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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Adrienne Adams
- Alicka Ampry-Samuel
- Diana Ayala
- Inez D. Barron
- Joseph Borelli
- Justin Brannan
- Fernando Cabrera
- Margaret S. Chin
- Andy Cohen
- Costa Constantinides
- Robert Cornegy
- Chaim Deutsch
- Ruben Diaz
- Daniel Dromm
- Rafael Espinal
- Mathieu Eugene
- Vanessa L. Gibson
- Mark Gjonaj
- Barry S. Grodenchik
- Robert Holden

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

Council Members: Ben Kallos
Andy L. King
Peter A. Koo
Karen Koslowitz
Rory I. Lancman
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark Levine
Alan N. Maisel
Carlos Menchaca
I. Daneek Miller
Francisco Moya
Bill Perkins
Keith Powers
Antonio Reynoso
Donovan Richards
Carlina Rivera
Ydanis Rodriguez
Deborah Rose
Helen K. Rosenthal
Rafael Salamanca
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Eric A. Ulrich
Paul Vallone
James G. Van Bramer
Kalman Yeger
Steven Matteo
Laurie A. Cumbo
Joseph Borelli

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: For Marcia Bystryn, hi,
3 how are you? Good to see you. A pleasure, of course,
4 absolutely. So happy to have you here. Do you want
5 to grab the proc [sic]? Hi Laurie. Hi, how you
6 doing? Okay, so today, the New York City Council is
7 very proud to honor Marcia Bystryn for her service of
8 19 years as Executive Director and President of the
9 New York League of Conservation Voters. She joined
10 the League in 1999, and she has created a lengthy
11 legacy of achievements which include the Education
12 Fund and the development of clear policy data on a
13 wide array of subjects. So, I want to hand it over
14 to our Environmental Chair, Costa Constantinides, to
15 introduce before we read the Proclamation.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Thank
17 you, Speaker Johnson, and thank you for your
18 environmental leadership. I really want to thank
19 Marcia for your years of service, not only to the
20 League of Conservation Voters, but to all of New
21 York, whether it's been issues of clean water,
22 whether it's been issues of how do we better fight
23 greenhouse gases and climate change. LCB has been on
24 the cutting-edge, and holding Council Members
25 accountable as well, as we see our score card every

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2 single year making sure that in all of our minds the
3 environment is never too far away, and as we see the
4 big picture, attacks from Washington on this city and
5 on the climate change, we always needed strong
6 leaders, but never more than over the last couple of
7 years, and you've been a Stallworth champion for the
8 environment. So, thank you, Marcia, for all that
9 you've done. We're going to miss you a great deal.
10 I-- I'm not going anywhere yet, but we are going to--
11 I tried introducing legislation to see if we-- you
12 could stay, but it didn't work. But really, for your
13 19 years of service with LCB and as President, I want
14 to thank you and have the rest-- a proclamation from
15 all the Council here to say thank you.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: So we're going to ask
17 the Clerk to please read the proclamation and then
18 hand it over to Marcia.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York
20 Proclamation: The Council of the City of New York is
21 proud to honor Marcia Bystryn for her 19 years of
22 outstanding service and leadership to the New York
23 League of Conservation Voters, and whereas, despite
24 all of the extraordinary progress our city and others
25 continue to make, the future of our nation will be

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2 decided largely by how we address our single greatest
3 threat, climate change. Established in 1969, the
4 League of Conservation Voters has played a major role
5 in this mission by working to turn environmental
6 values into local, state and national priorities.
7 Since its founding in 1989, New York League of
8 Conservation Voters has remained committed to
9 advancing this cause, supporting those working to
10 protect the environment and holding public servants
11 accountable to their votes and their actions. Marcia
12 Bystryn has guided this organization's noble cause
13 for the last 19 years, and whereas, Ms. Bystryn
14 joined the New York League of Conservation Voters as
15 Executive Director in 1999 and excelled in that role
16 until 2008 when she became the organization's
17 President, and whereas, throughout Ms. Bystryn's
18 tenure with the New York League of Conservation
19 Voters, she created a lengthy legacy of achievements,
20 this includes the creation of an Education Fund which
21 assists in informing voters and policy makers of
22 conservation and environmental protection issues. In
23 addition, she directed the development of Clear
24 Policy Dicta on a range of critical subjects such as
25 climate change, clean air and water, public health,

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2 renewable energy, transportation, and open space.
3 These efforts have resulted in numerous state and
4 local legislative and administrative victories for
5 sound environmental policies, and whereas, prior to
6 joining the New York League of Conservation Voters,
7 Ms. Bystryn worked at the Port Authority of New York
8 and New Jersey, fulfilling the duties of Senior
9 Corporate Policy Manager for the Environment, and
10 later, Senior Business Manager for Economic
11 Development. early in her career, she served as the
12 Assistant Commissioner for Recycling at New York City
13 Department of Sanitation as well as Deputy Director
14 of the 20th Century Fund, now known as the Century
15 Foundation, and whereas, after nearly two decades of
16 stewardship at the New York League of Conservation
17 Voters, Ms. Bystryn is stepping down to pursue other
18 career opportunities, but she can be proud knowing
19 that her distinguished contributions will continue to
20 shape our City and for generations to come. Now,
21 therefore be it known that this Council of the City
22 of New York gratefully honors Marcia Bystryn for her
23 dedication in making New York a leader in
24 environmental protection. Corey Johnson, Speaker for
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2 the entire Council, Costa Constantinides, Council
3 Member 22nd District Queens.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations.

