us. And we may
22 feel helpless at times, but we shall overcome. We
23 have been through painful times before and we will
24 overcome. It is 2018, and I can't believe we still
25 have to say that racism and anti-Semitism are evil.

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2 But I will say it. We may not hear this message from
3 certain elected officials in our country, but I want
4 to reiterate and be clear. We in New York City
5 welcome everyone with open arms, regardless of your
6 race, religion, sexual orientation, disability,
7 gender identity, immigration status. We will extend
8 our hand and proudly shake yours. We welcome your
9 friendship. We welcome your presence. We welcome
10 you to the best part of our city, which is our
11 diversity. It is our strength. Our human rights are
12 your human rights. Now let us take a moment of
13 silence. If everyone could please rise.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Please rise.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: All rise. [silence]

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: May their
17 memories be a blessing.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Please be seated.

19 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: After all of this
20 bad news, this week it is nice to have some things to
21 celebrate. October is National Disability Employment
22 Awareness Month and we are so proud of and celebrate
23 the contributions of workers with disabilities. We
24 are a country that should be all-inclusive and we
25 thank all workers with disabilities for all that they

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2 do. However, there is still a lot of room for
3 improvement. We can do better. We need to give more
4 New Yorkers with disabilities and all Americans with
5 disabilities, for that matter, more opportunities to
6 thrive. Those with disabilities should not be
7 defined by their disability. We have come so far
8 down the road of equality, but there is still more
9 work to do. To those with disabilities, this month
10 and all year round we celebrate and thank all of you.
11 We will always have your backs, too. I want to give
12 a special shout-out to Anastasia Somoza, the
13 Council's first-ever disabilities civil and human
14 rights liaison in our community engagement division.
15 She is amazing and we appreciate her hard work for
16 the council. And finally, we extend our best wishes
17 to Caitlin Fahey, counsel to the Housing and
18 Buildings Committee. She is leaving the council at
19 the end of the week and she has been invaluable to
20 our legislative division. We wish her the best.
21 Let's give a round of applause to Anastasia and to
22 Caitlin. [applause] OK. Jumping into our docket for
23 today, the council will vote on one Article 11,
24 property tax exemption in Council Member Salamanca's
25 district. The council will also vote on the

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2 following land use items - three projects in Council
3 Member Van Bramer's district, which you heard about,
4 Long Island City ramps, Hunter's Point South, and 114
5 35th Avenue rezoning. We are also going to vote on
6 the approval of special permits for development in
7 Council Member Rivera's district located on East 16th
8 Street. We'll be voting on a Sunset Park Article 11
9 exemption in Council Member Menchaca's district.
10 We'll be voting on Hopkinson Park Place, a
11 modification to affordable home ownership project in
12 Council Member Ampry-Samuel's district, 21 Arden
13 Street, an Article 11 exemption in Council Member
14 Rodriguez's district, 6902 Queens Boulevard, a
15 rezoning to allow for the development of housing.
16 There will be some affordable housing as well as a
17 476-seat public school in Council Member Holden's
18 district. The council worked with the SCA and the
19 development team, able to find the way to get a new
20 school and I really, really want to congratulate
21 Council Member Holden, who worked very, very hard on
22 this project, I think the first ULURP for his
23 district, and his time in the council. It was not an
24 easy negotiation, but he did a great job in securing
25 a new public school for his district. So I want to

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2 congratulate him on that. Variety Boys and Girls
3 Club, a rezoning in Council Member Constantinides'
4 district. There will be affordable housing plus a
5 new space for the Boys and Girls Club of Astoria.
6 Ah, 3901 Ninth Avenue, a rezoning in Council Member
7 Menchaca's district, which will result in a mixed use
8 building. I want to thank our incredible land use
9 staff, Amy Levitan, Julie Lubin, John Douglas, Jeff
10 Yoon, Chelsea Kelly, and our great land use director,
11 Raju Mann. The council will also vote on
12 disapproving the transfer of properties in these
13 council members' districts: Carlina Rivera, Diana
14 Ayala, Ydanis Rodriguez, Bill Perkins, and Mark
15 Levine, districts that have properties that were
16 supposed to transfer those properties under the
17 third-party transfer program. Under the current law,
18 the council may disapprove the transfer of any
19 property within 45 days of receive official notice
20 from the Department of Fiance of the list of
21 properties scheduled to go through the TPT program.
22 The TPT program is an anti-displacement program
23 designed to stabilize and rehabilitate buildings and
24 improve conditions for tenants. Decisions to remove
25 individual properties from this list were made by the

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2 local council members in whose district the property
3 is located. This round of TPT involves properties in
4 Manhattan. Those council members met with the
5 Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development
6 and in many cases representatives of the properties
7 in order to make their decisions. The council
8 recognized that some communities who recently went
9 through the TPT process in the outer boroughs have
10 raised concerns registering this program. I know the
11 Public Advocate has raised concerns. As a result of
12 those concerns, the council will be reviewing TPT
13 legislation and HPD practice to make changes as
14 necessary to ensure that the program remains a viable
15 rehabilitation and preservation tool to improve the
16 lives of the residents in these buildings and ensure
17 that the buildings remain affordable for many years
18 to come. I want to thank a few council members who
19 worked very, very hard on this. Council Member
20 Cornegy spent an enormous amount of time on this
21 issue. He was extraordinarily thoughtful about the
22 issue. He took a big leadership role in
23 understanding how we got to where we are today and I
24 really want to thank him for his collaboration and
25 his leadership on this, and similarly Council Member

