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of the

STATED MEETING

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June 26, 2019  
Start: 1:23 p.m.  
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: COREY D. JOHNSON  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: I. Daneek Miller  
Ruben Diaz, Sr.  
Carlina Rivera  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Antonio Reynoso  
Diana Ayala  
Adrienne E. Adams  
Alicka Ampry-Samuels  
Justin Brannan  
Margaret S. Chin  
Costa Constantinides  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Ruben Diaz, Sr.  
Daniel Dromm  
Rafael Espinal  
Mark Gjonaj  
Barry Grodenchik

Robert Holden  
Ben Kallos  
Peter Koo  
Karen Koslowitz  
Joseph C. Borelli  
Alan N. Maisel  
Carlos Menchaca  
Francis P. Moya  
Bill Perkins  
Donovan J. Richards  
Carlina Rivera  
Deborah Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.  
Mark Treyger  
Eric A. Ulrich  
Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.  
Keith Powers  
Jimmy Van Bramer  
Kalman Yeger  
Steven Matteo

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



2 [SERGEANT AT ARMS] Test, test, this is a  
3 test. Today's date is June 26, 2019. This is the  
4 Stated Meeting, being record by Sergeant at Arms  
5 [inaudible]. [pause]

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Tripoli baseball champions,  
7 a round of applause [applause]. Made up of 19  
8 student athletes of the Dominican descent and new  
9 arrivals into the United States. The Generals have  
10 consistently made it to the playoffs every year since  
11 the program was instituted in 2006. And with 16 wins  
12 and zero losses this season, these amazing young  
13 people owe their success to the dedication of their  
14 coaches, parents, and teachers. You should all be  
15 proud of yourselves and what you've been able to  
16 accomplish. You are the pride of your school and of  
17 your community. Now I want to call up all the  
18 baseball team. Please come to the center, another  
19 round of applause [applause].

20 UNIDENTIFIED: I'm thinking in my days I  
21 would take, I would [inaudible].

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Ah, right, right, right.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: We [inaudible].

24 UNIDENTIFIED: I hear you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible].

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UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades.

UNIDENTIFIED: Gracias.

UNIDENTIFIED: Gracias.

UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades, felicidades,  
felicidades.

UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades, felicidades.

UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades, felicidades,  
felicidades, felicidades. Como estas?

UNIDENTIFIED: Mucho gracias.

UNIDENTIFIED: De nada [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: So I just say a few words  
in Spanish. Felicidades, felicidades. [speaking in  
Spanish]. [applause] So a round of applause for  
Coach Pena. [applause]

COACH PENA: Buena tarde. Mucho gracias  
todo por la presentaction. [speaking in Spanish]  
Mucho gracias [applause].

UNIDENTIFIED: Oh, [speaking in Spanish]  
Rodriguez, but I want to translate very quickly. He  
said that victory here is not only that they made it  
and became champions. It's the work that these young

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2 people have done to come over here and make sure that  
3 they studied, they went to school, they put in the  
4 hard work, not only in baseball but in making sure  
5 that their grades were on point. That is the real  
6 progress, the real win, when it comes to what they've  
7 done, and he's very proud of his team, so [speaking  
8 in Spanish] Rodriguez.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you, Council Member  
10 Reynoso. It is great to be here surrounded by the  
11 great colleagues here, not only Daneek Miller, who is  
12 a co-chair of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, but  
13 also Councilwoman [inaudible] Rivera and Danny also,  
14 who are the chairmen of Finance, and the rest of the  
15 team who are here, Council Member Diaz and sorry if I  
16 missed anybody else, and Salamanca is here with us,  
17 too. Let me put it in this way, guys. [inaudible]  
18 that I was cofounder in 1993, and [inaudible] High  
19 School that worked with new coming students from  
20 Latin American, it doesn't have a big baseball field  
21 as George Washington High School. They don't have  
22 2500 students from where the school can recruit.  
23 They are only like less than, like 600 students, 526,  
24 [inaudible] like their English can be better than me,  
25 but I can tell you that we share one things in 99%

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2 with them, new coming, new arrive from Latin  
3 American. Now as the DOE describe it, two years been  
4 here, many of them being weeks before they  
5 [inaudible]. So while we celebrate that first of all  
6 not only people think about baseball, say yeah,  
7 Dominicano [inaudible], no, no, no. This is about  
8 hardworking people and this is about Council Member  
9 Reynoso led a bill that we passed mandating DOE to  
10 put together the data when it comes to sports,  
11 because if we want to talk about the city of  
12 [inaudible] sports is one of those. If they will go  
13 and live in the community, that the school has all  
14 the resources, then we have a private coach, then we  
15 have all the support that they needed. They didn't  
16 have none of those things. But they defeat, with all  
17 my respect, Monroe. They defeat George Washington  
18 and they played the last game at Yankee Stadium,  
19 played against Beacon, and they won, and they won the  
20 high school baseball division [applause]. [speaking  
21 in Spanish], so I took the lead of putting together  
22 this proclamation together with my colleagues to be  
23 sure that the City of New York recognize today, you  
24 know, the great contribution that they have made, so

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2 with that I would like the clerk to please read the  
3 proclamation.

4                   CLERK: Council City of New York  
5 Proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of New  
6 York is proud to honor the Gregorio Luperon High  
7 School baseball team, the Generals, for their  
8 outstanding 2019 season and to congratulate them upon  
9 winning the PSAL Triple A Baseball Championship, and  
10 whereas on June 12, 2019, at Yankee Stadium the  
11 Luperon baseball team made Washington Heights history  
12 as they become the PSAL Triple A Baseball Champions  
13 by defeating Beacon High School 4 to 2 in the last  
14 inning. This was the first time that both teams made  
15 it to the PSAL Triple A Baseball finals, the first  
16 time a school of less than 600 students won the  
17 title, and the longest game played in the PSAL in  
18 more than 100 years. And whereas the Gregorio  
19 Luperon High School's baseball team has made it to  
20 the playoffs every year since the baseball program  
21 instituted in 2006. In 2010 the Generals first made  
22 it to the finals at MCU Park in Brooklyn, the  
23 Gregorio Luperon High School's baseball program also  
24 holds the honor of having sent two of its baseball  
25 players to the professional leagues. And whereas the



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2 students and their coaches have truly distinguished  
3 themselves throughout their phenomenal season, with  
4 16 outstanding wins and zero losses, and whereas the  
5 Generals are comprised of 19 student athletes of  
6 Dominican descent and new arrivals in the USA,  
7 throughout this championship season they have  
8 demonstrated what hard work, talent, and discipline  
9 can achieve when individuals are given opportunities.  
10 The players owe their achievements to the leadership  
11 and encouragement of their tireless coaches and their  
12 families who together instilled in them the value of  
13 teamwork, imparted in them a desire for success, and  
14 help them develop a sense of fair play and  
15 competition. And whereas all of these players have  
16 exemplified the strength of character and commitment  
17 to excellence needed as they continue to pursue their  
18 highest ambitions in the years ahead. Now therefore  
19 be it known that the New York City Council is proud  
20 to honor the Generals, the Gregorio Luperon High  
21 School baseball team, for their outstanding work that  
22 led them to become the 2019 PSAL Triple A Baseball  
23 champions and wishes them continued success both and  
24 off the field. Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire  
25 council, Ydanis Rodriguez, Council Member, 10th

2 District Manhattan, Carlina Rivera, Council Member,  
3 2nd District, Manhattan, Fernando Cabrera, Council  
4 Member, 14th District, Bronx, Ritchie Torres, Council  
5 Member, 15th District, Bronx, Vanessa L. Gibson,  
6 Council Member, 16th District, Bronx, Rafael  
7 Salamanca, Jr., Council Member, 17th District, Bronx,  
8 Ruben Diaz, Sr., Council Member, 18th District,  
9 Bronx, Daneek Miller, Council Member, 27th District,  
10 Queens, and Antonio Reynoso, Council Member, 34th  
11 District, Brooklyn and Queens.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you, guys.  
13 [applause] And this is, this is only possible because  
14 the school has a leader that only being working so  
15 hard to bring technology and robotics to Luperon, but  
16 a leader also that is being playing an important role  
17 at Luperon and she is like a citywide leader in  
18 education and now I would like to get a few works  
19 from la principal, la lider, [speaking in Spanish] la  
20 principal, Yecenia Delarosa. [applause]

21 YECENIA DELAROSA: Thank you, everyone.  
22 I am extremely proud to be the principal of Gregorio  
23 Luperon High School. I am very grateful for my team,  
24 my coach, my boys, that we have had this  
25 accomplishment and I extremely proud and looking

2 forward to continuing this great success of my boys  
3 and congratulations to all. Thank you so much.