5 [applause]

6 MARCIA BYSTRYN: I'll be very brief.

7 First, thank you very much, Speaker, and thank you so
8 much Councilman, and all of you, all of you. It has
9 been fantastic working with you. I hope you feel the
10 same way. As you noted, we do really two things. We
11 lay out an agenda and advocate with you and hold you
12 accountable and on-- I'm waiting for a ripple of
13 quiet laughter here. And then, there's our education
14 function where I think we work to empower New Yorkers
15 to be effective advocates for the environment. And
16 while this may be good-bye for me, it is certainly
17 not good-bye from the League. We will remain
18 intimate part of your life, and you will be
19 delighted. My successor, who starts October 1st,
20 Julie Tighe, is a wed to the same kind of goals I've
21 been wed to, and I think will take the organization
22 to a new level. So, thank you, very, very much.

23 [applause]

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Okay, our next
25 Proclamation, we're going to ask the amazing police

1 officer, Osvaldo Nunez. So, today, the Council is
2 extraordinarily proud to honor-- extraordinarily
3 proud to honor the heroism of a newly-graduated NYPD
4 Officer, Osvaldo Nunez, for using CPR to revive a 20-
5 month-old baby. On July 30--

6 [applause]

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8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes. On July 30th, so
9 not that long ago, this past summer, Officer Nunez
10 was standing outside the 115th Precinct when a woman
11 frantically came up to Officer Nunez-- I'm getting
12 the chills saying it-- and pleaded to help her with
13 her lifeless daughter. Officer Nunez took the little
14 baby, the girl, inside and starting doing chest
15 compressions. After several attempts by Officer
16 Nunez, this little baby girl finally gained
17 consciousness and was taken to the hospital and was
18 evaluated and released. It cannot be underscored,
19 the dedication and sacrifice that our New York City
20 Police Department Officers do day-in and day-out, and
21 we are unbelievably grateful for Officer Nunez's
22 heroism, proving he is truly one of New York's
23 finest. Congratulations Officer. We're so happy to
24 have you with the NYPD, and I'm going to hand it over
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2 to Council Member Danny Dromm whose district this
3 happened in.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you, Mr.
5 Speaker, and it is indeed an honor for me to be able
6 to present this Proclamation along with you on the
7 day after 9/11. And we recognize what our police
8 officers, our fire officers, our first responders do
9 for us on a daily basis, and this particular case is
10 also an example of what our NYPD officers do for us.
11 Officer Osvaldo Nunez is 22 years old. He was born
12 and raised in Queens, but his family is from the
13 Dominican Republic.

14 [applause]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: He attended
16 Queensborough Community College and studied Criminal
17 Justice and then transferred to John Jay College of
18 Criminal Justice and studied policing and crime
19 analysis and investigation. He always knew that he
20 wanted to become a police officer since he was young.
21 He eagerly anticipated the day when he turned 18
22 years old. He took the NYPD exam during spring break
23 of that year and was later sworn into his dream job
24 at age 21 on January 10th, 2018. He graduated the
25 NYPD Police Academy on July 2nd, 2018, only two

1 months ago, okay, and was assigned to the 115th
2 Precinct. His career in the NYPD, as far as that's
3 concerned, he wants to make his way through the
4 investigatory route and obtain his detective shield
5 and then take promotional exam throughout his career
6 to get as high as he can within the Department. He
7 is motivated to succeed. He is the first police
8 officers in his family and wants to lead by example.
9 He wants to be the best that he can be. His first
10 month out on the streets afforded him the opportunity
11 to save a little girl's life. Her distressed mother
12 ran towards the precinct with the child in-hand. She
13 was unresponsive and not breathing. His training
14 immediately kicked in and he did CPR on the child.
15 She then came back to a responsive state. He cannot
16 explain the feeling he experienced at that time, and
17 words can never describe exactly how he felt and how
18 we in the community when we learned about the
19 incident felt as well. The happiness and look of
20 relief on the mother's face was priceless. This is
21 the reason that Officer Nunez always wanted to become
22 a police officer, to help people and be a positive
23 role model within the community. He will forever be
24 grateful for having the opportunity to become a
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2 police officer and he will always wear his uniform
3 with honor.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Council
5 Member Dromm. We're going to have the Clerk read the
6 Proclamation, and then hear from the hero who is with
7 us today.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council City of New York
9 Proclamation: We are a city of 8.5 million people
10 who depend upon the unwavering dedication of the
11 NYPD's 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian employees
12 who perform a wide range of roles from public safety
13 and law enforcement to traffic management, counter-
14 terror and emergency response roles. It is a great
15 privilege to honor one of the NYPD's newest
16 graduates, Police Officer Osvaldo Nunez, for saving
17 the life of one of the newest New Yorkers, and
18 whereas, born and raised in Queens, Osvaldo Nunez
19 knew he wanted to become a police officers from an
20 early age and eagerly awaited his 18th birthday so he
21 could finally take the NYPD test. After studying
22 criminal justice at Queensborough Community College,
23 he was transferred to the renowned John Jay College
24 of Criminal Justice where he studied policing and
25 crime analysis and investigation. On January 10th,

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2 2018, he began his dream job at last and became the
3 first police officer in his family, and whereas, on
4 July 2nd, 2018, Officer Nunez graduated from the NYPD
5 Police Academy and was assigned to the 115th Precinct
6 which primarily serves the communities of Jackson
7 Heights, East Elmhurst, and North Corona. Just a few
8 weeks into his assignment, the 22-year-old officer
9 faced an incredible challenge, a 20-month-old girl,
10 and whereas, on July 30th, Officer Nunez was standing
11 in front of the precinct station house when a
12 distressed mother ran up clutching her practically
13 lifeless toddler, "My daughter's not breathing. My
14 daughter's not breathing," she said. As Officer Nunez
15 confirmed the tot was unresponsive and had no pulse,
16 he took the child inside, placed the baby on a stool
17 and began performing CPR. And whereas, Officer Nunez
18 took extreme care performing CPR on the baby girl,
19 yet his first round of chest compressions didn't
20 work. When he started a second round she opened her
21 eyes and returned to a responsive state. While he
22 made sure nothing was in her mouth, her mother beamed
23 with happiness and relief. Medics soon rushed the
24 toddler to Elmhurst Hospital where she was treated
25 and released. Everyone believes that the tot had

