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April 22, 2020

Start: 1:40 p.m.

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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
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Mathieu Eugene  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
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Robert Holden

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Karen Koslowitz  
Rory I. Lancman  
Brad Lander  
Stephen T. Levin  
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Steven Matteo  
Carlos Menchaca  
I. Daneek Miller  
Francisco Moya  
Bill Perkins  
Keith Powers  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Carlina Rivera  
Ydanis Rodriguez  
Deborah Rose  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
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Ritchie J. Torres  
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Eric A. Ulrich  
Paul Vallone  
Jimmy Van Bramer  
Kalman Yeger

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentleman,  
3 welcome to the New York City Council's first virtual  
4 stated meeting. At this time, please place all  
5 electronic devices to vibrate and turn on your video.  
6 Please check to see that your microphone is on, is on  
7 mute. Thank you for your cooperation. I now turn it  
8 over to Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon,  
10 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of April 22, 2020.  
11 I am Laurie Cumbo and it is my pleasure to welcome  
12 you to the City Council's first virtual Stated  
13 Meeting. If you would like to follow along, the  
14 agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.  
15 Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I pledge allegiance...

17 UNIDENTIFIED: I pledge allegiance to the  
18 flag of the United States of America, and to the  
19 republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
20 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: ...to the flag of the  
22 United States of America, and to the republic for  
23 which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible,  
24 with liberty and justice for all.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Adams.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ampy-Samuel.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ayala.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Barron.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present and

10 blessed.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Borelli.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Blessed and

13 present.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Brannan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Present.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cabrera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Present.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Chin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cohen.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Constantinides.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Blessed

24 and present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cornegy.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Blessed,  
3 present, and highly favored.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Deutsch.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Present.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Diaz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Eugene.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Gibson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Blessed and  
14 highly favored. I'm here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Gjonaj.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Here.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Grodenchik.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Also blessed  
19 and most definitely here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Holden.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Kallos.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: King.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present and  
3 blessings to us all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Koslowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lancman.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Present.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Lander.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Grateful.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Levine.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Very happy to be  
16 present.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Louis.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Blessed and here.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Maisel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Menchaca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Miller.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Moya.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Perkins.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Powers.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Nice to see  
7 everybody. I am present.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Reynoso.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present. Peace.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Richards.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Miss all y'all.  
12 Present.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rivera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rodriguez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [speaking in  
17 Spanish] Presente.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rose.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Blessed and  
20 present.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Rosenthal.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Salamanca.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Torres.



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2 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Treyger.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Ulrich.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I am present and  
7 on time. Here.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Vallone.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Van Bramer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Very grateful  
12 to be here with all of you. I am present.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Yeger.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Matteo.

16 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Here.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Cumbo.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: Speaker Johnson.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here and I'm happy  
21 to see all my colleagues, very, very happy to see you  
22 all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK MARTIN: We have a  
24 quorum.  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
3 will now have today's invocation, which will be  
4 delivered by Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum Beit Simcat  
5 Torah, located at 130 West 30th Street in Manhattan.

6 RABBI KLEINMAN: Thank you so much, and  
7 I'm honored to be here with all of you to offer these  
8 words as you begin your work on behalf of this great  
9 city, and we're so grateful to all of you for  
10 stepping forward and doing the work of our city. May  
11 the One who has blessed all of our ancestors and all  
12 of our lands and in all of our histories, bless all  
13 of us here today. We stand on the shoulders, each  
14 one of us, of those who have come before us, who have  
15 lived through times even worse than the ones we are  
16 in right now, and have blessed us with our lives, to  
17 remember them, to bring their strength, and to bring  
18 their vision to create a world for those who will  
19 come after us as we have come after them. Bless  
20 those healthcare workers in our city who every day  
21 take their lives into their hands as they save lives.  
22 Bless those essential workers and those on the  
23 streets of our city keeping it clean and safe and  
24 delivering food and essential services so that all of  
25 us may live. Bless all those who are working to

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2 bring dignity to the dead. Our city now counts over  
3 10,000 dead from this virus. We pray for the  
4 immigrants, the refugees, the asylum seekers, those  
5 who are teachers and parents and grandparents, those  
6 who are in our homeless shelters and those who are in  
7 our homes and on our streets. We pray for everyone  
8 today. And we pray for those of you who represent  
9 this city, to continue doing the work of government  
10 to make things better for all of us, to bring to us a  
11 vision of what it could be when we gather together  
12 with intention for the good and for the health of  
13 all. Please, all of us, those of various faiths and  
14 those of no faith, we join together to bring our  
15 intentions and to bring our talents , to bring our  
16 vision and to bring our humanity, to create a city on  
17 which we will build into a future. We use technology  
18 to gather together today, but knowing that the One  
19 who has made all of us is present wherever each of is  
20 right now. We pray that though we are physically  
21 distant we are spiritually connected and we pray we  
22 will use whatever tools necessary to build up toward  
23 the future. We say these words of the Jewish prayer  
24 which expresses gratitude for living to this moments.  
25 [speaking in Hebrew]. We thank the One above, the

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2 One who has created our souls, the One who is in our  
3 hearts for the honor, the privilege to be alive at  
4 this moment, to use the work of our hands and our  
5 hearts for the good of all humanity, and less us say  
6 amen.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amen.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Amen.

