

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 19, 2019  
Start: 3:27 p.m.  
Recess: 5:12 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Jumaane Williams  
Public Advocate

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne Adams  
Alicka Ampry-Samuel  
Diana Ayala  
Inez D. Barron  
Joseph Borelli  
Justin Brannan  
Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Andy Cohen  
Costa G. Constantinides  
Robert Cornegy, Jr.  
Chaim Deutsch  
Ruben Diaz  
Daniel Dromm  
Rafael Epsinal  
Mathieu Eugene  
Deborah L. Gibson  
Mark S. Gjonaj  
Barry Grodenchik  
Robert F. Holden  
Ben Kallos

Andy L. King

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

Council Members:

Peter A. Koo  
Karen Koslowitz  
Rory I. Lancman  
Brad S. Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark Levine  
Farah Louis  
Alan N. Maisel  
Carlos Menchaca  
I. Daneek Miller  
Francisco Moya  
Bill Perkins  
Keith Powers  
Joseph Borelli  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Carlina Rivera  
Ydanis Rodriguez  
Deborah L. Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Rafael Salamanca  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Mark Treyger  
Eric A. Ulrich  
Paul A. Vallone  
James G. Van Bramer  
Kalman Yeger  
Steven Matteo  
Laurie A. Cumbo

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: [GAVEL] Good  
3 afternoon and welcome to the recessed state meeting  
4 of June 13, 2019 being held June 19<sup>th</sup>. I am Public  
5 Advocate Jumaane Williams.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Would everyone please  
7 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Roll call.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

16 Borelli? Brannan?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

19 COUCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch? Diaz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Still here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin? Levine?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller? Moya? Perkins?

9 Powers? Reynoso?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Borelli?

3 Vallone?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am here.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.

18 Now closing the Recess Stated Meeting of June 13,

19 2019. [Gavel]

20 [GAVEL] I would like to now open the  
21 Stated Meeting of June 19, 2019. I wish everyone a  
22 happy Juneteenth and ask for a roll call.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye, oh  
3 present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote Aye,  
6 present sorry.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Barron?  
8 Borelli?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I am so  
10 confused. Aye, I think, I think I am here.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE: It's a roll call if you  
12 are present or not.

13 This is an attendance vote everyone.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Still here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

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23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

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9 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Still here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman? Lander?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Where would I go.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin? Levine?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.



2 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller? Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins? Powers?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Pass.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo? Speaker Johnson?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I am here.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you. We

15 will now have today's invocation which will be

16 delivered by Monsignor Kevin Sullivan who is the

17 Executive Director of Catholic Charities and is also

18 a in residence in the Roman Catholic Parish of our

19 savior here in Manhattan.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

21 MONSIGNOR KEVIN SULLIVAN: All mighty

22 God, one more we ask your blessing upon this

23 gathering. This important meeting in which those

24 elected officials of this great City of New York will

25 vote to provide the resources necessary that the City

2 thrive. That we take care of those who are in need.  
3 That we provide for the many things that make this a  
4 great metropolis. We give you thanks for the  
5 diligence, that in this time in which there is so  
6 much suspicion of those in elected office, we ask  
7 your blessing that those who have stood for office,  
8 that they be blessed. They be blessed with  
9 integrity, that they be blessed with vision. They be  
10 blessed with passion and they be blessed with ability  
11 to work together. And so, we give you thanks for  
12 these women and men who do this service on behalf of  
13 all of them.

14 And as we approach this summertime,  
15 especially bless the children of our city who will  
16 finish this school year and will have the summertime  
17 for relaxation but also, for growth who will work.  
18 And we also ask your blessing on the new children who  
19 come to our city, our metropolis, from distant  
20 countries because they flee the violence, the  
21 extortion, the lack of opportunity in our southern  
22 neighbors. Continue to make us a welcoming city, so  
23 that they might make a new life here but not merely  
24 for them, but that they continue to enhance and make  
25 us a stronger place.

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2                    Bless the families of this great city,  
3 they come in so many different shapes and sizes.  
4 They come in different varieties, bless them all that  
5 they might be in places where love abounds. Where  
6 children are supported, and people grow and are  
7 empowered. And yes, bless our religious institutions  
8 and we who invoke your name God, may not think that  
9 we are all that perfect. But bless our institutions  
10 with integrity and when we have sinned, as my church  
11 has, bless us with the ability to correct ourselves  
12 and to humbly ask for your grace.

13                   And since it is summer Lord, we just have  
14 kind of one more request and you are doing a good job  
15 in blessing our New York Yankees. I might add, two  
16 places ahead of our colleagues from Boston. Could  
17 you do a little better job with the Mets? They need  
18 you help, so do that and help us to relax this  
19 summer.

20                   And so, we ask you for a special favor.  
21 Give us all an abundance of ice cream in our favorite  
22 colors and flavors with a dearth of calories. All  
23 that we ask, Amen.

24                   Thank you.

25                   [APPLAUSE]

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you  
3 Monsignor. We can ask some prayers for my New York  
4 Knicks, that will be awesome.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: I second that.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: We will now  
7 Speaker Johnson to spread the invocation on the  
8 record.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Mr. Public  
10 Advocate. I want to thank Monsignor Kevin Sullivan  
11 for being here today and I make a motion that the  
12 invocation be spread in full upon the record.

13 Monsignor Sullivan has been the Executive  
14 Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of  
15 New York since 2001 and he was immediately tasked  
16 with consoling families of those who had lost loved  
17 ones on 911. Monsignor Sullivan has made an impact  
18 on all New Yorkers.

19 Monsignor Sullivan is not a stranger to  
20 any of us here in these Chambers. He testified last  
21 year when this Council conducted an oversight hearing  
22 on the Trump Administrations inhumane policy of  
23 separating immigrant children from their families.

24 Monsignor Sullivan in the last two months  
25 led a mission to Central America to meet with

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2 families and to meet with unaccompanied minors who  
3 have been caught up in violence and exploitation and  
4 extortion. Monsignor Sullivan is a leader in our  
5 city and ever since getting back, even before his  
6 mission to Central America, he has been a strong  
7 advocate for years and years and years for immigrant  
8 families. And he has become and has been a loud  
9 voice on their behalf.

10                   Monsignor Kevin Sullivan is a mensch. I  
11 want to thank him for being here today and for  
12 everything that you do for our metropolis for the  
13 city that you love and for the families that call our  
14 city home. I am so honored to have you here today to  
15 spread this invocation. Thank you very much Kevin.  
16 Thank you, Mr. Public Advocate.

17                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you Mr.  
18 Speaker. We ask for the adoption of minutes.

19                   SPEAKER JOHNSON: None.

20                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Message and  
21 papers from the Mayor?

22                   SPEAKER JOHNSON: None.

23                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Communication  
24 from city, county and borough offices?

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered M171 and  
3 M172. Communications from the office of Management  
4 and Budget.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Petitions and  
6 Communications?

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: One moment sir.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Finance.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pre-considered M173  
10 Communication from the Chancellor.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Finance.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: There are no petitions  
13 or communication Mr. Public Advocate.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Land use call  
15 ups?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you. We  
18 will now have communication from the Speaker.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon, thank  
20 you Mr. Public Advocate. Happy Wednesday to everyone  
21 who is here with us today and welcome to our third  
22 Stated Meeting in the last seven days.

23 Before we get into today's agenda, I want  
24 to recognize two of our amazing Sergeants at Arms who  
25 sadly are leaving us to begin new chapters in their

2 careers. Edwin Lopez is moving on to the Sheriff's  
3 Department. I want to give him a big round of  
4 applause.

5 [APPLAUSE]

6 And Sharese Torres[SP?] is going to the  
7 NYPD.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9 I want to thank Edwin and Sharese for  
10 their professionalism and their dedication and their  
11 hard work and their time here at the City Council.  
12 We are enormously grateful for their service. We are  
13 sad for the Council, but we are really happy for the  
14 people of New York City for the Sherriff's Department  
15 and for the NYPD. So, we wish Edwin and Sharese good  
16 luck and we thank them for all of their hard work.  
17 And I am really just grateful for their service.

18 I also want to mention as the Public  
19 Advocate said, today we celebrate Juneteenth which is  
20 the anniversary of the end of slavery in Texas and  
21 the end of one of the darkest chapters in American  
22 history. But the work of building an America free  
23 from racial discrimination did not stop 154 years ago  
24 today. Juneteenth is a celebration of the progress  
25



2 we have made but is also a reminder of how much work  
3 still lays before us.

4 Let us all take today to recommit  
5 ourselves to the fight for racial equality and  
6 justice in this country and let us never stop  
7 fighting until the day we can honestly say, the  
8 liberty and justice and enjoyed equally by all  
9 Americans.

10 Now, I want to move on to why we are here  
11 today which is the adoption of the New York City  
12 Fiscal 2020 Budget. And as I said, at the handshake,  
13 this is a personal budget for me. It is my second as  
14 Speaker and it aligns with my guiding principal.  
15 Which is do the most good for the people who need it  
16 most.

17 The City Council has a lot to be proud of  
18 in this budget. But before I highlight some of the  
19 victories, there are a lot of people that I need to  
20 thank and that all of us need to thank and I mean a  
21 lot. Adopting a \$92.8 billion Budget takes a team of  
22 dedicated, hardworking, knowledgeable professionals  
23 and here at the City Council, we have an abundance of  
24 people who fit that description.

2 I will start with my dear friend, an  
3 amazing member of the City Council, as he said at the  
4 pre-stated press conference, the Queen of Queens, our  
5 Finance Committee Chair Dromm. I want to thank him  
6 for his amazing job. His hard work, his dedication,  
7 his long hours, Chairing those Executive Budget  
8 hearings. We are so proud of you Danny, so, so,  
9 proud of you. Congratulations.

10 [APPLAUSE]

11 I couldn't ask for a better partners. I  
12 also want to thank really just an amazing friend and  
13 colleague. Someone who takes this process very  
14 seriously but does it with a great sense of humor and  
15 a great disposition. Some one who has been a leader  
16 since her time starting here in the Council. The  
17 Chair of our Subcommittee on the Capital Budget, my  
18 good friend and an amazing, amazing woman, Venessa  
19 Gibson. I want to thank her as well.

20 [APPLAUSE]

21 I want to thank the entire Budget  
22 negotiating team, which was led by Danny Dromm and I  
23 want to thank all of the Council Members who really  
24 contributed to this process. I am really grateful at  
25 the Budget that we have arrived at and I think this

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2   is a budget that we can all be proud of.  And I  
3   really want to thank, this is his first budget, this  
4   is someone who I would be speaking to at 7 o'clock in  
5   the morning and 1 o'clock in the morning and 40 times  
6   throughout the day.  Someone who has a newborn baby,  
7   someone who I think has done an incredible job over  
8   the last year.  Who is a resource, who is always  
9   available, who is thoughtful and who really tries to  
10  work with every member here who has led the staff.  I  
11  think in a united way, I am just supremely proud of  
12  the Chief of Staff here, who leads and helps run the  
13  City Council.  I want to give a huge thank you to  
14  Jason Goldman, who has done an amazing job.