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2 suffered a seizure as she had prior to this incident,
3 and whereas, Officer Nunez noted that, "This was the
4 reason I always wanted to become a police officer, to
5 help people and be a positive role model to the
6 community." In the words of Deputy Inspector Carlos
7 Ortiz, the 115th Precinct Commanding Officer,
8 "Officer Nunez has a very good career ahead of him."
9 And whereas because of Officer Nunez's quick
10 response, a young resident is alive and well today.
11 Officer Nunez graduated only weeks before this
12 incident, yet such heroism proves that he is truly
13 one of New York's finest. Now, therefore be it known
14 that the New York City Council proudly honors NYPD
15 Officer Osvaldo Nunez for his life-saving rescue on
16 July 30th, 2018 and his stellar service to New York
17 City. Corey Johnson, Speaker for the entire Council;
18 Daniel Dromm, Council Member 25th District Queens.

19 [applause]

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We of course want to
21 hear from the officer, as well as Deputy Inspector
22 Ortiz afterwards.

23 OFFICER NUNEZ: Thank you all for being
24 here and thank you all for inviting me to Council.
25 It's an honor to be here. The night of July 30th

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2 when baby Leah's [sic] mother came into-- in front of
3 the precinct, you know, distressed that her daughter
4 wasn't breathing, it was truly a miracle what
5 happened. Training immediately kicked in. The
6 Academy, a long six months, training is very
7 tactical. They go very into depth with everything.
8 I'm just glad that baby Leah's now healthy and happy
9 and reunited with her family. There's no better
10 feeling in the world knowing that she's on a great
11 track and she has a wonderful family. I'm very
12 thankful for that.

13 [applause]

14 DEPUTY INSPECTOR ORTIZ: A couple of
15 things. I can't be more proud of. We get new
16 officers in, you kind of don't know what you're
17 getting, and when you see this from a brand new
18 rookie who has 20 years ahead of him, it's amazing,
19 and it also goes far to the other officers, because
20 he's proven example for the officers even that have
21 been there 10, 15 years to see, you know, his
22 reaction. He didn't hesitate. It was just I gotta
23 [sic] get this done. I mean, I was working that day,
24 and it was like one of those things where it was like
25 he was like in the zone. It was amazing. You know,

1 watching the mother from one point of anguish,
2 screaming, crying to the minute the baby opened her
3 eyes it was just like-- it's amazing, and it's
4 something that I've never seen in 21 years of my
5 career, and it's just-- as a parent it's something
6 that, you know, we never want to see from our
7 children, but just to see something good come out of
8 it, it was amazing. And yes, thank you.

9 [applause]

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Let's get a photo with
11 the officers.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen,
13 can I have your attention, please? Quiet on the
14 floor, please. Quiet on the floor, please. Thank
15 you. Quiet please. At this time, I ask that you
16 please place all electronic devices, all electronic
17 devices, to vibrate. Will all non-council employees,
18 non-council employees, please leave the main floor of
19 the chambers. Thank you. Madam Majority Leader,
20 it's all yours.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Good afternoon,
22 and welcome to the Stated Meeting of September 12th,
23 2018. Quiet in the Chambers. Please rise for the
24 Pledge of Allegiance.
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2 ALL MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the
3 flag of the United States of America and to the
4 Republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
5 indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Roll call?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli? Brannan?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: [off mic]

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

22 CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ? Present.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: here.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Présenté.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Here.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya? Perkins?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera? Rodriguez?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: [off mic]
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich? Vallone?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer? Williams?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo? Cumbo?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Present.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson? Rivera?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Here.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?
24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.
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COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We have a quorum.

We will now have today's invocation which will be delivered by Rabbi Avrohom Hect, Spiritual Leader of the Hatikva Russian Jewish Center located at 8109 Leopard's Boulevard in Cue Gardens. Please rise.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

RABBI AVROHOM HECT: Before I begin my remarks I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Speaker Corey Johnson and the entire New York City Council for enabling the JCC of Canarsie and Project League to uplift thousands of precious individuals on a regular basis. Let us pray. Our Father in Heaven, look upon all of us assembled today with your love and admiration. We are here to pay tribute to those who toil in the vineyards of public service. We pray that the almighty showers his goodness upon our New York City Council Members who seek to govern justly, honestly, and lovingly, providing direction and leadership for all New Yorkers and people from all walks of life. We pray for their ability to work together in true harmony. Bestow upon them wisdom and fortitude to govern our people with kindness, understanding and clarity. Enable them to continue to serve as beacons of light so that they can protect

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2 and uplift the neediest among us, including the frail
3 elderly, the poor, the hungry, and the immigrants.
4 Help all of us show the downtrodden that they are not
5 alone. Enable all of us to inspire others so that
6 they feel they are not forgotten. We must remember
7 to work together to for the good of all New Yorkers,
8 extending X [sic], hope and harmony. May we always
9 be guided by a spirit of justice, kindness, and
10 mutual respect. May all of us be blessed with
11 personal piece and fulfilment. Amen.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much,
13 Rabbi Hect, and we are so pleased to have you here
14 during this particular time. The Jewish Caucus is
15 particularly proud to have you here, Chaired by
16 Council Member Chaim Deutsch. And we are now going
17 to have-- the invocation will be spread by Council
18 Member Karen Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you. I
20 move to spread the invocation on the record.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much,
22 Council Member Koslowitz, and now we are going to
23 have the Adoption of Minutes by Council Member Mark
24 Gjonaj.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you,
3 Majority Leader. I motion that the minutes of the
4 Stated Meeting of July 18th, 2018 be adopted as
5 printed.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much,
7 Council Member Gjonaj. We are now going to have
8 messages and papers from the Mayor.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Communication from
11 City, County and Borough Offices.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Petitions and
14 Communications?