4 [applause]

5 UNIDENTIFIED: [speaking in Spanish] Get  
6 closer, please.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: We also want to thank the  
8 parents, Mira Delarosa, Jaya Bagny, Yvonne Pena,  
9 Sophia Pena, Ana Pena, ah, Carlos Suero, Lannie Perez  
10 Santiago, Cornejo Morada, y Manuela Cervantes  
11 Decordejo y [speaking in Spanish] [laughter],  
12 [speaking in Spanish].

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Join us in the [inaudible].  
14 [speaking in Spanish].

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Good afternoon.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Quiet please.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Good afternoon. We have  
18 another ceremonial proclamation here. And to present  
19 the proclamation I am going to give you Council  
20 Member Ayala.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Thank you,  
22 everyone. If you could please keep the noise down so  
23 that we can get through the ceremonial as quickly as  
24 possible. I would appreciate it. Today the New York  
25 City Council is proud to honor the New York City

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2 Puerto Rican Long Term Recovery Group for their  
3 tireless advocacy on behalf of Puerto Rico following  
4 Hurricane Maria. This group, founded by eight  
5 organizations, came together to help Puerto Rico  
6 evacuees and provide them with services to help them  
7 back on their feet. They have helped thousands of  
8 displaced Puerto Rican households and to this day  
9 continue to support other organizations on the island  
10 with donations, support, and outreach. I want to  
11 call up Peter Godalis, I'm going say it wrong, sorry,  
12 oh, chair of the New York City Puerto Rican Long Term  
13 Recovery Group and executive director of the New York  
14 Disaster and Interfaith Services to accept this  
15 proclamation on behalf of the group. But before I do  
16 so, I want to also allow some of colleagues to say a  
17 few words, and I wanted to also recognize Council  
18 Member Rivera, who was very instrumental in ensuring  
19 that we had this event today and that we recognized  
20 this group, so thank you so much, Council Member  
21 Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you,  
23 Council Member Ayala. I will be very brief because,  
24 you know, we can go on and on. But what's important  
25 is that we're getting the work done. And that's what

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2 we're her to acknowledge, in that the years and the  
3 months since the hurricane hit Puerto Rico, how it  
4 has affected people on the island and here in New  
5 York City, what you have done for the people of New  
6 York, what you have done for our Puerto Rico  
7 community and our fellow Latinos, it means a lot. I  
8 wanted to make sure that we were recognizing that the  
9 work didn't stop. The work continues. And you need  
10 that support. You need those resources. And at the  
11 very least you need to be recognized and acknowledged  
12 for all of the passion and the commitment that you  
13 put into this. It's not an easy job. It's  
14 emotionally, mentally, physically, spiritually  
15 draining. And you all do it for the love of people  
16 and public service. So I want to thank you and  
17 welcome you to the chambers and [inaudible] viva  
18 Puerto Rico. [applause] Council Member Salamanca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Yeah, I want  
20 to echo, I want to echo the words of my colleagues.  
21 I really want to thank you for helping out our family  
22 members, brothers and sisters in the motherland of  
23 Puerto Rico. You know, when Maria hit, the federal  
24 government turned its back, but the City of New York  
25 did not turn its back. The State of New York did not

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2 turn its back. And we put together this, this group  
3 to help out our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters, to  
4 get them services that they need, and that's exactly  
5 what you did. So we want to acknowledge you here, on  
6 the steps of City Hall, inside the chambers. Thank  
7 you. Gracias. [applause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Council Member  
9 Miller.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I want to thank  
11 you so much on behalf of the council. I know you  
12 were here early, ah, immediately. We were back and  
13 forth with the negotiations and then some of which  
14 traveled over after the Maria, ah, to the island to  
15 help out in whatever way we can. But you guys were  
16 here on the ground, making sure that people that had  
17 been displaced had homes, had all the resources that  
18 they need. On behalf of my family that's left back  
19 there and I'd say that I have an uncle that is just,  
20 that his roof put on his home in Rio Grande last week  
21 after two years. Thank you, thank you for the work  
22 that you continue to do 'cause there's a lot of work  
23 that needs to be done and I'm sure that you will  
24 continue to do it, and it has [inaudible] the  
25 administration, the work just gets done and I want to

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2 thank you for doing that and your leadership.

3 [applause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Before I hand it  
5 over Peter to say a few words, I also wanted to  
6 recognize Leila Meja, manager of evacuee services,  
7 Julian Panelli, co-chair of the NYCPRLTRG and  
8 director of special projects for Catholic Charities  
9 Community Services, Zachary Hobson, director of New  
10 York Emergency Services, Salvation Army, Major Kevin  
11 Stoops, Salvation Army, Martin Medina, founder and  
12 executive director of Why Not Care, Michael Andrew,  
13 Vietta, member of Why Not Care, and Jonathan Sokol of  
14 Project Refugee. And with that I turn it over to  
15 Peter.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: We're all extraordinarily  
17 grateful for this recognition. Everyone you see up  
18 here has been working literally since the day Maria  
19 hit Puerto Rico. Both to travel to the island, to  
20 offer years of long-term recovery support there, but  
21 also with the over 3000 Puerto Rico evacuee families  
22 that are still here in New York City, hundreds of  
23 them in the New York City shelter system, thousands  
24 doubled up with family. Well, less than 300 have  
25 been able to secure housing and jobs. So we have a

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2 lot more to do to continue to support evacuees that  
3 are living here and trying to make a home in New York  
4 City, but also to continue to walk alongside the  
5 people of Puerto Rico on the island, Vieques,  
6 Culebra, to make sure that they have safe and secure  
7 housing for years to come. What has happened is a  
8 travesty, a failure of failure leadership, ah, all  
9 these agencies up here were left to raise money and  
10 struggle on their own, mostly with volunteers to do  
11 this work. There was not federal assistance to  
12 operate those programs. The Salvation Army has put  
13 extraordinary resources into this. Catholic  
14 Charities in partnership with the governor's office  
15 funding case management services. And most of the  
16 rest of us raising money through our donor networks,  
17 and we've really appreciated the support,  
18 particularly, ah, where's Walter? Walter Alvaren,  
19 who has really stood alongside us since the first  
20 day. [applause] You really delivered for us, Walter,  
21 and we really appreciate it. We'll never forget it.  
22 And I also want to thank the council members for  
23 taking the opportunity to recognize this work. It's  
24 hard work and volunteers, obviously, work from the  
25 soul, rather than for the reward of money. So we



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2 want to congratulate all of them, too. So, thank  
3 you. [applause]

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: We will have the  
5 reading of the proc in one second. Yeah, we can take  
6 a picture while, I guess, she comes back. We're  
7 going to read it right now.

