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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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

LAURIE A. CUMBO
Majority Leader

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- ADRIENNE ADAMS
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- DIANA AYALA
- INEZ D. BARRON
- JOSEPH C. BORELLI
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- FERNANDO CABRERA
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- ROBERT E. CORNEGY, JR.
- CHAIM M. DEUTSCH
- RUBEN DIAZ, SR.
- DANIEL DROMM
- RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, JR.
- MATHIEU EUGENE
- VANESSA L. GIBSON
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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

- ROBERT F. HOLDEN
- BEN KALLOS
- ANDY L. KING
- COUNCIL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)
- PETER A. KOO
- KAREN KOSLOWITZ
- RORY I. LANCMAN
- BRAD S. LANDER
- STEPHEN T. LEVIN
- MARK LEVINE
- FARAH N. LOUIS
- ALAN N. MAISEL
- STEVEN MATTEO
- CARLOS MENCHACA
- I. DANEEK MILLER
- FRANCISCO P. MOYA
- BILL PERKINS
- KEITH POWERS
- ANTONIO REYNOSO
- DONOVAN J. RICHARDS
- CARLINA RIVERA
- YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ
- DEBORAH L. ROSE
- HELEN K. ROSENTHAL
- RAFAEL SALAMANCA
- RITCHIE J. TORRES
- MARK TREYGER
- ERIC A. ULRICH
- PAUL A. VALLONE
- JAMES G. VAN BRAMER
- KALMAN YEGER

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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

Pastor Diesel Sano Joseph
Spiritual Leader of Iglesia de Dios de la
Profecia Williamsburg in Brooklyn

[gavel]

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen quite please, quite on the floor please, quite on the floor please. At this time please place all electronic devices, all electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-council employees, non-council employees please leave the main floor of the chambers, thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon and welcome to the stated meeting of February 27th, 2020. I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

[Pledge of Allegiance]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: [off mic] Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron? Borelli?

Brannon?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNON: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?
COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: [off mic] Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?
COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?
COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: [off mic]
Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?
COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?
COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?
COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: [off mic] Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj?
Grodenchik?
COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: [off mic]
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COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos? King? Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic]

Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander? Levin? Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca? Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [off mic] Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins? Powers?

Reynoso? Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

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just for the record.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose? Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: [off mic]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: [off mic] Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here and on time

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here again.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger? Matteo? Cumbo?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: [off mic] Here.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum
3 and we will now have today's invocation which will be
4 delivered by Pastor Diesel Sano Joseph, the spiritual
5 leader of Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia Williamsburg
6 located at 333 Union Avenue in Brooklyn. Please rise.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

8 PASTOR DIESEL SANO JOSEPH: [Spanish]

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, I'd
10 now like to ask Council Member Rodriguez to spread
11 the invocation on record.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you
13 Majority Leader, thank you Speaker also for inviting
14 someone from the Dominican descent, [Spanish]. It is
15 a great day and thank the Speaker for inviting
16 someone from the Dominican community. Today we
17 celebrate the Dominican Independence Day, there's one
18 million Dominicans in New York City throughout the
19 five boroughs. Thank you Majority Leader, Pastor
20 Diesel Sano Joseph here and... for being here today and
21 making a motion that the invocation be spread in the
22 full upon the record. Pastor Diesel Sano Joseph was
23 born in San Luis at city agents Santo Domingo in the
24 Dominican Republic before expanding his life in San
25 Antonio... his professional training was as an

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2 electrical technician and was employed by a local
3 factory while actively involved with his own church.
4 In 1987 he was asked to start a new church in Boca
5 Chica in the south part of the nation. Shortly
6 thereafter he was recommended for the pastor ship and
7 served in that role for the next four years. Pastor
8 Sano immigrated to the United States on January 18th,
9 1997 along with his wife and three out of his four
10 children. First arriving in New Jersey, in 2007 he
11 was transferred to the Iglesias de Dios de la
12 Profecia in Brooklyn where he is still serving
13 located in 387 South 1st Street in the south side of
14 Williamsburg and home to one of the largest
15 population of Latinos in North Brooklyn. Iglesia de
16 Dios de la Profecia welcomes all who worship in
17 peace. Today Pastor Sano is humbled by a community
18 that has... around service and God and is proud of his
19 four children and 12 grandchildren that him and his
20 wife of 46 years old. Gracias [Spanish]. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Gracias. We'll
22 now have the adoption of minutes by Council Member
23 Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I motion that the
3 minutes of the stated meeting of January 23rd, 2020
4 be adopted.. be adopted as printed.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
6 Member Louis. We'll now have messages and papers from
7 the Mayor.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: M224 tax commission
9 appointment.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
11 from city, county and borough offices.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: M224 is referred to
13 rules, Preconsidered M225 through Preconsidered M228
14 various budget documents.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Finance.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and
17 communications.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land Use Call-
20 Ups.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: M229, sidewalk cafe.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, at this time
23 I'm asking for a roll call vote on today's land use
24 call up calendar, this is just on land use call ups.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: I vote yes and
3 with your permission I'd like to vote yes on all
4 coupled general orders resolutions.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on all
10 and ask for your unanimous consent to vote on all the
11 matters on the general order calendar as well?

