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Speaker

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

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum

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JOHANNA M. CASTRO: Carl, we're live.

SERGEANT AT ARMS D'ALBA: Thank you.

Just waiting on the backup recordings.

SERGEANT AT ARMS PEREZ: Backup is running. The backup is running.

SERGEANT AT ARMS D'ALBA: 10-4.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: And welcome to Rabbi Sharon.

SERGEANT AT ARMS LUGO: Cloud recording good.

RABBI KLEINBAUM: Hello everybody, happy to be here.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Hello and welcome to today's Charter Meeting. Madam Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon and welcome to the Charter Meeting of January 6, 2021. I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and I'd like to thank you all for joining us at this virtual meeting of the New York City. If you would like to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website.

COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the

2 republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
3 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Adams.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Happy New Year.

7 Welcome new colleague, Council Member Reilly, and I'm
8 present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

10 Ampry-Samuel.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Happy New

12 Year all. Welcome, Council Member Reilly, and I am
13 here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Ayala.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Blessed, present,
18 grateful. Thank you. And present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

20 Borelli.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present, thank

22 you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Brannan.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Present.

25 Congrats, Kev, welcome.

2 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Congratulations
4 to Council Member Riley, and present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Chin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Happy and healthy
7 New Year, and welcome to our new colleague. I'm
8 present.

9 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Constantinides

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Present.

11 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Cornegy.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Ah, present and,
13 um, welcome to our new council member, and because we
14 are a new council we are foregoing the pledge process
15 that usually happens for, for new initiatents. Ah,
16 you're, you're lucky.

17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Deutsch.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Council Member
20 Darma Diaz. Council Member Ruben Diaz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: [speaking in
22 Spanish].

23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Dromm.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Eugene.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

3 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Gibson.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: You can hear it.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I'm here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: OK.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Blessed New Year
10 to everyone. Happy Three Kings Day, and welcome to
11 the council and the Bronx delegation, Council Member
12 Kevin Riley. I am here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Gjonaj.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Happy New Year to
15 all. Congratulations to Councilman Riley and the
16 great borough of the Bronx. Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Grodenchik.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Ah, shalom
19 aleichem to everybody. Aleichem shalom, ah, and
20 happy and healthy New Year, and I am definitely here
21 and welcome, Council Member Riley.

22 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Holden.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Kallos.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: [inaudible].

3 Welcome, Council Member Riley, here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Koo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present, and
6 welcome, Council Member Riley, and welcome, ah,
7 welcome him to our [inaudible]. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Koslowitz.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here, Happy
10 New Year, and welcome to our new council member.

11 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Lander.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I'm present and
13 feeling extra grateful, ah, this morning. Happy New
14 Year and welcome to our new colleague.

15 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Levin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Ah, Happy New
17 Year, everybody. Ah, welcome, Council Member Riley,
18 and present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Levine.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Happy New Year,
21 everybody, especially Council Member Riley, and I am
22 present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Louis.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Happy New Year,
3 everyone. Welcome, Council Member Riley, and I am
4 present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Maisel.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Menchaca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: A big thank you
9 to Georgia. Presente.

10 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Miller.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Ah, shalom
12 aleichem. Happy New Year. Welcome to the body, ah,
13 Council Member Riley.

14 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
15 Moya.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Perkins.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [inaudible]
19 nuevo. Presente.

20 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Welcome our
22 colleague, Council Member Kevin Riley, and Happy New
23 Year, and I am present.

24 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Reynoso.
25 Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present and Happy
3 New Year to my new colleagues. Looking forward to
4 working and meeting with you all. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Rivera.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Happy New Year,
7 everyone. Welcome, Council Member Riley. Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Rodriguez.
9 Rose.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Greetings from
11 [inaudible] and welcome, Council Member Riley. Ah,
12 thank you for adding another R to roll call and, um,
13 I am present.

14 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
15 Rosenthal.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Ah, here, and,
17 ah, welcome, Council Member Riley. We are so lucky
18 to have you and welcome to the team. Um, we're all
19 really lucky. This is gonna be a great, ah, council
20 year. I just know it.