8 CLERK: Council City of New York  
9 Proclamation. The New York City Council is proud to  
10 honor New York City Puerto Rico Long-Term Recovery  
11 Group for helping thousands of Puerto Rico evacuees  
12 following Hurricane Maria. And whereas on March 18,  
13 2018, the New York City was founded by eight  
14 dedicated organizations to comprehensively respond to  
15 the needs of thousands of Puerto Rico evacuees  
16 victimized by Hurricane Maria. Its membership  
17 includes Catholic Charities Community Services,  
18 Archdioceses of New York, New York Disaster Interfaith  
19 Services, New York State and New York City Voluntary  
20 Organizations Active in Disaster, Project Refuge,  
21 Greater New York Division, United Brotherhood of  
22 Carpenters and Joiners of America, and the Latino  
23 Carpenters Union, VIP Humanitarian and Why Not Care.  
24 And whereas following Hurricane Maria these  
25 organizations mobilized instantaneously to provide

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2 crucia services to displaced Puerto Ricans, both on  
3 the island and in New York City. Prior to joining  
4 forces and establishing the New York City Puerto Rico  
5 Long-Term Recovery Group, they were working  
6 diligently to provide disaster case management  
7 services, collect and distribute food and clothing  
8 donations, raise and distribute emergency cash  
9 assistance, and identify nationwide services for  
10 displaced populations. And whereas recognizing the  
11 strength in collective efforts, these organizations  
12 moved to establish the Long-Term Recovery Group to  
13 better serve Puerto Rican climate refugees. Chaired  
14 by New York Disaster Interfaith services and New York  
15 State and New York City Voluntary Organizations  
16 Active in Disaster, the recovery group provides  
17 leadership and knowledge of best practices in  
18 disaster response in recovery. Since its founding  
19 they have provided recovery services to thousands of  
20 displaced Puerto Rican households and continue to  
21 support grassroots recovery organizations in Puerto  
22 Rico with donations, volunteers, logistical support,  
23 and outreach. And whereas the New York City and  
24 Puerto Rico Long-Term Recovery Group played an  
25 instrumental role in advocating for Puerto Rico

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2 evacuees when their FEMA vouchers expired in June  
3 2018 members of the recovery group applied pressure  
4 on officials at every level of government to secure  
5 more resources for Puerto Rico climate refugees  
6 including the New York State Hurricane Evacuee  
7 Legislative Initiative which supports disaster case  
8 management for climate refugees. And whereas the New  
9 York City Council commends the profound past and  
10 continuing efforts of New York City and Puerto Rico  
11 Long-Term Recovery Group helped thousands of families  
12 regain stability after Hurricane Maria. Now  
13 therefore be it known that the New York City Council  
14 gratefully honors the New York City and Puerto Rico  
15 Long-Term Recovery Group for its enduring advocacy on  
16 behalf of Puerto Rico, its residents, and those  
17 climate refugees seeking harbor in our great city.  
18 Corey Johnson, speaker for the entire council, Diana  
19 Ayala, Council Member 8th District Bronx and  
20 Manhattan, Carlina Rivera, Council Member 2nd  
21 District Manhattan, Fernando Cabrera, Council Member  
22 14th District, the Bronx, Ritchie Torres, Council  
23 Member 15th District the Bronx, I. Daneek Miller,  
24 Council Member 27th District Queens, Rafael  
25 Salamanca, Jr., Council Member 17th District Bronx,

2 and Ruben Diaz, Sr., Council Member 18th District the  
3 Bronx.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Thank you, and  
5 congratulations. [applause] [pause]

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Ladies and gentleman, quiet  
7 on the floor, please, quiet on the floor please,  
8 quiet on the floor! Shhhhh. Council members, please  
9 take your seats. At this time please place all  
10 electronic devices, all electronic devices, to  
11 vibrate. Will all non-council employees, non-council  
12 employees, please leave the main floor of the  
13 chambers? Thank you. Madam Majority Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon  
15 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of June 26, 2019.  
16 I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo. Please rise for  
17 the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: All rise.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO AND COUNCIL: I  
20 pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
21 America, and to the republic for which it stands, one  
22 nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
23 justice for all. Roll call.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Adams.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.  
COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.  
COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Barron. Borelli. Brannan.  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Cabrera. Chin.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen. Constantinides.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Cornegy.  
COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [Present]  
UNIDENTIFIED: Diaz.  
COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.  
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COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.  
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos. King. Koo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman. Lander. Levin.  
Levine. Borelli.  
COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [Present]  
UNIDENTIFIED: Louis. Maisel.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Menchaca.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: [Present]  
UNIDENTIFIED: Miller.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [Present]  
UNIDENTIFIED: Perkins.  
COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [Presente]  
UNIDENTIFIED: Powers. Reynoso. Richards.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.  
COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez. Rose.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Salamanca.  
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Torres. Treyger.  
COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Ulrich.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH:  
UNIDENTIFIED: Vallone. Espinal.  
COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.  
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.  
COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.  
COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Matteo.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.  
UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.  
MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson.

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Right here.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum.

5 We will now have today's invocation, which will be  
6 delivered by Peter Jose Vargas of the Church of God  
7 of Sixth Street, which is located at 636 East 6th  
8 Street in Manhattan.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: All rise.

10 PETER JOSE VARGAS: [speaking in Spanish]  
11 Corey Johnson, Lauren Cumbo, Carlina Rivera [speaking  
12 in Spanish] Amen.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Gracias,  
14 Pastor Vargas. I'd now like to ask Council Member  
15 Rivera to spread the invocation on record.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you, Madam  
17 Majority Leader, for the opportunity to welcome the  
18 Reverend Jose Vargas from Iglesia de Dios on East 7th  
19 Street. Many in my community affectionately know him  
20 as Pastor Cheo. Reverend Vargas moved to the Lower  
21 East Side at the age of 17 from Aguadilla, Puerto  
22 Rico, an area from which many in my community and my  
23 own family are from. This was also one of the areas  
24 severely impacted by the 2017 hurricane. The  
25 Reverend has lived on East 10th Street ever since he



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2 came to New York City. He has spent decades  
3 developing a network of neighbors that provide  
4 support to members of the community and need. After  
5 pursuing his ministerial calling informally for many  
6 year, he sought his accreditation and ordination  
7 beginning in 2013 by the bishops of the Iglesias de  
8 Dios, a coalition of faith-based Latino clergy. He  
9 is currently based in the heart of [loisida], where  
10 so many of us and those from the greater New York  
11 area seek spiritual guidance and refuge. He works to  
12 expand connections with an opportunities for young  
13 people especially and provides care, food, and  
14 activities to area seniors. He's also the chaplain  
15 of PSA-4 precinct in my district. In his invocation,  
16 Cheo mentions public service being a commitment that  
17 must be inclusive and I'm thankful to all of you, my  
18 colleagues and the people in this chamber, for  
19 recognizing that Spanish is one of the many beautiful  
20 languages of this city. He is a pastor of all  
21 people, offering blessings and good wishes to so  
22 many, whether at his church, the local block party,  
23 or when you bump into him in the street, which I have  
24 from Avenue B to Union Square Park. In connection  
25 with the proclamations presented today to

1  
2 organizations assisting climate refugees from Puerto  
3 Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria, I want to  
4 highlight Reverend Vargas's work in joining with  
5 local churches in the 9th Precinct on food and supply  
6 drives to the island in the months following the  
7 event. Also, for his delivery, which he presented  
8 personally of toys he collected from impoverished  
9 children in Aguadilla [speaking in Spanish] Puerto  
10 Rico Se Levanta. I am proud to have Cheo as a  
11 constituent and a friend, and I'm thankful to all of  
12 you. And Cheo, mucho gracias. And with that I make  
13 a motion to spread the invocation in full upon the  
14 record.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
16 much, Council Member Rivera. Thank you, again,  
17 Pastor Vargas, for all your service to our community.  
18 It's very impressive to learn more about the work  
19 that you are doing, both here and in Puerto Rico. I  
20 now make a motion that the minutes of the Stated  
21 Meeting of May 8, 2019, be adopted as printed.  
22 Messages and papers from the mayor?