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I was just
13 getting used to you, permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Alright, yes, I
15 vote aye, thank you. I'll be back don't worry.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?
COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?
COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?
COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?
Cornegy?
COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?
COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?
COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: [off mic] I vote
aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?
COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson? Gjonaj?
COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?
COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?
COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?
COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: King? Koo?
COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?
COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?
COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander? Levin?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?
COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?
COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca? Miller?
COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: [off mic] Aye.
COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins? Powers?
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: [off mic] Aye.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [off mic] Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides, land
5 use callups?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I, I vote
7 aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: [off mic] Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I ask unanimous
12 consent to vote for all land use callup items and all
13 general calendar items... general calendar items.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Say it again?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I vote aye...

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Oh okay,
19 alright, I was waiting, okay, I vote aye. Thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I am
24 permission to vote aye on all general order?
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MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission

granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye and my prayer to the family who lost their child today in an auto crash unfortunately bring to four the number of children been losing their life in crashes in the city of New York since December to today, with that I vote aye.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose? Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I would like to vote aye, I would.. I would like to vote yes on all land use callups and with your permission I would like to vote yes on all coupled general orders and resolutions?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Yes, I vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: [off mic] I vote aye.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: At this time, I'd like to call on Council Member Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you Madame Majority Leader, with your permission I would like to vote yes on all coupled general orders and resolutions and as you may know there was another child killed on his way to school today, it is the second death in my district within two days and I do ask that we all, you know be mindful of that and keep the family in our prayers.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Our condolences on behalf of the entire City Council and I know how

1 tragic this must be for the families but also..

2 [cross-talk]

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes... [cross-talk]

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: ...for you as the
5 leader and we stand strong and we stand with you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 Permission granted and today's land use callups are
9 adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative and zero
10 negatives. We will now have communication from
11 Speaker Corey Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Good afternoon, a very
13 happy Thursday, thank you all for being here for
14 today's stated meeting. I want to begin this stated
15 by acknowledging a few momentous incidences since our
16 last stated meeting. If folks could take a seat just
17 while we do this that would be great. This sadly
18 includes two devastating losses for the NYPD,
19 Detective Paul Federico died by suicide on February
20 17th, he was 53 years old. Detective Federico served
21 the department for more than 25 years and was a first
22 responder to 9/11. We will forever be grateful for
23 the bravery and courage of Detective Federico. The
24 department also lost Daniel Shirreffs, a retired
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1 member of the department to suicide as well. He
2 served the department for over 20 years and he passed
3 away on February 21st, he was 46 years old. As the
4 department mourns these two losses my heart goes out
5 to the families of both Detective Federico and
6 Officer Shirreffs. I also want to encourage all
7 members of the Police Department to seek help for any
8 struggles they are facing, no one should suffer in
9 silence. I'm sad to say that we lost a New York City
10 construction worker in an on the job fatality earlier
11 this month. David Johnson died on February 20th in
12 Queens, he was 50 years old and we have lost too many
13 construction workers on the job here in New York City
14 and we must continue to work to make that industry
15 safer and as we do at every stated meeting I want to
16 remember the lives of those lost to 9/11 related
17 illnesses. FDNY fire fighter Daniel Foley passed away
18 after a battle with a 9/11 related cancer, he passed
19 away on February 22nd. Fire fighter Foley was a 21-
20 year veteran of the FDNY, he spent days in the
21 aftermath of 9/11 searching for his brother who was a
22 victim of the tragic attacks at the World Trade
23 Center. The heroic acts of fire fighter Foley will
24 never be forgotten, and my heart is with his family
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1 and with the department during this difficult time.

2 If we could all stand and let us pause for a moment

3 of silence for Detective Federico, Officer Sherriffs,

4 David Johnson and fire fighter Foley. Thank you. And

5 yesterday marked the 27th anniversary of the bombing

6 at the World Trade Center's north tower basement

7 which pre-dated the, the September 11th attacks, six

8 lives were lost that day and over 1,000 others were

9 injured. As you remember the lives lost on that

10 fateful day, I want to encourage us to remember from

11 the greatest city in the world we are greater united.