15                           [APPLAUSE]

16           Next, let's give a big round of applause  
17  to the entire staff of the Finance Division.  They  
18  have worked tirelessly since the release of the  
19  Preliminary Budget in February to get through the  
20  hearings in March, the Budget Response in April, the  
21  Executive Budget hearings in May, and the countless  
22  hours of BNT and Budget negotiations in June.  To  
23  start by thanking each member of the Finance Division  
24  individually.  I want to start with the amazing  
25  Deputy Directors Regina Poreda Ryan, Nathan Toth, and

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2 Paul Scimone. I want to thank our Deputy Director  
3 and Chief Economist Dr. Ray Majewski. I want to  
4 thank his Assistant Director Emre Edev, our  
5 Supervising Economist Paul Stern. I want to thank  
6 our Unit Heads who just do such an incredible job. I  
7 am so proud of their leadership and the work they do.

8           Doheny Supora[SP?] who is just a rock  
9 star. I want to thank Isa Wright who always has the  
10 information at her fingertips and is invaluable. I  
11 want to thank Chima Obichere. Chima, good to see  
12 you. I want to thank Crillion Francisco and I want  
13 to thank John Russel who is always showing us how to  
14 save money in the City of New York.

15           I want to thank our fantastic amazing and  
16 valuable Senior Council who is at all of the  
17 Executive Budget hearings. I know I have relied upon  
18 her; Danny has relied upon her. I want to thank  
19 Rebecca Chasan for her leadership. I want to thank  
20 her team of Assistant Council Stephanie Ruiz and Noah  
21 Brick for their hard work and I want to thank all of  
22 the Financial Analysts and Economists, and I  
23 apologize, I am a little tired. So, I apologize if I  
24 mispronounce your name, it's not purposeful. I want  
25 to thank Aliya Ali, Sebastian Bakkie, John Basile,

2 Chelsey Baltimore, Monica Bugiock[SP?], Peter Butler,  
3 Savanna Chou, Raymond Furlong, Sarah Gastelum, Hector  
4 German[SP?], Julia Haramis, Louren Hunt, Florentine  
5 Kabore, Daniel Kroop, William, I always get your last  
6 name wrong, William, I apologize, Chedderametang[SP?]  
7 and I tried. Kira McDonald, Caitlin O'Hagan, Monica  
8 Pepple, Michele Peregrin, Frank Sarno, Masis  
9 Sarkissian, Johnathan Seltzer, Nevin Sing, Kendall  
10 Stevenson, James Reyes, Nashia Roman, Anna Maria  
11 Camel Vega, Andrew Wilber, Stephen Williams, Davis  
12 Winslow, Luke Zangerle and I want to also thank that  
13 Administrative Support team who do hard work all  
14 throughout the Budget process as well. They may not  
15 be the BNT Room, but they are working hard around the  
16 clock, doing the same long hours as everyone else in  
17 the Finance Division. I want to thank Nicole  
18 Anderson, Cortney Summarize, Latina Brown and one of  
19 the longest serving members, staff members here, an  
20 amazing, amazing woman. We are so grateful she is  
21 still here. She doesn't look old enough to have been  
22 here as long as she has been here. I want to thank  
23 Maria Pegan for her dedication and hard work and  
24 service here at the City Council.

2           And last, but certainly not least, our  
3 fearless leader, the person who makes it all happen.  
4 Someone who knows the ends and the outs. Who has  
5 done this many, many times. Who has dedicated almost  
6 all of her professional career to the City of New  
7 York at the City Council, we are so proud to have a  
8 Finance Director who is available to each and every  
9 one of us, who knows the issues inside and out, who  
10 gets in the room and negotiates, who pushes on the  
11 issues, who explains the difficulties, who gives us  
12 boarder context and doesn't just do it from February  
13 to June. But throughout the entire year with the  
14 Budget Modifications, with the new revenue estimates.  
15 With the November plan, with our Capital Budget. She  
16 leads this entire division. She does it in an  
17 amazing way. I am so fortunate that I get to be  
18 Speaker with an amazing Finance Director like our own  
19 Latonia McKinney an I want to thank her very, very  
20 much.

21                           [APPLAUSE]

22           I would also like to thank Chuck Davis  
23 and Fran Dellavecchia and the entire Appointments and  
24 Investigations Unit for Vetting. The organizations  
25 that receive discretionary funds as well as our

2 entire general Council's office for assisting with  
3 our disclosures.

4 Now, I want to turn to the Budget itself.  
5 Because of this Council, I believe our city's Fiscal  
6 future is more secure. We added \$250 million to our  
7 budget reserves and we invested \$40 million in Census  
8 outreach to ensure that New York receives it's fair  
9 share of resources from the Federal Government.

10 Because of this Council, students will  
11 have two hundred more Social Workers to turn to who  
12 can help them address their social and emotional  
13 health and I want to thank Chair Treyger for his  
14 annoying and unrelenting advocacy on Social Workers.

15 Because of this Council libraries will  
16 have an additional \$33 million for the critical  
17 services they provide every New Yorker and I want to  
18 thank Jimmy Van Bramer, the Chair of our Libraries  
19 and Cultural Affairs Committee.

20 Because of this Council, Parks will get a  
21 \$43 million investment for gardeners, maintenance  
22 workers, PEP officers, Urban Rangers, The Green Thumb  
23 Program and we are baselining 150 of those seasonal  
24 workers and gardeners. A huge investment. And I

2 want to thank Lynn Kelly up there for her advocacy in  
3 the entire Fair Play Coalition for their hard work.

4 Because of this Council, our streets will  
5 be cleaner, because this year, we doubled the amount  
6 of funding for liter basket pickup throughout our  
7 city and I want to thank Antonio Reynoso, the Chair  
8 of our Sanitation Committee for his hard work and  
9 advocacy.

10 Since the handshake on Friday, which  
11 feels like three weeks ago. I have had some people  
12 say in reference to our budget agreement that pay  
13 parity didn't get it done and in a technical sense,  
14 they may be right in as much as the funding is not  
15 yet included in the budget, but I challenge that  
16 premise as missing the big picture.

17 What we have achieved on pay parity, is  
18 remarkable and transformational. Because of our  
19 advocacy, this Council's advocacy, unity and  
20 tenacity. For the first time, the city is on a clear  
21 and defined path in ensuring that our early childhood  
22 education workers, all of them, teachers and non-  
23 teachers alike, will be compensated equitably. These  
24 are predominantly women and predominantly women of  
25 color and the same is true of public defenders and



2 civil legal service providers. I for one am thrilled  
3 at what we accomplished on pay parity in this city  
4 and through this budget.

5 [APPLAUSE]

6 I also want to highlight the Criminal  
7 Justice work that is funded in this budget, because  
8 it is an issue that is important in this moment, we  
9 are living in. New York City is on the forefront of  
10 tackling systemic disparities within our criminal  
11 justice system. And I am happy to say that \$54.5  
12 million is being included for that purpose.

13 Some of the funding will support the  
14 expansion of supervised release. Now that we got the  
15 criminal justice reform's that were enacted at the  
16 state level and go into effect in January. And we  
17 are bringing Project Reset, which was borough wide in  
18 the Bronx, we are bringing it citywide. We are  
19 creating a brand new, in the first of its kind felony  
20 alternative to incarceration court part in Brooklyn  
21 with the Chief judge there. And we are adding 100  
22 transitional housing beds for mentally ill male  
23 defendants to divert them from Rikers Island and get  
24 them the treatment and help that they need.

2 We are providing the city's first major  
3 investment in programs and services for people  
4 involved in the sex trade to help them. And I want  
5 to congratulate my colleagues. We also got - I  
6 didn't want to list everything we are getting. I  
7 want to leave time for members to talk about it, but  
8 we got a huge investment for the young people of New  
9 York City, an expansion of 4,000 new compass slots.  
10 We restored the money on SONYC and work, learn and  
11 grow. We continue to fight for SYEP. We have been a  
12 champion for young people and for seniors through  
13 Margaret Chin's leadership as Chair of the Aging  
14 Committee.

15 We have fought for the vulnerable. We  
16 did it last year in securing fair fares. We've done  
17 it this year and the new money we received for things  
18 that are the most egalitarian things in New York  
19 City. Parks, Libraries and schools, things that  
20 touch and change New Yorkers lives every single day.

21 So, I am really grateful. I want to  
22 congratulate my colleagues. You all did great work.  
23 Before proceeding with today's votes, I will mention  
24 that in addition to the budget items we are voting on  
25 today, we are voting on one Article 11 Property Tax

2   Exemption in Council Member Espinal and Barron's  
3   districts. In Brooklyn to preserve 45 units of  
4   affordable housing and we are also voting on  
5   Introduction 1607 sponsored by our Transportation  
6   Chair Ydanis Rodriguez. Which will reduce the annual  
7   commercial motor vehicle tax imposed on Taxicab  
8   Medallions from \$1,000 to \$400.

9           And with that, that concludes today's  
10   agenda. I look forward to proceeding with today's  
11   votes and Adopting a Budget that will be a champion  
12   for all New Yorkers to everyone who works so  
13   diligently to bring us here. There aren't enough  
14   thanks to express my gratitude.

15           I also want to mention, it wasn't in my  
16   remarks, but in ten days, we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup>  
17   anniversary of Stone Wall. The uprising at Stone  
18   Wall, which lit a match for worldwide equality in  
19   1969 and led us on the path that we are on today.

20           Now, I have said it before and I know  
21   that Danny and Jimmy and Carlos and Richie have  
22   spoken of it as well, but none of us would be here  
23   today if it were not for the activists that came  
24   before us. There is still an epidemic of violence  
25   against LGBT people in the United States of America

2 and even here in the City of New York. We still have  
3 too many people who are becoming HIV positive.

4 We still have too many runaway and  
5 homeless LGBT youth. There is still discrimination  
6 that exists in New York City. And the reason why I  
7 can stand up here today as Speaker of the New York  
8 City Council as an openly gay man and as the only  
9 openly HIV positive elected official in the State of  
10 New York, is because of all the trailblazers that  
11 came before me. And in this budget, in this budget,  
12 we provide funding to LGBT seniors. We provide  
13 funding to LGBT youth. We provide funding for the  
14 Trans community. A record investment for that  
15 community.