9 Thank you so much, Rabbi Kleinbaum, for that powerful  
10 and timely and important prayer that our city needs  
11 so much right now. I'd now like to ask Speaker  
12 Johnson to spread the invocation on the record.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam  
14 Majority Leader, and I want to thank my friend, whom  
15 I'm so happy to see, ah, on the screen, Rabbi Sharon  
16 Kleinbaum, ah, who serves as the spiritual leader of  
17 Congregation Beit Simcat Torah. She was installed as  
18 CBST's first rabbi in 1992, arriving at the height of  
19 the AIDS crisis. She guided the congregation through  
20 a period of tremendous loss and also tremendous  
21 change while addressing social issues of the day and  
22 building a strong and deeply spiritual community.  
23 Under her leadership the congregation has become a  
24 powerful voice in the movement for equality and  
25 justice for all people, of all sexual orientations,

gender identities, and expressions. I have personally worked closely with Rabbi Kleinbaum, who is a source of inspiration to so many in our community and she is a source of inspiration to me personally. Her temple is in my council district on West 30th Street. I have been there many times for Friday night services and I particularly have enjoyed their Pride Shabbat the last couple of years. I have fond memories of not that long ago surprising Rabbi Kleinbaum with a proclamation for her 60th birthday. Rabbi, again, I want to thank you for everything you do and for being with us today as part of this special Stated Meeting. I also want to thank you for your work serving New Yorkers in your community during this coronavirus crisis. We are deeply, deeply grateful for you and everything you do for our city, but especially the importance of your voice and of your spirituality and of your guidance during these painful weeks we have just lived through. So I want to thank you for your friendship and for being a wonderful New Yorker. And Madam Majority Leader, with that I make a motion to spread the invocation in full upon the record.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
3 much, Speaker Johnson. I will now recognize you  
4 again so that you can provide an overview of today's  
5 very historical meeting.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ah, thank you again,  
7 Madam Majority Leader, and this is not my speaker  
8 time, this is just, ah, an overview to give the  
9 council members and also the folks that are watching  
10 an understanding of what we're going to be doing  
11 today. I want to welcome everyone to the New York  
12 City Council Stated Meeting for April 22, 2020. This  
13 is a Stated unlike anything, unlike any we've ever  
14 had before, and I think it's fair to say that this  
15 crisis is unlike anything we've faced in modern  
16 history. New York City is the epicenter of the  
17 coronavirus pandemic in the United States of America.  
18 And as of yesterday our city has had 134,874  
19 confirmed cases of COVID-19. We have also lost  
20 14,427 New Yorkers to this terrible disease, and I  
21 don't want to get lost in numbers. Each one of those  
22 losses is a personal story, a family that has lost  
23 someone, lives that have been altered by this  
24 terrible virus. It is a death toll that defies the  
25 imagination and includes many frontline workers and

public servants who have died in service to our great city. As New Yorkers, we have faced adversity many times before. Hurricane Sandy, September 11, the Great Recession, the fiscal crisis of the 1970s. But none of those tragic experiences were quite like this. But although this crisis is unprecedented, we will get through this the same way we got through other hard times. We will look out for one another. We will fight to protect the most vulnerable. And we will work together to benefit the common good for the city that we love. We know that the days and months ahead will not be easy. But this City Council is committed to doing everything we can to help New York City recover. Today we are voting on several important affordable housing items that are crucial to our city, and we are also introducing a COVID relief package that includes bills to extend time for tenants to repay rent and debts, as well as new protections from harassment for commercial and residential tenants. And we're introducing a plan to reopen our streets to pedestrians so they can practice safe social distancing while getting fresh air and exercise that people need to stay healthy. This relief package also includes a New York City