15 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Land Use Call-Ups.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: M93 through M99, various
18 applications.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: That's coupled on a
20 Call-Up Vote, and at this time I would ask for a roll
21 call on all of today's Land Use Call-Ups.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye. I'm sorry--

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [interposing] I'm
sorry.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: We're voting on Land
Use Call-Ups.

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Yeah, aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan? Cabrera? Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Diaz?

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Madam Chair Lady,
3 with permission, I would like to vote on all Land Use
4 Call-Ups and coupled items on the General Order
5 Calendar. On all Resolution, I vote yes on all with
6 the exception of Introduction 954A and Resolution 113
7 which I vote no.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 [laughter]

11 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: I'm sorry. Thank
12 you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Of course, Ruben
14 Diaz.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

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COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I'm proud that we're voting on over--

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [interposing] At this time we're just voting on Land Use Call-Ups.

COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Yes. I'm proud that we're voting on about a thousand third-party transfer units on the Land Use agenda. In those units the City had originally planned affordability rates at 150 percent of AMI. That translates to 109,000 dollars a year, 600-- and so those units were going to be affordable to people making 109,000 dollars a year, and I'm not sure why the City would be building affordable housing for folks who are making six figures or what's wrong with our city that we need affordable housing for folks making six figures, but the good news is as a result of our questioning and work and Planning, Dispositions and Concessions, our Committee Members as well as our

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2 Land Use Chair were able to negotiate that down, and
3 moving forward the City will only be doing 120
4 percent of AMI, which translates to 87,000 dollars a
5 year. It's still higher affordability than expected,
6 but it's a step in the right direction. We hope to
7 bring it further and build more affordable housing to
8 more New Yorkers, and I proudly vote aye.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you for your
10 vote.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Aye.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Moya? Perkins?

COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Aye, and with permission I would like to vote aye on all General Orders. I would like to ask permission to vote on all General Order.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I will confirm that shortly.

COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?
COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?
COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.
COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?
COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.
COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger? Ulrich?
COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?
COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer? Williams?
COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?
COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?
COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?
COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN? Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?
COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?
SPEAKER JOHNSON: Aye [off mic]

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Today's Land Use
3 Call-Ups are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
4 affirmative, 0 in the negative. And now we will have
5 communication from the Speaker, and if anyone needs
6 to vote early, in advance, please see Jason Goldman
7 [sp?].

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yeah, please see Jason
9 Goldman. Good afternoon. First and foremost, today
10 we commemorate the anniversary that we can never and
11 will never forget. Yesterday we gathered to mourn
12 and celebrate the lives lost on September 11th, 2001.
13 Seventeen years later, that tragic day still breaks
14 our hearts for those New Yorkers and their families,
15 the spouses, children, and parents who said goodbye
16 to their loved ones for the last time. Every single
17 one of us remembers where we were when the World
18 Trade Center was under attack. We now remember every
19 single first responder and office employee, anyone
20 who we lost that fateful day. Yesterday, I had the
21 privilege of being at the reading of the names
22 ceremony at the World Trade Center site, and
23 yesterday evening I had the privilege of being on
24 Staten Island in Council Member Roses' district, had
25 post cards, and both of them were incredibly moving,

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2 unbelievably heartbreaking for the families who still
3 have not healed from what happened 17 years later.
4 Also, I'd like to remember a number of courageous New
5 Yorkers we lost recently. Last month, Carlos
6 Gabrielli [sp?] slipped at a construction site in
7 Staten Island while using a chainsaw and cut his own
8 hands and throat. His coworkers did what they could
9 to stop the bleeding, but he died of his injuries at
10 the hospital. Carlos was 50 years old. Jose
11 Alvarado, 37-year-old pizza delivery man was shot and
12 killed while returning to Papa Johns from a delivery.
13 Alvarado was known as an upstanding man in his Harlem
14 neighborhood. The police reported that there was
15 nothing stolen from Alvarado, and the killing did not
16 appear to be part of a robbery, more senseless gun
17 violence in our city. If people could please rise so
18 we could have a moment of silence for those lost on
19 9/11 and Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Gabrielli.

20 [moment of silence]

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
22 Finally, I want to wish a happy new year to all
23 Jewish New Yorkers. I hope you had a blessed Rosh
24 Hashanah filled with joy, meaning, good health,
25 prosperity, and contentment. [speaking Jewish] I hope

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2 your stomachs were full like mine were from being at
3 Council Member Koslowtiz's home on Rosh Hashanah.
4 Last but not least, we have some congratulations in
5 order as well. Just in case anyone didn't know
6 already, one of my senior advisors, Ebony Meeks
7 Ladely [sp?] and her husband Jason are expecting
8 their first child. Ebony is expected to have this
9 beautiful baby next month. We are so happy and
10 excited for Ebony and for Jason, their entire family,
11 and of course, Grandpa Congressman Greg. The Women's
12 Caucus threw a wonderful baby shower this morning for
13 Ebony downstairs, and the celebration continues here
14 in the Chambers. Congratulations, Ebony. We look
15 forward to meeting this new beautiful member of the
16 City Council family.

17 [applause]

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Jumping into our docket
19 for the day, the Council will vote on a few Article
20 XI property tax exemptions: 501 West 143rd Street in
21 Manhattan is in Council Member Levine's district,
22 Morningside Heights Apartments in Manhattan, again,
23 is in Council Member Levine's district, and Argyle
24 Road in Brooklyn is in Council Member Eugene's
25 district. I want to thank the staff who worked on