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Excuse me. M175,  
24 submitting Jeffrey Roth for appointment to the TLC.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, privileges, and  
3 elections.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication  
5 from city, county, and borough offices.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and  
8 communications.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call-  
11 ups.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
14 will now have communication from Speaker Corey  
15 Johnson.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon. Thank  
17 you, Madam Majority Leader. I want to thank everyone  
18 for being with us on this Wednesday. With the budget  
19 successfully behind us, we have an agenda full of  
20 legislative items to get through, but before we get  
21 started I would like to remember FDNY Lieutenant John  
22 Moran, who passed away last week from cancer. He  
23 served the city, our city, his city, for more than 20  
24 years, including through rescue and recovery efforts  
25 at Ground Zero. I also would like all of us to

1  
2 please keep retired NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez, who  
3 recently testified in front of Congress, in your  
4 thoughts. He joined other First Responders to  
5 advocate on behalf of the 9/11 Victims' Compensation  
6 Fund earlier this month, despite having gone through  
7 nearly 70 rounds of chemotherapy, and he is now sadly  
8 entered hospice care. Following his incredibly  
9 moving testimony, we've heard just this week that  
10 there may finally be some agreement to reauthorize  
11 the Victims' Compensation Fund soon. All of us urge  
12 the Congress to act. Lou and other heroes of 9/11  
13 deserve this and they deserve so much more. Let's do  
14 the right thing. Let's take care of these heroes.  
15 Let's make sure they don't have to be re-traumatized  
16 every time this conversation has to happen. Let's  
17 authorize this bill for perpetuity so that these  
18 heroes and their families are able to get the proper  
19 medical care and treatment that they need after  
20 they've given so much to us on one of the darkest  
21 days in American history. I now ask all of us to  
22 rise and take a moment of silence for FDNY Lieutenant  
23 John Moran and to keep NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez in  
24 our thoughts and prayers. [moment of silence] I  
25 also want to take a moment for a few staff

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2 announcements. We are very sadly, I'm actually very  
3 sad, to say goodbye to two incredibly important  
4 members of our City Council team. The first is  
5 someone who I just, is he here? He's here. Someone  
6 who I just have the deepest affection for. Kevin  
7 Grow has been with me since my campaign in 2017 and  
8 he joined our press department and communications  
9 team as the City Council's digital director.  
10 Everything you see on Twitter and on Instagram and on  
11 Facebook promoting the work of the members here and  
12 the hearings and the work we do every single day,  
13 highlighting the bills, Kevin has done that work for  
14 the last year and a half. He is an amazing, amazing  
15 person. I am going to miss his talent and digital  
16 know-how, but I'm really happy for him because he is  
17 just such a special person and he is moving to Iowa  
18 to work for Mayor Pete on a presidential campaign.  
19 He is going to be the field director, the organizing  
20 director for the entire state of Iowa in a  
21 presidential race, which is a big deal. I am very  
22 sad to lose him, but I am very, very happy for him.  
23 He is just someone who was there for me every single  
24 day when I was running for speaker and I'm really sad  
25 that he's going. I tried to convince him to stay,

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2 but I was unsuccessful, but I'm really, really happy  
3 for him. So I want to say Kevin, I love you, thank  
4 you very much for everything. Thank you so much.  
5 [applause] And next is someone who we all know, and  
6 we had a fabulous retirement party for her yesterday,  
7 someone who is a friend and a constituent, someone  
8 who I knew long before I ran for City Council.  
9 [people start shouting in background] [pause] So I  
10 want to, shhh.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Sit down please, sit down.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We are about to say  
13 goodbye to someone and I would love just a moment to  
14 recognize an individual's many years to the City  
15 Council, so if we could not have an interruption  
16 while we honor someone who has given so much to this  
17 institution and to our city I would appreciate that,  
18 and if we have another interruption I don't want to  
19 have to clear the balcony, but we're going to have to  
20 because we have a lot of work to get through today.  
21 So, again, we had a great retirement party yesterday  
22 for an incredible, incredible person, someone who has  
23 served this council for 17 years. She has served  
24 under four speakers. She has orchestrated hundreds,  
25 if not thousands, of events. Christine McLaughlin,

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2 the amazing director of events and correspondence  
3 services [applause], someone whom we all love so  
4 much, where is she? We love Christine McLaughlin  
5 [applause continues]. Thank you, Christine, for  
6 everything. OK, now let's dive into our agenda,  
7 starting with land use items. Today we're going to  
8 vote on the Bay Street neighborhood rezoning on the  
9 North Shore of Staten Island. In addition to  
10 securing 1800 affordable housing units, Council  
11 Member Debbie Rose engaged in tough negotiations with  
12 the administration to secure two new schools, the  
13 reconstruction of the Cromwell Center, upgrades to  
14 several parks, funding from the Department of  
15 Environmental Protection, I know she has worked very  
16 hard on this one, so I want to congratulate her, and  
17 I know that she will have more to say later on this  
18 rezoning. We're going to vote on 2 Howard Avenue in  
19 Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuels' district, Brook  
20 156, in LU Chair Rafael Salamanca's district, the  
21 Court Square text amendment in Council Member Jimmy  
22 Van Bramer's district, Haven Green Senior Housing, in  
23 Council Member Margaret Chin's district, and I know  
24 this was a tough one, but I understand we made  
25 significant progress on the open space concerns that

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2 were raised throughout the process. I know how much  
3 the Elizabeth Street Garden means to the community  
4 and I know how hard Council Member Chin has worked on  
5 this. We have been working with the [Domatis]  
6 organization and we have a letter of intent from the  
7 adjacent building owner to the south to work to  
8 combine their existing 14,000 square feet of  
9 courtyard space with new space on the site with the  
10 senior affordable housing, and I want to congratulate  
11 Council Member Chin. I know she has spent a long  
12 time on this. Together the two open spaces would be  
13 over 20,000 square feet. They also agreed to work  
14 with HPD to keep their building as affordable  
15 housing, and I want to thank them for this commitment  
16 and for being good neighbors in the community, and I  
17 look forward to continuing to work together with them  
18 and with Margaret on this. A big thanks to our land  
19 use team, who worked with both Margaret and Debbie  
20 and all the other applications, John Douglas, Arthur  
21 Ha, Rosa Kelly, Chelsea Kelly, Amy Levitan, and of  
22 course Raju Mann. Moving on, the council will be  
23 voting on the following pieces of legislation.  
24 First, we have two bills from Minority Leader Steven  
25 Matteo related to AEDs. Introduction 109-A will



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2 require the Department of Parks and Recreation to  
3 provide an automated external defibrillator at every  
4 large swimming pool facility under its jurisdiction  
5 and require that at least one Parks employee be  
6 trained to use an AED, that they be present during  
7 all hours of pool operation. Next is Introduction  
8 1042-A, again by Minority Leader, and it will permit  
9 the Department of Citywide Administrative Services  
10 and the Department of Parks and Recreation to  
11 distribute any extra automated external  
12 defibrillators they have to additional youth sports  
13 leagues after they have first fulfilled their  
14 obligation to provide AEDs to youth baseball and  
15 softball leagues. I want to thank the staff that  
16 worked on this, Chris Artori and Patrick Mulvehill.  
17 Next, we have two important pieces related to climate  
18 and the environment. Council Member and chair of our  
19 Environmental Protection Committee, Costa  
20 Constantinides, has put forth Introduction 1619,  
21 which would make several technical and clarifying  
22 amendments to Local Law 97 of 2019. That was our  
23 historic Climate Mobilization Act, which Chair  
24 Constantinides had worked on for years and this is a  
25 clean-up bill, and I want to thank Nicole Ben for her

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2 work on that. Next is Resolution 864-A, sponsored by  
3 Ben Kallos, which would declare an emergency, a  
4 climate emergency, and it calls for accelerated  
5 actions to address the full range of ecological  
6 threats we are facing. San Francisco and other  
7 cities around the world have already issued climate  
8 emergency declarations and New York City joins those  
9 cities today. I want to thank the staff that worked  
10 on this, Nadia Johnson, Ricky Chala, and Samara  
11 Swanson. Next is Introduction 5-B, by Council Member  
12 Inez Barron, which would require that restaurants in  
13 New York City display information messaging on  
14 healthy eating for individuals with diet-related,  
15 including, but not limited to, diabetes, heart  
16 disease, and hypertension, and I want to thank the  
17 staff, Sarah Liss, Zeamanuel Halu, Emily Balking, and  
18 Smita Deshmu. Introduction 1331-B, by Council Member  
19 Ritchie Torres, who is the chair of our oversight and  
20 investigations committee, will require the Department  
21 of Investigation to issue an annual report to the  
22 City Council on the total overtime hours record and  
23 the total overtime paid to NYCHA employees for the  
24 prior calendar year. The bill would also direct DOI  
25 to issue an annual report to the City Council on any