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2 essential workers bill of rights that requires  
3 premiums for non-salaried essential employees at  
4 large companies, prohibitions on the firing of  
5 essential workers without just cause, and paid sick  
6 leave for gig workers. I know that we are anxious to  
7 get started, but before we begin I want to explain  
8 how we were able to meet today and to provide  
9 everyone with a road map on the steps we are taking  
10 in today's meetings. We are able to meet virtually  
11 today because of Governor Cuomo's emergency order  
12 202.1 which suspended certain portions of the public  
13 officers law. This had the effect of allowing for  
14 public bodies like the New York City Council to meet  
15 virtually. We are also able to meet pursuant to the  
16 mayor's executive order 100, which suspended Section  
17 42 of the New York City Charter to the extent it  
18 requires the City Council to hold meetings as  
19 provided by its rules and requires us to have two  
20 Stated Meetings per month. This means that we do not  
21 need to follow our council rules regulating Stated  
22 Meetings, including the in-person voting requirement.  
23 Based on those executive orders we are going to move  
24 forward with today's meeting and we'll be following  
25 all of our rules except for Rule 8.40-A, requiring



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2 in-person voting. Here is what will happen. First  
3 we'll vote on a motion from Council Member Karen  
4 Koslowitz, the chair of our Rules Committee, that  
5 allows for the suspension of City Council rules that  
6 would otherwise prevent us from conducting our  
7 regular business virtually. After we vote on that  
8 motion, we will take a recess from this Stated  
9 Meeting. Then I will suspend the rule requiring in-  
10 person votes for committees. And we will then have a  
11 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. That is a  
12 committee made up of all of the members of the City  
13 Council. The reason why we are convening the  
14 Committee of the Whole is to enable the council to  
15 seamlessly pass laws and resolutions out of committee  
16 and still vote on them today, the ones we'll be  
17 voting on today. After that committee meets we will  
18 then reconvene the Stated Meeting and consider the  
19 items that passed the Committee of the Whole, along  
20 with other items that were already passed through  
21 committees prior to the coronavirus hitting New York  
22 City. For all of these steps we will stay in the  
23 same Zoom conference, so the Zoom conference that  
24 you're in right now or that you're watching right now  
25 is the same Zoom conference where all of this will

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2 occur. With that, I turn the floor back to you,  
3 Madam Majority Leader Cumbo.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
5 Speaker Corey Johnson. At this time I would now like  
6 to recognize Council Member Koslowitz, the chair of  
7 our Committee on Rules, Privileges, and Elections.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you very  
9 much. I move to suspend the rules of the council  
10 pursuant to Rule 10.20 in relationship to certain  
11 emergency measures to respond to the public health  
12 risk posed by the coronavirus. The suspension and  
13 this amendment to the rules of the council would only  
14 last for the duration of the declared coronavirus  
15 emergency by the governor of New York State or the  
16 mayor of New York City, pursuant to New York  
17 executive law. Since I have not provided one week  
18 notice for this motion, unanimous consent is  
19 required. I move to suspend the founding rules of  
20 the council, Rule 2.30, Committee of the Whole to the  
21 extent it requires physically posting a hard copy  
22 notice in City Hall. Rule 5.10, public access, to  
23 the extent it requires that a complete transcript of  
24 each committee meeting be available for in-person  
25 public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk.

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2 Rule 6.00, preparation and presentation of papers to  
3 the extent it can be read as requiring that all  
4 papers other than committee reports must be deposited  
5 in person with the office of the speaker before 1:00  
6 p.m. at least three business days, excluding  
7 municipal holidays proceeding the meeting day.

8 Papers referred to committee, change of reference, to  
9 the extent it only allows the Speaker to change the  
10 committee assignment of the Local Law or Resolution  
11 up until the first meeting of any such committee.

12 Rule 7.50, meetings subsection B, to the extent it  
13 prohibits a committee from meeting on the day of the  
14 Stated or Special Meeting of the council unless the  
15 item to be considered by such committee will out of  
16 necessity be proposed as a general order for that day  
17 or such committee meeting is called with the consent  
18 of two-thirds of the members of such committee.

19 Subsection C, to the extent it requires certain  
20 standing committee, committees, to meet once a month  
21 or once every two months. Rule 7.70, required voting  
22 subsection to the extent it requires that all  
23 committee votes must be cast in person. Rule 7. ...

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council Member

25 Koslowitz. Which, which subsection of rule 7.70?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Subsection A.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Great. You can  
4 continue.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: OK. Rule  
6 7.130, discharge of committee to the extent it would  
7 prohibit a change of reference of the committee  
8 assessment pursuant to Rule 6.30. Rule 8.40, voting,  
9 subsection A, to the extent it requires that all  
10 votes cast at Stated, Charter, and Special Meetings  
11 of the council must be in person. Rule 11.60,  
12 discharge of committee, subsection A, to the extent  
13 it prohibits the council from acting on a matter  
14 referred to the Land Use Committee or its  
15 subcommittees pursuant to Section 11.20 until the  
16 committee has reported thereon or the expiration of  
17 the time limits the consideration of that matter. In  
18 addition, my motion would allow the Speaker to  
19 suspend any other rule of the council that would  
20 prevent the council and its committees from  
21 conducting their regular business remotely, as long  
22 as that suspension is consistent with federal, state,  
23 and local law. To do so the Speaker would need to  
24 publish the rules being suspended on the council  
25 website.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
3 Council Member Koslowitz, for your important work.  
4 Would any council members at this time like to debate  
5 this motion? If you would like to speak please raise  
6 your hand using the feature in Zoom.