21 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Salamanca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Ah, yes.
23 First, I want to wish everyone a happy Three Kings
24 Day and a Happy New Year, ah, and present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Treyger.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I'm used to
3 following my dear friend, Ritchie Torres, but he is
4 now doing great things in Congress. Um, very happy,
5 healthy New Year to all my colleagues and all the
6 amazing council family. Happy Three Kings Day.
7 Congratulations to Council Member Riley, welcome, and
8 I, I am present. Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
10 Ulrich.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I am present, and
12 on time. Turning over a new leaf for the new year.
13 Happy New Year and God bless.

14 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Vallone.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Present. Happy
16 blessed New Year, everyone. Welcome, Council Member
17 Riley. Thank you for putting me further down on the
18 roll call list. I keep going further down, further
19 down, another R. So God bless everyone and look
20 forward to today's meeting.

21 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you. Van
22 Bramer.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Yeger.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Congratulations,
3 ah, Council Member Riley. Look forward to working
4 with you, and you're lucky that Rob Cornegy, went
5 easy on you on the initiation. I am present and very
6 lucky to be part of this body, as are everybody here.

7 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
8 Matteo.

9 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: I'm here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Cumbo.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Battered and
12 bruised and stronger for it. I'm so blessed to have
13 all of you here today. Happy New Year. So happy to
14 work with Council Member Riley, and welcome, and
15 present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.
17 Speaker Johnson.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Clerk, ah, this
19 is Council Member Reynoso, present.

20 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you,
21 Council Member.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: And
23 [inaudible] Rodriguez.

24 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you,
25 Council Member. Speaker Johnson.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

3 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.

4 Madam Majority Leader, we have a quorum.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
6 much, and we will now have today's invocation, which
7 will be delivered by Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, senior
8 rabbi and spiritual leader at Congregation Beit
9 Simchat Torah, located at 130 West 30th Street in
10 Manhattan. Welcome, and we are so happy to have you
11 here today.

12 RABBI KLEINBAUM: Thank you so much for
13 having me here, Majority Leader, and to the Speaker
14 and to all the members of the City Council. Thank
15 you for the work you do every day on behalf of all of
16 us New Yorkers. Psalm 30 famously says [speaking in
17 Hebrew]. You have turned my morning into dancing.
18 You have loosened my sackcloth and supported with me
19 with joy in order that my soul may sing to you. Who
20 could have thought last year at this time that a year
21 later we would have gone through the year we did here
22 in New York City, in our country, and in our world.
23 There have been so many tears. There have been so
24 many losses. But it's our belief that joy comes in
25 the morning that keeps us going and we pray today as

2 we open this new year of 2021 in the New York City
3 Council. We pray that all of you who represent the
4 good and diverse and beautiful people of New York
5 will be blessed. We pray that each of you and your
6 families will be blessed. We pray that your staffs
7 and their families will be blessed. We pray that you
8 will be blessed with resilience, with patience, with
9 humor, with comfort, and with strength. We pray that
10 you will be able to at moments of great despair reach
11 out to one another and to those in your life, and to
12 whatever power of God you believe in to give you
13 strength. Because we the people of New York need
14 you. We need you to not give up or to give in, or to
15 never forget that each of us as we have been put on
16 this earth by our maker, whatever form we believe
17 that to be, that we, each of us, has the
18 responsibility to be the reason that other human
19 beings believe in the goodness of humanity. Each of
20 us we pray to be a force for the good, and you who
21 represent so many look to you to be our leaders, to
22 represent our understanding that government by and
23 for the people is a good thing, that good government,
24 done with great transparency and with health and with
25 intention and with love can improve the lives every

2 one of your citizens. Please, God, be with these,
3 our representatives, as they struggle with their own
4 lives and difficulties in this moment of COVID,
5 economic insecurity, plagues of racism, and of
6 disease of the mind and the body and the soul.