16 So, I am grateful that in this 50<sup>th</sup> year  
17 of celebrating the progress we have made but also  
18 looking at the progress that we have yet to make,  
19 this Council in a united way has been stepping up to  
20 provide services and support to a community that is  
21 personal to me, and to some of the other members of  
22 this body. And we are doing the right thing. I look  
23 forward to marching with you all. I look forward to  
24 celebrating with you all and I am supremely grateful  
25 that in the greatest City in the world, we are

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2   adopting this budget and we are doing it in a way  
3   that helps all New Yorkers.

4           With that, Mr. Public Advocate, I turn it  
5   back to you. Thank you.

6           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you Mr.  
7   Speaker and I am sure speaking on behalf of all of  
8   us, joining in your words.

9           We will now move into discussion of  
10   General Orders. Seeing none, report of Special  
11   Committee's.

12          COUNCIL CLERK: None.

13          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Reports on  
14   Standing Committee's?

15          COUNCIL CLERK: Report on the Committee  
16   on Finance, Intro. 1607 Motor vehicle tax for  
17   Taxicabs.

18          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Couple and  
19   General Orders?

20          COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered M171 and  
21   Reso. 965 through pre-considered Reso. 964 various  
22   budget documents.

23          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled on  
24   General Orders?

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: M152 and Reso. 968 and  
3 969, Expense Revenue Contract Budget Fiscal Year  
4 2020.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
6 General Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: M153 and Reso. 970 and  
8 971 Executive Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2020.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
10 General Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: M154 and Reso. 972  
12 Community Development Program.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
14 General Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered M174,  
16 Fixing the Tax Rate.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
18 General Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered Reso. 973,  
20 Property Taxes.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
22 General Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered LU471 and  
24 Reso. 974 Dumont HDFC.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Coupled in  
3 General Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: M130 through M159,  
5 various budget documents.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: To be filed and  
7 at this time, I am asking for a roll call vote on all  
8 of the items on today's General Order calendar. We  
9 are voting on the Budget today and the other  
10 legislative items and the Article 11 Tax Exemption  
11 that I mentioned. I ask for a roll call vote at this  
12 time.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Thank you.  
15 Today my daughter is graduating from high school, so  
16 I need to leave, if it's okay with you. I would like  
17 to vote yes on everything and be on my way.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:  
19 Congratulations and approved.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Yes, so let me  
21 also say, I am disclosing on the record of the  
22 Council proceeding that Young Israel Hillcrest is  
23 funded in the budget we are adopting, and I am  
24 associated with this entity. With that, just to be  
25 clear, I vote yes. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Mr. Public

4 Advocate, I am proud member of the Finance Committee,  
5 a proud member of this New York City Council. Having  
6 seen my second budget through, I must congratulate  
7 our Speaker publicly for bringing us to a place that  
8 we have never seen before. We have a historic budget  
9 before us. I am so, so, proud to be a part of this  
10 body. I triumphantly vote Aye on all.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I just want  
13 to add my sentiments and say congratulations to  
14 everyone and thank you for everything you have done  
15 for me and my staff. We have plenty of calls about  
16 senior housing and senior centers and we've seen some  
17 real good great wins in the 41<sup>st</sup> Council District and  
18 Brooklyn as a whole in the City of New York, so thank  
19 you for that and with that, I have to disclose on  
20 record of the Council proceeding that Mott Hall  
21 Bridge as a academy is funded in the budget. We are  
22 adopting and my brother is a teacher at the school  
23 and Central Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation  
24 is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my  
25



2 brother is associated with this entity. And with  
3 that, I vote Aye on all.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I also want to  
6 thank the Finance Staff, Chief of Staff Jason Goldman  
7 for all of the work in transitioning us through this  
8 process. I am voting Aye, but I am also disclosing  
9 on the record of the Council proceedings that Park  
10 East High School is funded in the budget and the we  
11 are adopting and my child is a student at Park East  
12 High School and that AHRC is funded in the budget  
13 that we are adopting and my partner is associated  
14 with this entity, and PS57 is funded in the budget  
15 that we are adopting and my son is associated with  
16 this school as well. Thank you.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

18 Borelli?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: With my  
20 appreciation to the Finance Department for another  
21 job well done, and to the Speaker for really  
22 spearheading a lot of the Council's priorities and  
23 bring the true leader of this City, although  
24 sometimes I disagree, I want to commend you on a job  
25 well done. Of course, to the hand of the king over

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2   there, Jason, you did okay to Jason, you did okay to.  
3   I just have to disclose on record that PS55 is funded  
4   by the budget we are adopting, and my wife is an  
5   employee there and the College of Staten Island CUNY,  
6   they haven't fired me yet, so I am associated with  
7   them as well. I vote Aye on all except pre-  
8   considered Reso. 962, 963, 973 and M174. Thank you  
9   very much.

10           COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

11           COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: With my  
12   congratulations as well to the Finance Staff  
13   especially Latonia and my constituent Regina and to  
14   the Speaker for really acknowledging the needs of the  
15   outer boroughs and prioritizing the unique needs of  
16   all the 51 members of the Council. I vote Aye on all  
17   with the exception of 962, 963, 973 and M174. Thank  
18   you.

19           COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

20           COUCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

21           COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

22           COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you I want  
23   to start by echoing the comments I made in the  
24   Finance Committee and thank the Finance team and I  
25   want to thank you again. As I said, I worked with a

2   lot of you when I was a staffer. A lot of you know  
3   obviously as an elected official and you have made  
4   our priorities your own, you have worked tirelessly  
5   for the entire body and I want to thank you for a  
6   great job under the leadership of Latonia McKinney  
7   who just once again did a great job leading them.

8           I want to thank Chair Dromm and the  
9   Speaker. It's no question that I don't agree with  
10  parts of this budget but working with the Speaker,  
11  we've been able to increase reserves and I can't  
12  thank the Speaker enough for working with me, my  
13  delegation to, and Staten Island delegation to ensure  
14  that Staten Island residents are not forgotten in  
15  this budget. Are doing very well in this budget and  
16  make sure that they improve the lives of the  
17  residents of my constituents and all of Staten  
18  Island. So, I thank you for that. I am voting no on  
19  the pre-considered tax resolutions. I know that it's  
20  not going to reflect the numbers that will ultimately  
21  go in effect when the state makes it's changes but  
22  today, I am voting no on 962, 963, 973, and M174 as  
23  far as disclosures, Richmond University Medical  
24  Center is being funded in this budget and my brothers  
25  are associated with that. My daughter attends CSI,

2   my son attends Susan E. Wagner High School. My other  
3   son attends PS3 and my kids are involved in some  
4   youth employment program and UAU.

5           So, with that, I vote no on 962, 963,  
6   973, and 174 and Aye on the rest.

7           SPEAKER JOHNSON: Just quickly before  
8   Council Member Chin votes, I really want to thank the  
9   Minority Leader. We don't agree on every single  
10   issue but he has been a very, very thoughtful voice  
11   in the budget negotiating team process and he along  
12   with the other Council Members from Staten Island,  
13   Council Member Borelli and Council Member Rose have  
14   fought really hard for the needs of Staten Island  
15   relentless advocates, even when there hasn't been  
16   full agreement, they have collectively looked out for  
17   Staten Island and I am really proud of the investment  
18   we made. Especially, for Richmond University Medical  
19   Center, where the Council is now up to funding, I  
20   believe almost \$36 million for a new emergency room.  
21   Staten Island doesn't have a public hospital, so it  
22   is important for us to invest in one of the major  
23   hospitals on Staten Island and the Minority Leader  
24   has been a really steady voice throughout this entire  
25   process. And I am grateful for his leadership and

2 the entire Staten Island delegation for their hard  
3 work and leadership throughout this process.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. First,  
6 I wanted to thank Speaker Johnson and Latonia, Jason,  
7 Doheny and Daniel and all the Finance Staff for all  
8 the hard work and to give us an opportunity to really  
9 celebrate the wins that we were able to achieve for  
10 seniors in this budget. I know I was texting the  
11 Speaker and saying, this is unacceptable, they are  
12 not giving exactly what we want and Latonia saying,  
13 it's okay, we got your back. And finally, I did show  
14 up at the handshake. But from the beginning of this  
15 budget process, all the New Yorkers have been  
16 fighting to have their needs and voices acknowledged  
17 and the senior investment that we've advocated for  
18 this year were defined by an inclusive vision to  
19 build a fair city for all ages. Negotiation was  
20 tough, but we were able to bring home real wins for  
21 this often-overlooked population. With one in seven  
22 older New Yorkers facing food insecurity, I am  
23 particularly proud to announce that we work with the  
24 Administration. Finally, to secure a historic \$15  
25 million in permanent funding for senior center meals

2 and kitchen staff salary, making the first increase  
3 in five years. \$10 million is going to be in this  
4 year and \$5 more million in next year. And this will  
5 provide the salary increase for the kitchen staff and  
6 also the increase in food money.

7 We also got \$4 million baseline for air  
8 condition for all the senior centers that are  
9 supposed to be cooling centers. But the City Council  
10 stepped up when NORC said that they are going to be  
11 losing senior nursing services. Guess what, the City  
12 Council and my colleague, I thank you for allocating  
13 \$1.3 million to preserve nursing service in the  
14 NORC's across the city. We got a lot of amazing win  
15 and I got a lot of capital for my district and I just  
16 wanted to thank the Speaker again for your  
17 leadership.

18 Before I vote, I do have to disclose that  
19 PS3 is funded in the budget that we are adopting. My  
20 husband is a teacher at the school. I proudly vote  
21 Aye on all. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Thank you, I just  
24 want to say thank you. A heartfelt thank you to the  
25 finance staff. I want to say thank you to my

2 colleague Danny. I want to say thank you to the  
3 Speaker and I also want to congratulate my  
4 constituent Sharese Torres on joining the NYPD and  
5 with that, I am going to vote Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I just  
8 want to congratulate our Speaker Cory Johnson for his  
9 great work and leadership on this budget and of  
10 course, our Finance Chair Danny Dromm and Latonia  
11 McKinney and everyone on the Finance staff for all of  
12 their great work. I vote Aye on all. I am  
13 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
14 that PS85 is funded in the budget we are adopting,  
15 and my child is a student at PS85 and that PS151Q is  
16 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my wife is  
17 an associated with this entity. Thank you again, Aye  
18 on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I want to  
21 congratulate the Speaker and also my Finance Chair  
22 Danny Dromm and Latonia McKinney on what seems to be  
23 a great budget on behalf of all New Yorkers, and I  
24 vote Aye on all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

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2           COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH:  Yeah, first I'd  
3 like to thank the Speaker throughout this budget  
4 process as well as Jason Goldman, Latonia and the  
5 entire Finance Staff.  I know during the budget  
6 process every time I saw in the Finance staff members  
7 in the parking lot, they pretended to be on the  
8 phone, but being that I have long legs, I end up  
9 catching up to them and I am very proud of some of  
10 the wins that we received here in New York City.

