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

MITCHELL SILVER, Commissioner New York
City Department of Parks and Recreation

DOROTHY LEWANDOWSKI, Retiring
Commissioner Parks and Recreation in
Queens

REVEREND KEVIN SWEENEY, St. Michael's
Church of Sunset Park 352 42nd Street
Brooklyn, New York 11232

LETITIA JAMES, Madam Public Advocate

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2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Mic test, mic test,
3 one, two, one, two. Today's date is December 11,
4 2018. This is a prerecorded test for the Stated
5 Meeting this is being recorded by Dean Hope.

6 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Good afternoon,
7 everyone, we are here today to honor someone who is
8 retiring December 31st, great for her but bad for us.
9 Dorothy Lewandowski, I know her for many years when I
10 was Deputy Borough President and now for at least 14
11 years when she came to Queens. She has been around
12 39 years partner Bronx and now she came to Queens.
13 We were very lucky to have Dorothy Lewandowski be our
14 Commissioner in Queens. I know whenever I needed
15 Dorothy Lewandowski, she was there and did beautiful
16 work in all of the parks in my District and
17 throughout the borough of Queens. Dorothy, is all I
18 can say is that we are really going to miss you so
19 much. So, please come up here. And all of our
20 friends from Parks please come up here. (applause).
21 Commissioner Silver, here you are, how are you?
22 Please, please, please, give us a very good
23 Commissioner, we are used to having good
24 Commissioners and we want to continue that. So, can
25 we please read the proc.

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2 CLERK: Council, City of New York
3 Proclamation. The New York City Council is very
4 proud to honor Dorothy Lewandowski upon her
5 retirement for her visionary leadership as Queensboro
6 Parks Commissioner and her career defined by
7 outstanding achievements and enduring contributions
8 that have benefited millions of her fellow New
9 Yorkers and whereas in addition to their tremendous
10 economic health and environmental benefits, Parks are
11 one of the most tangible ways we perceive the quality
12 of life in our communities. Commissioner Lewandowski
13 has spent her entire professional career with the New
14 York City Department of Parks and Recreation and for
15 the last four decades she has built an incredible
16 legacy for others to protect and to build upon. And
17 whereas after earning her degree in Horticulture from
18 SUNY Farmingdale, the only time she ever lived
19 outside of her native Queens. She launched her
20 career on May 28, 1979 as an original member of the
21 Urban Park Rangers, a group that has played a key
22 role in the renaissance of New York City's natural
23 environment. In the 1980s, she went on to major in
24 Public Administration at Baruch College and earned
25 her BBA in Business. She continued to hone her

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2 expertise to become Director of Urban Park Rangers
3 and in 1987 Director of Beach and Pool Operations in
4 the Bronx and whereas in the early 1990s Commissioner
5 Lewandowski continued to rise through the ranks as
6 Administrative Parks and Recreation Manager and
7 Deputy Chief of Operations in Queens. Between 1994
8 and 2004 she served the Bronx as Chief of Operations
9 for 8 years and borough Commissioner for two. In
10 these roles, she built lasting partnerships that
11 helped revitalized Bronx Parks and orchestrated the
12 renaissance of Orchard Beach into one of the City's
13 top recreation facilities and whereas since being
14 appointed Queensboro Commissioner in 2004, Dorothy
15 Lewandowski has overseen more than 7,700 acres of
16 parkland. Having with the Parks Department throughout
17 her career, she has gone into loyal support of its
18 tireless workforce and has been an inspiring mentor
19 to generations of Parkees. Under her leadership,
20 they have worked tirelessly to keep Parks clean,
21 green and safe to help improve the quality of life
22 for millions. Commissioner Lewandowski's
23 distinguished career exemplifies public service at
24 its best and she has earned the esteem of all New
25 Yorkers. Now, therefore be it known that the New

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2 York City Council gratefully honors Dorothy
3 Lewandowski for her many years of extraordinary
4 service to the City and to her few New Yorkers.
5 Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire Council, Karen
6 Koslowitz, Chair Queens Delegation, Council Member
7 29th District Queens, Paul A. Vallone, Council Member
8 19th District Queens and the entire Queens delegation
9 of the New York City Council. (applause).

10 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Before I ask Dorothy to
11 say a few words I want Barry Grodenchik, Chair of
12 Parks to.

13 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Thank Karen, thank you
14 uhm, I'm rarely at a loss for words, my colleagues
15 will tell you. Dottie will tell you, Dottie we are
16 so going to miss you and you have been a hero in many
17 ways to me and to the 2.3 million people of your
18 native borough. As a native Queens I, I can honestly
19 say our Parks have never looked better, although
20 there is always room for improvement, right
21 Commissioner? And uhm I do remember those harrowing
22 days after Sandy and the work that you have continued
23 to do on the Rockaway Peninsula and for all Queens
24 residents so uhm thank you, thank you, thank you uhm
25 there aren't enough words that I really have to

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2 express my true feelings and uhm whoever gets your
3 job is going to have looking down and not that bi...
4 very, very, very, very big shoes to fill so on behalf
5 of myself and 165,000 people I am honor to represent
6 Godspeed and one second, go ahead.

7 PAUL VALLONE: Commissioner, I just want
8 to add on behalf of three generations of Vallone's we
9 want to make sure your proc wasn't anywhere but here
10 and we want to make sure that the entire world and
11 the City knows that the seeds of love that you've
12 planted in every Park can be seen throughout the
13 whole borough and that's the passion that you've
14 given us so thank you from every one of us, God bless
15 you and we wish you all the best in everything you do
16 (applause).

17 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Okay, Commissioner
18 Silver.

19 MITCHELL SILVER: I will be brief. I had
20 prepared remarks but I would rather say this from
21 this heart, Dottie we all thank you for 39 years of
22 service to the City. You may not realize it but
23 there are families that have changed because of your
24 work, there are seniors who are now aging gracefully
25 because of your love of Parks, there are now children

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2 that are enjoying our Parks and Green Spaces because
3 of you and there are employees that you have led over
4 the 39 years that remain in Parks that now continue
5 your legacy. You are the gold standard of Parks
6 Commissioners and I also thank you for mentoring the
7 newer and younger Borough Commissioners, they thank
8 you, we thank you and New York City, particularly
9 Parks is better off because of your love, your care
10 and your passion for New York City Parks, thank you
11 for your 39 years of service (applause).

12 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: And now we are going to
13 hear from Commissioner Lewandowski.

14 DOROTHY LEWANDOWSKI: Thank you very,
15 thank you all, I, I am so humbled today by all the
16 comments you have, what I did, I have a few things I
17 wanted to say. It is truly an honor and a privilege
18 to serve as your Queens Parks Commissioner for the
19 past 14 years. Uhm you all here today believe in the
20 power of Parks and it is through your support that
21 our open spaces have been able to grow and flourish
22 and I can't thank you enough. I am joined here today
23 on my left and the right by my fellow Parkees who
24 daily bring a passion, commitment, creativity and
25 expertise to each task. As a team we continually

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2 find ways to improve upon services and programming in
3 our Parks. Also, with me on the right, is my husband
4 Walter, right there, my husband Walter and my son
5 David, Dr. David Lewandowski. Without their love and
6 support I would not be here today, so we were
7 reminiscing before, I've been with Parks 39 years, my
8 husband and I have been together for close to 40, so
9 it has been a long time. I make a commitment and I,
10 and I stay but after 39 years, 39-1/2 years with
11 Parks, yes, I am retiring. It is time for me to move
12 on and my husband also is an Assistant General
13 Superintendent with the Transit Authority will also
14 be retiring in January so it is time for he and I to
15 open up the next book in that chapter of our life and
16 enjoy the adventures. But I should in closing, I do
17 just want to say that I am enormously grateful to the
18 City Council. Over the years we have done many
19 things together that have truly made New York City
20 better and each of you had had my cellphone number at
21 those times when things weren't as well as you would
22 like them to be, I did get those phone calls and we
23 answered and we worked on them together to make them
24 happen, so, New York City residents are in good hands
25 with this Council, you are in very good hands with

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2 our Commissioner Mitchell Silver, I want to thank him
3 for all that he has done. Yes, there are shoes to
4 fill, they are only a size 8-1/2, so they are not
5 that bad to fill, but uhm I have a really strong team
6 and Joanne Amagrande, I just want to give a shout out
7 to two people Joanne Amagrande, Chief of Staff who
8 has now worked for a number of Parks Commissioners as
9 Chief of Staff and Jackie Langsam our Chief
10 Operations who makes all the day to day tick. I want
11 to thank them all. Thank you.