12 Yesterday was also the anniversary of the killing of

13 NYPD Officer Edward Byrne, the 22-year-old officer

14 was shot in his police vehicle 32 years ago, a death

15 that shook New York City to its core. He was guarding

16 the home of an immigrant who was being targeted by

17 gangs. Officer Byrne's legacy will never be

18 forgotten. And yesterday also marked the beginning of

19 lent, many New Yorkers commemorated Ash Wednesday and

20 I would like to wish everyone a very peaceful season

21 of lent. Pope Francis is urging the faithful to

22 disconnect from their devices for lent which I think

23 is great advice, I don't know if I could do it, but

24 it is worth trying. I also want to acknowledge that

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2 Davis Winslow, a senior economist in the finance
3 division's revenue unit, is leaving the council after
4 four years to go work at the State Division of Homes
5 and Community Renewal, we are grateful for all the
6 work that you have done Davis and we want to wish you
7 good luck in your next part of public service, are
8 you here? There you are.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: On Tuesday the Council
11 held it's black history month event here in the
12 Council Chambers where we celebrated accomplishments
13 of black people throughout our country and our city
14 and I was honored to join so many of the members here
15 during that celebration. Last but especially not
16 least today is the Dominican Republic's Independence
17 Day and New York is stronger today because of the
18 contributions of Dominicans and Dominican New Yorkers
19 so to everyone who's celebrating here and abroad we
20 wish them a very happy Independence Day. Now let's
21 dive into today's legislate... into today's legislative
22 agenda. On today's stated agenda the Council will
23 vote on the following land use items; 2513-2523
24 Avenue O rezoning in Council Member Chaim Duetsch's
25 district; two applications in Council Member Margaret

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2 Chin's district; the GO Broome development and 503
3 Broadway; then there's also Bridge Park South mapping
4 to facilitate the expansion of Bridge Park and the
5 Harlem River Gateway in Council Member Vanessa
6 Gibson's district and lastly a site selection of a
7 new 322 seat primary school in Council Member Justin
8 Brannan's district. Out of the Finance Committee the
9 Council will vote on the following items; Proposed
10 Introduction Number 245 B sponsored by Council Member
11 Antonio Reynoso will exempt properties from having
12 their liens sold by the Department of Finance in a
13 tax lien sale if the property received a not for
14 profit property tax exemption in the prior two years,
15 properties that have a pending application or appeal
16 to be granted for the nonprofit property tax
17 exemption will also be considered exempt. This bill
18 will also require the creation of a not for profit
19 ombudsperson within DOF and improved notice
20 requirements and I want to thank from the staff
21 Rebecca Chasen, Emre Edev and Stephanie Ruiz for
22 their work on this. The Council's also voting on our
23 operating budget as prepared by the Council's
24 Administrative Services Division and expense budget
25 modification and a transparency resolution. Moving on

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2 the Council will be voting on the following pieces of
3 legislation; first we have two very important health
4 resolutions that address sickle cell disease. Sickle,
5 sickle cell disease disproportionately impacts the
6 black community as well as... as well as other
7 communities of color despite its severity there is a
8 lack of funding, education and research in this
9 field. These resolutions would in... would increase the
10 public awareness of sickle cell disease and draw
11 attention to the serious and often unmet needs of
12 communities impacted by this disease. Resolution 980
13 by Council Member Daneek Miller would declare June
14 19th sickle cell awareness day and Resolution Number
15 335 A sponsored by Danny Dromm would call the, the..
16 call for legislation from the state that would
17 establish eight demonstration programs throughout the
18 state and one coordinating center to improve the care
19 of sickle cell disease patients and educate about
20 sickle cell disease and I want to thank Emily Balkan
21 from the staff for her work on those resolutions.
22 Next, we have an update to the New York City energy
23 code. New York City has been a global leader in the
24 fight against climate change and these updates will
25 make... these updates will make newly constructed or

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2 substantially renovated buildings more energy
3 efficient. Proposed Introduction Number 1816 A
4 sponsored by our Housing Committee Chair Robert
5 Cornegy updates the energy conservation code and I
6 want to thank Janon [sp?] Zilkha [sp?] from the staff
7 for her work on that. Next, our next bill is an
8 oversight investigations piece of legislation that is
9 designed to increase transparency in an area that is
10 desperately needed. Proposed Introduction Number 1440
11 A sponsored by Council Member Ritchie Torres would
12 ensure that the New York City Department of
13 Investigation and the special commissioner of
14 investigation for the New York City school district
15 to create web applications to track agency
16 cooperation and compliance with investigations and
17 recommendations in an effort to increase
18 transparency. And I want to thank Stephanie Jones
19 from this staff for her work on that bill. Next we
20 have two pieces of food policy legislation; Proposed
21 Introduction Number 1654 A sponsored by Council
22 Member Diana Ayala will require the New York City
23 Department of Mental Health of, of Health and Mental
24 Hygiene to conduct neighborhood specific public
25 awareness and education campaigns regarding the