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2 these, Rebecca Chaisson. Next, the Council's going
3 to vote on the following Land Use items. These are
4 applications for rezonings: 1601 Dekalb in Brooklyn.
5 It's in Council Member Rafael Espinal district; 5563
6 Summit Street in Brooklyn, in Council Member Brad
7 Lander's district; Five Bement Avenue on Staten
8 Island in Council Member Debbie Rose's district.
9 We're voting on some landmark designation in Council
10 Member Richards' district in Far Rockaway. Two
11 landmarks were first identified through the downtown
12 Far rezoning-- Far Rockaway rezoning, which Council
13 Member Richards shepherded through the Council, and
14 that was approved in September of 2017. These two
15 landmarks today recognize the importance of the
16 historic FDNY firehouse and the NYPD police precincts
17 in downtown Far Rockaway. We are voting to approve a
18 site selection in my district for the New York City
19 Police Department Bomb Squad to be located on West
20 26th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenue, as it
21 will house the headquarters of the New York City
22 Police Department's bomb squad, a new facility that
23 will improve their needs and enhance operations and
24 productivity. The Council will be voting to approve
25 six applications for tax exemptions related to

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2 property subject to final judgements of In Rem
3 foreclosures in Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx.
4 These are third-party transfer tax exemptions, and
5 this is under Article XI tax exemptions and UDAAP
6 approval, and some of these are the triple HDFC in
7 Council Member Diana Ayala's district, Nueva Era in
8 Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's district, and
9 Deshler Apartments in Council Member Perkins'
10 district. Moving on, the Council will vote on the
11 following pieces of legislation: First, a package of
12 bills concerning the L Train shut-down. Just about
13 every New Yorker is aware by now that the L Train
14 will be shutting down in April of 2019 for no less
15 than 15 months. Understandably, New Yorkers on both
16 sides of the East River are getting more and more
17 anxious about what some are calling the "L-
18 pocalypse." I understand their concerns and I share
19 them. I ride the subway all the time, and I
20 frequently ride the L Train. It runs through my
21 district. It runs cross-town, and even people who
22 don't live along it use it regularly. It's a closure
23 that's going to have a huge impact for our City and a
24 huge loss for the entire system. I think we'd agree
25 there are no perfect solutions here. There will be a

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2 significant disruption to strap [sic] hangers and the
3 local residents, and that is my primary concern,
4 mitigating the pain for these subway and bus riders,
5 pedestrians, cyclists, and neighborhood residents.

6 I'm also deeply concerned about how traffic is going
7 to impact the quality of life for everyone effected.

8 It's why I'm proud to co-sponsor two bills in this
9 package with our Transportation Committee Chair

10 Ydanis Rodriguez. Introduction 989A would require

11 the Department of Transportation in coordination with

12 the MTA to designate a least one community

13 information center in each of the boroughs in

14 Manhattan and Brooklyn during the 2019 Canarsie

15 Tunnel reconstruction. Introduction 990 would

16 require the Commissioner of the Department of

17 Transportation to designate an ombudsperson to

18 receive and investigate complaints and comments in

19 connection with the Canarsie Tunnel closure starting

20 in 2019. And Resolution 377, sponsored by Council

21 Member Rafael Espinal would call upon the Governor

22 and the MTA to commit to an expeditious transition to

23 electric bus fee and to use electric buses as a

24 robust part of the replacement services during the L

25 Train shut down. I want to thank all the staff who

1 worked on this, James DiGiovanni [sp?], Malik
2 Nasiradeen [sp?], Johnathan Masserano [sp?], Rick
3 Arbello [sp?], Emily Rooney [sp?], and Teresa Nassir
4 [sp?]. Next, we'll vote on a bill of mine,
5 Introduction 954A which would allow individuals to
6 set attest when changing the sex designation and
7 gender marker on their birth record to confirm to
8 their gender identity. The bill will also allow
9 individuals who can identify as exclusively male or
10 female to change the sex designation on their birth
11 certificate to X. This groundbreaking legislation
12 will make New York City birth certificates more
13 inclusive for all and will send a powerful signal to
14 the world that our government works for everyone.
15 Now, more than ever, it's important for us as public
16 servants to show our constituents. We see them. We
17 have their backs. We respect them for who they are.
18 That continues today with our vote on this bill. I
19 want to thank the Health Committee staff who worked
20 on this, Jeanette Merril [sp?], Emily Balcon [sp?],
21 and Zi Emmanuel Halu [sp?]. Next, Introduction 447A
22 co-sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm. It would
23 require that the Department of Corrections to post
24 quarterly and yearly reports on departmental facility
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2 and housing area lock-downs. Such reports would
3 include information on the average duration of lock-
4 downs, the average number of individuals affected by
5 such lock-downs, mandated services either cancelled
6 or delayed due to a lock-down, and reasons for such
7 lock-downs. I want to thank the staff again who
8 worked on this bill, Daniel Aides [sp?], Josh
9 Kingsley, Alanna Siven [sp?], Robert Calandra [sp?],
10 and Brian Crow. We will also vote on a Resolution
11 today sponsored by Council Member Carlos Menchaca and
12 Helen Rosenthal, led by the proud sponsors Helen
13 Rosenthal and Carlos Menchaca calling upon the US
14 Congress to pass and the President to sign the
15 establishing a humane immigration enforcement system
16 which would abolish US Immigration and Custom
17 Enforcements and reassign some of the functions to
18 other federal agencies. I want to thank the staff
19 who worked on this, Rob Newman, Richard Podero [sp?],
20 and Kassie Addison [sp?]. Finally, the Council will
21 vote on a comprehensive school siting legislation
22 package which would aim to eliminate overcrowding at
23 City schools. As we continue to kick off the new
24 school year and encourage New York City students to
25 thrive in the classroom, we must continue to be