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2 Kallos is someone that had been raising concerns
3 related to the TPT process as well. HPD needs to do
4 better. We are going to make sure they do better in
5 the future, and I know that Council Member Ampry-
6 Samuel and Council Member Reynoso and other council
7 members had significant concerns in their own
8 districts about properties that were affected, as
9 well as the Public Advocate, who has taken on a
10 leading role in talking about the issues surrounding
11 this. So I want to thank all of them who made their
12 voices heard, as well as other council members who
13 had properties in their district who worked with the
14 land use staff and the legislative staff in a
15 thoughtful and productive way to understand where the
16 properties made sense and where the properties didn't
17 make sense, but we shouldn't have to get to this
18 point in the future. We need a better program that
19 doesn't put any of us in its position. Moving on,
20 the council will vote on the following piece of
21 legislation: Introduction 925-A, sponsored by
22 Council Member Jumaane Williams, will clarify that
23 when a commuter van is operating in violation of a
24 provision within the TLC's commuter van enforcement
25 authority, TLC has the power to seize that vehicle

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2 regardless of seating capacity. This bill would also
3 amend the definition of a for-hire vehicle, so that
4 for enforcement purposes the definition includes
5 vehicles with a seating capacity greater than 20.
6 These amendments would allow for the TLC to enforce
7 against vehicles that seat more than 20 passengers,
8 whether they are commuter vans or for-hire vehicles.
9 I want to thank the staff who worked on this, Audrey
10 Sahn and James Digiovanni, and I want to congratulate
11 you, Jumaane, Council Member Kaepernick, for your
12 getting this done. I know it's been a lot of work.
13 Next, we'll vote on the following few building-
14 related bills. Introduction 645-A, sponsored by
15 Council Member Danny Dromm, will require the
16 Department of Buildings and the Commission on Human
17 Rights to conduct education outreach to businesses in
18 the public to increase awareness of the existing
19 requirement that single-occupant toilet rooms be
20 available for use by persons of any gender, as well
21 as the related posting and signage requirements for
22 such toilet rooms. I want to congratulate Danny on
23 this. He took on this issue and the previous council
24 passed an initial bill and is now following up to
25 ensure that the bill that we passed is implemented in

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2 the right way and everyone knows the rights involved.
3 Introduction 644-A, sponsored by Council Member
4 Mathieu Eugene, which he talked about, will expand
5 the building codes carbon monoxide detector
6 requirements to all business and mercantile spaces.
7 In addition, this bill will make the building codes
8 carbon monoxide detector requirements retroactive,
9 applying them to all new and existed covered
10 buildings equipped with fire alarm systems which must
11 comply with the retroactive requirement by January 1,
12 2021. Finally, this bill will require the Department
13 of Buildings to promulgate rules addressing the
14 installation of the specific carbon monoxide
15 detectors required and potential methods of
16 alternative compliance for existing buildings.
17 Introduction 836-A, sponsored by Council Member
18 Robert Cornegy, the chair of our Housing and
19 Buildings Committee, will consolidate operations for
20 the approval processes for alternative automatic fire
21 extinguishing systems, fire alarm systems, emergency
22 alarm systems, fire department in-building auxiliary
23 radio communication systems, and fire protection
24 plans. Currently the approval processes for these
25 plans and systems are divided between the Department

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2 of Buildings and the FDNY. This bill will streamline
3 this process by requiring all to be approved by the
4 FDNY, a very important. I want to congratulate the
5 chair on this, and I want to thank the staff, Caitlin
6 Fahey, again, whose last day it is. Thank you for
7 all of your help on these bills, Caitlin. Austin
8 Branford, Jose Conde, and Megan Chen. Introduction
9 899-A, sponsored by Council Member Keith Powers and
10 co-primed by Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, will
11 permit non-public campaign funds to be spent on child
12 care services for children under 13 years old in an
13 election year and the year immediately preceding an
14 election year when the need for such services exist
15 because of the campaign. Such child care expenses
16 would be exempted from the expenditure limit for the
17 first \$20,000 spent in the election year. Candidates
18 would not be required to spend campaign funds on
19 child care. In choosing to pay with their personal
20 funds or receiving below-market child care would not
21 be considered a contribution to the campaign. I want
22 to thank the staff, who worked very hard on this.
23 Brad Reidel, Elizabeth Cronk, Zachary Harris, Rachel
24 Cordero, and Rob Newman, and I know that there were
25 numerous council members that gave very helpful

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2 feedback in democratic conference and one-on-one with
3 Council Member Powers in strengthening this bill. So
4 I want to congratulate him and the majority leader.
5 Finally, the council will vote on a package of
6 legislation that will improve the NYPD training for
7 assisting victims of sexual assault and gender-based
8 crime, strengthening safeguards for victim privacy
9 and increasing transparency within the NYPD's Special
10 Victims division. I want to take this opportunity to
11 commend Police Commissioner Jimmy O'Neill for
12 releasing an apology letter to the Prospect Park
13 survivor. By acknowledging past failures he sent a
14 message to all survivors that the NYPD has come a
15 long way since 1994 and that our detectives are here
16 to listen to them, to believe them, and to protect
17 them. As more victims of sexual assault are coming
18 forward, we need to do everything we can to make sure
19 they are not re-victimized all over again. With
20 these bills we are devoting our attention and
21 resources to ensuring that their cases will be
22 handled by experienced, well-trained investigators to
23 understand what it means to have experienced this
24 kind of trauma. Our commitment to helping survivors
25 continues today with these bills, by ensuring the

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2 NYPD has everything it needs and is doing everything
3 it can to fully support them. I want to thank, of
4 course, and I'll get to each one of the colleagues
5 who worked on these bills, but I really especially
6 want to thank the chair of our Women's Committee,
7 Helen Rosenthal, who spent an enormous amount of time
8 this, every little detail, advocating, understanding
9 the issues, meeting with survivors and victims and
10 law enforcement officials, speaking to other folks
11 across the country, reading academic literature,
12 reading accounts from survivors, understanding
13 studies and how it could affect our legislation. She
14 was relentless in making sure that we got this
15 package right because of how important it was, and
16 the meetings that we had with the police commissioner
17 and Chief Shea and the top staff in the SVD and in
18 the detective squad were meetings that I found eye-
19 opening because of the questions and the advocacy
20 that Chair Rosenthal exhibited in those meetings and
21 all the conversations that we've had together, so I
22 really, really want to thank her for her leadership.
23 This package is extraordinarily important and we
24 would not have got here without her. Introduction
25 444-A, sponsored by Majority Leader Cumbo, will