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2 city's farm to city projects with the goal of
3 improving public education about such projects. And
4 then Proposed Introduction Number 1652 A sponsored by
5 Council Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel would define
6 community gardens and prohibit the New York City
7 Department of Planning from classifying community
8 gardens as vacant lots. And I want to thank the staff
9 that worked on these two bills Alex Paulenoff, Nadia
10 Johnson, Emily Forgione and Andrea Vazquez. The next
11 bill is a public safety bill and its Introduction
12 Number 1847 sponsored by Council Member Mark Treyger
13 and it will amend the responsibilities for the New
14 York City Office for Hate Crime Prevention to now
15 require an individualized response to all violent
16 hate crimes. I'm proud of our efforts to pass this
17 quickly and it's an example of the Council's unity
18 and the city's unity against hate crimes. And I want
19 to thank from the staff Daniel Addis and Agatha
20 Mavropoulos for their work on that bill. And today
21 the Council will vote on a very important bill
22 related to Title IX aimed at expanding reporting on
23 sex and gender-based discrimination and harassment.
24 Introduction 1536 A sponsored by Council Member Helen
25 Rosenthal relates to reporting on efforts to prevent

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2 and address sex and gender-based discrimination and
3 harassment including the experiences of transgender,
4 intersex, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary
5 individuals. And I want to thank from the staff
6 Brenda McKinney, Jayasri Ganapathy, I apologize if I
7 didn't mis... if I mispronounced your name, Smita
8 Deshmukh, Andrea Vazquez and Chloe Rivera. Finally,
9 the Council will vote on a piece of cultural affairs
10 legislation, Proposed Introduction Number 1451 A
11 sponsored by Council Member Fernando Cabrera, will
12 require the creation of a task force to evaluate the
13 feasibility of creating a museum about New York
14 City's African American civil rights history. And I
15 want to thank from the staff Brenda McKinney, Cristy
16 Dwyer, Smita Deshmukh and Andrea Vazquez. That is
17 today's agenda and I turn it back to you Madame
18 Majority Leader.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
20 Speaker Corey Johnson. We will now move into
21 discussion of general orders beginning with Council
22 Members Cabrera, Cornegy and Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you so
24 much. Today in the last week of black history month
25 we will vote on Intro 1451 A which creates a task

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2 force to consider the creation of a museum of New
3 York City African American Civil Rights History.
4 There's an untold civil rights movement story that
5 needs to be told not just for us but for our
6 children, grandchildren and all generations to come
7 regardless of nationality. The risks and personal
8 sacrifices made by African American New Yorkers are
9 the guidepost and inspiration for standing up for
10 justice. Many were part of the great migration from
11 the south and had firsthand experience with
12 lynching's, legally sanctioned sexual violence, theft
13 of, of property, racial profiling, chain gangs, night
14 riders and all of the matters... in all manner of the
15 domestic terrorism supported even by local
16 authorities. While New York City is rich in museums
17 there is none, let me say that again, there's none
18 that deals with this history. This, this is a
19 groundbreaking legislation that will bring light to
20 these unsung heroes and raise our commitment to civil
21 rights, equality and diversity to an even higher
22 level. I want to personally thank our Speaker Corey
23 Johnson, Cultural Affairs Committee Chair Van Bramer
24 and Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo for your advocacy,
25 for your help and support of Intro 1451 A. I also

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2 want to thank the Cultural Affairs staff; committee
3 staff Brenda McKinney and Cristy Dwyer and my
4 legislative Director Claire McLeveighn for their work
5 on this bill. I'm looking forward to the
6 recommendations from the task force of experts. Thank
7 you so much.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
9 Council Member Cabrera for your leader... [cross-talk]

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madame Majority Leader
11 I, I forgot to mention two things that I, I need to
12 mention. Number one, I was remiss we have another
13 wonderful member of the staff here that is leaving
14 and I want to say that we're really going to miss Ben
15 Smith from the Office of the General Counsel who has
16 been a fantastic person to work with, he has been a
17 great lawyer here, he has worked on a lot of the
18 important things that we've dealt with and so I want
19 to give a round of applause to Ben Smith for his
20 service.

