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CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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B E F O R E: COREY JOHNSON, SPEAKER

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
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2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Sargeants do your
3 recordings. We are waiting on live stream. Thank
4 you.

5 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Live is going.

6 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good afternoon
7 everyone and welcome to today's stated meeting. At
8 this time, I ask that everyone please turn their
9 cellphones to vibrate and all electronic devices to
10 vibrate. Madam Majority Leader.

11 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Good
12 afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of
13 October 29, 2020. I am majority leader Laurie Cumbo
14 and I would like to thank you for joining us at this
15 virtual meeting of the New York City Council. If you
16 would like to follow along, the agenda for today's
17 meeting is posted on our website.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Would you please
19 join us for the pledge of allegiance. I pledge
20 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 Justice
23 for all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you,
25 roll call.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

3 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Present.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-

5 Samuel?

6 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

8 DIANA AYALA: Present.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

10 INEZ BARRON: Less than present.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

12 Borelli?

13 JOSEPH BORELLI: Present.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?

15 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Here.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

17 Cabrera?

18 FERNANDO CABRERA: Here.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

20 MARGARET CHIN: Present.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

22 ANDREW COHEN: Here.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

24 Constantinides?

25 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Cornegy?

4 ROBERT CORNEGY: Present.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

6 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Here.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

8 RUBEN DIAZ: Presente.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

10 DANIEL DROMM: Here.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

12 MATHIEU EUGENE: Present.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

14 Gjonaj?

15 MARK GJONAJ: Present.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

17 Grodenchik?

18 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Here.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

20 ROBERT HOLDEN: Here.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

22 BEN KALLOS: Here.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

24 PETER KOO: Present.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

3 Koslowitz?

4 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Here.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

6 Lancman?

7 RORY LANCMAN: Here.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

9 BRAD LANDER: Here.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

11 STEPHEN LEVIN: Here.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

13 MARK LEVINE: Present.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

15 FARAH LOUIS: Present.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

17 Menchaca?

18 CARLOS MENCHACA: Presente.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

20 Moya?

21 FRANCISCO MOYA: Present.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

23 Perkins?

24 BILL PERKINS: Here.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

2 KEITH POWERS: Present.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

4 Reynoso?

5 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Present.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

7 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Present.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

9 CARLINA RIVERA: Present.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

11 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Presente.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

13 Rosenthal?

14 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Here.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

16 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Present.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

18 Treyger?

19 MARK TREYGER: Here.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

21 ERIC ULRICH: I am present.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

23 PAUL VALLONE: Here.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Van

25 Bramer?

2 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Here.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

4 KALMAN YEGER: Here.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

6 STEVEN MATTEO: Here.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

8 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Present.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker
10 Johnson?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I am here.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Madam
13 Majority Leader we have a quorum.

14 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

15 We will now have today's invocation which will be
16 delivered by Reverend Anthony Sandusky, the spiritual
17 leader at Village Life in Manhattan.

18 REVEREND ANTHONY SANDUSKY: Shall we pray.
19 Creator and sustainer, we thank thee for the marvelous
20 gift of this day. We thank thee for the gift of each
21 person present who is committed to the Public Service
22 of thy people. I ask Oh Holy One that you would
23 create in us a pure heart, renew within us a right
24 spirit, a spirit of service for the greater good of
25 our communities. Allow this Council to be committed

2 towards seeing your justice and your compassion in
3 this great city. We beseech you, Oh Emmanuel to be in
4 the midst of the discussions and deliberations that
5 will take place this afternoon among this City
6 Council. Allow this Council's work to be for the sake
7 of abundant life for all of your people. Allow work
8 from this Council to be for the sake of embodying a
9 limitless love that knows no bounds. Allow work from
10 this Council to be for the sake of building the
11 beloved Community right here in the City of New York.
12 We ask these things in your name and in your name we
13 pray. Amen.

14 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Amen. Thank
15 you so much for that wonderful and timely prayer. I
16 know, at this time would like to ask Council Member
17 Mark Levine to spread the invocation on to the record.

18 MARK LEVINE: Thank you, Madam Majority
19 Leader. The Reverend Anthony J. Sandusky, who I am
20 pleased is a resident of the 7th Council District in
21 northern Manhattan is an educator, social entrepreneur
22 and motivational speaker. Reverend Sandusky is the
23 founder and Executive Director of Village Life
24 Foundation, a ground breaking non-profit whose mission
25 is to put an end to mass incarceration and reduce

2 recidivism rates in Black and Latin-X communities by
3 providing a holistic re-entry program and an
4 innovative alternative to incarceration for transition
5 aged youth. Robert Sandusky is the former pastoral
6 resident of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in
7 Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. He currently teaches
8 courses in the religious studies department at Iona
9 College in New Rochelle and the Department of
10 Philosophy and Religious Studies at Sacred Heart
11 University in Fairfield, Connecticut. His research
12 engages issues of race, religion and culture in
13 southern and urban Communities. Reverend Sandusky is a
14 graduate of the American Baptist College in Nashville,
15 Tennessee where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree
16 in Biblical Theology, a graduate for Vanderbilt
17 University where he earned his Master of Divinity
18 Degree with a certificate in black church studies and
19 a graduate of Yale University where he earned his
20 Master of Arts Degree in Ethics. Additionally,
21 Reverend Sandusky has studied the papers of Reverend
22 Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. on the campus of
23 Standford University and we are truly honored that he
24 was able to offer our invocation today. Thank you
25 Madam Majority Leader.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
3 much Council Member Levine. We will now have the
4 adoption of minutes by Council Member Keith Powers.

5 KEITH POWERS: Thank you, I make a motion
6 that the minutes of the stated meeting of October 5,
7 2020 be adopted as printed.

8 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
9 much. Messages and papers from the Mayor?