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2 require new recruits to receive specialized training
3 for responding to survivors of sexual assault and
4 harassment, including sensitivity to differences in
5 culture, gender, gender expression, and sexual
6 orientation. The bill will also require interactive
7 refresher trainings every two years for all uniformed
8 members of the department who regularly interact with
9 crime victims. I want to congratulate you, Majority
10 Leader Cumbo. You, again, have been a huge advocate
11 on these issues long preceding this package of bills.
12 Introduction 785-A, sponsored by Chair Rosenthal,
13 will require the department to create a comprehensive
14 special victims training program for new Special
15 Victims Division investigators and will require
16 current SVD investigators to demonstrate they are
17 already proficient in all of the core subjects of the
18 training program. This is very, very important about
19 how detectives get trained in interacting with
20 victims and survivors. The bill will require annual
21 reporting on the content, the number of officers who
22 have participated in the training, and any changes
23 made to the program so that the council can ensure
24 that the training of SVD investigators is as good as
25 it can be. Introduction 781-A, sponsored by Council

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2 Member Carlina Rivera, will require the commissioner
3 to limit access to SVD case files to individuals who
4 need to see those files in order to perform their job
5 functions. It will also require the NYPD to keep
6 close track of who is accessing those case files to
7 guarantee that private information will never be
8 shared outside of the group of people who need that
9 information to properly investigate cases and solve
10 crimes. We do not want leaks of these files to the
11 media or to people who should not have access to
12 this, and this bill seeks to address that. And
13 Introduction 784-A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Debbie Rose, this bill is very, very important and
15 Debbie worked very hard, was tenacious with the NYPD
16 in negotiating this bill and asking a lot of very,
17 very tough questions, and this bill will require the
18 department to report on the staffing and case loads
19 for the Special Victims Division investigators, as
20 well as the factors the commissioner considered in
21 setting staffing levels for SVD. Our investigators
22 need enough time and resources to devote to every
23 survivor in every case, and this bill allows us to
24 make sure that the NYPD is taking these cases as
25 seriously as well do. I also want to thank the chair

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2 of our Public Safety Committee, Donovan Richards, who
3 worked hard on all of these bills with the colleagues
4 that I just named and for his leadership in the
5 hearing on these bills, the sensitivity that he
6 showed, and the leadership and working with us to get
7 these bills forward. I want to congratulate you and
8 thank you, Chair Richards, for your leadership. I
9 want to thank the staff on this, Daniel Aids and
10 Brian Crow. That concludes our agenda for today's
11 stated meeting and I look forward to proceeding with
12 today's votes. Thank you and have a happy and safe
13 Halloween. Madam Public Advocate.

14 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you so
15 much. Discussion of general orders. Seeing none.
16 Report of special committees.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

18 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Report of
19 standing committees.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
21 Finance, reso 564, business improvement districts.

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
23 general orders.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Pre-considered reso 579,
25 organization funding.

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general
3 orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Pre-considered reso 255 and
5 reso 583, 645 Barretto Street.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
7 general orders.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
9 for-hire vehicles, Intro 925-A, commuter vans.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
11 coupled on general orders.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
13 Governmental Operations, Intro 899-A, campaign funds.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
15 coupled on general orders.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
17 Housing and Buildings, Intro 465-A, single-occupancy
18 toilets.

19 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
20 coupled on general orders.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Intro 644-A, carbon
22 monoxide detectors.

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
24 coupled on general orders.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Intro 836-A, fire alarm
3 systems.

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
5 coupled on general orders.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Pre-considered Intro 1179
7 through pre-considered Intro 1206, third-party
8 transfers.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general
10 orders.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
12 Land Use, LU-209, reso 584 through LU-213 and reso
13 588, 2632 Jackson Avenue.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on general
15 orders.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: LUs-214 and 215, 110 East
17 16th Street.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Approved with
19 modifications and referred to the City Planning
20 Commission. Pursuant to Rule 11.70-B of the Rules of
21 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
22 Charter.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Excuse me, LU-221 and reso
24 589 and LU-222 and reso 590, Hunter's Point South.

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
3 general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-226 and reso 591 through
5 LU-229 and reso 594, Sunset Park.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
7 general orders.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-233 and reso 595,
9 Hopkinson Park Place.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
11 general orders.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-231 and reso 596, 21
13 Arden Street.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
15 general orders.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-235 through LU-237,
17 6902 Queens Boulevard.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Approved with
19 modifications and referred to the City Planning
20 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.070-B of the Rules of
21 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
22 Charter.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: LUs-244 and 245, Variety
24 Boys and Girls Club rezoning.

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Approved with
3 modifications and referred to the City Planning
4 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.070-B of the Rules of
5 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
6 Charter.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-246 and reso 597, and
8 LU-247 and reso 597, 1114 35th Avenue rezoning.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
10 general orders.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: LUs-248 and 249, 3901 Ninth
12 Avenue rezoning.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Approved with
14 modifications and referred to the City Planning
15 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.070-B of the Rules of
16 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City
17 Charter.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on
19 Public Safety, Intro 444-A, NYPD harassment and
20 sexual assault training.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
22 coupled on general orders.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Intros 781-A, 784-A, and
24 785-A, NYPD Special Victims Division.

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
3 coupled on general orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: On the general order
5 calender, Intro 720, site safety training.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Laid over.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-214 and reso 599, and
8 LU-215 and reso 600, 110 East 16th Street.