11           I would also like to disclose on the  
12 record of the Council proceedings that Brooklyn  
13 College is funded in the budget and we are adopting,  
14 and my children are students at the school.  I also  
15 vote no on pre-considered Reso. 962, 963 and 973 and  
16 Aye on the rest.  Thank you.

17           COUNCIL CLERK:  Diaz?

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

20           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:  Permission  
21 granted.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ:  Thank you Mr.  
23 Chairman.  I am disclosing on the record of the  
24 Council proceedings that my son, the Bronx Borough  
25 President and the budget that we are adopting benefit



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2 of the Bronx and also, NYCHA is funded in the budget  
3 and we are adopting and one of my son's is associated  
4 with NYCHA. Mr. Speaker and Mr. Chairman, today as  
5 the Speaker says, it's a great budget. My district  
6 is very pleased this budget with the Parks, Rivalries  
7 and schools and senior seniors.

8           However, it's a great budget but there is  
9 something in the budget around continuing to promote  
10 abortion in the city. And my conscious and as a lone  
11 wolf cry in the desert, cannot allow me to support  
12 abortion but if I vote no, then I am voting against  
13 everything else but if I vote yes, then I am  
14 promoting abortion and I cannot to that because I  
15 don't want to vote no to hurt people and I don't want  
16 to vote yes, to promote abortion, I am abstaining.  
17 Thank you very much.

18           COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

19           COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Permission to  
20 explain my vote? Thank you. Thank you, let me start  
21 off first by thanking the Speaker. You are an  
22 amazing, wonderful human being and I am so lucky to  
23 have this position and I am so happy that you asked  
24 me even though I hesitated to take it and to be able  
25 to work so closely with you. Thank you very, very

2 much Mr. Speaker. This has been an incredible two  
3 years. Let me also thank Latonia McKinney for  
4 everything that she has done. For her patience, for  
5 her fortitude, for moving us forward and for staying  
6 calm, cool, and collected throughout all of the  
7 process.

8 Let me also thank Nathan Toth, let me  
9 thank Regina Ryan, let me thank Jason Goldman. Let  
10 me thank all of the Finance staff. They are amazing.  
11 People say yeah, we had to be here for the hearings,  
12 we had to be here for the briefings, you know, after  
13 the hearings were over but then the staff had to stay  
14 here at night and still get all the paperwork done  
15 and everything put together. So, I am really, really  
16 indebted to all of you for the work that you have  
17 done to make this budget possible. You know, it has  
18 been an eye opening experience and I think that this  
19 budget is a budget that is really a progressive  
20 budget, one that is going to help all New Yorkers  
21 move forward and I think that's the reason why so  
22 many of us, I think almost all of us got involved in  
23 politics was to help New Yorkers move forward.

24 So, this is a tremendous budget and I'm  
25 so pleased to be able to participate and to have this

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2   type of influence over the budget.  Thank you very  
3   much and I vote Aye.

4           COUNCIL CLERK:  Espinal?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL:  With many  
6   congratulations to our Speaker, Danny Dromm, Venessa  
7   Gibson and all the work they have done and the entire  
8   Finance staff.  Also, to my great colleague Mark  
9   Treyger for getting that funding in the budget for  
10   our students.  Making sure that they have the tools  
11   they need for a well-rounded and proper education.  I  
12   vote Aye.  Thank you.

13          COUNCIL CLERK:  Eugene?

14          COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE:  I want to thank  
15   the Speaker for his leadership and also for working  
16   tirelessly for this budget that addresses the  
17   critical services of all our constituents and also  
18   the New Yorkers and I want to thank also Latonia for  
19   her leadership and also for everything that she has  
20   been doing and all the staff from the Finance  
21   division and Jason and also to all my colleagues,  
22   congratulations.  I vote yes.

23          COUNCIL CLERK:  Gibson?

24          COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON:  Permission to  
25   explain my vote?

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2                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:   Permission  
3 granted.

4                   COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON:   Thank you so much  
5 to Mr. Public Advocate, to my Speaker and all of my  
6 colleagues.   Good afternoon.   This is really a great  
7 day to join with all of my colleagues in voting on  
8 this budget that is truly reflective of our  
9 commitment and our priorities and values for this  
10 great city.   I am so proud of our Speaker and his  
11 leadership and his commitment to working with all of  
12 us.   I want to thank our Finance Chair Danny Dromm  
13 who has been an exceptional leader.   The hours and  
14 hours from testimony from Prelim to Exec.   Chair  
15 Dromm has been there and I really want to thank him  
16 and his staff.   I also want to thank our Finance  
17 Division Chair and Director Latonia McKinney.   Thank  
18 you for your work every single day.   To all of the  
19 Deputy Directors, the Unit Heads and our Analysts.  
20 Thank you, thank you, thank you.   It's been an honor  
21 working with all of you as the Chair of the  
22 Subcommittee on Capital, as my second year Chairing  
23 this Subcommittee, my sixth budget here.   I could not  
24 be more proud of this budget that truly invests in so  
25 many programs that New Yorkers care about from SYEP

2   to Compass and Census, Foster Care Youth, Fair  
3   Futures, Fair Play, Cultural institutions, the  
4   education work, social workers, Title 9 Coordinators,  
5   all the things that truly matter. So, I want to  
6   thank Regina, Nathan, Rebecca, Ischia, Doheny, Chima,  
7   Noah, Stephanie and certainly want to thank Caitlin  
8   O'Hagan. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We love  
9   you Catlin. Thank you so much. I also want to thank  
10   our Chief of Staff Jason Goldman for all of the late-  
11   night tests, I appreciate you always responding and  
12   certainly, I want to thank my team. Being a part of  
13   this budget negotiating team and being here at City  
14   Hall, all the time, takes me away from my district.  
15   So, I want to thank my district staff and certainly  
16   want to thank my Chief of Staff Wendy Gallegos as  
17   well as my Budget Director who just completed his  
18   first year as Budget Director, Justin Cortes. I am  
19   proud to vote Aye on all and thank all of my  
20   colleagues for all of your hard work. Thank you.

21                   COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Permission to  
23   explain my vote?

24                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
25   granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you.

3 I just want to begin by congratulating  
4 the Speaker on meeting the needs of \$8.6 million New  
5 Yorkers. Coming a long way to helping with their  
6 pain and suffering and offering the programs that  
7 they are entitled to. It's a tremendous undertaking  
8 Speaker and it's been an incredible experience for me  
9 to participate in this process along side of non-  
10 other then Councilman Dromm, who competed in this  
11 marathon and where he finds that energy and how he is  
12 able to stay focused is just remarkable. I want to  
13 congratulate Councilwoman Gibson, my compliments to  
14 Jason, the Chief of Staff who still answers my phone  
15 calls, hasn't blocked me as of yet but there is  
16 always tomorrow. I can't help but mention the  
17 Finance Staff. This incredible group of young men  
18 and women that do so much and make us look good  
19 because we can only do what we do because of the  
20 people that we have in and around us.

21 So, Latonia McKinney, thank you staff.  
22 To my Chief of Staff Reggie and Budget Director  
23 Stephanie, this budget goes a long way, but I can't  
24 help but mention some of the shortcomings.

2 In my Council district, single family  
3 homeowners have the highest effective tax rate then  
4 any other district in the city. The highest in the  
5 entire city. I cannot vote to put a further burden  
6 on homeowners, on New Yorkers who are already  
7 overburdened. The effective tax rate of \$31 billion  
8 brings and additional \$1.9 billion increase in real  
9 estate tax levy and I know that in the future we have  
10 quite a bit to do Speaker alongside of our colleague  
11 to figure out how we are going to bring real reform.  
12 I have to disclose on the record for the Council  
13 proceeding that PS175 is funded in the budget we  
14 adopted, and my wife is associated with the entity.  
15 CUNY is funded in the budget we are adopting. My  
16 sons are students at CUNY. Bronx Parent Housing  
17 Network is funded in the Budget we are adopting, and  
18 my brother may or may not be associated with this  
19 entity. DOE is funded in the budget we are adopting  
20 and my sister, is associated with the not-for-profit  
21 and of course, this is to the best of my knowledge  
22 and recollection. Thank you.

23 I didn't finish saying I vote Aye and all  
24 except for Resolution 962, 963, 973 and accompanying  
25 Reso. M174.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Are you sure you are  
3 ready, are you done Mark?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Thank you.  
7 Just very briefly, I just want to thank the Speaker  
8 and my colleague in Queens for supporting in this  
9 budget as they have in the past. The Queens County  
10 Farm Museum, which is the oldest working farm in the  
11 State of New York, it has over 400,000 visitors from  
12 every single Council District school children except  
13 for one, we will get them next year. It does not  
14 have an education center; it doesn't have a visitor  
15 center. So, we've moved a long down the road now to  
16 funding the first phase.

17 I want to thank my colleague and dear  
18 friend Danny Dromm, not only for starting the  
19 meetings on time, the Finance Committee meetings on  
20 time, but for being totally unflappable when certain  
21 individuals refuse to provide us with answers to our  
22 reasonable questions. Ms. Latonia McKinney of course  
23 from Queens is a superstar as is her entire staff and  
24 I want to thank them for always being available. And



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2   when I see them in the parking lot, they are not on  
3   their phones.

4           And I have to disclose that my son is a  
5   student at Queens College CUNY, and I vote Aye on  
6   all. Thank you, Mr. Public Advocate. COUNCIL CLERK:  
7   Holden?

8           COUNCIL CLERK:   Holden?

9           COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I also want to  
10   thank Danny Dromm, who is always tired, but he is  
11   always here, amazing job. Venessa Gibson, Jason  
12   Goldman who is on his phone now, he put it down. So,  
13   somebody take a picture. And the great Finance team  
14   and certainly our amazing Speaker, Cory Johnson who  
15   never sleeps. I know it because I text him at 3:30  
16   and he answers me. He is an amazing, amazing leader  
17   and he is not running for President yet. But I'd  
18   like to disclose for the record at the Council  
19   proceedings that CUNY is funded in the Budget that we  
20   are adopting, and my son is an employee of this  
21   entity and that the Peter Cardella Senior Center is  
22   funded in the budget that we are adopting, and my  
23   mother is associated with this entity.