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Communication
12 from City, County and Borough Offices.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: M257 Board of
14 Elections Appointments.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rules,
16 privileges and Elections.

17 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Petitions and
18 Communications?

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Land Use Call
21 Ups?

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: M258
23 Queens Sanitation Garage 1.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you. At this
25 time, I am asking for the Clerk to take a roll call

2 vote on today's Land Use Call Up. This is just a vote
3 on the single Land Use Call Up.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

5 ADRIENNE ADAMS: I vote aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-
7 Samuel?

8 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

10 DIANA AYALA: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

12 INEZ BARRON: I vote aye.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

14 JOSEPH BORELLI: I vote aye.

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16 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

18 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

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20 MARGARET CHIN: Aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

22 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

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25 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

3 ROBERT CORNEGY: I vote aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

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6 CHAIM DEUTSCH: I vote aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?

8 RUBEN DIAZ: Si.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

10 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

12 MATHIEU EUGENE: I vote aye.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

14 VANESSA GIBSON: I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

16 MARK GJONAJ: I vote aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

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19 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden.

21 ROBERT HOLDEN: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

23 BEN KALLOS: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

25 PETER KOO: Aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

3 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

5 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

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7 BRAD LANDER: Aye.

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11 MARK LEVINE: Aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

13 FARAH LOUIS: I vote aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

15 Council Member Maisel?

16 ALAN MAISEL: Yes.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Menchaca?

19 CARLOS MENCHACA: Ay.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

21 I. DANEEK MILLER: Aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

23 FRANCISCO MOYA: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?

25 BILL PERKINS: Aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

3 KEITH POWERS: Aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

5 ANTONIO REYNOSO: Aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

7 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

9 Rivera?

10 CARLINA RIVERA: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

12 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

14 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

16 RAFAEL SALAMANCA: Aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?

18 Treyger?

19 MARK TREYGER: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

21 ERIC ULRICH: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

23 PAUL VALLONE: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Van

25 Bramer?

2 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

4 KALMAN YEGER: Aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

6 STEVEN MATTEO: Aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

8 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: I vote aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker
10 Johnson?

11 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Today's
13 Land Use Call Ups have 47 in the affirmative, zero in
14 the negative and no abstentions.

15 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you,
16 today's Land Use Call Up is adopted. We will now have
17 communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good afternoon,
19 thank you Madam Majority Leader and happy Thursday.
20 As always, I hope that everyone is safe and that you
21 and your families are safe as well. I want to begin
22 by acknowledging an important and somber anniversary
23 for our City. Eight years ago, our City was
24 devastated by the impact of Super Storm Sandy. We
25 lost 43 of our fellow New Yorkers during that terrible

2 storm and we will never forget those. As we remember
3 those we have lost, we must recommit ourselves to do
4 all we can to help our waterfront communities that are
5 still struggling to recover and we must do more to
6 protect them from future hurricanes and extreme
7 weather. Climate change is real, it is not going
8 away. We have bill today that helps in the global
9 fight again climate change and I look forward to
10 working with my colleagues on other ways to tackle
11 this important issue. Before we dive into
12 Legislation, I want to acknowledge the death of Cecil
13 Corbin Mark. He was instrumental in the Council's
14 Climate Agenda. Cecil was always making sure
15 environmental justice was top of mind in our work
16 together. He left behind an incredible legacy and our
17 hearts go out to his loved ones. I also want to take
18 a moment to acknowledge the lives that we have lost to
19 COVID-19, 23,980 New Yorkers have succumbed to the
20 impact of the virus as of yesterday. This is always
21 such a devastating number to think about and a
22 tremendous loss for our entire City. This week the
23 United States reported a record of more than half a
24 million COVID-19 cases. States across the country are
25 experiencing a massive surge in cases and it is a

2 painful reminder of how important it is to remain
3 vigilant. The virus is far from over, it will not
4 magically disappear. It is not a hoax and though many
5 of us may have coronavirus fatigue, that is a natural
6 thing but it is not an excuse to stop wearing a mask
7 or to stop socially distancing. Together we can save
8 lives and we must do everything that we can to stop
9 the spread of this devastating virus. I would like for
10 us to take a moment of silence to acknowledge the
11 lives of those that we've lost to COVID-19 and to the
12 passing of Cecil Corbin Mark. (brief silence). Thank
13 you. Today, October 29th is Latina Equal Protection
14 Day which is the day this year that Latin-X women
15 finally catch up to what the average white man has
16 earned in 2019. Let that sink in, it is almost
17 November of 2020 and Latina women are just catching
18 up. Overall, women earn \$0.82 for a man's \$1 but that
19 pay impacts black and Latina women the hardest. Latina
20 women earn \$0.55 for every \$1 earned by white non-
21 Hispanic men. Black women earn \$0.62 for every \$1.
22 We need to do better and that starts here in New York
23 City. The Council today, released a preliminary
24 analysis of the City's payroll data that shows trouble
25 pay discrepancies among gender and race in our public

2 workforce. We are also getting access to more data
3 and will do a deeper analysis in the coming months.
4 This is the beginning of a long-term effort to
5 seriously address these disparities once and for all.
6 We have this data thanks to Local Law 18 which was
7 sponsored by Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and Council
8 Member Daneek Miller which passed in 2018. This Law
9 requires the administration to annually issue payroll
10 data. It forces us to lift the screen on pay
11 discrepancies in our City, we can't truly address this
12 inequity without regularly examining the numbers and
13 releasing them publically and I want to thank Majority
14 Leader Cumbo and Council Member Miller for their
15 leadership on this issue. I also want to thank, CWA
16 Local 1180 whose fight for equal pay for their
17 members, largely women and people of color, women of
18 colored, inspired this Legislation from a lawsuit that
19 they filed. Special thanks to CWA President Gloria
20 Middleton who is helping us continue this fight for
21 all City workers, not just her members and I am proud
22 to say is a friend. And now, on to today's agenda. We
23 will be voting on the appointment of Kenseth Armstead
24 as Painter Member and Deborah Marton as a Lay Member
25 of the New York City Art Commission known as the