7 Please, God, surround them with your sukkah, with
8 your canopy of peace, and remind them that they are
9 never alone. You have loosened my sackcloth and
10 supported me with joy. Joy comes in the morning in
11 order that my soul might sing to you. Let us all
12 enrich, nourish, refresh our souls so that in our
13 work on behalf of the New York City communities we
14 sing as a beautiful chorus of many different voices
15 to you. And let us say amen.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you
17 so much for that powerful, beautiful, and
18 enlightening prayer for our new year. At this time I
19 would like to ask Speaker Corey Johnson to spread the
20 invocation onto the record.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ah, thank you, Madam
22 Majority Leader. Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, as you
23 said, serves as the spiritual leader of Congregation
24 Beit Simchat Torah. She became CBST's first rabbi in
25 1992, arriving at the height of the AIDS crisis.

2 Rabbi Kleinbaum guided the congregation through a
3 period of loss and change while addressing social
4 issues of the day and building a strong and deeply
5 spiritual community. Under her leadership the
6 congregation has become a powerful voice in the
7 movement for equality and justice for people of all
8 sexual orientations, gender identities, and
9 expressions. She recently cofounded the New York
10 Jewish Agenda, an organization concentrating on local
11 issues, such as bail reform, criminal justice, and
12 anti-Semitism. Rabbi Kleinbaum has always had the
13 courage of her convictions and has been repeatedly
14 arrested and jailed for her beliefs, just like the
15 late great John Lewis. She was also hailed by the
16 *Huffington Post*, *Newsweek*, and *The Forward*, and *The*
17 *Jewish Week* in their annual lists of most influential
18 rabbis in the country. I have personally worked
19 with, ah, Rabbi Kleinbaum, ah, for a long time. She
20 is a source of genuine inspiration to me and so many
21 in our community. I have been to her temple many
22 times for Friday night services and was honored to
23 participate the last few years for their Pride
24 Shabbat. Ah, through the highs and lows Rabbi
25 Kleinbaum and CBST are an integral part of my

2 district on the west side of Manhattan and of the
3 entire City of New York. Ah, Rabbi, thank you again
4 for all that you do, especially during this past
5 year. Thank you for being with us today as part of
6 this, ah, Charter-mandated Charter Meeting of the New
7 York City Council. I want to just tell you that I,
8 ah, can I see you on the screen here, ah, can. I
9 want to tell you I love you very much. Ah, you're,
10 you're such a wonderful friend and a great human
11 being. Ah, you've really been there for me in, in
12 hard times, ah, and I'm so grateful that you're here
13 today and I look forward to when I can safely hug
14 you, ah, in the new year. So with that I would like
15 to make a motion...

16 RABBI KLEINBAUM: Thank you so much.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Rabbi. I
18 want to make a motion for unanimous consent the
19 spread the invocation in full upon the record.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
21 much, Speaker Corey Johnson. We will now have the
22 adoption of minutes by Council Member Farah Louis.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I make a motion
24 that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of December
25 10, 2020, be adopted as printed.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
3 much, Council Member Louis. We will now have
4 messages and papers from the mayor.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
7 from city, county, and borough offices.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M-271, the
9 certification of election of Kevin C. Riley.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations, ah,
11 Council Member. I'll talk a little bit more about
12 you in a few minutes. Ah, that is received, ordered,
13 printed, and filed, Mr. Clerk.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Mr.
15 Speaker. M-272 and M-273, the resignations of
16 Council Members Ritchie Torres and Andrew Cohen.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
18 printed, and filed.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call-
20 ups.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M-272 and M-275.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. At this
23 time I'm asking for the clerk to take a roll call
24 vote on today's land use call-ups.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Adams.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barron.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Borelli. I'll come
10 back. Brannan.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cabrera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Chin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Constantinides.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I vote
18 aye.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cornegy.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Deutsch. Council
22 Member Deutsch?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Sorry. Aye.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye. Darma.