21 [applause]

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: And the other thing
23 that I forgot to mention Madame Majority Leader is
24 that we are also voting on two nominations to the
25 Conflicts of Interest Board today, Chair Koslowitz

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2 chaired a hearing the other day and then the vote
3 this morning, those two nominees are Wayne Hawley who
4 used to be the General Counsel at the Conflicts of
5 Interest Board and Nisha Agarwal who has served this
6 city for many years, we are voting on... we are voting
7 on both of those nominations as part of our advice
8 and consent responsibility on COIB nominees today
9 here at the Council and I want to thank Chair
10 Koslowitz for her work in chairing that hearing.
11 Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Speaker
13 Johnson and now we will hear from Council Member
14 Cornegy.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Madame
16 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. Our 2020 New York
17 City energy conservation code sends an important
18 message, our city will lead on sustainability, our
19 city will lead on energy conversation and our city
20 will lead on preserving our planet. When we pass the
21 energy conservation code today, we mark a significant
22 advance in taking advantage of new technologies and
23 strategies to pursue sustainability. We'll all
24 benefit when we create and upgrade our standards for
25 energy conservation and energy efficiency and

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2 sustainability. Today would not be possible without
3 the work of colleagues in government, advocates and
4 those forward-thinking private sector institutions
5 who recognize the challenge of climate change is not
6 a tomorrow problem, the challenge of climate change
7 is a today, here and now problem. The expertise and
8 insight of all the partners who participated in
9 making this 2020 energy conservation code possible
10 are critical to overcoming that present-day
11 challenge. Their expertise guides us towards taking
12 advantage of innovations we have at present and
13 pressing to pursue the even more innovative
14 technologies of tomorrow. Thanks to the Speaker, my
15 colleagues, Mayor De Blasio, our partners across the
16 administration and at Department of Buildings and all
17 the experts and advocates who make today's vote
18 possible. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
20 Member Cornegy, we'll now hear from Council Member
21 Chin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you Madame
23 Majority Leader. I also first wanted to welcome my
24 seniors from Chinese American Planning Council
25 Project Open Door.

[applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Today the Council will vote on the GO Broome development project in my district. This project will bring to the Lower East Side desperately needed affordable senior housing, a permanent home for the Chinese American Planning Council and a dedicated space to preserve the legacy and services of the best Hamedrash Hagodol synagogue that serves the Lower East Side community for over 120 years until the tragic fire in 2017. This is a site that so many Lower East Side residents feel connected to in different ways. Throughout this process we have heard from residents who share feedbacks and emphasized the need to deepen affordability and secure traffic mitigation. As a result I'm proud that we were able to secure 488 residential units at an average of 53 percent of the area median income, 208 units or 43 percent will be permanently affordable by the end of this process I'm proud to say that we secured deeper affordability by lowering the average AMI and creating affordable... additional affordable senior housing and I'm also proud that 30 percent set aside for formally homeless seniors and families. Not only will formally homeless

1 families have a chance to move in, we are fighting to
2 give former tenants in the Seward Park urban renewal
3 area a chance to return to the community where they
4 were raised. This site will also be a permanent home
5 for the Chinese American Planning Council, a
6 community based organization that has been serving
7 working class and immigrant New Yorkers for over 55
8 years and will now be able to expand their services
9 for senior immigrants, people with special needs and
10 our youth and rising above the ashes of the fire will
11 be the best Hamedrash Hagodol Jewish congregation and
12 cultural heritage center that will hold classes and
13 lectures and regular synagogue services. Those
14 running the project just like any construction
15 project will work with us, a partner in mitigating
16 traffic congestion especially in the narrow already
17 congested Lower East Side Street and we will continue
18 to actively engage agencies on next steps to
19 implement traffic mitigation and study traffic
20 patterns that will relate to construction and
21 activate pedestrian friendly improvements. You know
22 today's vote is an important... [cross-talk]

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
25 Member... [cross-talk]

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...step forward...

[cross-talk]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: ...Chin... [cross-talk]

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...creating desperately needed affordable housing, senior housing and preserving the legacy of these two important institutions and I wanted to thank our land use staff especially Raju and, and Chelsea for their work and their support, my staff Gigi Li and Anthony Drummond and I personally also want to thank our Chair, Chair Moya for chairing such a long hearing and, and thank you to all the supporters who came out and I ask my colleagues for your strong support. Thank you and thank you Madame Majority Leader for giving me the extra time.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council Member Chin for taking additional time.

[applause]

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much and we should all have a cheering squad like you Council Member Chin, congratulations and we will now move on to the report of special committees.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: None.