12 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. (applause).
13 (long pause, applause).

14 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and Gentleman
15 at this time will all non-Council employees please
16 take a seat upstairs. Please set your cellphones on
17 vibration please. Thank you so much. All non-
18 Council employees please take a seat upstairs.
19 (gavel pounding).

20 LETITIA JAMES: Quiet in the Chambers.
21 Everyone please, take their seats, quiet in the
22 Chambers please. All rise for the Pledge of
23 Allegiance.

24 CLERK: Adams?

25 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Present.

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2 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

3 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

4 CLERK: Ayala?

5 DIANA AYALA: Present.

6 CLERK: Barron? Borelli?

7 JOSEPH BORELLI: Here.

8 CLERK: Brannan?

9 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Yeah.

10 CLERK: Cabrera?

11 FERNANDO CABRERA: Here.

12 CLERK: Chin?

13 MARGARET CHIN: Here.

14 CLERK: Cohen?

15 ANDREW COHEN: Here.

16 CLERK: Constantinides?

17 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

18 CLERK: Cornegy?

19 ROBERT CORNEGY: Here.

20 CLERK: Deutsch?

21 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Here.

22 CLERK: Diaz?

23 RUBEN DIAZ: Ak-he.

24 CLERK: Dromm?

25 DANIEL DROMM: Here.

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2 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

3 MATHIEU EUGENE: Present.

4 CLERK: Gibson?

5 VANESSA GIBSON: I'm here.

6 CLERK: Gjonaj?

7 MARK GJONAJ: Present.

8 CLERK: Grodenchik?

9 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Here.

10 CLERK: Holden?

11 ROBERT HOLDEN: Here.

12 CLERK: Kallos?

13 BEN KALLOS: With permission, I would

14 like to vote on all Land Use Call Ups and ...

15 LETITIA JAMES: No, no, sir, no not at

16 this point.

17 BEN KALLOS: Okay, sorry I here.

18 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Thank you. King? Koo?

20 PETER KOO: Present.

21 CLERK: Koslowitz?

22 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Here.

23 CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

24 BRAD LANDER: Here.

25 CLERK: Levin? Levine?

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2 STEPHEN LEVINE: Here.

3 CLERK: Maisel?

4 ALAN MAISEL: Here.

5 CLERK: Menchaca?

6 CARLOS MENCHACA: Presente.

7 CLERK: Barron?

8 INEZ BARRON: Present.

9 CLERK: Miller? Moya?

10 FRANCISCO MOYA: Present.

11 CLERK: Perkins?

12 BILL PERKINS: Present.

13 CLERK: Powers?

14 KEITH POWERS: Present.

15 CLERK: Reynoso?

16 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Presente.

17 CLERK: Richards?

18 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Present.

19 CLERK: Rivera? Rodriguez? Rose?

20 DEBORAH ROSE: Here.

21 CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca? Torres?

22 Treyger? Ulrich? Miller?

23 I. DANEEK MILLER: Here.

24 CLERK: Vallone?

25 PAUL VALLONE: Here.

2 CLERK: Van Bramer?

3 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Here.

4 CLERK: Williams? Yeger?

5 KALMAN YEGER: Here.

6 CLERK: Matteo?

7 STEVEN MATTEO: Here.

8 CLERK: Cumbo?

9 LAURIE CUMBO: Present.

10 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Here.

12 LETITIA JAMES: Quiet in the Chambers,
13 all rise for the invocation. The invocation will be
14 delivered by Reverend Kevin Sweeney of St. Michael's
15 Church of Sunset Park of 352 42nd Street in the great
16 borough of Brooklyn.

17 REVEREND KEVIN SWEENEY: Let us pray.
18 God of love and mercy, God of life and light, we
19 praise you and we give you thanks today and every day
20 for all of your blessings and gifts. We thank you
21 especially for our City and our Country and for all
22 the women and men, especially our elected officials
23 who serve the common good. We pray for them as we
24 pray for ourselves, especially we pray for the
25 members of this City Council who gather here today.

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2 We ask for the gifts of wisdom and courage,
3 compassion and generosity, justice and mercy. In
4 this great City of ours, we especially give you
5 thanks for the gifts and blessings that we share as
6 we strive for unity in the midst of diversity. In
7 this City and community, blessed by the gifts of
8 language, culture and traditions that have come to us
9 from all corners of the Earth and from so many
10 nations and peoples. We ask you to help us to always
11 be mindful of our community humanity and that we may
12 all be instruments of your peace. Tonight, and
13 tomorrow we pray in a special way with our sisters
14 and brothers from Mexico as they celebrate the one,
15 they call la Virgen, Our Lady of Guadalupe. As those
16 who turn to her, see in her a sign both of your
17 motherly and fatherly care for all of your children.
18 We ask you to continue bless us all. Bless our
19 gatherings, our gathering and deliberations here
20 today and continue to bless our beautiful City of New
21 York. Amen.

22 LETITIA JAMES: Amen. Please be seated.

23 Thank you, Father and now the motion to spread the
24 innovation upon record, Council Member Menchaca.

25 CARLOS MENCHACA: Thank you so much, and...

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2 LETITIA JAMES: Quiet in the Chambers,
3 please, quiet in the Chambers.

4 CARLOS MENCHACA: (SPEAKING SPANISH), It's
5 a real honor having you here Father Kevin Sweeney
6 from Sunset Park. Uhm Father Kevin was born in
7 Elmhurst Queens of Irish descent after his extensive
8 education was ordained into the Brooklyn Queens
9 Dioceses in 1997. In 2010, Father Kevin was named
10 Pastor at St. Michael's Church on 4th Avenue in
11 Sunset Park. You know there is something really
12 special about Father Kevin and what is happening at
13 St. Michael's. It's in the Daily Commitment to serve
14 the common good, to serve our neighbors and while
15 other parishes across the country are seeing dramatic
16 drops in attendance it's at St. Michael's that you
17 see an explosion of believers. Believers who gift
18 with Father Kevin just asked for his prayer, gifts of
19 wisdom, encourage and compassion and generosity and
20 justice and mercy. You feel that in the many
21 festivals the immigration and housing support
22 initiatives and town halls that we have at the church
23 and he welcomes organizations to partner with him to
24 serve the Parish and anyone who walks in those doors
25 and you hear it in the homilies that he gives in the

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2 Spanish and English himself or tastes or you taste it
3 in the Mexican food that the parishioners cook in the
4 kitchen, in the basement. I welcome you to come with
5 me one day. You will see it tonight into tomorrow as
6 we celebrate one of the most festive times of the
7 year, as we Celebrate La Virgen de Guadalupe,
8 remembering when La Virgen first appeared to the
9 indigenous farmer uhm Juan Diego in Mexico and really
10 launched what is today a beacon of not just hope but
11 of resistance and justice, La Virgen de Guadalupe.
12 So, I thank you Father Kevin for being here today uhm
13 and for blessing us and we welcome you in the spirit
14 of St. Michael's into this chamber, the people's
15 chambers. Colleagues I also have to say that Father
16 Kevin invites me and little uhm Brittany Espinosa to
17 talk about PB every year and we talk to the
18 parishioners and the reason we win I think is because
19 of the blessing that St. Michael, St. Michael's gives
20 to us to bring that force of nature of community of
21 immigrant community. Thank you so much and I move to
22 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

23 LETITIA JAMES: So, moved, thank you
24 Council Member and thank you Father, thank you.
25 Council Member Koo, adoption of minutes?