2 Public Design Commission. The Finance Committee will
3 be voting on a transparency resolution and pre-
4 considered resolution setting the date and time of a
5 public hearing to consider a Local Law that would
6 authorize assessment increases requested by two
7 business improvement districts. Moving on to our
8 Legislative Agenda, we will be voting on the following
9 Bills. The first three are related to housing, now
10 more than ever, access to stable housing is critical.
11 It is always critical but especially now. Any
12 barriers to attaining permanent affordable housing are
13 an acceptable. The first two Bills are related
14 specifically to applicants of the City's CityFHEPS
15 program. Introduction 2080-A sponsored by our general
16 welfare chair, Steve Levin will require the department
17 of social services to provide applicants to their
18 rental assistance, CityFHEPS with online status
19 updates. Introduction 1339-A sponsored by Council
20 Member Diana Ayala will require the Department of
21 Social Services to provide written notice to CityFHEPS
22 rental assistance program applicants with information
23 about source of income discrimination at the time an
24 applicant receives a shopping letter from DSS and from
25 the staff I want to thank Amanta Killawan (SP?) for

2 her work on those Bills. Source of income
3 discrimination or discrimination based on your source
4 of income including rental assistance vouchers remains
5 a barrier to too many New Yorkers seeking housing.
6 Introduction 2082-A sponsored by Council Member Keith
7 Powers will align the City's Human's Rights Law with
8 recently enacted State Law Source of Income
9 discrimination provisions. Currently, prohibitions
10 against discrimination in housing accommodations based
11 on lawful source of income currently do not apply to
12 housing accommodations comprised of five or fewer
13 units. This Bill would repeal that exception. It
14 would also expand the definition of lawful source of
15 income to include all other types of lawful income
16 that low income New Yorkers may have access to, such
17 as child support, alimony and other types of housing
18 assistance and I want to thank Balkes Murig (SP?) for
19 her work on that Bill. Super Storm Sandy underscored the
20 dangers of extreme weather and the serious risks this
21 City is facing because of climate change. This is why
22 I am proud of the work the Council has done to lead in
23 the fight against climate change. In 2019, we passed
24 a ground breaking Climate Mobilization Act which is
25 paving the way toward a serious reduction in

2 greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. Today, we are
3 strengthening that Legislation. The time is now to
4 take aggressive action to mitigation climate change
5 not tomorrow. Introduction 1947-A sponsored by our
6 Environmental Protection Chair Costa Constantinides
7 will amend the definition of rent-regulated
8 accommodations for purposes of compliance with Local
9 Law 97 of 2019. Under this law, buildings in which
10 rent regulated units make up less than 35% of the
11 total units would be required to comply with Local Law
12 97s greenhouse gas emission limits. The mandate for
13 buildings in which rent regulated units make up 35% or
14 more of the total units, would not be changed. Those
15 buildings are still required to complete a series of
16 low-cost prescriptive measures to increase energy
17 efficiency. This bill would also provide a two-year
18 extension to newly covered buildings to comply with
19 the first building emissions limits. Next,
20 Introduction 2072-A sponsored by Council Member
21 Constantinides will require the City of New York to
22 submit a report to the Mayor and the City Council
23 detailing the outreach and education efforts to
24 provide information about compliance, with the
25 greenhouse gas emission limits pursuant to Local Law

2 97 of 2019. The City would be required to report on
3 its outreach efforts about incentive program
4 opportunities and other sources of funding available
5 to buildings. This Bill would also require building
6 owners to report on the methods that they used to
7 comply with the greenhouse gas emission limits which
8 the City would report on to the Council and to the
9 Mayor and I want to thank Nicola Bend (SP?) for her
10 work on these really important but complicated bills
11 and congratulations Costa on this, I know you have
12 worked really hard on it. That is our agenda for
13 today. I turn it back over to you, Majority Leader
14 Cumbo.

15 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
16 much Speaker Corey Johnson. We will now move into
17 discussion of general orders. We will recognize
18 Council Members who wish to speak by Raise Hand
19 Function in Zoom. Please wait before you begin your
20 remarks for our Sargeant at Arms to announce he has
21 begun the countdown clock. The Sargeant at Arms will
22 alert you when your time has expired. Mr.
23 Parliamentarian are there any Council Members
24 registered to speak?

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2 MR. PARLIAMENTARIAN: No Madam Majority
3 Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: If there are
5 no members that have signed up to speak, then we will
6 move into the report of Special Committees?

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Reports of
9 Standing Committees?

10 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of
11 the Committee on Civil and Human Rights, Intro 1582
12 Source of Income in Housing Accommodations.

13 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled
14 on General Orders.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of
16 the Committee on Environmental Protection, Intro 1947-
17 A, Rent Regulated Accommodations.

18 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled
19 on General Orders.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro
21 2072-A Green House Gas Emissions?

22 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on General
23 Orders.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of
25 the Committee on Finance, Pre-considered Resos 1470

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2 and 1471 Transparency Reso and Business Improvement
3 Districts.

4 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on General
5 Orders.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of
7 the Committee on General...

8 MR. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Hold on Mr. Clerk and
9 Mr. Speaker for Intro 2072-A. I missed that.

10 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled
11 on General Orders for 2072-A.

12 MR. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Great.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Welcome
14 Mr. Parliamentarian. Report of the Committee on
15 General Welfare, Intros 1339-A and 2080-A, Source of
16 Income and Rental Assistance Programs.

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and coupled
18 on General Orders.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of
20 the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections, M253
21 and Reso 1477, approving the appointment of Kenseth
22 Armstead, Art Commission?