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2 small procurement contracts as defined by NYCHA  
3 procurement rules awarded during the prior year,  
4 including an analysis regarding whether any housing  
5 may have been awarded small procurement contracts to  
6 avoid compliance with NYCHA procurement rules. I  
7 want to thank and congratulate Council Member Torres  
8 on this and thank the staff, Daniel Collins. Next,  
9 we have Introduction 1549 by Council Member Francisco  
10 Moya, which will rename 126th Street between Northern  
11 Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in Queens Seaver Way  
12 and amend the official city map accordingly. Tom  
13 Seaver was a Hall of Fame baseball pitcher who played  
14 20 seasons in major league baseball, 12 for the Mets.  
15 He was one of only two pitchers in the history of  
16 baseball to have 300 wins, 3000 strike-outs, and a  
17 career ERA of under 3.0. He was an instrumental  
18 member of the Mets victory over the Orioles in the  
19 1969 World Series, where he pitched a one-run, 10-  
20 inning complete game to put the Mets up 3 to 1 in the  
21 series. Tom Seaver embodies the spirit of the  
22 amazing 69 Mets, which is a team that means so much  
23 to our city and I'm proud we are doing this today. I  
24 want to congratulate Francisco on this, even though  
25 he is a soccer fan. We love soccer, too. And I want

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2 to congratulate the staff, Chris Artori and Patrick  
3 Mulvihill. Lastly, we have a package of bills  
4 related to protections and services for transgender,  
5 gender nonconfirming, nonbinary, and intersexed  
6 individuals who are involved in the justice system.  
7 I would be happy to advance this package, of course,  
8 at any time, but it is particularly meaningful to do  
9 this during Pride Month and the lead-up to the parade  
10 in March this Sunday. Transgender, gender  
11 nonconforming, nonbinary, and intersexed individuals  
12 face some of the greatest challenges when involved in  
13 the criminal justice system and these bills seek to  
14 address the greatest challenges when involved in the  
15 criminal justice system and these bills seek to  
16 address some of these systemic problems. I would be  
17 remiss if we did not mention Layleen Polanco, who as  
18 you heard from some of the folks who are here today,  
19 tragically, sadly, passed away earlier this month in  
20 Riker's. Layleen never should have been on Riker's  
21 to begin with. Her story is one which shows the deep  
22 flaws of our criminal justice system. She never  
23 should have been in Riker's Island. She should not  
24 have been in solitary confinement. This never should  
25 have happened, and this is a huge tragedy. I want to

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2 thank Rosa Goldensohn from *The City* for her amazing  
3 covering and reporting on this, and this is why I  
4 support closing Riker's Island and moving away from  
5 Riker's Island. We lost Layleen, but we are trying,  
6 attempting to take serious steps to protect members  
7 of the trans community as well as other gender  
8 nonconforming, nonbinary, and intersexed individuals.  
9 Introduction 1535-A is sponsored by Council Member  
10 Helen Rosenthal and will require that the Board of  
11 Corrections convene a task force composed of  
12 representatives of the Department of Corrections, the  
13 Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based  
14 Violence, NYC Unity, Correctional Health Services,  
15 formerly incarcerated individuals, local service  
16 providers, local and national experts on transgender,  
17 gender nonconforming, nonbinary, and intersexed  
18 policy, and people who were formerly incarcerated in  
19 the transgender housing unit at Riker's, to the  
20 extent practicable. The task force would be  
21 responsible for publishing yearly reports containing  
22 recommendations on DOC policies, regarding TGNC, NB,  
23 and intersexed individuals. Council Member Diana  
24 Ayala has put forward two related bills, Introduction  
25 1513-A will ensure that individuals in the

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2 transgender housing unit not only have the same  
3 access to mental health treatment as do individuals  
4 housed elsewhere, but also that all professionals  
5 treating individuals who are transgender or nonbinary  
6 or intersex have specialized training in transgender  
7 and gender-affirming care. Introduction 1514-A will  
8 require that those housed in the transgender housing  
9 unit be afforded the same access to substance use  
10 treatment that those housed outside the unit receive.  
11 Passage of these bills will ensure that transgender  
12 individuals don't have to choose between receiving  
13 appropriate substance use treatment and living in the  
14 transgender housing unit. Finally, Introduction  
15 1530-A, sponsored by Council Member Francisco Moya,  
16 will require the Department of Corrections to issue  
17 incident-level reports to the City Council and to the  
18 Board of Corrections on housing requests made related  
19 to gender identity on a biannual basis and to issue  
20 an aggregate report to the public on an annual basis.  
21 This legislation will bring greater transparency into  
22 the application and appeals process for those who  
23 seek housing within the DOC, to ensure that DOC is  
24 responsive to those who are seeking this housing and  
25 responsive to their gender identity. I want to thank

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2 the staff for all these DOC bills. I want to thank  
3 Alana Civen and Max Camfer-Williams. That concludes  
4 our agenda for today's Stated Meeting and I look  
5 forward to proceeding with today's votes. Thank you,  
6 Madam Majority Leader.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
8 Speaker Corey Johnson. We will now move into  
9 discussion of general orders. We will now call on  
10 Council Member Margaret Chin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Majority  
12 Leader. Thank you, Speaker Johnson, for providing me  
13 with this opportunity to talk about an application  
14 known as Haven Green, to create over 100 units, more  
15 than 100 units, of senior housing. The path to this  
16 final vote has been a long one. For decade this site  
17 in Little Italy has been promised as the future home  
18 for affordable housing. With this vote our city is  
19 finally delivering on that promise. This project  
20 will create over 100 units of deeply affordable  
21 housing for elderly New Yorkers, including members of  
22 our city's LGBTQ community and the homeless seniors.  
23 Recognizing the community's need for open space, more  
24 than 6000 square feet of publicly accessible space  
25 was included in the plan. Today I am proud of our

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2 effort to secure even more open space, which the  
3 speaker talk about, which include an agreement with  
4 the adjacent building owner to add thousands more  
5 square feet to this project and as part of this  
6 agreement 150 units of Section 8 affordable apartment  
7 at this neighboring building will remain affordable.  
8 Taken together, these gains add even more benefit to  
9 an already-strong application that address both the  
10 urgent need for affordable housing and open space for  
11 the neighborhood. You know, this project has  
12 inflamed passion on both side. However, I believe  
13 that no matter where you stand on this particular  
14 application all of us want what's best for our  
15 neighborhood. Our city will need the passion and  
16 commitment shown by both side of this issue if we are  
17 to address the affordability crisis that is leaving  
18 too many New Yorkers behind. This collective effort  
19 is what we mean when we talk about housing justice  
20 for all. This is what we need when we talk about  
21 building communities that welcome all New Yorkers  
22 regardless of their socioeconomic status, background,  
23 or identity. This is what we mean when we talk about  
24 doing what's the right thing for those most in need.  
25 That include homeless seniors...



2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
3 much, Council Member Chin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...and the LGBTQ  
5 seniors of the Stonewall generation who fought for  
6 civil rights that we are celebrating Pride this  
7 month. I wanted to thank Land Use chair, Chair  
8 Salamanca, Chair Adams, for, you know, for chairing  
9 that long hearing and, ah, the land use staff,  
10 especially Roger Mann helping with this negotiation  
11 and all the supporters, all the seniors who are here,  
12 Coalition of Supporters for Affordable Housing.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: This has been, you  
15 know, a long fight, and I ask my colleague to really  
16 think about the affordable crisis. Do the right  
17 thing and vote in support. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 [applause] Hard to contain the passion of Council  
20 Member Chin. We'll now move on to Minority Leader  
21 Matteo.

22 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Thank you.