1 committed to providing stellar resources and
2 increasing the quality of our schools and other
3 educational facilities. For too long we've allowed
4 our children to learn in schools that are
5 overcrowded. Students who are educated in
6 overcrowded environments are at a disadvantage in an
7 increasingly competitive world. The greatest city in
8 the world deserves educational facilities to match
9 that. While our city has made significant new
10 investments in our children's education, there is
11 still much more that we can do. Earlier this year,
12 the Council released a report entitled "Planning to
13 Learn, the School Building Challenge" to examine
14 challenges faced in planning for and siting new
15 schools, which can lead to overcrowding. The report
16 and its recommendations will result in a year-long
17 review of the process by an internal Council working
18 group, and today, we're taking action. This started
19 under Speaker Mark-Viverito and Chair Julissa
20 Ferreras-Copeland, and we are proud of the work that
21 they did in getting us to today. And some of the
22 bills we're voting on today related to this are
23 Introduction 449A, sponsored by Council Member Danny
24 Dromm which would require the Department of Education
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2 to post online maps showing the geographic boundaries
3 known as sub-districts used by the Department of
4 Education and the School Construction Authority to
5 identify where new capital funding will be targeted
6 for building new schools. Introduction 461A also
7 sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm would require
8 the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to
9 provide written notice to Department of Education and
10 the School Construction Authority within 30 days
11 after city owned or leased property of at least
12 20,000 square feet is determined to have no current
13 use. Introduction 729A, sponsored by Council Member
14 Ben Kallos, would require the Department of Education
15 to post online the process, data and criteria used by
16 the Department and the School Construction Authority
17 to calculate the number of seats needed to build to
18 meet future enrollment needs. And Introduction 757A,
19 sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Gibson, would
20 require the Mayor to create an inter-agency taskforce
21 on school siting to identify potential city-owned
22 properties for school siting and identify vacant lots
23 that may be good candidates for school siting.
24 Resolution 286, sponsored by Council Member Ritchie
25 Torres, calls upon the New York State Legislature to

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2 pass and the Governor to sign legislation that would
3 give New York City and any public authorities or
4 public benefit corporations, including the School
5 Construction Authority, broad authority to utilize
6 design-build-delivery methods for capital projects.
7 And lastly, Resolution 289, sponsored by Council
8 Member Paul Vallone, would call on the School
9 Construction Authority to more clearly communicate to
10 the general public how city residents can submit
11 potential school sites and the guidelines used by the
12 School Construction Authority in considering whether
13 a suggested school site meets the evaluation
14 standards used by the authority. That is a lot that
15 we are doing on DOE and on the SCA. It has been a
16 long process. It is not the sexiest stuff. It is
17 not headline grabbing, but it is incredibly important
18 as each one of us seek to get the necessary seats in
19 schools in our district and identifying new potential
20 sites in neighborhoods across the City that need new
21 school. So I am incredibly proud of all the Council
22 Members who worked on this in the past and coming to
23 today, and I want to thank the staff. The staff did
24 an incredible job on this report. I want to thank
25 Beth Golum [sp?], Smita Desmuk [sp?], Andrea Vasquez,

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2 Kaitlin O'Hagan [sp?], Elizabeth Hoffman, and Rebecca
3 Chaisson, as well as other members of the working
4 group from the staff, Jan Atwell, John Douglas, Jeff
5 Hune [sp?], Raju Mann, and Regina Poreda-Ryan. That
6 concludes our agenda for today's Stated Meeting, and
7 I look forward to proceeding with today's votes.
8 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much,
10 Speaker Corey Johnson, for all of the work that you
11 have done as well as the City Council Members and all
12 of their perspective staffs. We will now move into
13 the Discussion of General Orders. Before we begin,
14 I'd like to ask members to please limit your
15 discussion only to items being voted on in today's
16 General Order Calendar. Thank you, and do I see
17 anyone prepared to discuss? Seeing none, we will
18 now move on to report of Special Committees.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We'll have reports
21 of Standing Committees.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
23 on Criminal Justice Intro 447A, emergency lock-ins.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
25 General Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Education Intro 449A, sub-district maps.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
5 General Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Intros 461A, 729A, and
7 757A, school siting.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
9 General Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
11 on Finance Resolution 286, design-build-delivery.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
13 Orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Pre-considered LU 196 and
15 Reso 516 through Pre-considered LU 198 and Reso 518,
16 tax exemptions.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
18 Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Health, Intro 954A, birth records.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
22 General Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
24 on Land Use, LU 152 and Reso 519 and LU 153 and Reso
25 520, landmark designations.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General

3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 176 and Reso 521, NYPD

5 Bomb Squad Headquarters.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General

7 Orders.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 177 and Reso 522

9 through LU 187 and Reso 530 on page seven, various

10 property tax exemptions.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General

12 Orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 188 and Reso 531 and

14 LU 189 and Reso 532, zoning map amendments.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General

16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 190 and Reso 533, 205

18 Park Avenue Rezoning.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved and laid over.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 191, 205 Park Avenue

21 rezoning.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with

23 modifications and referred to the City Planning

24 Commission pursuant to rule 11.70B of the Rules of

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2 the Council and section 197D of the New York City
3 Charter.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 195 and Reso 534, Five
5 Bement Avenue rezoning.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
7 Orders.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
9 on Transportation, Intro 989A, community information
10 centers.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
12 Orders.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 9--

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: [interposing] Sorry,
15 amended and coupled on General Orders.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 990A, DOT
17 ombudsman.

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

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing
21 various persons, Commissioner of Deeds.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
23 Orders.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: On the General Order
25 Calendar, Intro 720, site safety training.

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: Laid over.

COUNCIL CLERK: LU 164 and Reso 535 and
LU 165 and Reso 536, 1601 Dekalb Avenue rezoning.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General
Orders, and at this time I would ask for a roll call
vote on all of the items on today's General Order
Calendar.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye with the
exception of Land Use 188 and the accompanying
resolution, and 190, if we're voting on that today.
We're not? Okay, 188. Thank you.

COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all
3 except Intro 954A.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera? Chin?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Cohen?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides?

11 CHAIRPERSON CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Deutsch?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all

16 except for 954A.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Espinal?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: With my warmest
25 gratitude and appreciation to our Finance Chair and

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2 Education Chair and the Speaker for their
3 collaborative effort in passing today's comprehensive
4 package of bills related to school siting. I vote
5 aye on all. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all except
12 954A.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: King? Koo?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Lancman?