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Madam Majority Leader,  
8 Council Member Menchaca has raised his hand.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
10 Council Member Menchaca. If you would like to speak  
11 please wait before you begin your remarks for our  
12 Sergeant at Arms to announce he has begun the  
13 countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms will alert you  
14 when your time expires.

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Council Member, your  
16 two minutes is starting now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. Ah,  
18 thank you to the Speaker and the staff and our  
19 Majority Leader Cumbo. Um, I just have one question,  
20 after listening to, ah, Council Member Koslowitz's  
21 review of the changes. Can I just get a sense of  
22 comparison to what we're voting on today to an  
23 earlier version of a systems change proposed by, ah,  
24 by you, Council Member Koslowitz back in early March?  
25 Are there any differences with that and this one?

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2 And whoever wants to answer that question it'd be  
3 great.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Lance Polivy.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN: I'd be happy to answer  
6 that question, Council Member Menchaca. The  
7 difference between the motion that Council Member  
8 Koslowitz distributed to members in March and the one  
9 that she has just proposed is that the one in March  
10 did not, ah, lay out each of the rules that would be  
11 suspended. The motion that she has made today that  
12 requires unanimous consent lists all of the, ah,  
13 provisions of the council rules that would be  
14 suspended.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thanks. Laurie?

16 Sorry, Madam Majority Leader?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Are there any  
18 other members that wish to speak at this time? OK.  
19 As required by rule 10.20 I ask for unanimous consent  
20 to adopt Council Member Koslowitz's motion to  
21 suspend...

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Madam Majority Leader.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes?

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council Member Yeger  
25 has raised his hand.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: My apologies.  
3 Council Member Yeger, please.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Council Member Yeger,  
5 your two minutes is starting now.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you, Madam  
7 President. Um, I just want to, ah, reflect in  
8 addition to what the parliamentarian spoke, ah, and  
9 to Madam Chair Koslowitz's, ah, remarks earlier, ah,  
10 and specifically a reference to my colleague, Council  
11 Member Menchaca's question. The, ah, a month ago  
12 the, the resolution that was proposed would have  
13 enable the Speaker to suspend any rule of the council  
14 and, ah, the counsel to the council has worked very  
15 hard together with the Speaker to, and Chair  
16 Koslowitz, to limit the suspension only to such, ah,  
17 portions of our rules as would, ah, inhibit our  
18 ability to conduct these meetings online, and to no  
19 other matter at all. So it's, it's a, it's a simple,  
20 ah, listing of those rules, ah, that would have  
21 otherwise prohibited us from proceeding the way we're  
22 proceeding today and later at the Committee of the  
23 Whole, um, and it's a, it's a statement, I think, by  
24 the Speaker that he recognized, ah, the, the rights  
25 and obligations and authorities of members of the

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2 council and has respected us in great way to allow us  
3 to keep the rules intact except what is absolutely  
4 necessary, and I'm grateful, ah, to the Speaker. I  
5 will be voting yes on this.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Council  
7 Member Yeger. I appreciate that statement.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
9 Council Member Yeger. And I will begin with, as  
10 required by Rule 10.20, I ask for unanimous consent  
11 to adopt Council Member Koslowitz's motion to suspend  
12 and amend certain rules of the council. Any member  
13 wishing to vote against Council Member Koslowitz's  
14 motion should raise their hand now in Zoom or object  
15 by saying no.

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Madam Majority Leader,  
17 there are no objections.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing none, the  
19 motion is adopted. I now recognize Speaker Corey  
20 Johnson.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I would like to make a  
22 motion for a recess for about, ah, one hour, it might  
23 be less, to allow the Committee of the Whole to meet.  
24 If the motion passes we will stay in this Zoom  
25 conference and wait for the committee to begin. We



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2 will then consider and vote on the items on the  
3 agenda for the Committee of the Whole. Then we will  
4 stay in the same Zoom conference and reconvene this  
5 Stated Meeting.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
7 Speaker Corey Johnson. I would ask whether there is  
8 unanimous consent for this motion for a recess. Any  
9 member wishing to vote against the recess should  
10 raise their hand now in Zoom or object by saying so.

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Madam Majority Leader,  
12 there are no objections.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing none, the  
14 motion is adopted. We will take a recess to convene  
15 a meeting of the Committee of the Whole. The Stated  
16 Meeting of April 22, 2020, is now in recess. [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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



Date April 26, 2020