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
standing committees?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Cultural Affairs, libraries and international
intergroup relations Intro 1451 A, museum task force?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Economic Development Intro 1652 A, community
gardens?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1654 A, farm to
city projects?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
on Finance, Intro 245 B, tax liens?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso
1258, transparency Reso?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
orders.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M225 and
3 Reso 1261 through Preconsidered M228 and Reso 1264,
4 various budget documents?

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
6 orders.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
8 on Housing and Buildings, Intro 1816 A, energy code?

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
10 general orders.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
12 on Land Use, LU 606 and Reso 1265 through LU 608 and
13 Reso 1267, Broome Street?

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
15 orders.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 609 and Reso 1268,
17 503 Broadway?

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
19 orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 610 and Reso 1269,
21 Bridge Park South?

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
23 orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 614, Avenue O,
25 rezoning?

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with modifications and referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 190 D of the New York City Charter.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 615 and Reso 1270, primary school?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 624 and Reso 1271, Blue Stone Lane?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to filed pursuant to letter of withdrawal.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 625 and Reso 1272, sidewalk café?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 636 and Reso 1273, Baychester Avenue rezoning?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled to be filed pursuant to letter or withdrawal.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Oversight and Investigations, Intro 1440 A, agency compliance application?

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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Intro 1847 A, hate crimes?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, M17 and Reso 1274, approving the appointment of Nisha Agarwal, Conflicts of Interest Board?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M218 and Reso 1275 approving the appointment of Wayne Hawley, Conflicts of Interest Board?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Women and Gender Equity, Intro 1536 A, annual reporting..

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: On the general order calendar, LU 614 and Reso 1276, Avenue O rezoning?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
3 orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Resolution appointing
5 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds?

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
7 orders and at this time I'm asking for a roll call
8 vote on all of the items on today's general order
9 calendar.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Congratulations to
12 all of my colleagues passing legislation today, I
13 vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Permission
16 to explain my vote?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you
20 for this opportunity and thank you Speaker Johnson
21 for your leadership focusing on food equity in New
22 York City. Today community gardens are classified as
23 vacant land and not as open space and outdoor
24 recreation as they should be. The changing of how
25 community gardens are designated in City Planning

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2 databases will hopefully prohibit officials from
3 inappropriately reviewing land for potential
4 development. Studies show that in our communities we
5 are already in desperate need for access to green
6 space and access to fresh fruits and vegetables and
7 1652 will address both those needs in its own small
8 but mighty way. When addressing and fighting against
9 overdevelopment in low income communities now we can
10 plan ahead in a meaningful way knowing that our
11 community gardens will be protected by exclusion from
12 the City Planning list. We already don't have much
13 space as already indicated so we need to protect what
14 we have and so I'm proud of bill 1652 and again I
15 thank the Speaker for his leadership and seeing the
16 need and importance to have access to fresh fruits
17 and vegetables and doing that by protecting our small
18 community gardens so thank you again and I just hope
19 that everyone sees the benefit of this bill. Thank
20 you so much.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye
23 on all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

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COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?

COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Congratulations to
all my colleagues on passing important legislation, I
vote aye on all, thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Definitely aye
on my bill and I guess aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Congratulations
to all of our colleagues passing important
legislation today, I vote aye on all, thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: [off mic]
Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: [off mic] Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander? Levin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you. I just
7 wanted say congratulations to my colleagues on the
8 legislation that they are passing today, I want to
9 especially acknowledge Council Member Lander and
10 families for safe streets for the immense amount of
11 work that they have done on this legislation today
12 and, and hopefully this will be saving lives in the
13 future. So, with that I vote aye on all.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: [off mic] Yes.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

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COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Permission to explain my vote?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you Majority Leader. I want to first commend and thank all my colleagues for their legislation today and also just to bring to attention the bill Introduction 1847, my bill that helps establish communication protocols in terms of hate crimes. I, I thank my council colleagues who were very instrumental in establishing the office of hate crimes prevention within the Mayor's Office. We're adding to this by now requiring communication protocols when hate crimes occur. We are now codifying that within 24

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2 hours of a confirmation of a hate crime by the NYPD
3 that officials will be notified, communities will be
4 notified, not everyone follows tweets, not everyone
5 follows a Facebook message, we need official
6 communication when these serious hate crimes occur.
7 We're also calling upon the administration to come up
8 with a holistic plan to proactively address this
9 very, very serious crisis. So, I thank my colleagues,
10 I want to thank Jeff Baker, Council staff, my staff
11 and the Speaker for their support and I vote aye,
12 thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer? Yeger?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with
18 the exception of M225, M226 and accompanying
19 Resolutions 1261 and 1262, thank you.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye. Give
22 us one moment as we count the tally.