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2 PETER KOO: Motion that the minutes of
3 the Stated Meeting of October 31, 2018 be adopted as
4 pending?

5 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you, messages and
6 papers from the Mayor?

7 CLERK: None.

8 LETITIA JAMES: Communication from City,
9 County and Borough Officers.

10 CLERK: Excuse me, M118 recommending
11 Sylvia Di Pietr to the Board of Elections. Rules,
12 Privileges and Elections. M119 Controller Report on
13 Debt Incurring power, received, ordered, printed and
14 files.

15 LETITIA JAMES: Petitions and
16 Communications?

17 CLERK: None.

18 LETITIA JAMES: Land Use Callups?

19 CLERK: M120.

20 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Roll call, at
21 this time I would ask for a roll call, vote on all of
22 today's items on the Land Use Calendar, the Land Use
23 Calendar.

24 LETITIA JAMES: Quiet in the Chambers.

25 CLERK: Adams?

2 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

3 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

4 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

5 CLERK: Ayala?

6 DIANA AYALA: Aye on all.

7 CLERK: Barron?

8 INEZ BARRON: I vote aye.

9 CLERK: Borelli?

10 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye.

11 CLERK: Brannan.

12 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Cabrera?

14 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye on all except LU

15 286 and Reso 660.

16 CLERK: Chin?

17 MARGARET CHIN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Cohen?

19 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Constantinides?

21 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

22 CLERK: Cornegy? Deutsch? Diaz?

23 RUBEN DIAZ: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Dromm?

25 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

3 MATHIEU EUGENE: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: Gibson.

5 VANESSA GIBSON: Aye.

6 CLERK: Gjonaj?

7 MARK GJONAJ: Aye.

8 CLERK: Grodenchik?

9 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

10 CLERK: Holden?

11 ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Kallos?

13 BEN KALLOS: It's my first time, so with

14 permission I would like to vote on all Land Use

15 Callups a Couple of Items on the General Order

16 Calendar and all Resolutions, I vote aye.

17 LATITIA JAMES: Thank you.

18 CLERK: King?

19 ANDY KING: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Koo?

21 PETER KOO: Aye.

22 CLERK: Koslowitz?

23 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

24 CLERK: Lancman?

25 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Lander?

3 BRAD LANDER: Aye.

4 CLERK: Levin? Levine?

5 MARK LEVINE: Aye.

6 CLERK: Maisel?

7 ALAN MAISEL: Aye.

8 CLERK: Menchaca?

9 CARLOS MENCHACA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Miller?

11 LATITIA JAMES: Council Member Miller?

12 CLERK: Moya?

13 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Perkins?

15 BILL PERKINS: Aye.

16 CLERK: Powers?

17 KEITH POWERS: Aye.

18 CLERK: Reynoso?

19 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Aye.

20 CLERK: Richards?

21 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.

22 CLERK: Rivera?

23 CARLINA RIVERA: Aye.

24 CLERK: Rodriguez? Rose?

25 DEBORAH ROSE: Aye, aye.

2 CLERK: Rosenthal?

3 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye.

4 CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

5 MARK TREYGER: Aye.

6 CLERK: Cornegy?

7 ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye.

8 CLERK: Miller? Ulrich? Vallone?

9 PAUL VALLONE: Aye on all.

10 CLERK: Van Bramer?

11 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Williams? Yeger?

13 KALMAN YEGER: Aye.

14 CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?

15 LAURIE CUMBO: Aye.

16 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

17 LATITIA JAMES: Barron? Council Member

18 Barron?

19 INEZ BARRON: Yes, I vote all on all with
20 the exception of 257.

21 LATITIA JAMES: Are you voting on Land
22 Uses and Callups?

23 INEZ BARRON: Yes.

24 LATITIA JAMES: Okay thank you. They are
25 just putting them together.

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2 INEZ BARRON: Okay thank you, you are
3 welcome.

4 LATITIA JAMES: Today's Land Use Callups
5 are adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, zero
6 in the negative. Quiet in the Chambers as we now
7 hear from the Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good afternoon,
9 thank you Madam Public Advocate. I want to thank you
10 all for being here with us this Tuesday. We have a
11 busy agenda ahead of us. I want to start with some
12 very, very sad news, very sad news about one of our
13 own here at the New York City Council. Our
14 incredible Community Engagement Director Jenny Low
15 was hit by a car on Friday night and seriously,
16 seriously injured. She has a long road of recovery
17 ahead of her but all of us who know her, know that
18 Jenny is a fighter and she is strong enough to make
19 it through it. I visited her in the hospital in the
20 intensive care unit at Bellevue on Sunday afternoon.
21 I was relieved to see that even though she is very
22 badly injured she was still the same Jenny. Jason
23 Goldman and I visited her and it was extraordinarily
24 difficult to see her in that hospital. She given
25 what happened on Friday night, she is fortunate to be

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2 alive and uhm I know that the Community Engagement
3 Staff are really struggling with what happened to uhm
4 one of the nicest, most generous, kindest people not
5 just here at the City Council but people we get to
6 know in New York City. I had the pleasure of seeing
7 her husband and her 16-year-old son in that hospital
8 room on Sunday. They are taking care of her so that
9 they know that she is in good hands. Bellevue is
10 doing an incredible job taking care of her so I am
11 extremely grateful to the surgeons and doctors and
12 nurses and staff at Bellevue for taking such good
13 care of our Jenny, Jenny Low so I am going to ask you
14 all to please keep Jenny in your thoughts and
15 prayers. We love her tremendously and we can't wait
16 to have her back. Please also keep in your thoughts
17 and prayers the NYPD Officer who was hospitalized
18 after a standoff with a suspect on Staten Island on
19 Sunday night. The brave men and women of the NYPD
20 put their lives on the line to keep us safe and we
21 thank them every day for that. I also want to
22 remember some of those that we lose in the weeks
23 since our last Stated Meeting; Construction Worker,
24 Over Paredes was killed at an on-site accident in
25 Council Member Cornegy's District in Brooklyn. Mr.

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2 Paredes family on behalf of the entire City Council
3 we want to extend our deepest condolences, fire
4 fighter Fizo Codo (SP?) was killed in a horrible act
5 of violence, a road rage, a road rage incident while
6 he was off duty in Brooklyn. He was taken from the
7 FDNY in a senseless act of violence. To Mr. Codo's
8 family I want to send my condolences and those of the
9 entire City Council. He was a brave man who deserved
10 to live a full and happy life and I am grateful that
11 law enforcement has brought the perpetrator to
12 justice swiftly. Uhm we have also lost sadly, as I
13 always say, it's like Ground Hog Day at these Stated
14 Meetings we have lost several more 9-1-1 First
15 Responders since the last Stated Meeting due to
16 illnesses that they developed during their time at
17 Ground Zero. I will forever be grateful to these
18 individuals for their bravery and service and I think
19 that it is important that we remember them every time
20 one of them sadly loses the lives and we keep their
21 families in our hearts. Since our last Stated
22 Meeting we've lost Captain John Machella (SP?), Fire
23 Fighter Rory M. Maze, Chief Raymond Blackus (SP?) and
24 Trooper Robert Nagle who were all taken from us in
25 the last few weeks from 9-1-1 related illnesses, may

2 they rest in peace. Finally, I want to acknowledge
3 the passing of Former President George H.W. Bush.
4 President Bush lived a life of service that inspired
5 millions of Americans, even those who disagreed with
6 them and there is no doubt that he loved our Country.
7 Rest in Peace to President Bush and our condolences
8 with his family. Now I want to ask everyone to
9 please rise and take a moment of silence for all of
10 those that we have lost and please keep.