3 Thank you. Darma Diaz.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: I vote aye.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rubin Diaz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: [inaudible] si.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Eugene.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gibson.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gjonaj.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Grodenchik.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Holden.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kallos.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koslowitz.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Borelli.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.
COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levin.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levine.
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Louis.
COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.
COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.
COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I vote aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Miller.
COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Moya.
COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Perkins.
COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Yo voto aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Powers.
COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Reynoso.
COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.
LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.
3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rivera.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.
5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rodriguez.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rose.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rosenthal.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.
11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.
13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Treyger.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.
15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ulrich.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.
17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Vallone.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Van Bramer.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.
21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.
23 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Yes.
24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cumbo.
25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

3 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Today's land use
5 callups have a vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in
6 the negative, and no abstentions.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 Today's land use callups are adopted. We will now
9 have communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ah, thank you, Madam
11 Majority Leader. Good afternoon and a very happy
12 Wednesday. Welcome to our 2021 Charter Meeting. I
13 hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, and I
14 look forward to working alongside all of you in the
15 coming year for the city that we all love so much.
16 We begin, as we always do, by remembering those who
17 we have lost to COVID-19. As of yesterday 25,309 New
18 Yorkers have died from coronavirus. That number
19 includes probable deaths. This figure includes so
20 many of our first responders and front line workers
21 who throughout 2020 put their lives on the line for
22 New Yorkers. We are eternally grateful for them and
23 our thoughts are with the loved ones, ah, of all of
24 those who have passed. I want to acknowledge a few
25 losses since our last meeting. The FDNY is mourning

2 the loss of Evelyn Ford, one of our city's EMS
3 members who passed away as a result of coronavirus on
4 Tuesday, December 22. She was 58 years old and had
5 been with the department for 27 years. Tragically,
6 her came the day before EMS members became eligible
7 for the vaccine and it underscores the need to get
8 this vaccine out as soon as possible. We also lost
9 Barbara Jackson, a community leader who devoted her
10 life to serving the people of Queens. She served as
11 a district leader for the communities of East
12 Elmhurst and Corona, in Assembly District 35's Part
13 B, I know Council Member Moya's district since 1992,
14 but her influence could be felt throughout the
15 borough. She passed away on December 31 at the age
16 of 78. And I am really, really sad to say that we
17 are sending our condolences to one of my long-time
18 staffers, but a long-time staffer of, I think, the
19 past four speakers, ah, Phyllis Henderson, who
20 recently lost her husband, Mario Henderson. Phyllis,
21 ah, Mario was a wonderful, wonderful man who was
22 active in his church and loved his Friday night dates
23 with Phyllis. I met him at City Hall multiple times
24 when he came to pick her up at the end of the day.
25 We know that he will be missed, not only by Phyllis,

2 but by their two sons and their many family members
3 and friends. I want to just tell Phyllis that we are
4 here for her. Ah, we love her, we are thinking of
5 her. We're holding her in our hearts and in our
6 hands, ah, and I wish that I could give you a big
7 hug, Phyllis. I think you're watching and I want you
8 to know that all of us are grateful for you and that
9 we love you, and I know this is an incredibly
10 difficult time, ah, for you and for your family. Um,
11 so, um, Phyllis, we love you and we're really sorry
12 for the loss, the unexpected loss, of Mario, ah,
13 during this really, really difficult time. I want to
14 take a moment of silence to honor the lives of Ms.
15 Ford, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Henderson, as well as all of
16 those that we have lost to COVID here in New York,
17 and all over the country, and all over the world
18 [moment of silence]. Thank you. I also want to
19 extend a special welcome to our newest colleague,
20 Council Member Kevin Riley, at his first Stated
21 Meeting since taking office. Ah, I won't go through
22 his whole bio. You all will get to know Kevin in the
23 days and weeks and months ahead over, ah, this year.
24 But he was born and raised in the Bronx. Ah, for the
25 last decade he has worked for a dear friend of mine,