9 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
10 general orders.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-235 and reso 601 through
12 LU-237 and reso 603, 6902 Queens Boulevard.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
14 general orders.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-244 and reso 604, and
16 LU-245 and reso 605, Boys and Girls Club.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
18 general orders.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: LU-248 and reso 606, and
20 LU-249 and reso 6067, 3901 Ninth Avenue rezoning.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
22 general orders.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Resolution appointing
24 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled with
3 general orders, and Mr. Etricks you and I are done.
4 At this time I would like a roll call vote on all the
5 items on today's general order calendar.

6 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: And all members
7 please note that all requests to be excused will be
8 denied. We need to maintain quorum. Sorry.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Adams.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: That's you,
11 Woody. [laughter]

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye on all,
13 and congratulate all of my colleagues today on great
14 legislation.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Permission
20 to explain my vote.

21 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I just want
23 to say thank you to the Land Use staff in reference
24 to the Hopkinson Park Place deal, because I know I
25 had a ton of questions and there was a lot of back

2 and forth between Land Use and HPD, and so I just
3 want to say really, truly, thank you for assisting me
4 in this particular conversation, and I look forward
5 to the project moving forward and an opportunity to
6 have real home ownership in the Bronxville community.
7 So, again, thank you.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: And I vote
10 aye on all.

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Barron.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on
14 all, with the exception of 209 through 213, and the
15 accompanying resolutions in 235 through 237, just not
16 enough for poor people to rent. Thank you.

17 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Brannan.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Matteo.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 465 and no
25 on 899. Aye on the rest.

2 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Chen.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHEN: Aye on all.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER Cohen: Aye.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Constantinides.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Madam
9 Public Advocate, may I be allowed to vote and also
10 the land use call-ups?

11 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes on land use
12 call-ups.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I am all
14 on both the general order and the land use call-ups.

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank
17 you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Cornegy.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Deutsch.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: May I explain my
22 notes?

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Well, actually I
25 have something else to say. I just want to first say

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2 that the Speaker may be done with Mr. Etricks, but
3 I'm still going to have a voice competition with him.
4 So I'm not done with him yet. On another note, I
5 just want to say how proud I am of how we unify here
6 in the City Council and we had a unity rally on the
7 steps of City Hall with the members of the Jewish
8 Caucus, the Black Latino Asian Caucus, and the
9 Progressive Caucus, and I'm really, really proud of
10 my colleagues when we all get together and we stand
11 up against hate, bias, and bigotry, and we will
12 continue to not only stand up and hopefully we don't
13 have to it again, but to tackle the issues and effort
14 at discussions on how to prevent things like this
15 from happening. So with that said, I want to thank
16 also the Speaker for his heart-wrenching and heart-
17 warming speech on behalf of the entire Jewish
18 community here in New York City and around the
19 country. So thank you, Mr. Speaker and Public
20 Advocate. And it was also very, after the Sabbath
21 when I received text messages from people
22 representing different faiths and throughout New York
23 City and receiving a call from the speaker sending
24 his condolences to the Jewish community from actually
25 MTA president, Andy Byford, and Polly Trottenberg,

2 they really stood up and we all are united, not only
3 in the council but here in the city as a whole. So I
4 want to thank everyone for their condolences and for
5 their partnership on behalf of the members of the
6 entire Jewish caucus. With that said, I vote aye on
7 all.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Diaz. Ulrich.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Woody votes yes
11 on everything except Intro 465-A and 899-A. I also
12 want to wish a happy birthday to my daughter, Lily.
13 Today is her birthday. She is 6 years old. I'm
14 going to a party now to celebrate with her. Thank
15 you very much.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you, Woody,
17 and happy birthday, Lily.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Dromm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: AYE.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Espinal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: With many
22 congratulations to my colleagues, especially Laurie
23 Cumbo on the NYPD sensitivity training bill. I vote
24 aye.

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene.

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to explain my vote?

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Madam Public Advocate, and good afternoon colleagues. I want to join with all of you in congratulating everyone on passing important legislation today. I specifically want to highlight the Committee on Public Safety, the Committee on Women. Thank you to Chair Donovan Richards and Chair Helen Rosenthal, and to Council Member Rivera, Council Member Rose, and Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, really looking at the comprehensive package related to the NYPD Special Victims Division and sensitivity training and really making sure that we continuously look at improving our Special Victims Unit, particularly when the victims are young adults and teenagers, and we know, unfortunately we've seen, too many victims of a crime, sexual assaults and assaults on women, and particularly young girls. There are always to improve. There are always efforts that we should

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2 constantly undertake to improve the work we do. I
3 want to thank the NYPD for all of the tremendous work
4 the Special Victims Unit and Chief Osgood has done,
5 and I look forward to the partnership as these bills
6 are implemented, because we can always look at best
7 practices of how we can do better work. And with
8 that, congratulations to all of my colleagues, and
9 thank you certainly to the Women's Caucus, my dynamic
10 sisters, for always leading the charge on a lot of
11 these issues, and with that, Madam Public Advocate, I
12 vote aye on all.

13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Gjonaj.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Grodenchik.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all. Happy
21 birthday, Lily.

22 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thanks.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

UNIDENTIFIED: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED: Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

UNIDENTIFIED: Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye on all,

except for 925-A, abstain.

MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: With permission,

Madam Public Advocate, I would like to vote aye on

2 all with the exception of Land Use items 209 to 213
3 and associated resolutions on which I abstain.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Perkins.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Reynoso.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Richards.

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

15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you.