11 LATITIA JAMES: All rise.

12 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Please keep Jenny
13 Low in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you. I also
14 think it is important at this Stated Meeting as was
15 done earlier on the steps of City Hall to talk about
16 openly what transpired on Friday in Brooklyn at an
17 HRA Center. Jazmin Headley, a 23-year-old African-
18 American woman with her 1-year-old baby boy was
19 treated horrifically, violently, I am furious by what
20 I saw in that video and I feel heartbroken for that
21 mother and baby. It is a short video 2 minutes and
22 26 seconds long but it shows us so much of what is
23 wrong with our system. How disheartening it is to
24 try and receive benefits for which you are entitled,
25 childcare, that's why she was there for childcare.

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2 How disheartening it is to try to receive benefits as
3 I said, how overflowing those offices are with people
4 who need help and how one incident can escalate so
5 quickly. Not escalate because of anything Ms.
6 Headley did and set off a chain reaction that sends a
7 young mother to jail and her child taken away from
8 her in 2 minutes and 26 seconds that what we saw. We
9 saw how our system criminalizes poverty,
10 disproportionately punishes petty behavior and
11 separates parents from children without considering
12 the lasting damage and trauma that it causes to these
13 parents and children. We saw it and we are all
14 disturbed by it and we are not going to forget about
15 it or stop talking about it. We have an obligation
16 to talk about it, to make our system better and to
17 fight for changes that will help families like Jazmin
18 Headley's. She should be released from Riker's
19 Island immediately. I will be meeting with the
20 Department of Social Services Commissioner,
21 Commissioner Banks and the NYPD Commissioner James
22 O'Neill to get to the bottom of this, to understand
23 how this happened and what we can do to make sure it
24 never happens again. We are compounding this tragedy
25 every single day that Jazmin Headley stays in jail

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2 and is on Riker's Island. I want to apologize to
3 her. I want to say that I am sorry. I am sorry that
4 you had to go through that. I am sorry that you are
5 on Riker's Island. I am sorry that our systems are
6 set up in this way where you are criminalized for
7 something you should not be criminalized for, I am
8 sorry. And we at the Council will do our best to
9 make structural changes that deal with structural
10 racism and do not criminalize people living in
11 poverty who are just trying to live their lives. I
12 want to recognize that we have students here today
13 from the Urban Assembly School for Emergency
14 Management that are in the balcony so I want to
15 welcome them with a round of applause, thank you all
16 for being here. Now I want to jump into our docket
17 for the day. The Council will vote on the following
18 finance items, a Pre-considered Resolution which I
19 have sponsored that would ratify my authorization to
20 bring legal action on behalf of the City Council in
21 the matter of the City Council versus the Department
22 of City Planning. This proceeding concerns the
23 Council's challenge to the City Planning Commissions
24 approval of an alleged minor modification to the Two
25 Bridges Development in Council Member Margaret Chin's

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2 District. I am proud of Margaret and Borough
3 President for Gail Brewer for their advocacy and
4 fight on this issue and we had a very good day in
5 court last week which I am proud of and I look
6 forward to us ensuring that this matter goes to a
7 full Land Use Review, a full ULURP at the Council.
8 The Council will vote on the following property tax
9 exemptions at the following locations: West Farms in
10 Council Member Salamanca's District, 388 Richmond
11 Terrace in Council Member Rose's District, the Turin
12 House in Council Member Rosenthal's District, Langsam
13 15 in Council Member Torres' District and exceptions
14 for six properties in Manhattan that are being
15 transferred through Round X of the Third-Party
16 Transfer Program. The Council will also vote on the
17 following Land Use items, we will be voting on
18 several applications in Council Member Lander's
19 District, 338 President Street House, a Landmark
20 Designation of one of Carol Gardens largest and most
21 luxurious 19th century houses, Hans S. Christian
22 Memorial Kindergarten, a landmark designation of the
23 first purpose built free kindergarten in Brooklyn and
24 commissioned by Elmira E. Christian and a DOT
25 Brooklyn Fleet Services site selection in Gowanus to

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2 service as a vehicle maintenance repair facility for
3 the Department of Transportation's Brooklyn fleet.
4 We will also vote on an amendment to the Urban
5 Development Action Plan a UDAP to facilitate the
6 development of a new residential building with 135
7 units for low income seniors at Victory Plaza in
8 Council Member Perkin's District. The Council will
9 also vote on the following four tax exemptions, clean
10 Urban Renewal Site VII in my Council District, 464
11 and 468 West 51st Street also in my Council District,
12 Jo Central Brooklyn, this is in Council Member Levin,
13 Cumbo, Cornegy, Ampry-Samuel and Barron's District to
14 preserve 525 units of affordable housing in 79
15 buildings and 590 Southern Boulevard in Council
16 Member Ayala's District. The Council will vote on a
17 new District 75 intermediate and high school in
18 Minority Leader Matteo's District with a capacity of
19 456 seats for District 75 students across all of
20 Staten Island and the Council will vote on the
21 following pieces of legislation today. Resolution
22 470 which I sponsored calls on the State Legislature
23 to pass and the Governor to sign legislation that
24 would establish the New York Health Act, a program
25 that would provide universal single payer health for

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2 all New York Residents, thank you very much, thank
3 you. All you all know I have spoken many times about
4 the fact that I am HIV positive, so this Legislation
5 which would help so many people with serious health
6 conditions is important to me. The issue of
7 Universal Healthcare is personal to me. When I was
8 22 years old, I was diagnosed HIV positive, shortly
9 after I lost my job and my health insurance, it was
10 awful. I would not with that experience on anyway, I
11 felt fear, anxiety and deep, deep uncertainty. I was
12 fortunate, I got help. I had a great case worker but
13 I will never forget that feeling of losing my health
14 insurance and I will do everything that I can to make
15 sure no one else is ever in that position which is
16 why I support single payer healthcare and I am proud
17 to sponsor this Bill. It would be a huge change to
18 our system and if we are being honest, we really need
19 a change in how healthcare is delivered and there is
20 no question that a massive overhaul of the healthcare
21 system is urgently needed. It won't be needed but it
22 is necessary. There are tough choices that need to
23 be made for the benefit of our City and State. I
24 hope this resolution sends a strong message that this
25 City wants universal healthcare and that we want the

2 State Legislature and the Governor to sign the New
3 York Health Act. I want to thank your Health
4 Committee Chair, Mark Levine for his leadership on
5 this issue for holding a very important hearing on
6 this issue and for his long-standing advocacy for
7 single payer. Uhm thank you Chair Levine. I want to
8 thank the staff who worked on this Zee Emmanuel Halu
9 (SP?), Emily Balkin and Sara Liss. The Council will
10 vote on Resolution 620, sponsored by Council Member
11 Francisco Moya which would call on the Federal
12 Communications Commission to reject the proposed
13 rules that would jeopardize the public educational
14 governmental access television included in the City's
15 Cable Franchises. I want to thank the staff who
16 worked on this, Irene Bahofski (SP?) and Patrick
17 Malvahil (SP?). Next, the Council will vote on
18 proposed introduction 986A sponsored by Peter Koo
19 which would require that the data contained within
20 required reports and studies be transmitted in a
21 format that makes such data easily accessible and
22 machine readable. I want ot thank the staff, Irene
23 Bahofski (SP?), Brad Reed and Patrick Malvahil (SP?)
24 and Sebastian Bachi (SP?). The Council will also
25 vote on two Bills and a Resolution sponsored by

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2 Council Member Mark Treyger that will bring oversight
3 to school budgets and the Department of Education's
4 Fair Student Funding formula. Introduction 1014
5 require that the Department of Education to annually
6 submit and post report on spending allocations,
7 including fair student funding for schools citywide.
8 Introduction 1174 would create a fair student funding
9 task force to review and make recommendations
10 relating to the formula used by the Department of
11 Education to determine school funding and Resolution
12 569 would call on the Department of Education to
13 factor in poverty as a weight in the fair student
14 funding formula for schools beginning at 4th grade or
15 later. I want to remind folks that one of the most
16 significant Budget wins that we got this past June
17 was a significant increase in fair student funding
18 moneys which help increase the amount of fair student
19 funding in schools across the City. Chair Treyger
20 was one of the earliest advocates for that in the
21 Preliminary Budget Process before we got to the
22 Executive Budget and I am really grateful that he
23 continues to shine a light on Fair Student Funding
24 and the need for all schools to get up to 100% of
25 Fair Student Funding and to make sure that the