23 Today we are voting on two bills that in my view are  
24 capstones to a multiyear effort to expand access to  
25 automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, Intros

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2 1099-A and 1042-A. Building on the successes of our  
3 predecessors, Speaker Quinn and Borough President  
4 Oddo, the speaker and I during his tenure as Health  
5 Committee chair passed landmark legislation that  
6 brought AEDs to the most at-risk users of our city's  
7 field, youth baseball players. We have since  
8 expanded that mandate to youth softball and are now  
9 through Intro 1042-A given Parks the ability to use  
10 this proven AED distribution program for all youth  
11 sports as resources may allow. Additionally, during  
12 our hearings last year we learned that our city-owned  
13 pools are also vulnerable spaces. While many city  
14 pools have AEDs on site, they are often located where  
15 they cannot be accessed immediately, this bill will  
16 remedy that. Intro 1009-A closes the loop on having  
17 AEDs in our city's recreational and will undoubtedly  
18 save lives in the future. I want to thank the  
19 speaker for his partnership when he was the chair of  
20 the health committee and since being elected speaker  
21 has been really, a real fighter in bringing AEDs to  
22 more and more New Yorkers and we've been doing that  
23 since the beginning. We've passed multiple  
24 legislation. Today's legislation will bring that to  
25 a close. Parks will now have the ability to expand

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2 that program and it will expand in our Beating Heart  
3 sounds program, which I thank my council colleagues  
4 for supporting. After this fiscal year we will have  
5 handed out over a thousand AEDs to more and more New  
6 Yorkers. So I want to thank again Speaker Johnson.  
7 I want to thank Jason Goldman, Jeff Baker, Chris  
8 Santori. I want to thank my own staff, David  
9 Karinpedis Spencer, and I hope my colleagues vote in  
10 favor of these two pieces of legislation. Thank you.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We'll now have  
12 Council Member Rose, followed by Council Member  
13 Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Chair.  
15 Good afternoon, colleagues. I'm excited to bring to  
16 you for a vote LU 420, 421, 422, 423, with  
17 accompanying resos 986, 987, 988, and 989, and I want  
18 to thank Speaker Johnson for helping us get to this  
19 point. After four long years of community engagement  
20 and planning, and planning, and then more planning,  
21 the Bay Street rezoning is finally before us for a  
22 vote. This long-term plan for Stapleton and  
23 Tomkinsville will transform them into neighborhoods  
24 that residents have been asking for, vibrant,  
25 diverse, walkable, and well-planned, with housing for

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2 a range of income levels with all the infrastructure  
3 that residents deserve. This has not been an easy  
4 process, but I pursued it willingly to address the  
5 pressing need for housing and to secure the public  
6 investments that are long deserved. Too many people  
7 are fearful that rising housing costs across the city  
8 will someday force them out of their long-time  
9 neighborhoods. These fears are real and this plan  
10 address them. This project will allow for the  
11 construction of approximately 1800 new apartments in  
12 the Bay Street rezoning area, with more than 450  
13 permanently affordable units through mandatory  
14 inclusionary housing using MIH options 1 and the deep  
15 affordability option to ensure the local residents  
16 that face the most severe rent burdens are able to  
17 remain in the community. I have always said that we  
18 have to have the necessary infrastructure commitments  
19 before we move forward with any new development. I  
20 am happy to report that I have secured a package that  
21 is unprecedented for Staten Island. Again, I've been  
22 around long enough to tell you this is unprecedented  
23 and will benefit all residents of the borough. This  
24 package includes a commitment to build fully  
25 affordable housing on publicly owned because my

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2 district is not a gated community. Rental assistance  
3 vouchers to help move 100 homeless families and  
4 individuals out of shelter and into affordable  
5 housing. Assistance for tenants facing harassment  
6 and for struggling homeowners who need to make  
7 critical repairs. Two new schools in Stapleton, one  
8 on our waterfront and one inland on Tomkinsville  
9 Avenue, 12 acres of new waterfront open space that  
10 will include 75 million dollars in amenities,  
11 playgrounds, basketball courts, dog runs, pickleball,  
12 and comfort stations. A fully funded 75 million  
13 dollar Tomkinsville esplanades...

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
15 Council Member.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: ...with safe  
17 pedestrian openings...

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Majority Leader,  
19 Council Member Rose worked on this for four years, so  
20 I just would ask that she be allowed to finish her  
21 remarks today.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I got ya.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, thank  
24 you. With safe pedestrian-oriented spaces. A 49  
25 million dollar investment in pedestrian and roadway

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2 intersection improvements along the corridor to  
3 mitigate traffic and improve the areas around our  
4 Staten Island rail stations. 60 million in necessary  
5 sewer infrastructure work, restoring Tappen Park with  
6 a working fountain and a renovated village hall with  
7 comfort stations, and finally, finally, finally the  
8 long-delayed rebuilding of the Cromwell Recreation  
9 Center, a 92 million dollar project that has a target  
10 opening date of 2025, and I am eager to engage the  
11 community in the design and programming. This is  
12 planning infrastructure on a scale we have never seen  
13 before. Planning an infrastructure in the broadest  
14 and deepest sense. I want to thank Speaker Corey  
15 Johnson for all of his support and listening to my  
16 rantings, and his chief of staff, Jason Goldman, for  
17 their support in this process, the City Council Land  
18 Use team, Raju Mann, Amy Levitan, John Douglas,  
19 Arthur Ha, Rosa Kelly. Without their expertise and  
20 dedication to this project and answering all my  
21 myriad texts and emails at all hours of the day and  
22 night we would not be here this afternoon. I want to  
23 thank Chair Salamanca and Chair Moya, and on my own  
24 staff side I'd like to thank Christine Johnson, Esa  
25 Rogers, and Vince Graniani for their dedication to

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2 this project as well. I urge all my colleagues to  
3 vote yes on this application and I want to thank  
4 again Speaker Johnson for your support during this  
5 process. Thank you, Chair, for giving me extra time.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Congratulations,  
7 Council Member Rose, on all that you have  
8 accomplished. Council Member Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you so  
10 much. I want to speak to my colleagues today about  
11 Intro 5-B. I'm pleased and excited to have this  
12 before us today. Now, if you can recall your biology  
13 and your physiology lessons that you had, you know  
14 our body needs carbs for the fuel to get us the  
15 energy to do all the things that we're going to do,  
16 and if you continue to reflect on those lessons you  
17 know that those carbs are processed and turned into  
18 sugars. And the problem comes when we have the  
19 excess sugars beyond what our body can process, which  
20 can lead to diabetes. And diabetes is the seventh  
21 leading cause of death in the United States, and it  
22 is especially high among African Americans and  
23 Latinx. 29 million Americans have diabetes and in  
24 addition to that 86 million are prediabetes, or on  
25 the cusp of developing diabetes, and without

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2 intervention 15% to 30% of them will develop diabetes  
3 in five years. The American Diabetes Association  
4 says that "The balance between how much insulin is in  
5 your body and the carbohydrates that you eat makes  
6 the difference in your blood glucose level." We know  
7 that a number of New York City residents have these  
8 chronic diseases that they struggle with and the  
9 intent behind Intro 5 is to assist New York City  
10 residents by providing them with information that  
11 reminds them to be mindful of the carbs that they're  
12 taking in so that they don't exacerbate the  
13 situations that they may have. We know it's a very  
14 personal matter and we know that it's different for  
15 each person, but we do want to make sure that they  
16 are mindful of that. We've taken precautions so that  
17 business owners will have a full year once they're  
18 notified that this is a requirement, that they will  
19 have a full year to be able to comply with the  
20 signage that will go up so that they are not  
21 penalized, and I want to thank my legislative  
22 director, Indigo Washington, because this was her  
23 idea to introduce this bill, she's very health-  
24 conscious, and I want to thank the speaker for  
25 working with us on this and as well as the Mayor's



2 Office and the Department of Health. We had some  
3 real challenges. As you can see, this is number 5,  
4 so it's been a long time coming. And I want to thank  
5 all of the staff that worked on getting this done.  
6 Thank you so much.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Report of special  
8 committees.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: None.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Report of  
11 standing committees.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
13 Criminal Justice, Intros 1513-A through 1535-A,  
14 transgender and other individuals in city jails.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
16 general orders.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
18 Environmental Protection, Preconsidered Intro 1619,  
19 greenhouse gas emissions.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
21 orders.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
23 Health, Intro 5-B, information on healthy eating.