17 Today we're voting on a critical package of
18 legislation that we shepherded through both the
19 Public Safety and Women's committee. As a result of
20 the Me Too movement, more victims of sexual assault
21 are coming forward and we want to encourage them to
22 continue to do so. These victims deserve to feel
23 respected and supported by the people who are
24 responsible for ensuring that they get justice.
25 Intros 444, 781, 784, and 785 increase transparency

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2 in the way the NYPD diverts resources to the
3 investigations of sexual assaults. They guarantee
4 the privacy of victims once they do come forward, and
5 they make sure that the law enforcement officers,
6 most importantly, that handle these cases responds to
7 these victims appropriately and that they are
8 appropriately trained. Together this package shows
9 that the City Council not only takes sexual assaults
10 very seriously, but our obligation to hold everyone
11 accountable. I want to thank all of the women who
12 led this charge. There's no need for me to mansplain
13 here. But to our dynamic chair, Helen Rosenthal,
14 congratulations on a job well done. To Council
15 Members Cumbo, Rivera, Rose, congratulations on your
16 work. I also just wanted to acknowledge the work of
17 my committee staff, Daniel Ades and Casey Adderson,
18 and lastly just end with the more transparency we
19 have the more we can hold everyone accountable and
20 we're doing that certainly here. I also want to
21 acknowledge lastly two of my fellows who have joined
22 us today, Brittany Scott and Jeanine Agard, thank you
23 for being here today. And then lastly I wanted to
24 end on sending my condolences to the families in
25 Pittsburgh, and this sort of opens a lots of wounds

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2 backing up to the African American community.

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3 Obviously, we saw the Emmanuel Nine in Charleston

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4 killed not too long ago. So I wanted to make sure

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5 that I sent my condolences and let everyone know

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6 we're going to be everything we can do in the

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7 committee to strengthen the relationship between our

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8 houses of worship and the NYPD. Thank you.

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9 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you.

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11 UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.

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12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

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13 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

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14 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.

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15 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Rodriguez?

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16 UNIDENTIFIED: Rose.

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17 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to

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18 explain my vote?

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19 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

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20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: This time of Me Too

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21 and more and more women and men are feeling empowered

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22 to come forward to share their stories of past

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23 incidents of sexual abuse and a concurrent campaign

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24 by the NYPD encouraging people to report incidents of

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25 sexual abuse. It is critically important to have

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2 appropriate staffing levels at NYPD SVD units. This
3 spring the Department of Investigation released a
4 disturbing report that found that more than 70% of
5 the crimes overall in New York City are reported to
6 the authorities. Only 5% to 20% of sexual assaults
7 are reported. Among the many reason for this
8 unacceptably low number is the understaffing of the
9 city's SVD units, only 67 detectives to investigate
10 roughly 5600 sex crimes a year. I want to thank
11 Speaker Corey Johnson for his empathic understanding
12 of this issue and for his support and leadership, and
13 acknowledge Helen Rosenthal's tenacity and ferocity
14 to ensure that the integrity of these bills were
15 preserved, and I want to thank Majority Leader Cumbo
16 and Council Member Rivera and the Women's Caucus for
17 their diligence, their insightful diligence to ensure
18 that these bills not only came to light but would
19 pass, and I want to thank my legislative and budget
20 director, Edwina Martin, for helping us to make these
21 bills possible and get shepherded through. Thank
22 you, and I vote aye on all.

23 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to
4 explain my vote quickly.

5 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you.

7 Like Council Member Rose, I just want to thank my
8 colleagues who passed bills in this package. Council
9 Member Rose, Rivera, and Cumbo for their tenacity and
10 staying strong to make sure that the integrity of
11 these bills were in the final drafts that we're
12 passing today, and we could not have gotten this done
13 without Jason Goldman and without our speaker, who
14 stood strong and steadfast, who went out of his way
15 to make sure that we all have the time to talk about
16 these bills with the police commissioner and other
17 important members of the NYPD. This historic day
18 would not be as, we would not have as strong a
19 package had we not had this speaker leading the way
20 and Speaker Johnson, I don't know how you do it. I
21 really don't. But you pushed the ball forward for a
22 lot of victims of sexual assault today and I really
23 thank you for that.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Torres.

25 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: How do you vote?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: And I vote Aye
3 on all.

4 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.
5 Torres?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote Aye on
7 all.

8 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Treyger.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye on
13 all. I would just like to thank all of my colleagues
14 for supporting these three very historic land use
15 items in Long Island City, Queens. Thank you.

16 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Thank you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Williams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: My **excuse** for
19 my vote?

20 MADAM PUBLIC ADVOCATE: Yes.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you very
22 much. I just want to congratulate all of my
23 colleagues, especially those associated with the
24 sexual abuse and assault package. This body is
25 probably leading the nation when it comes to that, so

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2 that is something we should be proud of. I did want
3 to point out a bill that I'll be passing. Thank you
4 to my colleagues, 1925-A deals with the van industry.
5 This basically closes a loophole that prevents the
6 TLC from enforcement on vans with more than 20
7 passengers. It is critically important because in
8 many parts of the city there are people now with no
9 licenses, no insurance, and driving around, unable to
10 be stopped or do any enforcement to be able to
11 happen. I normally don't like to support enforcement
12 unless we provided a pathway for people to earn a
13 living. This body in particular has done that. We
14 brought this, these van drivers out from the shadows.
15 There is now a legal pathway to do so. So I want to
16 encourage all van drivers to avail themselves of the
17 legal way to provide a commuter van service, in some
18 parts of the city often called dollar vans. This
19 bill will allow TLC to take people who may not be
20 licensed or may not be insured, but simply because
21 they have no capacity for over 20, closed the
22 loophole. So I'm happy with passing that. I do want
23 to shout out Leroy Morrison. Some of you may have
24 received some calls from him. He is upstairs with
25 another van driver, Winston, who have been supporting

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2 this bill. I want to thank the speaker, Jeff Baker,
3 and Jason for helping get this through and my
4 legislative director Malike Wright. With that, I
5 will be voting aye on all with the exception of LU-
6 244, 245 accompanying resos, LU-235 to 237
7 accompanying resos, LU-246, 247 accompanying resos,
8 I'll be voting no, and LU-209, 213 accompanying resos
9 I'll be abstaining. Aye on all the rest.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I proudly vote
14 aye, and I just want to thank this entire body for
15 being such a feminist body and continuing to produce
16 legislation that advances women in so many incredible
17 ways. But the legislation in regards to giving women
18 the ability to run for office, and men, while having
19 children is going to be revolutionary. So many women
20 say that they do not run for office because of the
21 fact that they have to care for their children. But
22 this is a huge step to recognizing that if we
23 alleviate those challenges we will have more women in
24 office to continue to create the incredible
25 legislation that you have heard here today. So I

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2 proudly vote aye on all, and I thank this incredible
3 body with the leadership of Corey Johnson of
4 advancing women's leadership all through the City of
5 New York, and I proudly vote aye. I thank you. I
6 will now be replacing Public Advocate Letitia James.