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2 formula is the right formula which is waiting the
3 right items. so, i want to congratulate you Chair
4 Treyger on these important pieces of legislation and
5 this Resolution we are passing today and i want to
6 thank the staff who worked on this, Andrea Vasquez,
7 Smitha Desmuke (SP?) and Beth Gallum (SP?). Finally,
8 the Council will vote on a package of Legislation
9 that will improve the City's tracking of diversity in
10 employment. Introduction 752 sponsored by Majority
11 Leader Cumbo would create the office of Diversity and
12 Inclusion within the Department of Citywide
13 Administrative Services. We also have two Bills
14 sponsored by Council Member Mathieu Eugene,
15 Introduction 755 would require the Equal Opportunity
16 Practices Commission to analyze and report annually
17 on whether agencies are meeting their racial and
18 ethnic affirmative employment objectives and when
19 not, identifying the underutilized groups and provide
20 recommendations on correction action. In
21 Introduction 756, would require the Department of
22 Citywide Administrative Services to include on its
23 annual report an analysis of employee response rates
24 to the City's efforts to collect racial, demographic
25 information on City employees and whether changes in

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2 the racial and ethnic classification categories have
3 an impact on employee response rates. I want to
4 thank the staff who worked on this package of Bill,
5 Rachel Cordero, Harbonia Husia (SP?), Albalkez Mirig
6 (SP?) and Indiana Porta. That is all for our agenda
7 for today's Stated Meeting. I look forward to
8 proceeding with today's votes and I want to thank you
9 all for being here today. Thank you, Madam Public
10 Advocate.

11 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you Mr. Speaker.
12 Discussion of General Orders? Seeing none. A report
13 of special committees?

14 CLERK: None.

15 LETITIA JAMES: Reports of Standing
16 Committees?

17 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Civil
18 and Human Rights Intro 752A, 755A and 756A Office of
19 Diversity and Inclusion and review of Racial
20 Classification of Categories.

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
22 coupled on General Orders.

23 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
24 Education Intro 1014B and 1174A Fair Student Funding?

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and

3 coupled on General Orders.

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on

5 Finance, Pre-considered Reso 651, Council Challenge

6 to City Planning?

7 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on

8 general orders.

9 CLERK: Pre-considered Reso 652

10 Organization Funding?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on

12 General Orders.

13 CLERK: Pre-considered LU282 and Reso 656

14 thru Pre-considered LU 285 and Reso 659 Tax

15 Exemptions?

16 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on

17 General Orders.

18 CLERK: Pre-considered LU 286 and Reso

19 660 Third Party Transfer Program?

20 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on

21 General Orders.

22 CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land

23 Use LU 238 and Reso 661 through LU 239 and Reso 662,

24 Landmark Designations?

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 CLERK: LU 256 DOT Fleet Services?

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Approved with
6 modifications and referred to the City Planning
7 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70b of the Rules of
8 the Council and Section 197D of the New York City
9 Charter.

10 CLERK: Uhm, excuse me, LU257 and Reso
11 663 through LU266 and Reso 666 Property Tax
12 Exemptions?

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
14 General Orders.

15 CLERK: LU 267 and Reso 667 and LU268 and
16 Reso 668 Sidewalk Cafes?

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
18 General Orders.

19 CLERK: LU 278 and Reso 669 School
20 Facility Staten Island?

21 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
22 General Orders.

23 CLERK: LU 279 and Reso 670 Victory
24 Plaza?

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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
3 General Orders.

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Technology, Intro 986a, Data and Agency Reports?

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
7 coupled on General Orders.

8 CLERK: On the General Order Calendar
9 Intro 720, Site Safety Training?

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Laid over.

11 CLERK: LU 256 and Reso 671 DOT Fleet
12 Services?

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled to
14 General Orders.

15 CLERK: Resolution appointing various
16 persons, Commission of Deeds?

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
18 General Orders at this time. I am asking for a roll
19 call vote on all of the items on today's General
20 Order Calendar.

21 CLERK: Adams?

22 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

23 CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

24 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Ayala?

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2 DIANA AYALA: Aye.

3 CLERK: Barron?

4 INEZ BARRON: Aye with the exception of
5 257. I am abstaining on that one. For the usual
6 reasons, I think we need to have larger
7 concentrations of people at the lower end who need
8 housing rules. Thank you.

9 CLERK: Borelli?

10 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye on all except Intro
11 752, 755, 756 and Land Use 239, also for the usual
12 reasons.

13 CLERK: Brannan?

14 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye on all for the usual
15 reasons.

16 CLERK: Cabrera?

17 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye on all except Pre-
18 considered LU 286 and Reso 660.

19 CLERK: Chin?

20 MARGARET CHIN: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Cohen?

22 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

23 CLERK: Constantinides?

24 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Cornegy?

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2 ROBERT CORNEGY: Aye on all except LU 286
3 and Reso 660.

4 CLERK: Deutsch?

5 CHAIM DEUTSCH: All for aye.

6 CLERK: Diaz?

7 RUBEN DIAZ: Permission to explain my
8 vote?

9 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

10 RUBEN DIAZ: Thank you Madam Chairwoman.

11 I am just taking this time to congratulate the
12 Speaker Anthony White when we saw the failure aging
13 taking our children from their mother's hands on the,
14 in the front there was a crowd. There were people
15 criticizing that because, because of Law Enforcement
16 without rising children. And the Speaker too, at
17 that time the Speaker to the Leadership to go to
18 stand up against that. And today again the Speaker
19 took the leadership to stand against uhm members of
20 the NYPD brutalizing a child. The general welfare.
21 If it was wrong for the law enforcement agent in the,
22 in the frontier to do that to children it should be
23 wrong for any law enforcement agent anywhere any
24 department, so I congratulate the speaker on taking
25 the leadership on that. That is called uhm not

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2 having a double standard. I hate double standards.

3 Mr. Speaker, I congratulate you because you stood up

4 for the children, the immigrant children and you

5 stood up today for the children here in this State.

6 So, thank you very much and I vote yes on all.

7 CLERK: Dromm?

8 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

9 CLERK: Espinal?

10 RAFAEL ESPINAL: Aye.

11 CLERK: Eugene?

12 MATHIEU EUGENE: I vote aye.

13 CLERK: Gibson?

14 VANESSA GIBSON: I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Gjonaj?

16 LETITIA JAMES: Gjonaj?

17 MARK GJONAJ: Aye on all.

18 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

19 CLERK: Grodenchik?

20 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Uhm aye on all and

21 special thanks to Chair Treyger for continuing to put

22 the fair in Fair Student Funding, thank you.

23 CLERK: Holden?

24 ROBERT HOLDEN: Aye on all except Intro

25 752, 755 and 756. I vote no.

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2 CLERK: King?

3 ANDY KING: Congratulations to Chair
4 Treyger and I am looking forward to the funding that
5 is supposed to get to our education system actually
6 gets to our education system to improve the lives of
7 all of our young people, and with all said I vote aye
8 on all.

9 CLERK: Matteo?

10 STEVEN MATTEO: I am voting no on 752,
11 755 and 756, LU 239 and Companion Reso 662. And aye
12 on the rest.

13 CLERK: Koo?

14 PETER KOO: Aye.

15 CLERK: Koslowitz?

16 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I vote.

17 CLERK: Lancman?

18 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK: Lander?