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Mr. Clerk? I just want
21 to remind members we're voting on three resolutions
22 after the General Order Calendar, so folks must stick
23 around to vote on those three resolutions. Thank
24 you. I apologize.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Levin? Levine?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to
speak?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I
want to-- I rise to speak on the incredible package
of SCA bills. These bill represent the will of so
many of the people that we represent, the mothers and
the students who are seeking, in middle of crisis,
for a better education system, literally building a
better education system. These bills represent good
research. But I want to lift the stories of Sunset
Park. More than 25 percent of the seats that are
getting built today as we speak are getting built in
my district in District 38. This includes District
15 and 20 where we are seeing incredible crisis in
overcrowding. The success was connected to people
organizing on the ground, and literally walking block

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2 by block looking for sites. And the stories of the
3 Council Members here today that are saying yes to
4 these packages understand that. When we bring more
5 transparency to this process of building better
6 schools and bring the neighborhood and community
7 members who understand their neighborhood. They
8 might not have the data. These bills will bring the
9 data that they hear and understand and feel every
10 single day when they drop off their kids, when they
11 participate in the PTAs and when they're part of
12 their child's life, that is what is at the spirit of
13 these bills and so I'm so proud to be here with all
14 of you saying yes. And I vote aye on all. Thank
15 you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Richards?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal? Salamanca?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Torres?

COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: A brief moment
to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you.
Congratulations to the Speaker and all the Council
Members on these bills. I can't think of a more
contentious topic at our Community Boards when they
are not included in the site selection process. In
residential communities like ours, that's the final
straw, and they always felt left out and completely
devoid of a process that involves the future of their

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2 children. So by us today doing this and having a
3 site selection process that we can be involved with,
4 the community can be involved with is a huge step in
5 the right direction. So, thank you Corey Johnson and
6 to everyone that worked on these bills. Thank you.
7 And I proudly vote aye on all.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Williams?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on all.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with
13 the exception of Intro 954A.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 954A, aye
16 on the rest.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.
21 That was a record-breaking roll call vote.

22 [applause]

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: You're welcome,
24 Majority Leader. Okay, all items on today's General
25 Order Calendar were adopted by a vote of 47 in the

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2 affirmative, 0 negative, and 0 abstentions, with the
3 exception of Intro 954A which was adopted by a vote
4 of 41 in the affirmative, 6 negative, and 0
5 abstentions, and LU 188 plus Resolution 531, which
6 was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 1
7 negative, and 0 abstentions. The revised Land Use
8 Call-Ups vote is 47 affirmative and 0 negative. We
9 will now have an introduction and reading of bills.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
11 referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We will now move
13 into the discussion of resolutions. Are there any
14 members who wish today to speak on the resolutions at
15 hand? We have Council Member Vallone.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, Madam
17 Majority Leader. I'll pass since I had my comments
18 in general time. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We now have Council
20 Member Rafael Espinal.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I'll pass as
22 well just to keep things going.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Happy new year,
25 everyone.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: We will now bring
3 it to Council Member Rosenthal.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Well, we
5 should, you know, apologize. So, I'm going to make
6 this really fast. I'm very pleased that the Council
7 will be voting today on my Resolution which calls on
8 Congress to pass legislation that would abolish ICE
9 and establish a more humane immigration enforcement
10 system. #abolishice at its core resonates because it
11 represents a willingness to reshape our institutions
12 to rectify injustice and move toward a more human
13 place. In its 16 years, ICE has racked up an
14 appalling and infamous record of abuses while failing
15 to make our country safer. The pending federal
16 legislation, HR6361, would create a taskforce to
17 review the truly essential functions currently under
18 the jurisdiction of ICE and transfer them to other
19 federal agencies while eliminating those that fail to
20 serve a public safety or national security purpose.
21 This conversation to abolish ICE is similar in many
22 ways to the discussion of closing Rikers here in New
23 York City. Yes, there are practical and political
24 challenges. Yes, transforming institutions is
25 complicated work, but it must get done. I want to

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2 thank Council Members Carlos Menchaca, Chair of the
3 Immigration Committee, and Speaker Johnson for their
4 support in moving this resolution forward. Thank
5 you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Council
7 Member Rosenthal. We now have Council Member
8 Menchaca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you, and
10 I also want to thank Council Members Rosenthal,
11 Rivera, Speaker Johnson for joining me in an op-ed on
12 this topic to abolish ICE. The Trump
13 Administration's zero tolerance family separation
14 policy has drawn much-needed attention to the abuses
15 perpetuated by ICE, but this crisis didn't start
16 here, and the debate around what to do with ICE is
17 not as complicated as you believe when you hear some
18 people talk about this topic, it boils down to one
19 very basic truth, that ICE was created to improve
20 public safety and Homeland Security and to create
21 connections between agencies. I believe, and we
22 believe, today with this resolution to support
23 Congress to abolish ICE, that it has failed. Instead
24 of targeting and prioritizing human trafficking or
25 terrorism, ICE is going after our Dreamers, day

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2 laborers, our loving parents, and we spend almost 18
3 billion on immigration enforcement. That's more than
4 the budget of all the other law enforcement agencies
5 combined, like the FBI, the DEA, the ATF, the Secret
6 Service, and we recently learned this week that Trump
7 moved money out of FEMA as we hear about this
8 hurricane burling through to hit the east coast, and
9 moved it over to ICE. This is an abomination, and is
10 cruel, and we need to end it. No further time. I
11 urge you all to support this resolution. Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, and now
13 we will-- let me read today's resolutions into the
14 record. I would like to remind all members who want
15 to vote against or abstain on any of these
16 resolutions to register their vote with the clerks at
17 the dais. Resolution 289, calling on the New York
18 City School Construction Authority to more clearly
19 communicate to the general public how city residents
20 can submit potential school sites and the guidelines
21 used by the School Construction Authority in
22 considering whether a suggested school site meets the
23 evaluation standards used by the Authority. All in
24 favor say aye.