23 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on General
24 Orders.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: M254 and
3 Reso 1478 approving the appointment of Deborah Marton,
4 Art Commission?

5 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled to General
6 Orders and I am now asking the clerk to take a roll
7 call vote on all of the items coupled on today's
8 General Order Calendar.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?

10 ADRIENNE ADAMS: Aye on all.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-
12 Samuel?

13 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye on all.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
15 Ayala?

16 DIANA AYALA: Aye on all.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

18 INEZ BARRON: I vote aye.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?
20 Council Member Borelli? I'll come back. Brannan?

21 JUSTIN BRANNAN: Aye on all.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

23 FERNANDO CABRERA: Aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.

25 MARGARET CHIN: Aye on all.

2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

3 ANDREW COHEN: Aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

5 Constantinides?

6 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Madam, Majority

7 Leader may I have permission to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission

9 granted.

10 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Thank you so much.

11 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

12 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: Thank you first,

13 Speaker Johnson for your great climate leadership. You

14 have been a true champion of the environment for our

15 City and the Country. Before we vote today, I want to

16 second your recognition of the giant loss of Cecil

17 Corbin Mark when he passed away unexpectantly. He was

18 the heart and soul of Environmental Justice. He

19 dedicated the last 26 years of his life to fighting

20 racism in all forms whether it was economic injustice

21 that prevented black and brown New Yorkers from

22 accessing good jobs or the environmental policies that

23 polluted communities of color. Whenever I worked on

24 EJ Legislation, my first call would be to Cecil and it

25 felt almost strange not, I went to go pick up the

2 phone to call him about 1947 and you know it is just,
3 it is just heart-breaking and we miss him. He worked
4 so hard on Local Law 97 so I want to dedicate my vote
5 today to my friend, Cecil Corbin Mark. Briefly, 1947
6 brings in buildings where less than 35% of the units
7 are rent-regulated into Local Law 97 which was the
8 center piece of the Climate Mobilization Act. Local
9 Law 97 mandated steep but accessible emissions cuts
10 from New York City's largest polluters. The 55,000
11 buildings that emit 35% of our greenhouse gases every
12 year. Buildings impacted by Intro 1947 were
13 previously giving rigid prescriptive paths but did not
14 have to have a strict emissions limit. Today, we are
15 bringing these in line with the new rent laws that
16 Albany has set forth. So, we knew that this was going
17 to happen. It is going to create good jobs. Urban
18 Green Councils talked about Local Law 97, creating
19 141,000 jobs over the next 10 years, sustainable jobs
20 that will make sure that we have a just transition.
21 It will also guarantee that tenants live in cleaner,
22 more energy efficient buildings and their landlords
23 will save money.

24 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time is expired.

2 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: On the efficiencies
3 in the long run. So, I am proud today and I hope my
4 colleagues will vote in favor of both 2072 and Intro
5 1947. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council
8 Member Constantinides, how do you vote?

9 COSTA CONSTANTINIDES: I vote aye on all and
10 with thanks to all the staff, and I have named during
11 the pre-stated but I don't want to take up more time
12 but all the staff that worked on this Bill, thank you.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
14 Council Member Borelli?

15 JOSEPH BORELLI: I vote aye on all except
16 1947 and Intro 2082. Thank you and sorry for my
17 technical issue.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: No
19 problem, thank you.

20 JOSEPH BORELLI: Thank you.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

22 ROBERT CORNEGY: Permission to explain my
23 vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
25 granted.

2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

3 ROBERT CORNEGY: With all due respect to
4 Costa and the great work that he has done as a Climate
5 Change Champion, I just want to point out, while I
6 will be voting yes on all today, I just want to make
7 sure that times have changed because of COVID and
8 added costs lead to higher rents to all tenants
9 including low-income tenants. The rent guidelines
10 board estimates that the cost of operating a regulated
11 apartment is more than \$1000. Before a small property
12 owner pays their mortgage or is able to invest in
13 these improvements in a building so we need to be
14 aware of that cost. Added mandates and costs don't
15 hurt the big landlords but it cripples the smaller
16 ones, it forces them in some instances to sell to
17 bigger ones. The hardship provision is not realistic
18 help for small landlords because they will be forced
19 to sell before they can even reach that point. Many
20 of these small landlords, I must point out are people
21 of color who really struggle to maintain their
22 properties, who have been there in tough times so I
23 will be voting yes on all but I want to make sure that
24 I put on this body's desk the idea that while we are
25 fighting for climate change we don't want to

2 disenfranchise small homeowners in the process. Thank
3 you Costa for this Legislation, thank you for your
4 thoughtful process in Climate Change but we also must
5 not let good be the enemy of great and while this is
6 good Legislation we have to bear in mind that small
7 landlords suffer tremendously, not only due to
8 pandemic but when these changes are put in place. I
9 vote aye on all.

10 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you
11 Council Member Cornegy.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

13 CHAIM DEUTSCH: Aye on 2080 and I want to
14 thank Robert Cornegy for those words and no on the
15 rest.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz.

17 RUBEN DIAZ: Si on both.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?

19 DANIEL DROMM: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

21 MATTHIEU EUGENE: I vote aye.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

23 Gibson?

24 VANESSA GIBSON: Permission to explain.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 VANESSA GIBSON: Thank you. Thanks, Madam
6 Majority Leader and colleagues and I will be brief.
7 Council Member Cornegy stole some of my remarks uhm
8 but I am voting aye on all of today's agenda items but
9 certainly wanted to also add my voice to that of
10 Council Member Cornegy in recognizing many of our
11 small owners who have struggling and are a particular
12 disadvantage after this COVID-19 pandemic, reminding
13 all of us in the work that we do there are sometimes
14 unintended consequences and not lumping all of our
15 small owners with some of the larger owners while many
16 have struggled. I think when you look at many of our
17 small owners, many of whom are men and women of color,
18 we have to be mindful of some of the uniqueness that
19 they bring to the table, the services that are
20 provided, the value that they bring but also the
21 hardships that they face, so I appreciate all of the
22 work and the leadership. Thank you, Council Member
23 Constantinides for your incredible work. I am very
24 supportive of this Bill. I always want to recognize
25 some of our smaller guys and girls that don't always

2 get recognized. So, with that, congratulations to all
3 of our colleagues, Council Member Levin on your Bill,
4 Council Member Ayala and all of my colleagues for
5 today's important agenda. I vote aye on all. Thank
6 you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

9 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Council
10 Member Gjonaj? You are on mute. Let's come back to
11 Council Member Gjonaj?