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

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
3 Land Use, LU 419 and Reso 982, Court Square.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
5 orders.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: LU 438 and Reso 983,  
7 American Brass.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
9 orders.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: LU 463 and Reso 984, Brook  
11 156.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
13 orders.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
15 Oversight and Investigations, Intro 1331-B, NYCHA  
16 overtime and procurement.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
18 general orders.

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Report of the Committee on  
20 Parks and Recreation, Intros 1009-A and 1042-A,  
21 defibrillators.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
23 general orders.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Intro 1549, Seaver Way.  
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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
3 orders.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: On the general order  
5 calendar, LU 410 and Reso 985, through LU 437,  
6 various applications from City Planning.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
8 orders.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Resolution appointing  
10 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
12 orders. And at this time I'm asking for a roll call  
13 vote on all of the items on today's general order  
14 calendar.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Torres.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.  
17 Thank you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye on  
20 all. Thank you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye on  
23 all.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Adams.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Congratulations to  
3 Council Members Chin and Rose. I vote aye on all.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all,  
12 except LU 420, 421, 422, 423, accompanying resos 986,  
13 987, 988, 989, and Intro 5-B. I just want to bask  
14 in the fact that people are clapping for me. They  
15 never do that here. So, thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Brannan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Cabrera. Matteo.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on Land Use  
20 420, 421, 423, accompanying resos 986, 987, 988...

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quiet in the  
22 chamber.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: ...989, and no on  
24 Intro 5-B. Aye on the rest.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Chin.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Congratulations to  
3 Council Member Rose. I vote aye on all.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Constantinides.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Ah, Madam  
8 Majority Leader, may I be allowed to explain my vote.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
10 granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank  
12 you. So I just wanted to talk a little bit about  
13 Intro 1619, the clean-up bill that we're doing today  
14 in relation to Local Law 97, which was known as the  
15 Climate Mobilization Act. Of course, I want to thank  
16 Speaker Johnson and all of the staff that worked on  
17 this historic legislation and today we just want to  
18 make sure we get a lot of the technical things right  
19 and that's making the advisory board more inclusive  
20 and not exclusive, with expertise needed to help  
21 guard policy are included. We want to make sure we  
22 can get this right and I appreciate the opportunity  
23 today, Jeff Baker and Nicole Bibe, everyone that was  
24 able to help us, just make sure we get all these  
25 technical fixes to ensure that this bill can be the

2 largest emissions reduction bill in the history of  
3 the city. Thank you very much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Deutsch. Diaz. Dromm.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Espinal.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote aye on  
11 all and I want to congratulate all of my colleagues  
12 on all of the work that they put in on their  
13 rezonings, but I do have to abstain from Land use  
14 call-up 410, only because for the same reasons I'm  
15 supporting the climate emergency reso, I think that  
16 green spaces in our city have to be valued. We have  
17 to do more to ensure that we're protecting gardens  
18 across all five boroughs... [applause]

19 UNIDENTIFIED: Keep it down please.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quiet in the  
21 chamber.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: ... So this is not, this is  
23 not a criticism of the project, I think the project  
24 is great, it brings a great affordable housing, it's  
25 more of a policy position, I think that the

1 administration has on building on community gardens  
2 and HPD spaces.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Gibson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Congratulations  
7 to my colleagues. I vote aye on all.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Gjonaj.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Madam Majority  
10 Leader, permission to explain my vote?

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
12 granted.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I want to speak  
14 up on Intro 1623 and I want to thank Speaker Johnson  
15 for his support of this intro. There are currently  
16 10,000 bodegas throughout New York City and many are  
17 not given the proper ability to defend themselves or  
18 their customers from crime. Last year 15-year-old  
19 Lasandra Junior Guzman rushed into a bodega seeking  
20 safety from gang members who mistook him for a member  
21 of a rival gang. Junior was then dragged from the  
22 bodega and viciously butchered with knives and  
23 machetes, just minutes from his home. This bill  
24 would create a pilot program to reimburse small  
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2 businesses for the purchasing and installation of  
3 panic buttons. The panic buttons would instantly  
4 notify the police department of emergencies and alert  
5 pedestrians when activated. The significance is this  
6 bill will create safe havens in our communities and  
7 throughout our neighborhoods. Panic buttons will  
8 allow store owners to immediately alert the police  
9 and community of a crime or potential of a crime,  
10 which will reduce crime and possibly save lives. It  
11 will allow small store owners the ability to install  
12 security systems to protect themselves, their  
13 customers, and our communities. It will help give  
14 justice to victims such as Junior and prevent victims  
15 in the future. We will never know if this panic  
16 button system could have prevented the murder of  
17 Junior, but we must all do what we can to prevent  
18 anything from this happening again, and I encourage  
19 all of my colleagues to be supportive of this  
20 initiative. With permission, I'd like to vote on all  
21 coupled items on the general order calendar and all  
22 resolutions.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
24 granted.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: And I vote aye.



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UNIDENTIFIED: Grodenchik.

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: With a nod to one of the great heroes of my youth, Tom Seaver, who is being rightfully honored today, I vote aye on all.

UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye on all.

UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

UNIDENTIFIED: King.

COUNCIL MEMBER KING: [child's voice speaking] Congratulations, Debbie Rose. I vote aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, Council Girl.

UNIDENTIFIED: Koo.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye, especially by passing Intro 1549, I hope this will bring many good fortune. I vote aye on all.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible]

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Yeah. Let's go Mets, yeah. [laughter]

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
3 King. Council Member King, while you were very well  
4 represented, we just need you to officially vote.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Congratulations,  
6 Debbie Rose, and I vote aye on all.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye on  
10 all.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Lander.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye, and I  
15 just want to shout out Zane Cowy from my district,  
16 one of the climate strikers has been outside City  
17 Hall every Friday for many, many months, pushing us  
18 to really recognize what an emergency this is. Thank  
19 you, Zane and everybody who is part of that movement.  
20 I vote aye on all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Levin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all,  
24 with congratulations to all my colleagues, in  
25 particular Council Member Rose.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Louis.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Congrats, Council  
4 Member Rose. I vote aye on all.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Maisel.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I just want to quickly,  
7 oh, yes, let's let Council Member Maisel yell yes.  
8 Oh, yes, OK. [laughter] I did not see her here at  
9 the beginning of the meeting when I gave my remarks  
10 from communication with the speaker, but I really,  
11 again, now, now it's for the long haul. I want to  
12 congratulate, again, she's not new because she's been  
13 here, but now it's official. I want to give a big  
14 congratulations to Council Member Farah Louis on her  
15 big victory last night. [applause and cheers]  
16 Congratulations, Farah.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Not many of us  
18 can say we've won two elections in one month and came  
19 to the Stated Meeting the next day. So certainly  
20 congratulations to you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED: Miller.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye on all.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Perkins.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Reynoso.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Richards.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: With

11 congratulations to my colleagues and a hearty Go

12 Mets, as well as a special thank you to my interns,

13 Kate, Hope, Jason, and Porter, thank you, it's going

14 to be a good day. Aye on all.

15 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Rose.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to

19 explain my vote? I just want to say thank you to

20 Council Member Chin for being so courageous and not

21 running away from a good fight, congratulations on

22 the passage of your land use issues, and I vote aye

23 on all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Salamanca.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I would like  
3 to congratulate Council Member Chin and Council  
4 Member Rose on your land use applications,  
5 congratulations. I vote aye on all. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Treyger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: With  
9 congratulations to my colleagues, and since everyone  
10 is wishing a certain sports team a lot of good luck,  
11 let's wish them luck to the New York Knicks as well,  
12 like Kevin Durand. I vote aye on all.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Ulrich.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Permission to  
15 explain my vote?