2 ah, speaker of the Assembly and Assembly Member Carl
3 Hastie. He started off as a constituent liaison and
4 worked his way up to be community relations director.
5 Ah, he is just an active community, ah, leader. Ah,
6 before taking office as council member he was a
7 leader in President Barack Obama's My Brother's
8 Keeper initiative, ah, and I think most importantly
9 to him, he is a father to two beautiful daughters,
10 ah, Brooke and Kate. So I want to welcome him, ah,
11 today and tell you, Kevin, we look forward to working
12 with you, ah, for you to serve your district in the
13 Bronx, and I'm really grateful that you're here
14 today. I know you worked hard over the course of
15 some cold months in a special election, so this was
16 not an easy, ah, path for you, and I want to welcome
17 you here today. We look forward to working with you
18 over these next few months. Ah, last but not least,
19 as some of our colleagues have said, a very happy
20 Three Kings Day to those who are celebrating, and now
21 on to our very short agenda today, as it always is
22 for a Charter Meeting. The council will be voting on
23 an item from our Land Use Committee, the 1501-1555
24 60th Street rezoning in Council Member Kalman Yeger's
25 district. It will facilitate the development of

2 three mixed-use buildings with 102 units of housing,
3 including 32 affordable units and ground-floor
4 retail. The council will be modifying the boundaries
5 of the rezoning area. The council also will be
6 voting on several changes to the membership and
7 chairs of our standing committees and subcommittees.
8 That is our agenda for today, that's it. Thank you
9 to everyone for putting this meeting together to kick
10 off our new legislative year, and with that I turn it
11 back to you, Madam Majority Leader.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
13 much, Speaker Johnson. We will now move into
14 discussion of General Orders. We will recognize
15 council members who wish to speak by using the raise
16 hand function in Zoom. And we will only be
17 discussing at this time the legislation that is
18 currently before us that we are about to vote um.
19 Um, please wait before you begin your remarks for our
20 Sergeant at Arms to announce he has begun the
21 countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms will alert you
22 when your time has expired. Mr. Parliamentarian, are
23 there any council members registered to speak at this
24 time?

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madam Majority
3 Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: OK. If there are
5 no members that have, ah, wish to sign up to speak at
6 this time we will go right into the report of special
7 committees.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
10 standing committees.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
12 Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections,
13 preconsidered Reso 1528, council committee changes.

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
15 orders.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: On the general order
17 calendar, LU 705 and Reso 1530, and LU 706 and Reso
18 1531, 60th Street rezoning.

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
20 orders. And I would now ask the clerk to take a roll
21 call vote on those items coupled on today's general
22 orders calendar.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Adams.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you for
3 keeping it short and sweet, Mr. Speaker. I vote aye
4 on all.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye
7 on all.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barron.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on
12 all, with the exception of land use 705, 706, and the
13 accompanying resolutions. Thank you.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Borelli.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye,
16 thank you.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brannan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye on
19 all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cabrera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Chin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Constantinides.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I vote
3 aye. Happy New Year of one.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, sir.
5 Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Um, I vote aye
7 on all, but since there is no opportunity, ah, to
8 render these remarks I'm asking to explain my vote.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
10 granted.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Today marks the
13 beginning of my last year as the representative for
14 Bed-Sty and Crown Heights in this legislative body.
15 The population of each of our districts is larger
16 than some countries and as a whole we represent one
17 of the largest, most influential, and most creative
18 cities in the world. I want to acknowledge the
19 contributions of three of my council members who left
20 so recently. Last month former Council Member
21 Donovan Richards became the Queens borough president.
22 Queens is an amazing place and is universally known
23 and acknowledged to be the second-best borough in New
24 York City, after Brooklyn, of course. Borough
25 President Richards will enter the history books as

2 the first African American borough president of
3 Queens and the most, in the most linguistically
4 diverse spot on the planet. Council Member Andrew
5 Cohen has represented Norwood at the ready,
6 overseeing a robust constituent services department,
7 regularly appearing at community meetings across the
8 11th Council District, and carrying himself with
9 warmth and dedication. While understanding of the
10 laws essential to being a judge, so is understanding
11 humanity. Mr. Cohen now brings both of his new, to
12 his new role as a Supreme Court judge. We will all
13 benefit from his wisdom and compassion. Council
14 Member Ritchie Torres has been showing us skill and
15 determination are infinitely more important than
16 stereotypes. He grew up in Throgs Neck Public
17 Housing Development, but that didn't slow him down
18 from becoming the youngest-ever member of the New
19 York City Council. Now he's moving to Congress at a
20 time when we have new leadership in the White House.
21 History will also forever mark that Ritchie Torres
22 becomes the first gay Afro Latino elected to
23 Congress. This is a great moment for our country. I
24 wish all three of more former colleagues the best of
25 luck in their new positions. At the end of 2021, ah,