7 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Happy Halloween,
8 Tish.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye on
11 all. I would like to make just one remark that I
12 left out earlier just because I knew that Council
13 Member Van Bramer spoke in depth about the projects
14 in Long Island City, but these three projects, he
15 told you the details, they have a very significant
16 cumulative effect for the area in Court Square and
17 the entire Long Island City community, and these were
18 difficult projects to negotiate. He was spending
19 nights and weekends with Jason Goldman and Raju Mann
20 attempting to land the plane and get to a final deal
21 on this, and I know the cumulative number of new
22 affordable apartments, the revisiting of a previous
23 deal from years earlier to have deeper affordability
24 on those projects for lower-income people. They are
25 getting 50,000 square feet in public open space for

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2 the community under the ramps. These are all things
3 that were like a puzzle trying to come together and I
4 am grateful for his leadership and his negotiating,
5 and the administration and Jason and Raju in getting
6 this done, and with that I vote aye on all.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: OK, we'll now
8 have the tally. All items on today's general order
9 calendar were adopted by a vote of 50 in the
10 affirmative, zero negative, and zero abstentions.
11 With the exception of LUs 209, 210, 211, 212, 213,
12 and accompanying resos, which was adopted by a vote
13 of 47 in the affirmative, 2 negative, and 1
14 abstention. With LUs 235, 236, 237, and accompanying
15 resos, which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the
16 affirmative, 2 negative, and zero abstentions. And
17 Intro 465-A, which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the
18 affirmative, 3 negative, and zero abstentions. And
19 Intro 899-A, which was adopted by a vote of 47 in the
20 affirmative, 3 negative, and zero abstentions. And
21 Intro 925-A, which was adopted by a vote of 49 in the
22 affirmative, zero negative, and 1 abstention. LU
23 246, 247, with accompany resos, LU 244, 245, with
24 accompanying resos, and revised Land Use call-up
25 votes is 50 in the affirmative and zero negative. We

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2 will now go into the introduction and reading of
3 bills. Thank you. [INAUDIBLE] Thank you. We will
4 now have a discussion of resolutions. Resolution,
5 Resolution 84, urging the New York State Legislature
6 to pass and the governor to sign the reproductive
7 health act adopted by the Committee on Women. All in
8 favor, aye. [Ayes]. All opposed? Any abstentions?
9 Now go to Resolution 178-A, an amended resolution
10 calling on the Federal Aviation Administration to
11 amend the North Shore helicopter route to extend
12 further west to cover northeast Queens. Amended and
13 adopted by the Committee on Economic Development.
14 All in favor? [AYES] All opposed? Any abstentions?
15 Resolution 203-A, an amended resolution establishing
16 February 4 as Rosa Parks Day to commemorate the civil
17 rights leader. Amended and adopted by the Committee
18 on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International
19 Intergroup Relations. All in favor? [AYES] Any in
20 opposition? Any abstentions? The next one we will
21 have will be Resolution 285-A, calling upon the
22 United States Secretary of the Interior to recognize
23 the historical significance of Robert Clemente's
24 place of death in Loiza, Puerto Rico, by adding it to
25 the National Register of Historic Places. Adopted by

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2 the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and
3 International Intergroup Relations. All in favor?
4 [AYES] Any abstentions? Any in opposition?
5 Resolution 358-A, resolution calling upon the City of
6 New York to eliminate the disparity and compensation
7 paid to teachers, staff, and directors at community-
8 based EarlyLearn New York City centers, as compared
9 to the compensation paid to Department of Education
10 instructors for similar employment. All in favor?
11 [AYES] Any abstentions? Any in opposition?
12 Resolution 420, resolution declaring November 11 as
13 Polish Independence Day in the City of New York,
14 adopted by the Committee on Cultural Affairs,
15 Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations.
16 All in favor? [AYES] Any in opposition? Any
17 abstentions? I'm now going to call on Council Member
18 Holden to talk on this particular package of
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you. I
21 have three resolutions, actually, declaring, one is
22 declaring November 11 as Polish Independence Day in
23 the City of New York. Since regaining their
24 independence in 1918 Poland has been through numerous
25 events, obviously, many of them not good, from the

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2 Nazi invasion obviously to the Soviet occupation, but
3 it was the birthplace of solidarity movement that
4 became a role model for the democratic transformation
5 after 1989, and by the way, there are approximately
6 201,000 people of Polish ancestry within New York
7 City. New York City has also recognized and
8 celebrated Polish history, including its
9 commemoration of such leaders as Casimir Pulaski. We
10 have the Pulaski Day parade on Fifth Avenue, and
11 Tadeusz Kosciuszko, that's the right way to pronounce
12 it, with the naming of the Kosciuszko Bridge, that's
13 partly in my district. Resolution 421, declaring
14 October 11 as Casimir Pulaski Day in the City of New
15 York, a Polish American hero, obviously. In 1777
16 Pulaski arrived in Philadelphia, meeting George
17 Washington and volunteered his services in the
18 Revolutionary War. Pulaski and his legion were
19 instrumental in protecting American independence.
20 New York City has the annual Pulaski Day parade on
21 Fifth Avenue, which is held on the first Sunday of
22 October. I won't mention the Pulaski Skyway. The
23 Resolution 422, declaring October 15 as Tadeusz
24 Kosciuszko Day in the City of New York. He emigrated
25 to America in June 1776, playing an integral role in