25 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: All opposed?
3 Abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 377,
4 resolution calling upon the Governor and the
5 Metropolitan Transportation Authority to commit to an
6 expeditious transition to an electric bus fleet and
7 to use electric buses as a robust part of its
8 replacement service during the upcoming L Train
9 shutdown. All in favor say aye.

10 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: All opposed? Any
12 abstentions? The ayes have it. Pre-considered
13 Resolution calling upon the US Congress to pass and
14 the President to sign the Establishing a Humane
15 Immigration Enforcement System Act, HR6361,
16 legislation that would abolish the US Immigration and
17 Customs Enforcement. All in favor say aye.

18 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: All opposed? All
20 opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Give
21 us one moment. I'd like to call on Council Member
22 Levine to-- Levin. I'd like to call on Council
23 Member Levin to vote on the General Order Calendar.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Just to make sure
25 I vote aye on all on all General Orders. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. We
3 will now move into General Discussion. If members
4 have signed up for General Discussion, we will now
5 begin that portion of the meeting. We will begin
6 with Council Member Barron.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam
8 Public Advocate. I want to call our attention to the
9 passing of world renowned pianist, composer, and
10 creative musician, Randy Westin who died at the age
11 of 92.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hold on. And folks--

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [interposing]
14 Quiet in the Chambers. Quiet in the Chambers.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: If folks could please
16 be quiet for Council Member Barron and anyone else
17 who has general remarks. Go ahead.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. Randy
19 Westin was trained as a classical pianist, but he
20 decided on the music genre that we call jazz, but
21 which he called African rhythms. His major influence
22 was Falonius Monk [sp?], but Randy Westin was
23 constantly reshaping his cadences and lingering
24 without a steady pace. The New York Times said,
25 "Everything he played was edited in the essential

1 notes of a phrase, and each phrase stood on its own,
2 carefully separated from the next. His concerts and
3 seminars emphasize the African roots of jazz."
4 "Wherever I go I try to explain that if you love
5 music you have to know where it came from, whether
6 you say jazz or blues or bassinova [sp?] or samba
7 [sp?] or salsa, all these are names of African
8 contributions to the western hemisphere. If you take
9 out the African element of our music, you would have
10 nothing." Randy Westin says in his memoirs that he
11 recalled his father, a supporter of Marcus Garvey's
12 Universal Negro Improvement Association, that his
13 father hung maps and portraits of African kings on
14 the walls and was forever talking about African and
15 Caribbean culture. He wrote of his father, "He's
16 planting the seeds that I would become, for what I
17 would become as far as developing my consciousness on
18 the plight of Africans all over the world." His
19 mother embedded in him a love of African-American
20 church music. He traveled around the world and he
21 visited many countries. He played on many lofty
22 venues and gave his performances, but he also had a
23 very common touch. He came to the House of the Lord
24 Church where we have a small elementary school, less
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2 than 50 children, and he did a benefit concert for
3 us, and he taught the children. He didn't just play.
4 He taught the audience between the pieces that he
5 rendered as to what the origins of the music was. So
6 he'll be forever missed. A great man. Six foot
7 seven, but great in his musical talent, and his last
8 album was recorded just two years ago at the age of
9 90, and he said it featured an orchestra-sized
10 iteration of African rhythms through music and spoken
11 word that traces origin of man back to the Nile
12 River. Thank you, Madam Public Advocate.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much
14 Council--

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [interposing]
16 Madam Majority Speaker-- Majority Leader.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you so much,
18 Council Member Barron. And the great legend Bobba
19 [sic] Randy Westin was also a member of my district,
20 and there was a very powerful and regal home-going
21 service at the cathedral of St. John the Divine, and
22 Randy Westin will certainly be an icon that will be
23 missed, but his music and talent will live on
24 forever. I would now like to call on Council Member
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2 Levin. We're now going to call on Council Member
3 Rose.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Madam
5 Majority Leader. I'm excited to seek the support for
6 two bills I'm co-sponsoring with Council Members
7 Treyger and Kallos, which will direct DYCD in
8 consultation with DOE one, to report on and establish
9 the implementation of a program of universal
10 afterschool for all public school students-- that's
11 Intro 1100-- and report on our current afterschool
12 programs and the funding allocated to these programs,
13 and that's 1113. My colleagues, we all know too well
14 that we have a dearth of opportunities for our youth
15 after school in many of our communities with
16 difficulties and sometimes deadly consequences. It
17 is imperative that we get a better understanding of
18 the patchwork of afterschool programming that we have
19 created in New York City and move towards creating
20 universal after school so that all of our students in
21 New York City public schools have the opportunity to
22 continue to learn, be productive, be safe, and thrive
23 as they prepare to enter the world of work, and I
24 look forward to holding hearings on this important
25 legislation as soon as possible. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you, Council
3 Member Rose. And now I'd like to call on Council
4 Member Rivera to clarify her vote.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye on all
6 with the exception of 186 and 187. I'll have to
7 abstain, my husband is the Director of Operations at
8 Camber [sic] Properties.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you for the
10 clarification, and now we are going to reflect
11 revisions that have been recently presented to us.
12 In the matters of Land Use 186 plus 187 with
13 accompanying Resos, which was adopted by a vote of 46
14 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 1 abstention. We
15 will now call on the Speaker to close today's
16 meeting, and I want to say, Council Member Koslowitz,
17 I too like good food, and so now we will pre-- and
18 now we will turn it over to Council Member Speaker,
19 Majority Le-- excuse me, Speaker Corey Johnson.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: We did that designation
21 bill today on gender, Majority Leader Cumbo, so.
22 Thank you for, of course, presiding over today's
23 hearing, and I want to thank all the Council Members
24 for their hard work on all these bills, and with
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that, today's Stated Meeting of September 12th, 2018
is hereby adjourned.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: And vote tomorrow.
Please make sure that everyone votes tomorrow. This
is an important election year, and we must make sure
that our vote counts. Thank you. This meeting is
now adjourned.

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