20 BRAD LANDER: Permission to explain?

21 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

22 BRAD LANDER: I vote aye on all and I
23 just want to explain my colleagues for supporting the
24 landmarking of 236 and 238 presence treating Carol
25 Gardens two really lovely buildings, the residence of

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2 that block have worked hard over the years to
3 preserve and I want to thank you for helping to do so
4 and I also want to thank both the speaker and Council
5 Member Levin for their leadership and demanding
6 justice for Jazmin, it is really something that is
7 painful to see and I appreciate you stepping up to
8 make sure we get accountability. I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Levin? Levine?

10 MARK LEVINE: Aye on all.

11 CLERK: Maisel?

12 ALAN MAISEL: Aye.

13 CLERK: Menchaca?

14 CARLOS MENCHACA: Aye on all.

15 CLERK: Miller?

16 I DANEEK MILLER: Aye on all with the
17 exception of 286 and 660, I will be abstaining.

18 CLERK: Moya?

19 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye on all.

20 CLERK: Perkins?

21 BILL PERKINS: Aye on all.

22 CLERK: Powers?

23 KEITH POWERS: Aye on all.

24 CLERK: Reynoso?

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2 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Permission to explain
3 my vote?

4 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

5 ANTONIO REYNOSO: I just want to take the
6 time to thank the progressive caucus as well for
7 helping organize today's press conference and the
8 great work that uhm the Speaker has done to highlight
9 this important issue. Also, I would like to thank
10 the Council Members who took the time today to meet
11 with students, fighting for equity and sports after
12 today and their lobbying efforts. We got to 26
13 signatures so I want to thank them for that great
14 work and I vote aye on all.

15 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

16 CLERK: Richards?

17 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Uhm permission to
18 explain my vote as well?

19 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

20 DONOVAN RICHARDS: I just want to add my
21 uhm comments and I think Council Member Reynoso
22 certainly said it as well, I want to thank the
23 Speaker uhm for his leadership on this issue, Council
24 Member Levine as well. Uhm and also, I just want to
25 add that there is no amount of training that could

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2 train individuals to carry themselves in a dignified
3 fashion and not yank uhm children from their mothers.
4 I also want to add that I hope this Council and many
5 of my colleagues no matter where we are at when we
6 have this conversation around 50A and the
7 disciplinary process within the NYPD that this
8 Council will also be a strong voice in that
9 conversation. Until we reform that convoluted
10 debate, uhm we will continue to be back here and for
11 every situation like that that is occurring across
12 the City let's be clear, not everything is caught on
13 camera uhm it is my hope that we really push for real
14 reform, especially with our State Senate, now moving
15 to the line to Democrats that we really take this
16 issue up and be a strong voice here and that's the
17 way that we can probably start to ensure that this
18 never happens again. So, I want to thank you and I
19 know our State Attorney General will have a lot to
20 say about that in a few months and with that I say
21 aye.

22 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Rivera?

24 CARLINA RIVERA: I vote aye on all except
25 for Land Use 279, Reso 670 I am abstaining. My

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2 husband is the Director of Operations at Cambo (SP?)
3 Properties.

4 CLERK: Rodriguez?

5 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

6 CLERK: Rose?

7 DEBORAH ROSE: Aye.

8 CLERK: Rosenthal?

9 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Permission to explain
10 my vote?

11 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

12 HELEN ROSENTHAL: I vote aye on all and I
13 want to uhm honor the women who spoke out today for
14 Justice for Jazmin who spoke from their hearts,
15 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, Council Member Alicka
16 Ampry-Samuel in whose District uhm Jazmin lives,
17 Council Member Adams, Council Member Rivera, Council
18 Member Rose, Council Member Barron, Council Member
19 Ayala, Gibson and Chin. You spoke from your hearts
20 today and that's what's going to make a difference in
21 Jazmin's live. Thank you.

22 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

23 CLERK: Torres?

24 RITCHIE TORRES: Aye on all.

25 CLERK: Treyger?

2 MARK TREYGER: Permission to explain my
3 vote?

4 LETITIA JAMES: Yes.

5 MARK TREYGER: Thank you Public Advocate.
6 First, I want to thank this entire body and entire
7 Council for being so supportive on the push for Fair
8 Student Funding. I want to thank the Speaker for
9 bringing us up to Albany. I will never forget,
10 confronting the Governor and not taking any answer
11 except for yes for support for our schools as an
12 answer and going to Gracie Mansion and negotiating
13 the Budget, demanding, insisting on more money for
14 our schools that Mr. Speaker is in large part to your
15 leadership and your persistence. I also want to
16 thank uhm Finance Chair Danny Dromm who has been at
17 the forefront with me from day 1. I want to thank
18 you so much Chairman Dromm for all of your support
19 and leadership, education and our Budget. Uhm my
20 colleagues today we are voting on a critical Fair
21 Student Funding Package, at this set is a vital
22 critical and most flexible source of funding that
23 could be used at a school's discretion to hire art
24 teachers, music teachers, to expand, to hire social
25 workers, guidance counselors, the folks that our

2 students need. We need to do everything possible to
3 make sure that there is true equity in our schools.
4 Introduction 1014b would require the DOE to report
5 annually on all school Budget allocations so every
6 member will get to see all of their school budgets
7 and what their FSFL location is, the majority of
8 public schools in New York City are not receiving
9 100% of their entitlement, you deserve to know what
10 your schools are receiving and what they are not
11 receiving. That is an issue of transparency and
12 fairness in our school system and also Introduction
13 1174A would create a Task Force to review and make
14 recommendations to tweak the formula because right
15 now poverty for example is only accounted for up to
16 the 3rd grade as if poverty doesn't exist beyond the
17 3rd grade. These are some of the weights and issues
18 that we have to address. The Task Force will be made
19 up of parents, of children in the school system,
20 educators, advocates, who specialize in working with
21 vulnerable student populations. We need to make sure
22 that we hear from all communities how this formula
23 should best be suited to support our kids. The
24 current formula was created under the Bloomberg

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2 Administration which should tell you something so I
3 vote aye on all. Thank you very much for your time.

4 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

5 CLERK: Ulrich?

6 ERIC ULRICH: I ask for unanimous consent
7 to vote on the Land Use items?

8 LETITIA JAMES: Yes, Council Member.

9 ERIC ULRICH: Thank you I vote aye on the
10 Land Use on I vote aye on all on the General Order
11 Calendar.

12 CLERK: Vallone?

13 PAUL VALLONE: Aye on all.

14 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

15 CLERK: Van Bramer?

16 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

17 CLERK: Yeger?

18 KALMAN YEGER: I vote aye on all with the
19 exception of LU 239 and accompanying Resolution 662
20 and Introduction 752, 755, 756 in which I vote no.

21 CLERK: Cumbo?

22 LAURIE CUMBO: I vote aye and I also want
23 to thank all of my colleagues for gathering together
24 today because it is important that we speak out on
25 issues. As a black woman in the City of New York, I

2 recognize today just how vulnerable unprotected we
3 are as people in New York State and we've watched so
4 many of these videos time and time again and with
5 each one of them there was a, what was in their
6 hands? Did they have a gun? Did they have a pipe?
7 Did they have cigarettes? But in this case, the
8 woman had a baby and if we can't come to the
9 rationalization that a woman with a baby, we are not
10 talking about any of these other cases that we have
11 seen, the most vulnerable, then we have really failed
12 as a City at the highest level if there are no
13 repercussions brought against those who committed
14 this heinous crime against a black woman and her
15 black child who will never be the same after this
16 horrific incident. This has to be taken seriously,
17 this is not a one-day protest. This is something
18 that our City has to engage in, in a very deep way
19 and I say to all. I say to everyone involved to
20 imagine if your wife, your daughter, your mother was
21 attacked in this way. So, I thank all of my
22 colleagues for being here. This is a longer journey
23 and this is a journey that as elected leaders that we
24 have to take together. We have to leave this City
25 better than we found it and we have to leave the most

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2 vulnerable to be the most protected moving forward so
3 I vote aye on all of these Bills and I continue to
4 work with my colleagues to bring Justice for Jazmin
5 but to so many thousands of other people, mothers
6 that are attacked in this way that never make it to a
7 video camera, so thank you all for your support.