2 most of my fellow council members will be leaving
3 this body. I know we all have many goals we want to
4 accomplish, which makes for an incredibly optimistic
5 year. We are empowered with the opportunity to serve
6 the people of New York. I feel so blessed that I'm
7 able to work with all of you in this noble task.
8 Thank you, and Happy New Year.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Deutsch.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye on all.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Darma Diaz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Aye.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: [inaudible] Council
14 Member. I'm sorry, Council Member?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Diaz said aye.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: You're welcome.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rubin Diaz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: [speaking in
20 Spanish].

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Eugene.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I want to wish a
3 very blessed and Happy New Year to all my colleague,
4 and with this I vote aye.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gibson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on
7 all.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gjonaj.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Grodenchik.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye on all,
12 and I want to again welcome, ah, Council Member
13 Riley. Ah, he represents my mother's, where my
14 mother grew up, so Wallace and Burke, so, ah, very
15 special place for me. Congratulations again. Thank
16 you.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Holden.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye on all.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kallos.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all, and
23 Happy New Year to all my colleagues.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koslowitz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

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LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all,
and Council Member Koslowitz, I love your new
glasses.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on
all. Same old glasses.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, sir.
Louis.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye on all.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.

COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I vote, I vote
aye on, well, actually I vote no on the land use item
and aye on the rest. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Moya.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Perkins. Council
3 Member Perkins? Council Member Perkins, I believe
4 you're muted. I'll come back. Powers.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Reynoso.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Riley.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Ah, to all my
10 colleagues for the words of affirmation and the
11 support I really do truly appreciate, and I vote aye
12 on all. Thank you.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Rivera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rodriguez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, before
17 voting I would like to encourage all my colleagues to
18 also do whatever it is we have in our power to be
19 sure that in this process of vaccination we are
20 vigilant to be sure that underserved community become
21 top priority. Today I stand together with Brooklyn
22 Borough President Eric Adams and Manhattan Borough
23 President to be sure that underserved community
24 become to priority together with the first responder.
25 So hopefully, you know, with the support of all of us

2 we can be able that the vaccination process bring
3 more clarity and the city and state elevate the level
4 of coordination to be sure that we dedicate our first
5 resolution to save life in 2021. With that I vote
6 aye.

7 UNIDENTIFIED: Amen.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rose.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rosenthal.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With gratitude
12 to the speaker for my new committee, um,
13 chairmanship, I really appreciate it, and with
14 congratulations to Council Member D. Diaz, ah, for
15 her chairship on the Committee on Women and Gender
16 Equity. Thank you for taking that committee over. I
17 feel like it's in great hands. I vote aye on all.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca. Treyger.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: I vote aye.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ulrich.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on
22 all.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Vallone.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: You know, today
25 we celebrate Three Kings Day and it was the day that

2 the three wise men were guided by divine light in the
3 sky, and I was just reflecting just last week some
4 say that same light reappeared in the sky. So let's
5 hope as we start this year that light pierces the
6 dark of last year and gives us hope and wisdom for
7 next year for all of us. There's much we have to do.
8 So God bless everyone. I vote aye on all, and Happy
9 New Year. Thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Van Bramer.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye. Council
14 Member Perkins.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [inaudible] aye
16 on all.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
18 Member Salamanca. Matteo.

19 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: I vote aye.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cumbo.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: OK, today's general
25 order calendar is as follows. Resolution 1528 has a

2 vote of 46 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
3 and no abstentions. And land use items 705 and 706
4 with their accompanying resolutions had a vote of 44
5 in the affirmative, two in the negative, and no
6 abstentions. Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
8 much. The items on today's general order calendar
9 are adopted. Introduction and reading of bills.