24           Also, Unique People Services is funded in  
25   the budget that we are about to adopt, and my mother

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2   is associated with this entity.  And New York  
3   Presbyterian Hospital is funded in the budget that we  
4   are adopting, and my son is associated with this  
5   entity and the Sunnyside Community Service is funded  
6   in the Budget that we are adopting, and my mother is  
7   associated with that.  I vote Aye on all with no on  
8   pre-considered Resolutions 962, 963, and 174 with  
9   accompanied Resolution 973.  Thank you.

10                   UNIDENTIFIED:  Bob, I want to be as  
11   active as your mom.

12                   COUNCIL CLERK:  Kallos?

13                   COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS:  Permission to  
14   explain my vote?

15                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:  Permission  
16   granted.

17                   COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS:  Thank you to  
18   Speaker Johnson, Finance Chair Dromm, Finance  
19   Director Latonia McKinney and staff.  This budget is  
20   a win for pay parity, for childcare workers that have  
21   already built out universal PK for 4K and we will be  
22   paving the way for the 3K that our city needs.  On  
23   our way to universal childcare, we will be feeding  
24   over 1 million children breakfast after the bell,  
25   thanks to the restoration.  Stopping parks that would

2 otherwise crumble into the river and just so much  
3 more. I am associated with organizations funded in  
4 the budget. The East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Neighborhood  
5 Association, I cofounded that organization as a  
6 Council Member. The bid East 80's I am an ex officio  
7 steering committee member. Friends of the East River  
8 Esplanade, I am an ex officio board member. 92 Way,  
9 I have been a member through a group. Occasionally  
10 through fit reserve and I paid a drop in for Family  
11 Swim where I have been teaching my daughter how to  
12 swim. I vote Aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you.  
15 First, I would like to congratulate the Speaker and  
16 Latonia and the Finance Staff on a job well done.  
17 Today, I am also joined by my job Aiden who competed  
18 at UPK yesterday and I had a step-up ceremony and we  
19 are on to kindergarten. I am disclosing on the  
20 record to the Council proceeding that Saint Vincent  
21 DePaul resident is funded in the budget we are  
22 adopting and my father is associated with this entity  
23 and New York City Department of Parks and Recreation  
24 is funded in the Budget we are adopting and my wife  
25

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2   and step son are associated with this entity and with  
3   that, I vote Aye on all.   Thank you.

4           COUNCIL CLERK:   King?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER KING:   Permission to  
6   explain my vote?

7           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:   Permission  
8   granted.

9           COUNCIL MEMBER KING:   Thank you Mr.  
10   Public Advocate.   I want to just add to the record,  
11   to my assistant Latonia McKinney.   I want to say  
12   thank you.   When those questions got tough and we  
13   couldn't figure it out, you help me get through it.   I  
14   want to say thank you to you for being there for me.  
15   I want to thank Nathan Toth, when the Mets couldn't  
16   figure it out, you still helped me figure it out how  
17   we can move a capital project in the district.   So, I  
18   want to say thank you as well.

19           To all of the Finance team, thank you for  
20   your long hours and your commitment to making sure  
21   that New Yorkers are treated fairly in this budget,  
22   but more importantly to the leadership of Speaker  
23   Cory Johnson and Jason, being able to make sure that  
24   we put money in the right places.   No New Yorker  
25   should be disappointed at this budget, even though

2 there is more work to be done, I say congratulations  
3 to all of us who have taken home the bacon to our  
4 neighborhoods to making sure that we improve the  
5 lives of every New Yorker.

6 For the record, I must disclose that in  
7 this budget 1199 Service Employees International is  
8 being funded that we are adopting, and my wife is  
9 associated as a Vice President for 1199 **[inaudible**  
10 **1:21:11]** for a King.

11 With that all being said, congratulations  
12 to us all. Happy June 10<sup>th</sup> day and I vote Aye on  
13 all.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Mr. Public Advocate,  
16 may I explain my vote?

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Thank you. So,  
20 first I want to thank Speaker Johnson, Chair Dromm,  
21 and our Queens delegation the Chair Koslowitz, Chair  
22 Gibson, Jason Goldman, Latonia and the entire Finance  
23 team, especially Sebastian and John Russel. And my  
24 own staff, Elaine Kim and Chief of Staff Elaine  
25

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2 Cheung. Thank you for everyone for their dedication  
3 to this budget and I vote Aye on all. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Just really  
5 quickly, we unfortunately are not going to be able to  
6 grant any other requests to vote and leave. Thank  
7 you.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be  
10 excused to explain my vote?

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I want to say  
14 to the Speaker, I knew you were great from the  
15 beginning but you constantly, constantly, amaze me.  
16 Thank you for everything. Thank you for caring about  
17 New York City and the people that live in New York  
18 City. In this budget, this is my 19<sup>th</sup> Budget in the  
19 City Council and I can tell you that this is the best  
20 experience I have had doing budget.

21 You know, it's now 4:30 p.m., we used to  
22 go home at 4:30 a.m. in the budget and we used to  
23 work Saturday's and Sunday's. So, thank you, thank  
24 you for everything that you do and for caring about  
25 everybody. Thank you and to Jason, thank you for

2 being there listening to all the calls, the  
3 complaints. You do a great job and thank you and  
4 Latonia, and all the Finance Staff, you are terrific.  
5 You also amaze me in the work that you do.

6 And also, last but not least, my Deputy  
7 Amanda Menichini, thank you, thank you. She is the  
8 best.

9 [APPLAUSE]

10 And with that I vote Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Permission to  
13 explain?

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you.  
17 First, I want to give big props and thanks to the  
18 Speaker, to Danny, to Jason, to Latonia and the whole  
19 Finance team, Regina, Nathan, Ray, Paul Simone and  
20 lots of others helped out this cycle. So, thanks to  
21 all of you.

22 I will highlight a couple of things that  
23 haven't been talked about as much, but which are in  
24 this budget which I think are dynamite. There is  
25 \$885,000 for a reckless driver accountability

2 program, so we can really make sure focused on  
3 reckless drives and keeping folks safe. There is  
4 funding to operate the shower bus for homeless  
5 families in Brooklyn, a first of it's kind thing to  
6 bring a sort of deep hospitality to those most in  
7 need. Homeless folks who are out there without even  
8 the ability to shower and will remember Lew Fidler  
9 when that bus goes into operation.

10           And I think it's really worth shouting  
11 into the rafters that there is \$250,000 in this  
12 budget for Fund Abortion NYC at a moment when states  
13 in the South are looking to make it impossible for  
14 women to exercise bodily autonomy and reproductive  
15 health. The fact that we who have long funded  
16 reproductive health are making clear that abortion  
17 care is a critical thing and we are putting our name  
18 on it is something I am really proud to be associated  
19 with.

20           In that vein, I am proud to disclose on  
21 the record that Planned Parenthood of New York City  
22 is funded in this budget and my wife is General  
23 Council and Chief Strategy Officer there and I could  
24 not be more proud of her for it. She is also the  
25 Board Treasurer of Women for Afghan Women which is a



2 dynamite organization in Queens that's funded in this  
3 budget and my daughter is a student at Bard High  
4 School, early college which is also funded in this  
5 budget. Thanks to everyone who got it done. I vote  
6 Aye on all.

7           COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

8           COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to  
9 explain my vote?

10          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
11 granted.

12          COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you Mr.  
13 Public Advocate. I want to first acknowledge Speaker  
14 Cory Johnson, Chairs Danny Dromm and Venessa Gibson,  
15 Jason Goldman, Lillian Pescone[SP?], Latonia  
16 McKinney, Regina Poreda Ryan, Doheny Supora, Daniel  
17 Kroop, Julia Harmus[SP?], Frank Sarna, Paul Simone,  
18 Nathan Toth, Ebony Landly, Masis Sarkissian, Savanna  
19 Chou, James Rayas, Ray Furlong, Steve Williams, as  
20 well as my staff Elizabeth Adams and Johnathon  
21 Bushe[SP?], my Chief of Staff who was doing triple  
22 duty this year as my Budget Director as well.

23                 I want to thank the Speaker and the Mayor  
24 and my Council colleagues for putting our communities  
25 first in this budget and these are changes that will

2 make a lasting impact for years to come. We achieved  
3 significant wins in this year's budget that will  
4 leave a lasting impact.

5 After years of advocacy we secured a  
6 major commitment in this year's budget that will  
7 bring salary parity to our city's early education  
8 providers, community-based organizations are core to  
9 our city's promise to provide universal PK and they  
10 are finally getting the just treatment that they  
11 deserve.

12 I just want to just acknowledge that this  
13 is not the most glamorous issue. It's not an issue  
14 that is going to get front page headlines, but this  
15 speaks to our Speakers character that he put this  
16 forward as a major commitment by this Council this  
17 year to make good on a promise that we make to our  
18 nonprofit providers and through our nonprofit  
19 providers to the children of New York City. This is  
20 our way of taking care of the children of New York  
21 City but making sure that they are taken care of.  
22 And it's really a great testament to his character  
23 and his vision for the city as a fair city and as a  
24 city that stands by our word. So, thank you Speaker  
25 for that.

2 There is a lot of other wonderful things,  
3 bridging the gap, as well as Fair Futures,  
4 commitments to children in foster care, commitments  
5 to children in the homeless system. These are all  
6 very important initiatives that we bring to this  
7 budget and I am very, very proud to vote Aye on all.  
8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you Mr.  
11 Public Advocate, permission to briefly explain my  
12 vote.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: You are  
14 welcome, permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Okay. Well, for  
16 decades Parks funding in the city has been locked in  
17 a pattern. In lean years, we cut the Parks budget  
18 and then when times were better, we didn't increase  
19 the Parks Budget, we just left those cuts in place  
20 and the cumulative weight of that has been felt by  
21 all of us in Parks in all of our districts and I am  
22 thrilled that this year we have broken that cycle  
23 with an historic and as far as I can tell,  
24 unprecedented. \$43 million investment in gardeners,  
25 maintenance workers, PEP officers, Park Rangers,

2 Community Gardens, restoring forest in our natural  
3 areas. These investments will be felt throughout the  
4 city by Parks in everyone of our districts, and it  
5 would not have happened without the leadership of  
6 Cory Johnson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for believing  
7 in Parks and thank you to the incredible coalition of  
8 leaders that pushed this relentlessly including the  
9 fabulous Lynn Kelly, who I think is applauding up  
10 there and disrupting our hearing here, but we love  
11 you Lynn.