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay.
13 Grodenchik?

14 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?

16 ROBERT HOLDEN: I vote aye on all with the
17 exception of Intro 1947-A and 2082 which I vote no.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
19 Kallos?

20 BEN KALLOS: Aye on all.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

22 PETER KOO: Aye on all.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

24 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

2 RORY LANCMAN: Aye.

3 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

4 BRAD LANDER: Request permission to explain
5 my vote?

6 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
7 granted.

8 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

9 BRAD LANDER: Thank you very much, uhm
10 Majority Leader. I want to give real praise to Council
11 Member Constantinides and especially to associate
12 myself with his remarks about Cecil Corbin Mark which
13 is such a devastating loss but knowing that we are
14 carrying on his legacy here is powerful and I just
15 want to say first the way that this was handled, to be
16 thoughtful about making sure we don't harm rent-
17 regulated tenants by making sure that they were
18 exempted from the original local law working with
19 legislatures in Albany to strengthen tenant protection
20 so that it will be possible to do this bill in a way
21 that did protect them and then coming back and passing
22 it here I think makes enormous sense. The vast
23 majority of the requirements here actually are going
24 to save owners money, so in fact, what they are going
25 to do is invest in buildings in a way to reduce their

2 energy bill over time and I think it is a metaphor for
3 the kind of recovery that we are going to need from
4 the COVID crisis and we can come out of the COVID
5 crisis with our eye on getting our City ready for the
6 climate crisis, mitigating fossil fuels and building a
7 resilient city that we can involve everyone in
8 building that City together. This Legislation will
9 not only protect tenants and not only I believe is
10 affordable for owners but it will create good jobs and
11 with good workforce development we can make sure that
12 we are building that more sustainable and resilient
13 City in the days ahead. Congratulations also to
14 Council Members Levin, Ayala, and Powers on your good
15 source of income discrimination Legislation, I vote
16 aye on all.

17 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you
18 Council Member Lander.

19 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

20 STEPHEN LEVIN: Uhm, permission to explain
21 my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
23 granted.

24 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

2 STEPHEN LEVIN: Thank you in the midst of.
3 First off, I vote aye on all, because I realized I
4 have 1% on my iPad here, so, I vote aye on all. I do
5 want to way in the midst of the global pandemic our
6 City continues to grapple with the housing crisis,
7 almost 80,000 New Yorkers are homeless or unstably
8 housed and thousands more face potential eviction when
9 the state's moratorium is lifted. Access to affordable
10 housing and homelessness prevention need to be at the
11 core of our City's focus right now. With that in
12 mind, I am pleased that the Council is voting on
13 Intros 1339 and 2080-A today. These Bills will help
14 improve the process of obtaining rental assistance and
15 ensure that the clients know their rights. Rental
16 assistance vouchers are the primary tools that we have
17 in the City to ensure that people are able to move out
18 of shelter and in to housing. Vouchers can also
19 assist New Yorkers at risk of losing their housing to
20 avoid eviction and entry into shelter; however, a
21 confusing bureaucracy of securing government benefits
22 as well as voucher holders not knowing their rights
23 when landlords illegally deny them housing based on
24 their source of income or barriers to securing
25 housing. So, I am very excited that these Bills are

2 passing today. I hope that these Bills will bring us
3 closer to passing Intro 146 which around 40 of your
4 are co-sponsors of which would raise the voucher
5 levels to the fair market rent as set by the HUD
6 standard so that individuals and families are able to
7 completely exit the shelter system, get housing and
8 avoid entering the shelter system altogether. I want
9 to thank all the advocates and the public as well as
10 congratulate Council Member Ayala and Council Member
11 Constantinides on the Legislation today and I vote aye
12 on all.

13 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: For the
15 record, Steve Levine is the goat. He's the goat.
16 Thank you. Council Member Levine?

17 MARK LEVINE: I want to associate myself
18 with Albert's comments, just kidding. We will be
19 voting aye on all, thank you.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
21 Louis?

22 FARAH LOUIS: I vote aye.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

24 ALAN MAISEL: Yes.

25 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

2 CARLOS MENCHACA: Permission to explain my
3 vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

7 CARLOS MENCHACA: Hello colleagues, I am
8 here to say thank you to prime sponsors Steve Levin
9 and Diana Ayala, Keith Powers for their housing bills
10 they are putting forward today and these bill numbers
11 are 2082-A, 1339-A and what I want to just do is lift
12 up the words that were spoken in the press conference
13 earlier today. Council Member Ayala spoke to her own
14 experience about these vouchers and I just want to say
15 thank you. It was moving to kind of hear directly
16 from you about that experience and how important this
17 is for families today. These Bills I believe will
18 help homelessness here in New York and for people to
19 find a pathway to permanent housing. For too long,
20 even after obtaining a City and State and Federal
21 Housing Vouchers, homeless New Yorkers face so much
22 discrimination. Intro 2082 in particular with give
23 New Yorkers the ability toe find housing in the
24 district they came from or they lived. Those vouchers
25 are meaningless unless there is a way to enforce their

2 use across the City. I hope this change in the Law
3 gives people the ability to find permanent housing and
4 for this moment at least gives hope that the City
5 Council is really listening to them. We have members
6 who are in that experience, really ensuring that we do
7 the right thing and I am just so proud to say yes to
8 that and in the last few seconds, I just want to
9 associate my words with Brad Lander and Costa
10 Constantinides for really kind of pushing the urgency
11 to those bills that are going to really help us combat
12 climate change and really again some of the sentiment
13 that we have to slow down because of COVID, in fact,
14 we have to speed up. COVID is just a small fraction
15 of the pain that we are going feel as a City, as a
16 Country and as a World and now is a time leap forward
17 and I am so excited that is really captured in these
18 Bills and I can't wait to do more on that. I vote aye
19 on all.