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

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
14 Speaker Johnson. There are no resolutions on today's
15 calender, so we will now move into general
16 discussion. As a reminder, please wait until the
17 Sergeant at Arms begins the countdown clock before
18 you being your remarks. Mr. Parliamentarian, are
19 there any council members who wish to speak at this
20 time?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority
22 Leader. Council Member Barron.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
24 Barron.

25 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Ah, thank you. I
3 just want to wish everyone a happy Three Kings Day
4 and I also want to wish, ah, everyone the best in
5 this new year. We know that we are still in the
6 midst of COVID and we know that there is still, ah,
7 challenges ahead. In that regard, we do know that
8 the healthcare professionals are the first line of
9 defense and we recently had a great victory inasmuch
10 as those master's nursing students at Lehman who had
11 previously been denied the opportunity to sit for
12 their licensing exam have been victorious and they
13 have been granted the opportunity to sit for that
14 exam, and we know that that will increase the
15 population of those nurses who are certified and
16 working on the front lines. And in terms of the work
17 that we have before us, I just want to say I look
18 forward to working with all of the council members
19 and the leadership and the staff because we've got a
20 great challenge ahead of us to address what we have,
21 ah, been subjected to in these past 2020 and I look
22 forward to working with all of you in that regard.
23 And I'm excited about the prospects of what we can do
24 during this council moving forward. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Mr.
3 Parliamentarian, are there any others who signed up
4 to speak at this time?

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Council Member
6 Miller, followed by Council Member Salamanca.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
8 Miller, you may begin.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam
11 Majority Leader. Ah, once again I want to just say,
12 ah, Happy New Year to all of my colleagues and all
13 the New Yorkers that are listening this afternoon.
14 Um, 2020 was a very trying time, um, for so many
15 reasons. Obviously COVID-19 has impacted so many,
16 particularly communities of color, and it continues
17 to do so. During this same time period, ah, our
18 democracy was in question. And so we have, ah,
19 experienced a last year of, of, of, ah, internal
20 battles and we strove to, ah, Senior Senator, ah,
21 Schumer likes to say, ah, it's a republic if you can
22 keep it. Ah, well, I will say because of what has
23 taken place in Georgia we can keep this republic. I
24 will also say that, ah, as we strove to make sure
25 that, that, that others strove to ensure that there

2 were more participation in this democracy,
3 particularly around diverse communities that, um, we
4 have demonstrated again in Georgia as we did in, in
5 Philadelphia and in Milwaukee and in Detroit and in
6 Arizona that we got this and so as we move forward
7 look forward to working with each and everyone one of
8 you, ah, as, ah, in, in the new year and the
9 democracy has been preserved by, ah, one who has, ah,
10 not always been a community that has not always been
11 to take full advantage of that democracy. So once
12 again look forward to working with each, each one of
13 you in the upcoming year. Thank you.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
15 Council Member Miller. Now we will hear from Council
16 Member Salamanca.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,
19 Madam Majority Leader. Um, I asked for unanimous
20 consent to vote aye on all for the items on today's
21 general orders calendar.

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council members, are
23 there any objections to Council Member Salamanca's
24 motion for unanimous consent?
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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I, I see no objections.
3 Unanimous consent has been granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,
5 thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ah, I vote aye on all.
6 Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Are
8 there any other members who wish to speak at this
9 time?

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes. Council Member
11 Levin.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
13 much, Madam Majority...

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
16 much, Madam Majority Leader. Um, I just want to, um,
17 thank all of my colleagues. I want to thank the
18 speaker and majority leader and, ah, the entire staff
19 for putting together this, ah, Charter Stated
20 Meeting, um, and I am, I'm very hopeful today, this
21 is first Stated Meeting of, ah, the final year, ah,
22 for me and many of my colleagues here in the council
23 and, um, ah, I was inspired by hearing some of my
24 colleagues to say that to the public, to anyone
25 that's watching right now, any New Yorkers that are

2 watching right now, um, you have, you have our
3 commitment that we're gonna do everything that we can
4 as a body, as a legislative body, in the next year to
5 fulfill, um, commitments that, that we have made, um,
6 ah, promises that we have made, um, and, ah, and our
7 duty and role as a, as the legislature of this city
8 to make New Yorkers' lives better to the best of our
9 ability and, um, and to make a meaningful impact, ah,
10 in the life of this city, and so, ah, you can rest
11 assured, ah, and feel assured that we are gonna do
12 everything that we can, um, and, ah, and, and spare
13 no effort, um, in the coming year, and I wish you all
14 very well in this new year. Thank you.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
16 much, Council Member Levin, for your very timely
17 words. Very well said. Are there any other members
18 who wish to speak at this time?