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you very  
19 much, Madam Majority Leader. I'm very very pleased  
20 to welcome the two wonderful women in my life, my  
21 grandmother Rosemary is with us and my daughter Lily  
22 is also here. [applause] Just two, just two of the,  
23 I was very careful not to say the many wonderful  
24 women, I really shouldn't say that, but I meant I  
25 have a lot of wonderful women in my life and these

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2 happen to be two of the most important, the most  
3 important ones, so. I want to vote no on, give me  
4 that paper, I want to vote no on Intro 5-B and aye on  
5 all others. But I also want to congratulate  
6 Christine McLaughlin. I don't think in the 11 years  
7 that I've been here I ever got a newsletter done on  
8 time. But that doesn't mean that it wasn't delivered  
9 to my district, and I'm kind of worried now because I  
10 don't know what I'm going to do. She was always so  
11 gracious and helpful to me and my staff. She is one  
12 of the many great people that work for the City  
13 Council and for all of us. We would not be able to  
14 do our jobs without Christine McLaughlin and so many  
15 of the other good folks that work at 250 Broadway.  
16 So I'm very sad to see her go, but I'm very happy  
17 because she deserves to have a good retirement and to  
18 enjoy and relax for a change and not have to chase  
19 after the 51 of us. So I love Christine McLaughlin  
20 and I wish her all the best, and I want to  
21 congratulate Farah also on her victory yesterday.  
22 It's great to have her. Thank you very much.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

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COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam President,  
may I be excused to explain my vote?

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
granted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you very  
much. First, I just wish to rise to congratulate our  
new colleague, Council Member Farah Louis. As I  
said, when she was sworn in a few weeks ago it was a  
great privilege for me and my friend, Chaim Deutsch,  
was standing on the streets in the pouring rain. We  
did it again yesterday, this time in the sun,  
although I was a little worried about the rain in the  
morning. But she has been incredible so far in her  
last few weeks and I have great hopes for the  
incredible unity that she is bringing to our  
neighborhood that's desperately needed. I vote aye  
on all, with the exception of Intro 5, on which I  
vote no, and on Introductions 1331, 1513, 1514, 1530,  
1535, and 1619. On those six items I respectfully  
abstain for the reasons I stated earlier at  
Committee. Thank you very much, Madam President.

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson. [pause]

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. All

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items on today's general order calendar are adopted

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by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero negative,

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and zero abstentions with the exception of Intro 5-B,

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which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,

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1514-A, 1530-A, 1619, which was adopted by a vote of

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45 in the affirmative, zero negative, and 1

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abstention. Thank you. We will now have

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introduction and reading of bills.

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UNIDENTIFIED: Sit down and be quiet

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills are referred

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to committees as indicated on today's agenda.

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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We will now move

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into the discussion of resolutions. Are there any

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members who wish to speak on today's resolutions?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: If folks could stay in  
3 the room, we have to maintain quorum until this  
4 resolution is voted on.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
6 Ben Kallos.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I'll make this  
8 quick.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Quiet in the  
10 chamber.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: My name is  
12 Council Member Ben Kallos. I believe in climate  
13 change. I believe that humans have caused climate  
14 change and I believe that we have a climate  
15 emergency. We must activate across all sectors on a  
16 scale we haven't seen since World War II in order to  
17 prevent this, the sixth mass extinction on our  
18 planet. Today we vote on Resolution 864, to join  
19 over 657 other countries, cities, towns, and villages  
20 worldwide to declare a climate emergency. We are  
21 standing up to climate change deniers, including  
22 Donald Trump, who has called climate change a hoax  
23 and withdrew our country from the Paris Climate  
24 Accord. Today New York City will be the largest city  
25 in the world to declare a climate emergency. Take

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2 that, London! I want to thank Environmental  
3 Protection Chair Costa Constantinides for being a co-  
4 prime sponsor on this resolution and for scheduling a  
5 hearing within a month right after passing the  
6 groundbreaking historic climate mobilization act.  
7 Thank you to a bunch of staff and all the advocates.  
8 I'm out of time.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
10 Council Member Kallos. We now have Council Member  
11 Constantinides.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Whether  
13 we want to call this a crisis, we need to call it an  
14 emergency and today this resolution makes a firm  
15 declaration that we are in a climate emergency and  
16 our actions need to be hastened and accelerated. I  
17 want to thank the speaker for allowing us to vote on  
18 the resolution today and for his strong environmental  
19 leadership as we pass the Climate Mobilization Act  
20 and of course I want to thank Ben Kallos, the lead  
21 sponsor of the resolution. As we continue to act, we  
22 need to continue to start using words and declaring  
23 things as they are, and we are most certainly in an  
24 emergency right now when it comes to climate and we  
25 have to treat it as such. So thank you very much.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much  
3 for your leadership. We will now read today's  
4 resolution into the record. Members who wish to vote  
5 against or abstain on this resolution should register  
6 your vote with the clerks at the dais. Resolution  
7 864-A, an amended resolution declaring a climate  
8 emergency and calling for an immediate emergency  
9 mobilization to restore a safe climate. All in favor  
10 say aye. [several people say aye] All opposed.  
11 Abstentions. The ayes have it. I will now read on  
12 to the record Intro 1535-A, which was adopted by a  
13 vote of 45 in the affirmative, zero negative, and one  
14 abstention. We will now move into general  
15 discussion. We will begin with Council Members King,  
16 followed by Dromm, followed by Barron. OK, we'll  
17 now begin with Council Member Dromm, followed by  
18 Council Member Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you very  
20 much, Madam Majority Leader. I would like to call my  
21 colleagues' attention to Intro 1621, a local law in  
22 relationship to creating a nuclear disarmament and  
23 nuclear weapon-free zone advisory committee and to  
24 also calling their attention to Resolution 976 and  
25 it's a resolution calling on the New York City

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2 comptroller to instruction the pension funds of  
3 public employees to divest from and avoid financial  
4 exposure to companies involved in the production and  
5 maintenance of nuclear weapons, reaffirming New York  
6 City as a nuclear weapons-free zone and joining the I  
7 Can Cities Appeal and calling on the United States  
8 for support and join the treaty on the prohibition of  
9 nuclear weapons. It's time for us to end the  
10 proliferation of nuclear weapons and I urge my  
11 colleagues to sign onto that legislation. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
13 Council Member Dromm. Now Council Member Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. I  
15 just want to call my colleagues' attention to Reso  
16 975. As you know, this is Black History Month and we  
17 are talking about the importance of history as a part  
18 of our culture and carrying positive messages and  
19 what this resolution does. It calls on the FCC to  
20 enforce its regulations that it has against the  
21 broadcasting of profane, obscene, and violent lyrics  
22 in songs. It's prevalent and we are calling on the  
23 FCC to follow their own restrictions and place a ban  
24 on those stations that do not agree and follow with  
25 the regulations. Thank you.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
3 Council Member Barron, and just want to close with  
4 wishing, many of you have gotten a chance to know  
5 Crystal Hudson on my team, who is my chief operating  
6 officer, will be leaving today to work with first  
7 deputy Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and she will  
8 be working with Jumaane Williams moving forward as  
9 the first deputy public advocate for community  
10 engagement. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams has  
11 done a phenomenal job at poaching the great talent of  
12 the City Council [laughter] and I'm so sad to see her  
13 leave, but she is going to go off to do extraordinary  
14 things and I'm excited to see her growth and  
15 development, and you will continue to hear wonderful  
16 and phenonmenal things, and wishing all of my  
17 colleagues a wonderful summer, an opportunity to  
18 regroup, to rest, perhaps go on a vacation, if you're  
19 so lucky, and I thank you all for the incredible work  
20 that we have done with the leadership of Speaker  
21 Corey Johnson, who will now close us out.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I hope everyone enjoys  
23 the summer, until we see you in July, and has a safe  
24 Pride weekend and a safe Fourth of July. The Stated  
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2 Meeting of June 26, 2019, is hereby adjourned. Happy  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



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