8 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you.

9 CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Uhm Clerk, I
11 think we have Council Member Levin as well, he didn't
12 vote.

13 STEPHEN LEVIN: Uhm I vote aye on all and
14 briefly I just want to thank the Speaker as well as
15 all of my colleagues for being out there today,
16 earlier for Justice for Jazmin and doing everything
17 we can to take a cold look at the system uhm that led
18 to this uhm and making sure that we are doing the
19 needed reforms. But to the police department and
20 that HRA I know I want to thank, in particular,
21 Majority Leader Cumbo, Council Members Ampry-Samuel,
22 Adams, Rosenthal, Chin, Gibson, Rivera, Rose, you
23 Public Advocate James, uhm Council Member Barron,
24 Council Member Ayala in particular for being there

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2 and for your very stirring and strong words, thank
3 you.

4 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you. All items on
5 today's General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote
6 of 49 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 0
7 abstentions with the exception of Intro 752A which is
8 adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative 4 negative
9 and 0 abstentions and Intro 755A which is adopted by
10 a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 4 negative and 0
11 abstentions, uhm and Intro 756A which was adopted by
12 a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 4 negative and 0
13 abstentions and Land Use 239 and Resolution 662 which
14 was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 3
15 negative and 0 abstentions and Land Use 257 and
16 Resolution 663, which was adopted by a vote of 48 in
17 the affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstention and Pre-
18 considered Land Use 286 and Resolution 660 which was
19 adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 2
20 negative and one abstention and LU 270 and Resolution
21 670 which was adopted by a vote of 48 in the
22 affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstentions and the
23 Revised Land Use Call Up vote is 49 in the
24 affirmative, 0 in the negative. Introduction and
25 reading of Bills?

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2 CLERK: All Bills have been referred to
3 the Committee as indicated on today's agenda.

4 LETITIA JAMES: In today's discussion of
5 Resolution 470 which reads as follows or all of the
6 Resolutions which reads as follows: Resolution 470 a
7 Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass
8 and the Governor to sign 84738A and S4840A, a
9 Legislation that would establish the New York Help
10 Program, a single payer health plan for all New York
11 State Residence. All of those in favor say aye?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 LETITIA JAMES: All of those opposed?
14 Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 569A,
15 (cheers and applause) Okay. Resolution 569A an
16 amended resolution calling upon the New York City
17 Department of Education to favor in poverty as a
18 weight in the Fair Student Funding Formula for
19 schools beginning at 4th grade or later. Uh all of
20 those in favor say aye?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 LETITIA JAMES: Any opposed? Any
23 abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 620, a
24 Resolution calling on the Federal Communications
25 Commission to reject the proposed rules put forth in

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2 the Second Further Notice for Proposed Rule Making
3 18-131 and to create provisions that would strengthen
4 public, educational and governmental access
5 television. All of those in favor say aye?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 LETITIA JAMES: Any opposed? Any
8 abstentions? The ayes have it and now on to General
9 Discussion beginning with Council Member Rivera.

10 CARLINA RIVERA: Thank you uhm I want to
11 ask my colleagues for support to support a new Bill
12 that I am introducing today that deals with an issue
13 all New Yorkers struggle with, that is noise. Not
14 the good kind of noise, not the good trouble that we
15 make but the noise that disturbs our sleep and
16 affects, adversely affects or quality of life. So,
17 Intro 1292 would require owners of multiple dwellings
18 to distribute a notice to new and renewing tenants
19 about their obligations under the City's Noise
20 Control Laws. So, some landlords already do this,
21 but with this Bill Landlords who fail to do so will
22 be penalized \$250. As someone who unfortunately has
23 to unfortunately deal with things like SantaCon in
24 my...

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2 LETITIA JAMES: Shhh, sshh.. Excuse me
3 Council Member, can we have quiet in the Chambers we
4 are still in session. Council Member Rivera has the
5 floor.

6 CARLINA RIVERA: Thank you, as someone
7 who has to deal with a lot of noise complaints, in
8 fact my whole community board was number one for
9 many, many weeks and who has really entertaining
10 events going through her District like Santacon.
11 This is the perfect time for us to take a look at
12 noise issues and the lack of knowledge and
13 enforcement of the City's rules. This is not just a
14 lower Manhattan issue, Council Member Rodriguez, I
15 want to thank for co-sponsoring with me, this Bill is
16 tirelessly fighting to mitigate noise in his District
17 which has the highest number of complaints in the
18 City and again this is not just for Manhattan people,
19 this is all over for all of us who are trying to
20 strike a balance between a Commerce and Community,
21 between entertainment and of course quality of life.
22 I want to reiterate this is just one step that our
23 office plans to do more Legislatively working with
24 City Agencies to ensure that enforcement is completed
25 and that tenants are empowered to report noise and

2 see it stopped. So, I just want to thank all the
3 leaders in my community, in my neighborhood who have
4 fought hard just to get a good night's sleep,
5 including, specifically Dale Goodson who is on
6 Community Board 3 and who is a leader on his block
7 association. So, I am asking all of my colleagues to
8 please sign on. We like to have a good time but we
9 also deserve a good night's sleep, thanks everyone.

10 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you and now for a
11 vote. Council Member Jumaane Williams?

12 JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Thank you, aye on all
13 with the exception of LU 257 which I abstain.

14 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you, continuing
15 with General Discussion, Council Member Rose.

16 DEBORAH ROSE: Thank you, roughly 3
17 million Americans identify as members of the many
18 Native American Tribes in this Country. Sadly, our
19 Nation has a checkered past regarding the treatment
20 of the original inhabitants of this land and as a
21 direct result unemployment and poverty rates among
22 Native Americans are much higher than those of the
23 General Population. Our City has a program to help
24 remedy past disparities in economic opportunities in
25 the form of outreach and resources to minority and

2 women owned business enterprises or MWBEs. It came to
3 my attention by a constituent who is here with us
4 today that Native Americans is not a category that
5 can currently claim MWBE status. Today I am
6 introducing Intro 1293 which will add Native
7 Americans to this list, the business owner categories
8 who can register as an MWBE in New York City. This
9 Bill will also raise our targets for the amount of
10 City contracting dollars that flow to businesses
11 owned by these historically under-represented groups.
12 I want to thank Mayor de Blasio and SBS Commissioner
13 Greg Bishop for recognizing this omission and
14 proposing solutions. I want to thank Speaker Corey
15 Johnson who is not ever too big to apologize for an
16 injustice for his support for this important and much
17 needed Legislation, Staten Island Resident and
18 entrepreneur Jacqueline Takarante (SP?) who is here
19 today in the balcony with us for her advocacy on this
20 issue. My co-Sponsors C.M. Cornegy and Daniel
21 Collins for his work on bringing this Legislation to
22 life and I look forward to all of my colleagues to
23 signing on this important Legislation. Thank you.

24 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you, Council Member
25 King.