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes. Council Member
20 Gibson.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
22 Gibson.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you so
25 much, Madam Majority Leader, and good afternoon,

2 Speaker, and all my colleagues. Again, a blessed
3 happy holiday, ah, season. I'm grateful that we have
4 completed the holiday season and wish all of you a
5 Happy New Year, um, and I want to thank you, Mr.
6 Speaker, for your confidence in me in leading a new
7 committee in this body of the City Council. I look
8 forward to working with all of my colleagues now in
9 my new capacity and I want to join other colleagues
10 that have spoken up about the year ahead, ah, the
11 challenges that we faced in 2020, the lives that
12 we've lost, our family members, friends, and
13 neighborhoods that have lost their battle to the
14 COVID-19 pandemic. Ah, we have a purpose this year.
15 Many of us are leaving at the end of this year and we
16 have our charging orders. Ah, there is a momentum
17 across this country to reclaim our democracy and I'm
18 excited about that. I often think about Psalms 30,
19 ah, that says weeping may endure for the night, but
20 joy will come in the morning, and we are on the cusp
21 of joy in this country and we are a part of this, and
22 so I welcome again our colleague from the Bronx,
23 Council Member Kevin Riley, and really making sure
24 that we are optimistic about the year ahead. Ah, we
25 have a lot of work to do. Ah, we have to deal with

2 food insecurity. I've never seen so many people on
3 food pantry lines in the last several months. It has
4 been heartbreaking. We still continue to live with
5 the plague of gun violence in many of our
6 communities. Ah, just two weeks ago I mourned the
7 loss of a 16-year-old young man in my district and
8 worked with his family as they mourn this loved one
9 and buried him, and 16 years old is certainly not
10 acceptable and not normal. So we do have a lot of
11 work to do. So I want to thank you again, Mr.
12 Speaker, for your confidence in my leadership
13 chairing the new committee and congratulations to all
14 of the members that have new committees, particularly
15 my sisters in the Women's Caucus. I look forward to
16 working with all of you in this body, ah, during this
17 year ahead. Happy New Year...

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: ...to each and
20 every one of you. God bless you. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Parliamentarian,
22 are there any other members who wish to speak?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madam Majority
24 Leader.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: With that being
3 said, I want to wish Council Member Carlina Rivera a
4 very happy birthday, um, and I also want to, you
5 know, just close out by saying I want to applaud this
6 entire body, particularly Speaker Corey Johnson, for,
7 ah, leading us through a very difficult and
8 challenging time by getting these meetings up
9 virtually so that we could continue the people's
10 business and continuing to work to make sure that we
11 pass a budget, that we continue to pass legislation,
12 and that we continue to do the people's work. I know
13 many members are mourning the loss of family members,
14 of mothers, of dads, um, many of you have had COVID
15 yourselves and I can only imagine how frightening
16 that experience has been. So this body has been
17 certainly battle-tested and, as Council Member Levin
18 said, we are gonna continue to do people's work,
19 we're gonna continue to move this city forward, and
20 we thank you so much, Speaker Johnson, for your
21 leadership. And with that I turn this meeting over,
22 ah, to be closed by Speaker Corey Johnson. Thank
23 you.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
3 Majority Leader. The Charter Meeting of January 6,
4 2021, is hereby adjourned. Happy New Year. [gavel]

5 TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Vote revision: Res
6 1528 = 47 affirmative, 0 negative, 0 abstentions. LU
7 705 & Res 1530 = 45 affirmative, 2 negative, 0
8 abstentions. LU 706 & Res 1531 = 45 affirmative, 2
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