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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
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Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.
Keith Powers
Jimmy Van Bramer
Kalman Yeger
Steven Matteo

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].

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Gracias.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Gracias.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades, felicidades,
6 felicidades.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Felicidades, felicidades.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Congratulations.

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

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Mucho gracias.

13 UNIDENTIFIED: De nada [inaudible].

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you.

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

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

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

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%

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

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

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

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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

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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 Bagney, 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

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 evacuatees 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

2 we're here 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

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

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

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 Archioses 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

2 crucial 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

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,

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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! Shhhhhh. 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.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Ampry-Samuel.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Ayala.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Barron. Borelli. Brannan.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Cabrera. Chin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Cohen. Constantinides.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Cornegy.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Deutsch.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [Present]

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Diaz.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Dromm.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Espinal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: [inaudible]

22 present.

23 UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene. Gibson. Gjonaj.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

25 UNIDENTIFIED: Grodenchik.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.

3 UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

5 UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos. King. Koo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Koslowitz.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Lancman. Lander. Levin.

10 Levine. Borelli.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: [Present]

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Louis. Maisel.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Menchaca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: [Present]

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Miller.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [Present]

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Perkins.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Moya.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [Presente]

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Powers. Reynoso. Richards.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Rivera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Rodriguez. Rose.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Rosenthal.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

8 UNIDENTIFIED: Salamanca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

10 UNIDENTIFIED: Torres. Treyger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

12 UNIDENTIFIED: Ulrich.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH:

14 UNIDENTIFIED: Vallone. Espinal.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

16 UNIDENTIFIED: Powers.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Van Bramer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

20 UNIDENTIFIED: Yeger.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: Matteo.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.

25 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

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

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.

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

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

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,

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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 intersection improvements along the corridor to
3 mitigate traffic and improve the areas around our
4 Staten Island rail stations. 60 million is necessary
5 sewer infrastructure work, restoring Tappan 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

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

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

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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.

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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

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

4 UNIDENTIFIED: Eugene.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Gibson.

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

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Gjonaj.

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

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
13 granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I want to speak
15 up on Intro 1623 and I want to thank Speaker Johnson
16 for his support of this intro. There are currently
17 10,000 bodegas throughout New York City and many are
18 not given the proper ability to defend themselves or
19 their customers from crime. Last year 15-year-old
20 Lasandra Junior Guzman rushed into a bodega seeking
21 safety from gang members who mistook him for a member
22 of a rival gang. Junior was then dragged from the
23 bodega and viciously butchered with knives and
24 machetes, just minutes from his home. This bill
25 would create a pilot program to reimburse small

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.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Grodenchik.

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

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Holden.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye on
8 all.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Kallos.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

11 UNIDENTIFIED: King.

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

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
16 Council Girl.

17 UNIDENTIFIED: Koo.

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

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 UNIDENTIFIED: [inaudible]

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

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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.

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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

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

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you very
7 much. First, I just wish to rise to congratulate our
8 new colleague, Council Member Farah Louis. As I
9 said, when she was sworn in a few weeks ago it was a
10 great privilege for me and my friend, Chaim Deutsch,
11 was standing on the streets in the pouring rain. We
12 did it again yesterday, this time in the sun,
13 although I was a little worried about the rain in the
14 morning. But she has been incredible so far in her
15 last few weeks and I have great hopes for the
16 incredible unity that she is bringing to our
17 neighborhood that's desperately needed. I vote aye
18 on all, with the exception of Intro 5, on which I
19 vote no, and on Introductions 1331, 1513, 1514, 1530,
20 1535, and 1619. On those six items I respectfully
21 abstain for the reasons I stated earlier at
22 Committee. Thank you very much, Madam President.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 UNIDENTIFIED: Cumbo.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

2 UNIDENTIFIED: Speaker Johnson. [pause]

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. All

4 items on today's general order calendar are adopted

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

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

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

8 5 negative, and zero abstentions, and LUs 420 through

9 423 and accompanying resos, which was adopted by a

10 vote of 44 affirmative, 2 negative, and zero

11 abstentions. And LU 410 and Reso 985, which was

12 adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, zero

13 negative, and 1 abstention. Intros 1331-B, 1513-A,

14 1514-A, 1530-A, 1619, which was adopted by a vote of

15 45 in the affirmative, zero negative, and 1

16 abstention. Thank you. We will now have

17 introduction and reading of bills.

18 UNIDENTIFIED: Sit down and be quiet

19 please.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills are referred

21 to committees as indicated on today's agenda.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We will now move

23 into the discussion of resolutions. Are there any

24 members who wish to speak on today's resolutions?

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

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.

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

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.

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 phenomenal 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
3 summer.

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