20 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller?

22 I. DANEEK MILLER: Permission to explain my
23 vote?

24 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
25 granted.

2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time is started now.

3 I. DANEEK MILLER: Thank you so much Madam
4 Majority Leader. I just want to add my voice and
5 sentiment uhm and condolences on the passing
6 transition of Cecil Mark. He was a very important and
7 intrical voice in communities of color in the fight
8 against environmental justice and environmental
9 justice inequities that he is really brought that to
10 life for many of us and led that struggle so his voice
11 will be missed and hopefully we can continue to carry
12 on that work. And then secondly, as we talk about
13 our, the passing of our dedicated public servants I
14 want to add the name of Franklin Delano Williams, a
15 retired firefighter who happens to be my father-in-law
16 who we laid to rest yesterday, who in 1967 became a
17 fire fighter, the only person of color and certainly
18 the only African American in that class and he spent
19 more than 25 years serving Brooklyn's 211 as a member,
20 also as member of the Vulcan Society of which he would
21 have been very proud of the young men and women who
22 was his honor guard as he was laid to rest as he has
23 fought as many of us to make sure that we have
24 diversity and equity within the fire department. With
25 that being said, that is a good set wave to what we

2 talk about pay equity. We remain, we have two Bills
3 that we hope to be voted on which are retention and
4 attrition, data around the fire department as well as
5 certainly pay equity for EMS. We look forward to
6 working with this Council to make sure that we have
7 this equity that really honors the dedicated public
8 servants in the way that they deserve, so, thank you
9 so much, I vote aye on all.

10 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?

12 FRANCISCO MOYA: I vote aye on all.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?

14 BILL PERKINS: Aye on all.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

16 Powers?

17 KEITH POWERS: Permission to explain my vote

18 quickly?

19 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission

20 granted.

21 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

22 KEITH POWERS: Thank you, I just want to say

23 thank you to the speaker, thank you to Council Member

24 Chair Levin and a few of the Council for the Bills

25 that we are passing today in regards to income

2 discrimination, not only it bring in line. It would
3 not only bring us in line with the state law but also
4 give us enforcement action here at the City to prevent
5 also being discrimination based on having a housing
6 voucher or other source of income. It is one of the
7 barriers that we are seeing for folks coming out of
8 the homeless shelter system and finding permanent
9 housing is the process of trying to find an apartment,
10 particularly having a housing voucher or another form
11 of income that landlords may not want to take. So, it
12 is one way to make sure that people can get out of the
13 shelter system and get into permanent housing so,
14 thank you to everybody for your work on it and to my
15 staff for their work to help get this Bill to final
16 form and I'm really glad we are taking a step today to
17 make New Yorker's lives easier when it comes to
18 finding an apartment here in New York City because as
19 we can tell in time housing really is a human right
20 and being able to get in to a good apartment and good
21 housing here in the City is essential for so many New
22 Yorkers. So, thank you to everybody and I probably
23 vote aye.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?

25 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you.

2 ANTONIO REYNOSO: I vote aye on all.

3 Congratulations to the Council Member

4 Constantinides.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

6 DONOVAN RICHARDS: Aye on all.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

8 CARLINA RIVERA: I vote aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?

10 YDANIS RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

12 HELEN ROSENTHAL: Aye on all.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

14 Council Member Salamanca?

15 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Torres?

16 RITCHIE TORRES: I vote aye.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

18 Treyger?

19 MARK TREYGER: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?

21 ERIC ULRICH: I vote aye on all but the
22 exception of 1947 and 2082, I vote no on those

23 two but aye on all others. Thank you.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

25 Vallone?

2 PAUL VALLONE: Aye on all with the exception
3 of 1947 which I vote no. Thank you.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Van
5 Bramer?

6 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?

8 KALMAN YEGER: May I be excused to explain
9 my vote please, Madam President?

10 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Permission
11 granted.

12 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

13 KALMAN YEGER: Thank you. I agree with all
14 the Bills that are being passed today. I have
15 some concerns about Intro 1947, uhm with respect
16 to the size of the percentage that it is being
17 changed to. But with the extension of time for
18 several years for buildings to become compliant
19 in the long run, I hope this makes sense in the,
20 you know the ability of buildings to regulate
21 themselves and be more caring to the environment.
22 In the short term, hopefully it doesn't become
23 necessary to re-visit the question of when that
24 deadline needs to be and so for that I will vote
25 aye, although I did have reservations when we had

2 the hearings in the Committee. Uhm, with respect
3 for Intro 2082, most of the Bill to me is not
4 only fine but it is something we should be
5 achieving uhm in many ways. It is an average I
6 think that there is an ability for a landlord to
7 say that child support, alimony, social security
8 income, etc. is not lawful income for purposes of
9 deciding whether or not your tenant can actually
10 afford to rent the apartment. However, I have a
11 concern about section 2 of the Bill of the 2082
12 which would remove the exemption for the smallest
13 homeowners, the two, three, four, five family
14 homes and only, only as it relates to the
15 vouchers and that is because I don't think it is
16 proper for us to force a two or three family
17 homeowner into a voucher program of highly
18 difficult bureaucracy for people who are the
19 regular common business owner to navigate, let
20 alone a small homeowner and so for that reason
21 and that reason alone a small homeowner and for
22 that reason and that reason alone, although I do
23 agree with the principal I did behind the Bill.
24 I abstain on Intro 2082. I also abstain on
25 resolution 1471. Thank you, Madam President.