12 And of course, thank you to our amazing  
13 Finance Chair Danny Dromm and to Chair Venessa  
14 Gibson. I am so proud to vote Aye on this budget and  
15 I do want to acknowledge on the record that I want to  
16 disclose on the record of the Council proceedings  
17 that Columbia Secondary School AKA MS 362, is funded  
18 in this budget that we are adopting and then my son  
19 is a student at this school. Thank you again and  
20 again, proud to vote Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Sorry, I forgot to  
23 disclose for the official record of June 19, 2019  
24 Stated Meeting, that I am disclosing for the record  
25 of the Council proceedings that Strava is funded in

2 this budget we are adopting, and my child is a  
3 student at this school and CUNY is funded in the  
4 budget we are adopting, my wife is associated with  
5 this entity. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Permission to  
8 explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you. I  
12 would like to thank Speaker Johnson, Chairman Dromm,  
13 Subcommittee Chairwoman Gibson, the amazing Finance  
14 team and the amazing Latonia for all your work and  
15 putting together an amazing progressive historic  
16 budget that I am so happy to participate in this  
17 year.

18 I would like to disclose on record, my  
19 sister works for your College. My other sister  
20 attends Medger Evers College, my mom works for  
21 Brookdale Hospital. I have another sister that works  
22 at Coney Island Hospital. I know it's a lot of us.  
23 And my brother works for the MTA and I would like to  
24 vote Aye on all. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to  
5 explain my vote?

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you  
7 Council Member Maisel and permission granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you.  
9 Speaker Johnson, Chair Dromm, Latonia McKinney our  
10 fearless Director, Carillion, Aliam[SP?], Seiz[SP?],  
11 Jimmy, all of the incredible Finance team who taught  
12 us so much about the in-depth nature of this budget,  
13 how we can grow in power, we did that. We did that  
14 together. I want to thank the progressive caucus  
15 Zara and her incredible harnessing of the progressive  
16 caucus as we move this forward and also Jason. Thank  
17 you so much Jason for your incredible work to not  
18 just listen to us, but to let us know when thing are  
19 going to be rough and when they are going to be happy  
20 and I heard that from you several times throughout  
21 this budget process.

22 The LGBT community on a year like this  
23 made gains in the increase in the LGBT organizations  
24 and I want to thank the Speaker for really holding  
25 that. We also saw some increases in the Day

2 Laborers. The Day Laborers who are trying to create  
3 these beautiful centers in every borough to bring  
4 health and safety training to people who are dying on  
5 our construction sites.

6 We saw a recommitment to adult literacy  
7 across the entire city. NYIFUP, the incredible  
8 defense system against Trump, Isis, the Rogue agency,  
9 ICE deportation machine got a fully funded award  
10 thanks to the Speaker who went himself and saw those  
11 incredible lawyers fight for us.

12 We saw unaccompanied minors get an  
13 increase to that fully funds them to make sure that  
14 every minor that comes from the border gets legal  
15 representation and the legal services to CUNY  
16 citizenship. Now, this is a real testament to the  
17 sanctuary city that we believe in. And then finally,  
18 Census, Census got a \$14 million, bringing it up to  
19 \$40 million. That's what all the experts say that we  
20 are going to need to ensure that we get a full count  
21 and that's next to the Speaker and Latonia fighting  
22 so hard to ensure that we get that. Carlina and I  
23 are going to fight for you.

24 And then finally, this budget had 118,000  
25 fingerprints. All the capital projects that came

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2   from participatory budgeting districts, are in this.

3   This is a people's budget and I vote Aye on all.

4   Thank you.   COUNCIL CLERK:   Miller?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER:   Permission to

6   explain my vote please.

7           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:   Permission

8   granted.

9           COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER:   Thank you sir.   I

10   will begin by disclosing on the record through the

11   Council proceedings that Alpha Phi Alpha Senior

12   Center is funded in this budget that we are adopting

13   and that my mother is associated with the center.   I

14   also would like to echo the sentiments of my

15   colleague in thanking the Speaker for his leadership,

16   Finance Committee Chair Dromm, Venessa Gibson, and

17   Latonia McKinney and her team for the work that they

18   have done on the budget that it is equitable.   It is

19   fair for all of the residence of New York City.   It

20   protects the most vulnerable and it is one that I am

21   proud to vote for.   I will be voting Aye on all

22   except for pre-considered Reso. 962, 963, M174, and

23   Resolution 973.

24           COUNCIL CLERK:   Moya?

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA:   Permission to  
3 explain my vote.

4                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:   Permission  
5 granted.

6                   COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA:   Thank you.  I just  
7 want to take this opportunity to thank Speaker  
8 Johnson for making sure that the most vulnerable in  
9 our society here in New York were not overlooked in  
10 this budget and it's a true reflection of his  
11 leadership.  I want to take this opportunity to  
12 acknowledge that the immigrant community as Chairman  
13 Menchaca mentioned were truly heard in this budget  
14 especially with the program for unaccompanied minors.  
15 We see whats happening at the national level and it  
16 is something that is near and dear to me and a lot o  
17 my colleagues here.

18                   I want to thank Chairman Dromm for his  
19 leadership as well.  To Jason Goldman, but in  
20 particular I want to thank the staff.  Being a former  
21 staffer, I know how hard it is to work and sometimes  
22 the days are long, but truly we appreciate all the  
23 hard work that you do and it's a reflection of this  
24 great budget that we have here.  And I want to take  
25 the opportunity to thank my staff to, my Chief of

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2 Staff Meghan Tadio and my Budget Director John White  
3 who were extremely helpful in making sure that we  
4 took care of the 21<sup>st</sup> Council District as well.

5 Thank you so much and I will be voting Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all and  
8 congratulations to all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: A very big  
11 congratulations and a great appreciation for all the  
12 Finance Staff here. I vote Aye and just for  
13 disclosure, the Mount Sanai is funded as part of the  
14 budget we are adopting today. My mother is an  
15 employee of this entity. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Permission to  
18 explain my vote.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I want to thank  
22 the entire Finance team and Speaker Cory Johnson for  
23 all the great work that we have done on this budget.  
24 I want to thank Jason Goldman, the Chief of Staff. I  
25 am really appreciative of all this work. How are you

2 managing 51 Council Members priorities and have us  
3 all feel like we've gotten something in this is  
4 really extraordinary. I want to especially thank  
5 Johnathan who works in the Infrastructure Division  
6 that helps us with garbage. I am glad we talk trash  
7 and you helped us out a lot. So, I want to thank  
8 you. And Ray and Raymond, thank you so much for the  
9 \$250 million in reserves. I am very proud of that  
10 and I vote Aye on all.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Thank you. I  
13 just want to start by congratulating Speaker Johnson  
14 on a well thought out budget. I want to thank Jason,  
15 Danny, Council Member Dromm, Council Member  
16 Koslowitz, our Queens Delegation Chair to Council  
17 Member Gibson, to the full Finance Division including  
18 John and James Ray, as I want to thank them. I also  
19 want to thank a few of my colleagues, Council Member  
20 Miller, Adams, and Cornegy on their due diligence and  
21 really ensuring that this budget includes funding for  
22 home ownership initiatives. And then also to Council  
23 Member Rivera on this big victory and what we are  
24 seeing as community land trust flourishing in New  
25 York City.

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2           So, with that being said, I vote Aye on  
3 all.

4           COUNCIL CLERK:   Rivera?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so much  
6 to Cory and to Jason and to Latonia and to the  
7 Finance team and my Budget Director Katie Loeb, the  
8 incredible women's caucus. My colleagues Danny,  
9 Venessa specifically. This was incredible learning  
10 experience. I am very, very proud of our  
11 accomplishments. I have to mention big wins of  
12 course for District 2. East side but also big wins  
13 in healthcare services. For people in the sex trade,  
14 for abortion care, for disease prevention and  
15 treatment and for a step in the right direction for  
16 trans health equity.

17           Incredible funding for the young women  
18 and LGBTQ people of New York City. We want to make  
19 you proud. I am proud of all of here for making it  
20 happen. And I also have to add, I am disclosing on  
21 the record of the Council that the New York City  
22 Police Department is funded in the budget that we are  
23 adopting, and they are lucky to have my mother as an  
24 employee of this entity for over 35 years.

25           With that, I vote Aye.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We love your mom in the  
3 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

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

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: So, thank you  
10 Speaker Johnson and Chief of Staff Jason for the  
11 great job and all the advocating for all of us.  
12 Definitely this is a great budget for the City of New  
13 York. At the local level, we have been able also to  
14 bring a lot of investment to Northern Manhattan.  
15 When it comes to Vision Zero, thank you to the  
16 Administration to work together with the Speaker and  
17 the staff to put back \$5 million for the Vision Zero  
18 education of learners. This will make a big  
19 difference so that that DOT will have the resources  
20 that they need to go back as I did it two years ago,  
21 using more of the resources to educate our New  
22 Yorkers about Vision Zero.

23 I would like to speak also about on  
24 legislation Intro. 1607 that we will redo the  
25 commercial motor vehicle tax and possible Medallion

2 Taxicab from \$1,000 to \$400 to be equal to the  
3 commission motor vehicle tax imposed on all other  
4 for-hire vehicles. This is going to be very  
5 important for the 15,000 Medallion owners. 6,000 of  
6 those are individuals that use the value of the  
7 Medallion to get a mortgage to buy their house, to  
8 get a loan to send their kids to college and we have  
9 seen how many of them have been committing suicide,  
10 because they have been dealing with this crisis. So,  
11 this would be very important.

12 I also would like to urge all our  
13 colleagues who continue working with the Speaker and  
14 all of us, so that we can address a crisis that is  
15 effecting the Yellow Taxi Medallions but also how the  
16 livery drivers and Black cars and the other Black  
17 Car.

18 Also, we need to be sure that as we will  
19 continue conversation, we separate the rights and  
20 responsibility to all those four sectors. So, with  
21 that, I vote Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: King?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: I'd like to change  
24 my vote on Reso. 962, 963, M174 and 973. I vote no  
25 and yes on all on the rest of the Budget.

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2           COUNCIL CLERK:   Rose?

3           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE:   Permission to  
4 explain my vote.

5           SPEAKER JOHNSON:   Mr. Public Advocate, I  
6 don't mean to cut the Council Member off but I was  
7 remiss in saying that that youth funding that we've  
8 secured both last year and this year, really a  
9 historic level of youth funding on SYEP on Work,  
10 Learn and Grow, on the new compass slots on restoring  
11 SONYC, on many of the issues that affect young people  
12 in New York City. There is no greater champion then  
13 Councilwoman Debbie Rose and she has been pushing us  
14 all along the way and I really before she explains  
15 her vote, to give her credit for her leadership on  
16 helping young people across New York City.

17           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE:   Thank you.

18           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS:   Thank you Mr.  
19 Speaker for putting that on the record.

20           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE:   Thank you Speaker.  
21 I am going to say thank you to Speaker Johnson  
22 because he gets Staten Island and that's a really  
23 hard thing to do. You know, we're special and he  
24 gets us, and he made sure that we were taken care of  
25 and we don't have a public hospital on Staten Island

2 and Speaker Johnson made sure that we have gotten  
3 historic amounts which amounts to our public hospital  
4 Richmond University Hospital. And this funding cycle,  
5 over \$36 million in total, but this funding cycle  
6 \$8.5 million and I can't tell you how grateful I am  
7 and what a difference this made to Staten Islanders.