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2 the American war effort, constructing defensive
3 fortifications in Philadelphia, Saratoga, Fort
4 Ticonderoga, and West Point. At the end of the war
5 Kosciuszko was promoted to brigadier general in the
6 army and received citizenship. Kosciuszko is also
7 commemorated by monuments, stamps, streets, and parks
8 names after him. Thanks to Council Member Van Bramer
9 and Cultural Affairs committee, and all my colleagues
10 for co-sponsoring and supporting the bills, and also
11 thanks to the Polish community, Polish Leaders
12 Business Association, Historical Society, and all the
13 work they do in fostering the great Polish-American
14 relationships with the City of New York. Thank you
15 so much, Madam Chair.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
17 for all of the resolutions that you have put forward.
18 I am now going to read Resolution 421, resolution
19 declaring October 11 as Casimir Pulaski Day in the
20 City of New York, adopted by the Committee on
21 Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International
22 Intergroup Relations. All in favor? [AYES] Any
23 abstentions? Any opposed? The ayes have it. We'll
24 now go to Council Member Mathieu Eugene, who would
25 like to read the resolution being presented today.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
3 much, Madam Majority Leader. I just want to thank my
4 colleagues for the support to Resolution 203,
5 establishing February 4 as Rosa Parks Day, to
6 commemorate the work and legacy of the civil rights
7 leader. On December 1, 1995, Rosa Parks made history
8 by rejecting a bus driver's order to relinquish her
9 seat in the colored section. Her action became a
10 symbol of the civil rights movement and a profound
11 example of the power we all have as individuals when
12 we fight for what is [INAUDIBLE] right and just
13 cause. In 1999 President Bill Clinton [INAUDIBLE]
14 Rosa Parks for her contribution to the United States,
15 declaring her the first lady of civil rights and
16 mother of the freedom movement. Her birthday of
17 February 4 and the date that she was arrested,
18 December 1, are celebrated as Rosa Parks Day in
19 California, Missouri, Ohio, and Oregon. As the chair
20 of the Committee on Civil and Human Rights, I believe
21 it is long overdue that the Council of the City of
22 New York recognize the life and legacy of Rosa Parks
23 by establishing February 4 as Rosa Parks Day. As a
24 city we should always celebrate diversity and unity
25 while protecting everyone against acts of hate,

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2 discrimination, and bigotry, as we are doing today
3 for our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community.
4 And it is only right that we honor the legacy of Rosa
5 Parks by recognizing her contribution to the civil
6 movement, civil rights movement in the United States.
7 I want to thank the members of the City Council. I
8 want to thank also the Cultural Affairs, Libraries,
9 and International Intergroup Relations Committee,
10 policy analyst Lisa Christie, and all my colleagues
11 who supported this resolution. And I know that if
12 Rosa Parks was alive she would say today, like she
13 said when she didn't want to move, I am tired. She
14 would say today I'm tired to see innocent people
15 losing their life while only their exerting their
16 civil and human rights.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very
19 much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
21 much, Council Member Mathieu Eugene. This is an
22 incredible resolution that you have put forward.
23 We're now going to read Resolution 422, resolution
24 declaring October 15 as Tadeusz Kosciuszko Day in the
25 City of New York, adopted by the Committee on

2 Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International
3 Intergroup Relations. All in favor? [AYES]

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: That's not how
5 Council Member Holden said you pronounce it.

6 [LAUGHTER]

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Kosciuszko.

8 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Next reso?

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [LAUGHS] OK. All
10 opposed? Any abstentions? All right, thank you very
11 much. So the ayes have it. The resolutions today
12 have been passed by a unanimous vote. I am going to
13 now read revised call-up lists. We are still
14 revising because we have an additional member. We
15 have to call Council Member Andy King to vote, and
16 then we will list the revised numbers for today.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Council Member King.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I vote aye on all,
19 and congratulations to everyone who is passing
20 legislation today, and thank you, and remember real
21 men wear pink in the month that we celebrate breast
22 cancer awareness month. God bless.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
24 much, Council Member Andy King.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Madam Majority Leader?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We're waiting for
3 the new tally.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Got it.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right, we are
6 going to begin from the top. We have a new tally.
7 All items on today's general order calender were
8 adopted by a vote of 51 in the affirmative, zero
9 negative, and zero abstentions. With the exception
10 of LUs 209, 201, 211, 212, 213, and accompanying
11 resos, which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the
12 affirmative, 1 negative, and 2 abstentions. And LUs
13 235, 236, 237, and accompanying resos, which was
14 adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative, 2
15 negative, and zero abstentions. Intro 465-A, which
16 was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative, 3
17 negative, and zero abstentions. And Intro 899-A,
18 which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the affirmative,
19 3 negative, and zero abstentions. And Intro 925-A,
20 which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative,
21 zero negative, and 1 abstention. LU 246, 247, with
22 accompanying resos 50 in the affirmative, 1 negative,
23 and zero abstentions. LU 244, 245, with accompanying
24 resos, which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the
25 affirmative, 1 negative, and zero abstentions. The

2 revised land use call-up vote is 51 affirmative and
3 zero negatives. All right, thank you. Now we'll
4 have General Discussion. The first on the docket is
5 Council Member Salamanca.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: He's no longer
7 here.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: OK. We'll now go
9 straight to Council Member Levin.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: He's no longer
11 here.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We'll now to go
13 Council Member Van Bramer.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: He's no longer
15 here.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Something saying
17 that this meeting has gone on too long.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I think it means
19 that people that signed up for General Discussion
20 should be very brief today.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
22 Barron.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm here.