23 [off mic dialogue]

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: The chamber will
25 stand at ease.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All items on
today's general order calendar are adopted by a vote
of 45 in the affirmative, zero negative and zero
abstentions. M225 plus 226 with accompanying Resos
which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative,
one negative and zero abstentions. Introduction and
reading of bills.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
referred to committees as indicated on today's
agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, we
will now move into the discussion of Resolutions.
I'll now read today's Resolutions into the record,
members who wish to vote against or abstain on either
of today's Resolutions should register your vote with
the Clerk at the desk. Resolution 335 A, an amended
Resolution calling upon the New York State
Legislature to pass and fully fund and the Governor
to sign A6493S220... 2281, legislation that would

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2 establish eight demonstration programs throughout New
3 York State...

4 [off mic dialogue]

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: ...and one
6 coordinating center to improve the care of sickle
7 cell disease patients and educate about sickle cell
8 trait. All in favor say aye.

9 [aye]

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed,
11 abstentions, the ayes have it. Resolution 980,
12 Resolution declaring June 19th of each year sickle
13 cell awareness day in the city of New York, all in
14 favor say aye.

15 [aye]

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed,
17 abstentions, the ayes have it. We'll now move into
18 general discussion. We will begin with Council Member
19 Adams followed by Ampry-Samuel followed by Moya.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you Madame
21 Majority Leader...

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Please we're
23 having quite in the chamber.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you Madame
25 Majority Leader. On Saturday, November 30th just

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2 after the thanksgiving holiday South Ozone Park and
3 South Jamaica residents in my district woke up to a
4 nightmare after the collapse of a sewer line that
5 flooded their homes. Unfortunately, months later
6 their nightmare continues. Since November we have
7 spent holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years
8 Day and Valentines Day at home with our families. Our
9 children and grandchildren, our nieces and nephews
10 were able to enjoy midwinter recess at home however
11 many residents in my district are still waiting to
12 have appliances replaced, waiting for heat, waiting
13 for reimbursement after losing their most precious
14 belongings and some are still waiting to get back
15 into their homes. Some basements haven't even been
16 touched and I have no reports of anyone receiving a
17 dime in compensation. We can and must do better as a
18 city. I stand here today to say to my constituents I
19 am here for you and I will continue to fight for you
20 until your heat is restored, until your appliances
21 are replaced, and your finances are reimbursed. I
22 also stand here to ask my colleagues to lend support
23 to my efforts to make this right for the residents of
24 South Ozone Park and South Jamaica and yes even New
25 York City to address the failures that led us to this

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2 point so that it never ever happens again. Thank you
3 Madame Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
5 Council Member Adams, Council Member Ampry-Samuel.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you
7 Madame Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and thank you for
8 your leadership on Intro 1894 that's being introduced
9 today.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: The fair
12 shot act. Following generations of little to no
13 progress in combatting discrimination in hiring, the
14 fair shot act will create a level playing field for
15 job applicants. The fair shot act will ensure
16 automated employment tools are audited to assess
17 predicted compliance with existing New York City
18 antidiscrimination laws, it will require that audits
19 be conducted on an annual basis and it will provide
20 notice to job applicants who are asked to submit to
21 an automated assessment as part of a hiring process.
22 There has been no reduction of discrimination against
23 black job applicants in the quarter of a century and
24 the results are hardly better for Latinx applicants.
25 This should absolutely be horrifying to the city

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2 especially one that counts its diversity as among its
3 greatest assets. The fair shot act is intended to
4 meaningfully build on the city's work to eliminate
5 bias from how companies hire and how they make use of
6 pre-hire assessments. Job applicants deserve the
7 right to know that they are being evaluated and the
8 fact that they are being evaluated without any bias.
9 So, I ask my colleagues to join us in supporting bill
10 Intro 1894 and just to be consistent with all of the
11 other amazing pieces of legislation that came out of
12 this body. So, again Majority Leader I thank you for
13 your leadership and here to be supportive.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
15 and we will now hear from Council Member Moya
16 followed by Gibson.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you Madame
18 Majority Leader. New York is famous the world over
19 for our food, there's Chinese, Italian, Ecuadorian,
20 Greek, you name it I guarantee you there's a
21 restaurant that's serving it at least for now. Right
22 now restaurants across the city and across the
23 country at the mercy of third party food delivery
24 services like Grub Hub and Uber Eats, they're stuck
25 in a Catch 22, they, they need these food delivery