8 This represents a budget that I can take  
9 back to Staten Island with pride. As the Youth  
10 Services Chair, I am so happy that the things that we  
11 were fighting for were achieved. We got \$11.9  
12 million added to the Summer Youth Employment program,  
13 to accommodate 75,000 young people. \$19.7 million to  
14 restore Work, Learn and Grow, a program that they  
15 were trying to get rid of. \$15 million in restored  
16 funding for 22,800 Summer SONYC slots. Which lifted  
17 the shroud of uncertainty from the families and  
18 providers who didn't know until last week whether  
19 they would even have a summer program.

20 And \$14.2 million for comprehensive  
21 afterschool systems or Compass to serve 51,000  
22 elementary school students and this funding was  
23 baselined. So, this means that families and  
24 providers will not be left in limbo from year to



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2   year, hoping that they could get summer programming  
3   for their children.

4           And it would remove them pawns. I just  
5   want to say thank you to everybody. Latonia, Ischia,  
6   Jason, Michele, and all of the advocates and I have  
7   to say for the record, I am disclosing on the record  
8   of this Council proceeding that the New York City  
9   Department of Sanitation is funded in the budget that  
10   we are adopting, and my son is associated with this  
11   entity. And I am voting no on pre-considered Reso.  
12   962, 963, 973 and pre-considered M174. And with that  
13   I vote Aye on all others. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14           COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

15           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Permission to  
16   explain my vote very quickly, I promise.

17           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
18   granted.

19           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote Aye on  
20   all. I just want to thank the Speaker for standing  
21   strong and negotiating what is a Fiscally responsible  
22   budget. I know Council Member Antonio Reynoso is  
23   thrilled that we have an additional \$255 million in  
24   reserves.

25           SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yeah right.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: And this  
3 budget is truly egalitarian. Everyone has spoken  
4 about all the great things in the budget, so I  
5 actually just want to touch on another piece of it  
6 is.

7 As a member of the Budget negotiating  
8 team and having been a member of the team last  
9 Chairman and now this term, I've never seen such a  
10 group of people that is so cohesive and Speaker, you  
11 really, you chose well in who you brought in the  
12 room. People that are respectful of each other. I  
13 think really hear each other and it's a group that is  
14 a pleasure to work with and to fight for all New  
15 Yorkers. To fight for them all. Together, I think  
16 we are really doing the best that we can and of  
17 course we couldn't do it without the help of Jason,  
18 Latonia McKinney and her amazing staff.

19 I promised lasagna next year and yeah,  
20 with that I vote Aye, just really with a lot of  
21 gratitude. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I just want to  
24 congratulate the Speaker, who I believe is the finest  
25 public servant in our city and I think we are lucky

2 to have you and Jason, who is probably one of the  
3 patient person I have ever met. So, he has had to  
4 suffer my advocacy bordering on harassment. And to  
5 all my colleagues particularly Mark Treyger, for his  
6 advocacy on behalf of social work, that's going to be  
7 a game changer in a district like mine and I could  
8 not think of a greater champion of public education  
9 then Mark Treyger.

10 So, with that said, I happily vote Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you Mr.  
13 Speaker. Thank you, thank you. District 19 really  
14 is dependent almost 100 percent on City Council  
15 funding. There is no mayoral funding in our  
16 district, so all of the programs, libraries, parks,  
17 are really celebrating today. So, thank you and the  
18 Finance team and this great Council for helping that.

19 I would like to disclose that the Saint  
20 Andrew Avellino Athletic Association is funded in the  
21 Budget and I have been coaching for 15 years now. My  
22 kids at that schools are very happy about that. The  
23 sports announced in school foundation, New York  
24 Junior Tennis League and Citizens Schools are also  
25 funded where my father and brother are associated

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2   with these entities. I proudly vote Aye on all  
3   except for pre-considered Resolutions 962, 963, 973  
4   and M174. Thank you.

5           COUNCIL CLERK:   Treyger?

6           COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER:   Permission to  
7   explain my vote.

8           SPEAKER JOHNSON:   Mr. Public Advocate,  
9   again, I don't mean to cut off Council Member, but I  
10   have to say it again. We have a historic level of  
11   funding in this budget. Building on our win last  
12   year with an additional \$125 million in fair student  
13   funding. Which then, our new education Chair was  
14   vociferous and rabid about a year ago and now this  
15   year, his incredible advocacy, nonstop advocacy on  
16   social workers, on helping teachers, on helping  
17   principals, on investing in schools in every possible  
18   way, he is a force to be reckoned with and the  
19   teachers of New York City, the children of New York  
20   City, the parents of New York City should feel very  
21   grateful to have a Chair of an Education Committee  
22   like Mark Treyger and I want to congratulate him on  
23   this budget.

24           COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER:   Thank you, thank  
25   you.

2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you  
3 Speaker and congratulations again, Council Member  
4 Treyger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you Public  
6 Advocate. If there was a way to do a mic drop with  
7 this microphone, I would. But I have some words for  
8 the Speaker. I just want to first disclose; I am  
9 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings  
10 that PSK721 is funded in this budget we are adopting,  
11 and I am associated with this entity.

12 I want to say to Speaker Johnson. I might  
13 not be shy in advocating for public schools, but I  
14 want to thank you for listening, for leading, and for  
15 delivering big time, historic levels for our public-  
16 school system. I have never worked with a city  
17 leader of your stature in your position, that has  
18 been accessible, this responsive and delivered for  
19 our schools. You are an extraordinary leader and I  
20 am grateful that you are the Speaker of the City  
21 Council.

22 I want to thank you. I want to thank of  
23 course our great Finance Chair Danny Dromm, who is  
24 also an educator. I want to thank our outstanding  
25 Chair as well, Gibson. I want to thank Latonia

2   McKinney who I believe is the best negotiator in the  
3   City of New York and has the best poker face in the  
4   city of New York. I never want to play against  
5   Latonia, I can tell you that.

6           And of course, the outstanding Chief of  
7   staff to the Speaker who made sure that we had a  
8   collaborative inclusive process every step of the way  
9   and Treyger could be annoying at times, I know.  
10   Thank you, Jason Goldman for your outstanding  
11   leadership.

12           I just want to say, 285 newly baselined  
13   social workers for our schools. This is a historic  
14   investment, not just I think in New York City, but I  
15   think anywhere in America. We are literally saving  
16   and transforming thousands and thousands of childrens  
17   lives that we will never meet. Think about that.  
18   Also, we are adding seven Title Nine Coordinators who  
19   will help ensure schools are free from gender  
20   discrimination, sexual harassment and gender-based  
21   violence. We have finally baselined Teachers Choice.

22           Yes, this has been a fight for so many  
23   years and the Speaker delivered. We fought back the  
24   cut to breakfast in the classrooms, so our children  
25   could have a nutritious meal to start their day and

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2   on pay parity for early childhood educators. I want  
3   folks to know this, the Mayor might have first  
4   advanced UPK, but history will go down showing  
5   Speaker Johnson saved, preserved, and strengthened  
6   UPK in New York City. Because providers were on the  
7   brink of collapse if we didn't step in in this  
8   budget. Speaker Johnson, you have saved and will  
9   save UPK in New York City.

10                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Council  
11 Member.

12                   COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Yes, I am  
13 closing off now. I just want to say, thanks again to  
14 the Finance team, Regina Poreda Ryan, Nathan Toth,  
15 Doheny, Chelsey, and last but not least, I have to  
16 just get this out. Caitlin O'Hagan, this is  
17 Caitlin's last - it's not her last day, but this is  
18 Caitlin's last budget at the Council, and she has  
19 been an invaluable asset to the Education Committee  
20 and the Council as a whole. Her keen intellect,  
21 intuitive grasp on both the fine details and the  
22 larger picture is a consummate professional. She is  
23 going for her PhD at NYU. Congratulations Caitlin  
24 and thank you to my Chief yes, Caitlin and to my  
25

2 Chief of Staff who is outstanding and very patient as  
3 well Ana -

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Council  
5 Member.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Henderson. With  
7 that, I vote Aye on all. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I am not going to  
10 explain my vote, but I would like just to say thank  
11 you to Speaker Johnson, our Council Delegation  
12 leaders Karen Koslowitz for doing an outstanding job  
13 throughout the process and a wonderful Finance Staff.  
14 This is my 12<sup>th</sup> budget, it gets better and better.  
15 Although I just text Ramone and I told him I missed  
16 the days when he used to write down how much money  
17 you were getting on the yellow post it and give it to  
18 you, a week before. I mean it was crazy, but it  
19 worked.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We can go back to those  
21 days if you want.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Yeah, exactly,  
23 exactly. But those were good days to and he is a  
24 great person, a great friend. And Jason, you are  
25 doing a fine job. So, I want to vote Aye on all with



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2   the exception of 962, 963, 973, and accompanying  
3   Reso. M174, which I vote no, and I would like to  
4   disclose on the record of the Council proceedings  
5   that Saint Francis college, go Terriers is funded in  
6   the budget we are adopting, and I am associated with  
7   this entity. Soccer is funded in the budget which we  
8   are adopting, and my daughter plays soccer on that  
9   team and she is associated with this entity and  
10   again, I want to thank everybody and wish everybody a  
11   wonderful summer. Thank you again.

12           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank kind of  
13   sounded like an explanation.

14           COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: It did well, I  
15   didn't ask for permission, I just did it. So, okay.

16           COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

17           COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to  
18   explain my vote.

19           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
20   granted.

21           COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you  
22   very much. So, I too want to thank a number of  
23   people. The Speaker, in particular, the Finance  
24   Chair Danny Dromm, Latonia who I know cares about  
25   many, many things but I appreciate the fact that she

2 loves libraries just as much as anyone and Aliya Ali,  
3 who is our Finance Analyst for Cultural Affairs and  
4 Libraries, who does a great job. My Chief of Staff  
5 Matt Wallis and my Finance Director Kenny Medrano.

6 This is my 10<sup>th</sup> Budget, my 10<sup>th</sup> Budget at  
7 the Chair of Cultural Affairs and Libraries and  
8 between the \$33 million increase in funding for  
9 libraries, \$19 million of which is baselined, about  
10 \$150 million in capital for libraries this year  
11 alone. Over \$30 million increase to the budget for  
12 our Cultural programs. Also, \$150 plus million in  
13 Cultural Capital, this is a record setting budget for  
14 the things that I care about the most and for which I  
15 ran and got elected to help.