24 [LAUGHTER] And if you check the attendance, I'm one
25 of the ones that stays to the end, along with...

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: That is true.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [INAUDIBLE]

4 Danny.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Duly noted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I
7 want to call attention to Black Solidarity Day, which
8 is going to take place this Monday. It's a national
9 holiday that was founded in 1969 and was spearheaded
10 by the late Dr. Carlos Russell, whom we recently
11 lost, he passed, and we call attention to him and his
12 great work. This is a holiday that was founded on
13 the play, *A Day of Absence*, which is written by the
14 playwright Douglas Turner Ward, whom many of you I'm
15 sure know. And the theme of the play is what would
16 happen if on a given day all black people did not
17 show up to work or did not engage in any economic or
18 commercial activity. So Black Solidarity Day is used
19 to call attention, to spotlight the system of
20 capitalistic oppression which built the economic
21 wealth of this country based on the free
22 uncompensated labor and skill of enslaved Africans.
23 It also calls attention to realize that there is a
24 far-reaching impact of the racial equality which
25 exists still in this country. Thirdly, it celebrated

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2 the day before Election Day to encourage black people
3 to come together to discuss their political status
4 and support candidates whose platforms advance and
5 benefit the black community in its path to self-
6 determination and operating and controlling those
7 institutions in the committee, in their community,
8 and lastly it's a celebration of African American
9 culture and history. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
11 Council Member Barron. We will now hear from Council
12 Member Rivera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I will be brief.
14 So, thanks everyone for your support in passing
15 Introduce 781, addressing the critical gaps in the
16 NYPD Special Victims Division. I'm hoping with this
17 package and this legislative action we're going to be
18 able to improve the culture towards victims and
19 survivors of sexual violence, especially within the
20 NYPD. I also want to thank you for your support in
21 passing Resolution 285, which calls for Roberto
22 Clemente's place of death in Loiza, Puerto Rico, to
23 be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: And I ask for
3 those of you that are going to Somos next week that
4 you remember Boricuas, what they are going through,
5 those of us from the past and the present who proudly
6 represent our home and that Roberto Clemente is a
7 very, very important person to us and while you're
8 there just remember everything that we have gone
9 through and what we stand for, and I'll be happy to
10 take you on a tour. Lastly, I want to say thank you
11 to two people that are here, Ali Taylor and Joyce
12 Friedman, for assisting me in drafting a bill that I
13 am introducing today. They are from the Voters for
14 Animal Rights, and I want to thank you for your
15 assistance on the Wild Bird Protection bill that I am
16 introducing today. So thank you to all, Mr. Speaker
17 [cut off]

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
19 much, Council Member Rivera. We'll now here from
20 Council Member Eugene, followed by Council Member
21 Richards, and finally Council Member Rose. So we'll
22 be followed by Council Member Rose, who will have the
23 final word. Council Member Eugene. All right. We
24 will now hear from Council Member Debbie Rose to
25 close us out.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. Even
3 scarier than ghosts and ghouls this Halloween is the
4 fact that tomorrow, November 1, is Latina Equal Pay
5 Day. That's right. It takes close to a year for a
6 Latina woman in the United States to make the same
7 amount of money compared to a white, non-Hispanic
8 male for the same or comparable work. Now that's
9 really frightening. For those women, their families,
10 and their communities, as they lose millions of
11 dollars, recent data suggests that unequal pay for
12 equal work starts early, so to address the gender pay
13 gap where it begins I'm introducing 1207, which will
14 require the city's Office of Labor Standards in
15 consultation with DYCD, DOE, and any other
16 appropriate agency to prepare and post a report on
17 the gender pay gap every three years on the teenage
18 labor force in New York City, and this report should
19 include an examination of trends and potential
20 solutions relating to the gender pay gap among
21 teenagers and examination of how the gender pay gap
22 among teenagers potentially translates into greater
23 wage gaps in the overall labor force, and examination
24 and estimate of overall lifetime earnings and lost
25 lifetime earnings attributable to the gender pay gap

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2 for women, including women of color, and an
3 examination of the gender pay gap among teenagers and
4 all work experiences, formal and informal, from baby-
5 sitting and other freelance jobs to retail,
6 restaurant, and customer service, a comparison of the
7 tasks typically performed by teenage women versus
8 teenage men in the same positions, and a comparison
9 of the average amount earned by teenage men and women
10 in formal and informal jobs. As many studies have
11 illustrated, over a lifetime the total estimated loss
12 of earnings for women can easily add up to hundreds
13 of thousands of dollars. This bill aims to address
14 the gender pay gap where it begins among teenagers as
15 they first enter the work force. My hope is that the
16 report generated by this bill will lead to fairer
17 wages, more inclusive work spaces, and the dignity
18 women deserve in the work place throughout their
19 working lives. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
21 Member Rose, and as we close out we recognize that
22 our city as well as our country has been under
23 attack, and that this is an opportunity on November 6
24 for us to see ourselves not as a minority but as a
25 majority and when the nation's majorities come

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2 together from the LGBTQ community to the Muslim
3 community to women to African American to the Jewish
4 community, when we see that when one of us is under
5 attack that it's not just the Jewish issue, it's not
6 just the African American issue, it's everyone's
7 issue, and we have to vote on November 6 as if our
8 lives depended on it, because it certainly does. And
9 if what we've seen in Pittsburgh does not inspire us
10 to come together as a nation, then we will inherit
11 the country that we currently have right now. So I
12 encourage everyone to vote on November 6 and to
13 create the change that we need to see in our city and
14 the world. We will have Speaker Corey Johnson close
15 us out, and I thank all of you here because this is a
16 critical time in our country.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Today's Stated
18 Meeting of October 31, 2018, is hereby adjourned, and
19 I want to thank the Majority Leader for filling in
20 for the Public Advocate. Have a safe and happy
21 Halloween.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date November 28, 2018