2 ANDY KING: Thank you Madam Public
3 Advocate, I rise today with a heavy heart. Uhm
4 through due to what our sister experienced Friday, I
5 say to Laurie Cumbo, a mother of a young son, I say
6 to all the parents of young children, this is nothing
7 new in America. And I am asking us as elected
8 officials to step up our game. Today, we went out on
9 the steps I thank Council Member Levine and Speaker
10 Johnson for leading the conversation but we have to
11 do more as far as policy. Two years ago, we as a
12 Council passed a piece of Legislation calling out the
13 clause in the United States Constitution. We heard
14 today in the conversation that this is the systemic
15 root of this Country of bigotry, prejudice and
16 reminding people of slavery when you say a young
17 black child being ripped from his mother. These
18 things happen 300-400 years ago and they are still
19 happening today in America. We are still getting
20 lynched in America and if we want to do something
21 about it, we got to take a hard stand as elected
22 officials, people of color coming together for my
23 Caucasian brothers, sisters standing with us. It may
24 be hard and challenging in your time and era but I
25 can tell you today with a heavy heart, not one of you

2 would change places with me to be a black man in
3 America with what we go through. I am just having a
4 real conversation today because my heart is heavy
5 with what happened to that sister. There is no
6 reason why we should still be dealing with this crap
7 in America today. So, if we really want to change
8 something, just call on the Federal Government to
9 amend that Constitution, say that all Americans are
10 equal, say that all blacks are equal because that
11 same that same piece of Legislation still allows
12 Slavery to be in the United States of America, just
13 called incarceration. So, if we are going to have a
14 real conversation, talking about real policy then
15 let's do something about it. Let's not fake it
16 because it sounds politically expedient at the time
17 and then when the cameras go away, we go back to the
18 same bigotry and prejudice that is in our
19 neighborhoods. If we are going to be true leaders,
20 then have the real conversations with the bigots that
21 are in your neighborhood. Have the true conversation
22 with the person who is prejudice. Have the true
23 conversation within yourself to know whether you can
24 stand up and take a real fight and not worry about
25 getting in the political gig. Do the human thing to

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2 save lives. Are we going to be the real, the
3 generation of New Yorkers in the Council that is
4 going to lead, let's do it? Let's note Fake It Until
5 We Make It, let's do it for real. So, with that I
6 want see those squares and I am going to be praying
7 that someone gets fired, someone gets fired, someone
8 gets fired, and we free our sister today. Thank you.
9 (applause).

10 LETITIA JAMES: Council Member Barron.

11 INEZ BARRON: Thank you Madam Public
12 Advocate first I want to say that I am very pleased
13 that we have passed a Resolution that supports the
14 Legislation calling for single payer healthcare. I
15 think that is critical and I think we need to do all
16 that we can to move that forward. Secondly, I want
17 to thank all of those who organized today's press
18 events on the steps of City Hall. What we saw on the
19 video was startling but it is just another incident
20 that has happened that this one was recorded. It
21 goes back to recordings that we have seen over the
22 years, going back to I guess the most uhm public one
23 was Rodney King, when we saw him being beaten. The
24 issue becomes and I have to associate myself, well,
25 with my colleagues out in Richards. Who at the press

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2 conference said until there are adequate, appropriate
3 consequences and I've said it before for the people
4 who violate the Law. The people who commit criminal
5 acts, until they are appropriately punished, we are
6 going to continue to have these kinds of events
7 happen. The racism that exists in this Country is
8 systemic which is why we continue to see black, brown
9 and poor people criminalized when they are the
10 victims. I couldn't believe what I was seeing, you
11 know, again so blatant, the way that this baby was
12 yanked from his mom's arms but until we say to HRA
13 and until we say to NYPD these are the people who are
14 going to be fired, these are people who perhaps need
15 to go to get a demotion or whatever it is that is
16 appropriate consequences are, we are going to
17 continue to see that. And consequences in my opinion
18 for NYPD has to go beyond a loss of vacation days
19 cause that's the only thing that has happened, even
20 when they have killed us uhm even when they have
21 brutalized us and it has been recorded. So, we've
22 got to move beyond just what we have here and get
23 consequences implemented especially with NYPD but
24 with any agency that brutalizes us. Thank you.

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2 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you. Council
3 Member Chin.

4 MARGARET CHIN: Thank you, first I wanted
5 to thank all of my colleagues and thank you to
6 Speaker Corey Johnson uhm for standing with me and
7 the Borough President and the Resident of Two
8 Bridges. Through this Legal Action we are fighting
9 to defend affordability in this vibrant waterfront
10 neighborhood. We are also ending a loophole. What
11 is a minor modification that has sadly given more
12 weight to an arbitrary land use determination over
13 thousands of residents who are left voiceless in a
14 process that could decide the future of the
15 neighborhood? The Two Bridges Neighborhood is
16 already underserved by transit, affordable,
17 supermarket and open space. The environmental impact
18 statement accompanying these applications do not even
19 begin to account for primary and secondary
20 displacement that were rippled through the entire
21 neighborhood. I am also deeply concerned about one
22 application that is going to attach itself to a
23 senior building and eliminating a whole line of
24 apartments so that they could build on top of it.
25 This fight is about equity, is about fairness, and is

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2 about turning the tie of luxury over-development that
3 has displays innocent tenants and destroy community.
4 From the beginning I have made my stand clear to the
5 Administration, four towers that are more than 60
6 stories high creating thousands of luxury units in an
7 area the size of a City block. They do not belong in
8 this long to mid-rise neighborhood, especially not
9 without a full public review process and that's why I
10 really am so appreciative of our Land Use Team and of
11 the General Council's Office and our speaker for
12 standing with us and with the resident of Two Bridges
13 to fight back to that their voices will be heard and
14 they get the protection they deserve. Thank you.

15 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you. Council
16 Member Levin.

17 STEPHEN LEVIN: Thank you Ma'am Public
18 Advocate, uhm I just wanted to say very briefly
19 regarding the situation with Jazmin Headley at the
20 HRA Office that in addition to examining what
21 happened in this particular instance where every step
22 of the way uhm leading up to what we all saw on this
23 terrible video and the terrible circumstances and the
24 absolutely awful way that Jazmin and her child were
25 treated, every step of the way uhm in the process a

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2 bad decision was made. A bad decision from an HRA
3 Case Manager perspective, a bad decision from
4 Security Personnel in the HRA Office, uhm and how
5 they were interacting with her as a Client and as a
6 person, has a human being and a mother, a bad
7 decision that was made to call 9-1-1, a bad decision
8 made by police department when they came in to
9 immediately try to arrest her and now sit down and
10 talk to her like a normal person, and like a person
11 that is deserving of respect, and so we need to
12 examine every single one of those bad decisions that
13 was made, make sure that that never happens again.
14 We also have to examine what is happening at our HRA
15 Centers, make sure that we are getting clear data on
16 the wait times at HRA Offices, the role of peace
17 officers as they, as they interact with clients, uhm
18 the accommodations for people with small children.
19 If somebody is waiting there for two, three, four,
20 five hours, what accommodations are we doing for, for
21 women with one or two or three or four children and
22 how we are accommodating that. So, this needs to be
23 looked at from a bigger picture and I think that this
24 Council stands able to do that in the coming months,
25 make sure that we are allowing people are receiving

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2 benefits that they are entitled to. That they are
3 entitled to. Uhm that we are treating them with just
4 a basic level of decency and like human beings and
5 those that are deserving of respect from our City
6 Governments, I want to thank our Speaker for his, his
7 really incredible moral leadership here and attention
8 to this. Thank you.

9 LETITIA JAMES: Thank you Mr. Chair and I
10 share the sentiments in the hearing for Jazmin has
11 just begun. All items on today's General Order
12 Calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in the
13 affirmative, 0 in the negative and 0 abstentions with
14 the exception of Intro 752A, 755A and 756A which was
15 adopted by a revised vote on 46 in the affirmative, 4
16 negative, and 0 abstentions, and LU 239 and
17 Resolution 662 which was adopted by a revised vote of
18 47 in the affirmative, 3 negative and 0 abstentions
19 and LU 257 and Resolution 663 which is adopted by a
20 revised vote of 48 in the affirmative, 0 negative and
21 2 abstentions, Pre-considered LU 286 and Resolution
22 660, uhm which was adopted by a revised vote of 48 in
23 the affirmative, 2 negative, and 1 abstention and LU
24 279 and Resolution 670 which was adopted by a revised
25 vote of 49 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 1

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2 abstention and the revised Land Use Call Up vote is
3 50 in the affirmative, 0 negative. Jenny Low we wish
4 you well wishes and we hope that you get better soon.
5 I now turn it over to the Speaker to close.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you Madam
7 Public Advocate, today's Stated Meeting of January
8 11th, 2018 is hereby adjourned. (gavel pounding).

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