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2 apps to reach customers and stay in business but at
3 the same time it's these delivery services that are
4 threatening the survival of our local restaurants.
5 Apps like Seamless are charging restaurants as much
6 as 30 percent for orders which can exceed the
7 restaurant's profit margin in some cases. On top of
8 that delivery services prohibit restaurants from
9 using different pricing on the app to account for
10 those service fees. In some cases, apps are even
11 charging restaurant fees even when users don't submit
12 an order. They do this... they do this with, with call
13 fees, charging restaurants when a user calls an
14 establishment through the app even if the call
15 doesn't result in an order. I want to take this
16 opportunity to thank Council Member Gjonaj for being
17 a leader on this issue and partnering with me on this
18 Intro of packages of bills that are designed to give
19 restaurants a fighting chance. Thank you Madame
20 Majority Leader and thank you Speaker for the time.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
22 Council Member Gibson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Madame
24 Majority Leader and good afternoon colleagues. I am
25 so honored and privileged to thank the members of the

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2 New York City Council Women's Caucus. Earlier this
3 afternoon we had a vote and there was an overwhelming
4 vote of new co-chairs and I along with Council Member
5 Farah Louis are your new women's caucus co-chair...

6 [applause]

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: ...and we are
8 excited to get to work and certainly we want to thank
9 our outgoing co-chairs, the amazing council Member
10 Margaret Chin and Council Member Carlina Rivera,
11 thank you ladies, thank you for your service, for
12 your commitment, for your relentless efforts
13 throughout your tenure to always be a powerful voice
14 for women and children across New York City. It has
15 been an honor working under your leadership, you both
16 have given us a lot of work to do and we have big
17 footprints to fill but I truly believe that as new
18 women's co-chairs we're going to obviously continue a
19 lot of the great work and really make sure that every
20 young girl across the city of New York understands
21 that they can look at us and see themselves and I
22 appreciate your commitment, your passion, your
23 dedication, all of the events, the forums, the
24 legislative town halls, budget priorities, everything
25 that we've done has always been in the spirit of a

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2 collaboration because we represent so many residents
3 in our communities that are looking up to us and I
4 look forward to working with the entire City Council.
5 On behalf of the Women's Caucus I thank you ladies
6 for the honor and privilege and I look forward to
7 serving all of you, thank you so much Madame Majority
8 Leader.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you and I
10 just want to close recognizing during this black
11 history month as it was brought up at the council
12 event that we lost several giants at this time as
13 well including model, entrepreneur, actress,
14 restaurateur B. Smith, Barbara Lane Smith, she will
15 be forever remembered and continue to inspire
16 generations of women entrepreneurs. I also want to
17 recognize Katherine Johnson who died at the age of
18 101, worked for NASA, many of you may know her as the
19 powerful woman featured in the film, Hidden Figures
20 and she played an instrumental role in our first
21 American space flight and she will also be remembered
22 and on February 24th in California there was the
23 recognition of the loss of Kobe Bryant and Gianna
24 Bryant as well as the other seven members who also
25 died in the tragic helicopter accident and at the

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2 same time I also want to recognize their powerful
3 work that they have done but I also want to switch
4 gears completely and just talk about a piece of
5 legislation that I'm also introducing as the Majority
6 Leader mom, I'm supportive of eight... Intro 1893
7 requiring child toilet seats and... to be built in
8 buildings of certain occupancy codes including but
9 not limited to educational centers, theaters,
10 amusement parks, libraries, hospitals, and many other
11 spaces, cultural centers where our children continue
12 to live, learn and grow. Public bathrooms are not
13 child friendly and this legislation will bridge the
14 gap, parents and children across New York City
15 deserve to feel comfortable needing to stop at a
16 restroom while they are out and about and I can say
17 firsthand that potty training is a challenge in
18 public spaces and I look forward to my colleague's
19 support. Thank you so much, this meeting is now
20 adjourned, and we will hear from closing remarks from
21 Speaker Corey Johnson.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I believe Council
23 Member Grodenchik wanted to make some brief remarks.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I just want
25 to remind everybody as we close black history month

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2 that next week on March 5th will be the 250th
3 anniversary of the Boston Massacre and while it
4 didn't take place here in New York City those of us
5 who remember our American history know that the first
6 person to die in the cause of freedom and liberty
7 here was a man named Crispus Attucks, he was a person
8 of color and so it's good that we remember him this
9 day in the New York City Council that he gave his
10 life that we may meet here today in peace and
11 freedom. Thank you Crispus.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
13 much.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: This stated meeting of
15 February 27th, 2020 is hereby adjourned.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Speaker
17 Corey Johnson.

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



Date

March 19, 2020