2 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
3 much.

4 JOSEPH BORELLI: Madam, Majority Leader, may
5 I vote please?

6 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Yes.

7 JOSEPH BORELLI: Aye on all thank you.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council
9 Member Gjonaj? Let's see if he is back. He is
10 not. Matteo?

11 STEVEN MATTEO: No on 22, no on 1947. Aye
12 on the rest.

13 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

14 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker
16 Johnson?

17 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: One moment
19 please.

20 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Just give us
21 a moment as we are waiting for the tally.

22 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Okay,
23 thank you. So, on today's General Order Calendar
24 having a vote of 46 in the affirmative, one in
25 the negative and no abstentions with the

2 exceptions, Introduction 2080 has a vote of 47 in
3 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no
4 abstentions. Introduction 1947 A has 41 in the
5 affirmative, six in the negative, no abstentions.
6 Introduction 2082-A has 41 in the affirmative,
7 five in the negatives, one abstention. And
8 resolution 1471 has 45 in the affirmative, one in
9 the negative and one abstention.

10 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Items on
11 today's General Orders Calendar are adopted.
12 Items on today's General Orders Calendar are
13 adopted. Introduction and reading of Bills.

14 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: All Bills are
15 referred to Committees as indicated on today's
16 agenda.

17 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you
18 Speaker Johnson. There are no resolutions on
19 today's calendar. So, we will now move in to
20 general discussion. As a reminder, please wait
21 until the Sargeant at Arms begins the countdown
22 clock before you begin your remarks. Mr.
23 Parliamentarian, are there any members that wish
24 to speak?
25

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority
3 Leader, Council Members Louis, Kallos and
4 Vallone.

5 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Okay, we will
6 start with Council Member Louis and just wait for
7 the time clock to begin.

8 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

9 FARAH LOUIS: Good afternoon everyone, New
10 York City, the largest and wealthiest City in the
11 country should be more than capable of providing
12 all students regardless of race, income or
13 abilities with a high quality education and the
14 fundamental skills to excellent in their studies;
15 however, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the
16 present day challenges that black and brown
17 studies must overcome regularly, attending
18 classes and to submit course work. Without
19 computers or affordable internet access, the
20 achievement gap will only worsen in devastated
21 communities. Seven months later, thousands of
22 families are disconnected, disengaged or still
23 struggling to adapt to remote learning. We are
24 nearly halfway through the school year, yet
25 77,000 students still lack internet equipped

2 IPads necessary for remote learnings. These
3 disparities disproportionately affect black and
4 brown communities and will only perpetuate the
5 racial barriers that they must overcome
6 throughout their lifetime. I am proud to co-
7 sponsor Legislation with Council Members Kallos
8 and Treyger to close the BID divide and expand
9 educational equity in New York City through the
10 use of modern technology while also providing
11 families with the necessary support to ensure
12 that their children get the educational
13 experience they deserve. I am introducing three
14 pieces of Legislation, Reso 1473, a resolution
15 calling on the City of the Department of
16 Education to provide families of children with
17 disabilities with the necessary training and
18 equipment to properly enable distance learning.
19 Reso 1474, a reso calling upon the Department of
20 Education to station a distance learning
21 specialist in each school district to provide
22 critical and local assistance with issues related
23 to distance learning and Intro 2138, that I am
24 co-partnering with Council Member Kallos a Local
25 Law to provide every public student with internet

2 ready laptop computers. While we focus on
3 bridging the divide, we must not forget about
4 the.

5 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

6 FARAH LOUIS: With children with
7 disabilities who have had to cope with greater
8 difficulties and providing their children with
9 the necessary support the need to properly learn
10 remotely. Thank you Speaker Johnson and Majority
11 Leader Cumbo for the opportunity to discuss these
12 Bills today and I urge my colleagues to sign on
13 to these three pieces of legislation. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
15 much Council Member Louis. We will now here from
16 Council Member Kallos followed by Vallone.

17 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

18 BEN KALLOS: Council Member Farah Louis said
19 it quite eloquently and I will do my best to
20 follow and emphasize the importance of
21 Introduction 2138 and ask for your sponsorship.
22 Thanks to leadership from Education Chair Mark
23 Treyger uhm we recently learned that the
24 bombshell news that the Department of Education
25 that more than 77,000 public school students who

2 have to learn remotely still don't have laptops
3 with internet. Many of whom are low income
4 students of color. General Welfare Chair Stephen
5 Levin uncovered public school students living in
6 shelters in temporary housing with iPads with 4G
7 that didn't actually work indoors. All of this
8 is despite repeated assurances from Mayor De
9 Blasio that every student who needs one was going
10 to get one. Working with both Committee Chairs
11 and Co-Prime Sponsor Council Member Farah Louis
12 we are submitting Introduction 2138 to guarantee
13 every single one of New York City's 1.1 million
14 public school students an internet connected
15 laptop loaded with culturally responsive open
16 source text books. This Legislation had the Pre-
17 Introduction support of Public Advocate Jamame
18 Williams as well as Borough Presidents Gail
19 Brewer and Eric Adams and I hope that you will
20 sign on too. As we seek to recover from the
21 pandemic, we can't go back to a new normal that
22 never worked for any of us. We need a worker led
23 recovery. That's why I authorized Introduction
24 2137 that would raise wages for 200,000 nonprofit
25 human service workers who have been on our front

2 lines since before the pandemic taking care of
3 our youth, seniors, homeless and hungry. Human
4 service workers are 82% women, 80% of whom are of
5 color and the City has contracts that continue to
6 pay them poverty wages. City Contracts pay
7 private sector vendors above market rates and
8 continue to pay our nonprofit providers pennies
9 on the dollar. This Legislation co-sponsored by
10 former contracts Chair and Current Women and
11 Gender Equity Chair, Helen Rosenthal.