16 So, for libraries and culturals, this is  
17 a remarkable budget and a remarkable series of  
18 victories and I am enormously proud to be the Chair  
19 of Cultural Affairs and Libraries and want to thank  
20 again the Speaker and all of those who support  
21 Libraries, Culture and Arts, it is a very, very good  
22 and historic day for the City of New York.

23 With that, I vote Aye on all and I want  
24 to disclose on the record of the Council proceedings  
25 that Breaking Ground is funded in the budget we are

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2   adopting today, and my wonderful sister Dawn is  
3   associated with this entity dedicating her life to  
4   helping homeless individuals. Thank you.

5           COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

6           COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with  
7   the exception of Resolutions 962, 963, M174 and  
8   accompanied Resolution 973. Thank you.

9           COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

10          COUNCIL MEMBEAR BARRON: Permission to  
11   explain my vote.

12          PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Permission  
13   granted.

14          COUNCIL MEMBEAR BARRON: Thank you, thank  
15   you Mr. Public Advocate. So, you know that in the  
16   past there have been times when I have voted no on  
17   the budget and the reason, it's like that commercial  
18   that they are showing now when someone gives an  
19   evaluation and they say something is okay, and the  
20   person says, just okay. Well, I am pleased to say  
21   that this is a good budget. It's not a just okay  
22   budget.

23          SPEAKER JOHNSON: Make sure this is being  
24   recorded Mr. Public Advocate.

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I just want to  
3 say that I think that this is a good budget. I mean  
4 look at all that it does. The programs that it  
5 maintains and when we look at how we now don't have  
6 to look next year to where are we going to find money  
7 because Finance has baselined and pushed them over on  
8 the other side and said no, these are things that you  
9 need to guarantee are going to be accounted for. And  
10 I want to thank the Speaker and his staff, all those  
11 that work with him. Finance Chair Latonia McKinney  
12 and the great staff that works with her. Our Chairs  
13 Danny Dromm and Venessa Gibson for the great work  
14 that they do and the staff that works with them and  
15 also acknowledging that we've had an increase in the  
16 Units of Appropriation which I don't know has  
17 happened before, and we are looking to see how we can  
18 make sure that we expand it as necessary in the  
19 budgets to come.

20                   And the significant increases that we  
21 have put into this budget as it regards youth, social  
22 programs, the toddler programs that have been  
23 referred to and just generally ensuring people that  
24 they don't have to worry because that safety net is

2 there for them and those provisions are being made to  
3 make sure that they can go forward comfortably.

4 And finally, I just want to say that I am  
5 excited about the parity that's in this budget that  
6 makes sure that we look at how people are paid on an  
7 equitable basis and it's significant that this budget  
8 is being passed on Juneteenth. Okay, because we want  
9 to make sure that we acknowledge that and it's also  
10 significant that it coincides with the hearings in  
11 Washington on deprivation.

12 Queen Mother Moore used to say, pain in  
13 deprivations and we perhaps can get these same people  
14 who are working on this budget to look at how  
15 deprivations can go forward and what it might look  
16 like in the future. Thank you very much. Good work.

17 Oh, one other thing. I am disclosing on  
18 the record for City Council proceedings that CUNY is  
19 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my son is a  
20 student at CUNY Medgar Evers College. Thank you.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I take that as high  
22 praise, Mr. Public Advocate.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Yes, me to,  
24 but we would love to have your vote actually.

25 Council Member Barron?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh, I vote on the  
3 budget Aye on all with the exception of pre-  
4 considered 962, 963, M174 and 973.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission to  
8 explain my vote, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Of course,  
10 Majority Leader Cumbo.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. You  
12 are looking good up there.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: You look  
14 better up here.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Almost as good as  
16 the Majority Leader. I want to disclose on the  
17 record of the Council proceedings that the New York  
18 City Department of Education is funded in the budget  
19 that we are adopting, and my sister is employed by  
20 the Department of Education.

21 I just want to first start off by  
22 thanking Speaker Cory Johnson for his leadership, for  
23 dealing with me, for loving me through the entire  
24 process. I had so many things that I wanted to see  
25 achieved and so many of those things were achieved.

2 I want to thank Danny Dromm and Venessa Gibson for  
3 their tireless work in making this all achievable.  
4 As a mom, this is a particularly personal budget for  
5 me as I drop my son off at daycare each and every  
6 day. I can't explain to you the pressure that the  
7 teachers and the administration were putting on me  
8 day in and day out to make sure that we got parity.

9 And so, I am so proud that I am able to  
10 walk into daycare and let them know that we achieved  
11 those really important goals and we are working to  
12 continue to bring that forward.

13 For me as well, parts of where my son and  
14 I live, we love to go to museums and to see one of  
15 the largest increases in parks, cultures and  
16 libraries is incredible.

17 I know that my son, when he gets ready to  
18 go to school will have a guidance counselor in this  
19 school and I really want to thank at the same time, I  
20 know waking up in the morning, I can never make  
21 breakfast for my son, so when he goes to daycare and  
22 he gets that breakfast, it's like nothing in the  
23 world. I am so proud that we were able to do that in  
24 the Council for all the children throughout New York  
25 City.

2 And the huge victory for me as well is  
3 Weeksville Heritage Center and I thank you Speaker  
4 Cory Johnson. The Black, Latino and Asian caucus,  
5 Jimmy Van Bramer for recognizing that Weeksville is  
6 national Black history and making sure that that  
7 continues to sustain now and indefinitely by becoming  
8 a member of the cultural institute group. They said  
9 it couldn't be done and we got it done. And again, I  
10 also, you know, Jason you are incredible. Thank you  
11 so much and I just want to thank Camille because she  
12 is really the one that we should be thanking today.  
13 And I also want to thank Latonia, you are so  
14 incredible and when they do the Netflix hidden  
15 figures documentary, I just want permission to play  
16 myself.

17 So, I want to thank my Budget Director  
18 Jason Hir, and everyone that worked so hard. Monica  
19 Oben, Crystal Hudson, my entire staff. Thank you so  
20 much. I proudly vote Aye and I am so proud of this  
21 budget for working moms all across the City of New  
22 York. Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to thank all the  
25 Council Members again for their amazing hard work and



2   advocacy and the team effort here. I really  
3   appreciate how all of us collectively did this work.  
4   There were a few people that I didn't thank that I  
5   want to thank who again were really important just to  
6   get me through this budget process and make sure that  
7   I stayed balanced and on top of things. I want to  
8   thank Ebony Minks from my office. I want to thank  
9   Ebony for her hard work. I want to thank Lillian  
10   Pascone for her incredible work as well. She has  
11   done an amazing, amazing job with Ebony. I want to  
12   thank the Chief of Staff from my District office,  
13   Eric Botcher who continues to do a great job and my  
14   entire district office staff. I want to thank Matt  
15   Green my District Director. Lori Hartgerogo[SP?],  
16   Carl Michael Wilson, Brittney Boen{SP?}, Jordan Finer  
17   and Patrice Comerford[SP?]. They all keeps things  
18   going well in the district that I represent. And I  
19   really, really want to thank Jennifer Meano and the  
20   entire communication staff for their really, really  
21   incredible work.

22                If we didn't thank you today, we are  
23   still grateful for you. We are grateful because  
24   again, as has been said by other members, the Council  
25   can only get to this day and to this point throughout

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2   the year with the entire staff of the City Council.  
3   The Finance Division but everyone who works here.  
4   And one of the people who has been, someone who has  
5   been holding down fort here at City Hall. Everyone  
6   should know she is in charge, I want to thank Ms.  
7   Cecile Scott, CC Scott, who keeps things going here  
8   in City Hall and I am really grateful for her. She  
9   works long hours here. She is usually the last one  
10  here at night locking up and she is, and I mean this  
11  in the best way possible. She is a mother hen,  
12  trying to take care of everyone, making sure everyone  
13  feels comfortable. So, I am just really grateful to  
14  the entire staff that works really, really hard here.

15           I want to thank Sean Coughlin who makes  
16  sure that I get the things on time, and that I am  
17  taking care of myself and I am eating food when I  
18  need to, and I forget. So, I just want to thank the  
19  entire staff here at the City Council. I am really  
20  grateful for everyone's hard work. I want to thank  
21  them all and I very, very proudly and triumphantly  
22  vote Aye on this entire budget.

23           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you Mr.  
24  Speaker, we have been joined by a former Finance  
25  Chair Council Member Recchia. I wanted to put that

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2   on the record and also, I just want to say Mr.  
3   Speaker to you, Congratulations again, this is my 9<sup>th</sup>  
4   or 10<sup>th</sup> budget. You have shepherded two budgets that  
5   are truly progressive and represent this city, but  
6   more importantly, I have just been proud to see this  
7   body under your leadership become the counterbalance  
8   that it was supposed to do and be it's own  
9   independent body providing the push back we needed.  
10  So, for that, I do want to say thank you.

11           SPEAKER JOHNSON: I will record that.

12           That's another amount of high praise.

13   Thank you.

14           PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: I do want to  
15  just say thank you to my colleagues, one of the spots  
16  for me in the budget, I know my predecessor Letitia  
17  James was one who often talked about the budget of  
18  the Public Advocates office. I carried on that  
19  tradition and I want to thank the Speaker and this  
20  body and also the Mayor for beginning to see that and  
21  increasing the budget. So, I will probably be back.  
22  I just wanted to say thank you for that. I really  
23  appreciate it and I think it will serve the people of  
24  the city very well.

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2 With that, all items on today's general  
3 order calendar are adopted by a vote of 50 in the  
4 affirmative, zero in the negative and one abstention  
5 with the exemption of M174 plus Reso. 973 which is  
6 adopted by a vote of 37 in the affirmative, 13 in the  
7 negative and one abstention and Reso. 962 which was  
8 adopted by a vote of 37 in the affirmative, 13 in the  
9 negative and one abstention and Resolution 963, which  
10 was adopted by a vote of 37 in the affirmative, 13 in  
11 the negative and one abstention.

12 I now formally declare the Executive  
13 Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive  
14 Capital Budget, and the Community Development program  
15 for Fiscal Year 2020, all as modified and all in  
16 accordance with the relevant sections of the New York  
17 City Charter as hereby adopted as of 5:10 p.m. on  
18 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

19 [APPLAUSE]

20 Introduction and reading of the bills.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been  
22 referred to Committees as indicated on today's  
23 agenda.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE WILLIAMS: Thank you and  
3 now I will move into general order discussions as a  
4 gift to everyone, no one has signed up.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: The Stated Meeting of  
6 July 13, 2019 is hereby adjourned. Thank you, Mr.  
7 Public Advocate. [GAVEL]

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



Date January 21, 2019