12 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time is up.

13 BEN KALLOS: Have both fought to raise these
14 wages. Add your name to pass this in to Law, set
15 a prevailing wage for human service workers, to
16 raise wages and require the City to fully fund
17 nonprofit workers as we fight to end wage
18 disparities for women and women of color. Thank
19 you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Hard to
21 someone off when they are talking about ending
22 wage disparity for women of color. I will now go
23 on to Council Member Vallone.

24 PAUL VALLONE: Thank you Madam Majority
25 Leader.

2 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

3 PAUL VALLONE: Last week, as we closed the
4 meeting, I just told everyone about the personal
5 situation there happening in Armenia that is now
6 affecting the world. I am happy to say that
7 today we are introducing Reso 1476 which I am
8 very excited about and passionate about. I will
9 just give you a quick little summary of what it
10 is about. So, today we submitted 1476 to speak
11 on the atrocities once again that is being
12 perpetuated on the Armenian people and express my
13 deep concern with the ongoing conflict between
14 Armenia and Asa Bajong (SP?) in Nagorna Cataba
15 (SP?). Once again, Armenia, the homeland of my
16 wife and our family finds itself under attack and
17 fighting for their survival. It is my hope that
18 an immediate peaceful resolution can be reached
19 to the heartbreaking destruction and loss of life
20 currently impacting the region of Artsok (SP?).
21 For this reason, I have introduced today's
22 resolution 1476 urging Congress and the President
23 of the United States to work toward a lasting
24 ceasefire and a simple peaceful resolution for
25 Armenia and Asabejan (SP?). Nearly 10,000

2 Armenian Americans call our City home, the US
3 must stand up to aggression and let the Armenian
4 people know they are not alone and while we
5 advocate for peace in the region, I am very proud
6 today to speak on behalf of our City Council
7 Chamber and remember it is #peacefulArmenians and
8 this would be a wonderful statement. So far,
9 only the Council of Los Angeles has stepped up
10 and I know our Council can do better than our
11 comrades in Los Angeles, so that is today's
12 resolution and I thank you for the time Madam
13 Majority Leader and may everyone have a happy,
14 healthy and safe Halloween this weekend because I
15 know some still want to do something so we have
16 to be creative. So, with that, I am finished,
17 thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you and
19 we always appreciate how you utilize your
20 personal challenges to impact the lives of many.
21 So, thank you so much and our prayers to your
22 family. Mr. Parliamentarian, are there any other
23 members who wish to speak at this time?

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority
25 Leader, Council Members Barron and Rivera.

2 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Council
3 Member Barron you may begin.

4 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 INEZ BARRON: Uhm, thank you Madam Majority
6 Leader, I just want to echo the sentiments
7 expressed by our colleague, Farah Louis regarding
8 the situation that we are facing in terms of
9 educating our children and for me, as you often
10 know, you have heard me say, it doesn't stop at
11 12th grade. I think we've got to look beyond
12 that to post-secondary school education and see
13 what needs to be corrected there as well and I
14 just wanted to use this opportunity to extend my
15 sincere condolences to Council Member Miller, his
16 wife Thea and their family on the loss of their
17 loved one. Thank you.

18 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
19 much Council Member Barron and we will have now
20 Council Member Rivera.

21 SARGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

22 CARLINE RIVERA: Thank you so much, uhm
23 Majority Leader. I want to take this time to
24 highlight a Bill that I am proud to introduce
25 today, Intro 2141 will amend the administrative

2 code and charter of New York City to remove any
3 and all usage of the antiquated term mental
4 retardation and replace it with intellectual and
5 developmental disability. It is well past time
6 that this change is made. In my conversations
7 with disability and anti-bullying advocates it
8 has been made abundantly clear that the outdated
9 term mental retardation serves onto to perpetuate
10 the use of this word and myriad other hateful
11 language and behavior against people with
12 disabilities. This change will primarily affect
13 the laws and rules under the Department of Health
14 and Mental Hygiene, Administration for Children
15 Services and the Human Resources Administration.
16 As New Yorkers, we pride ourselves on setting the
17 curve for other cities nationwide; however, on
18 this issue we have fallen woefully behind. I
19 introduce this Legislation today fueled by the
20 belief that we can all do better and the
21 knowledge that what is better for New York City
22 has to begin within us as Municipal Leaders. The
23 city's continued use of mental retardation in law
24 sends a message of derogatory language such as
25 this R slur is socially acceptable. It is not

2 and it has not been for quite some time now. By
3 replacing this term with intellectual and
4 developmental disability, we guarantee that the
5 City is equipped to provide inclusive,
6 compassionate, person for services to the New
7 Yorkers that need them. I urge you to join me and
8 our supporters in this campaign including a
9 Center for Independence of the disabled New York,
10 Harlem Independent Living Center, AHRC and the
11 504 Democratic Club in co-sponsoring this bill
12 and to support its swift passage. We cannot
13 leave our neighbors behind any longer, we need to
14 embrace a new R word for all in our community and
15 that is respect. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Thank you so
17 much Council Member Rivera. Mr. Parliamentarian
18 are there any other members who have signed up to
19 speak?

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No Madam Majority Leader.

21 MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO: Seeing none,
22 I will now have Speaker Corey Johnson to close
23 today's meeting.

24 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you Madam
25 Majority Leader, as always you did a great job.

2 You always do. The Stated Meeting of October 29,
3 2020 is hereby adjourned. Everyone stay safe.
4 (Gavel pounding).

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