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B E F O R E: Corey Johnson  
Speaker

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Recording under way.

3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Backup is rolling.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Cloud [inaudible].

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Hello and welcome  
6 [inaudible] At this time I would ask that you please  
7 turn all electronic devices to vibrate. Madam  
8 Majority Leader, we are ready to begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON CUMBO: Good afternoon and  
10 welcome to the Stated Meeting of March 25, 2021. I  
11 am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and I'd like to thank  
12 you for joining us at this virtual meeting of the New  
13 York City Council. If you would like to follow  
14 along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on  
15 our website.

16 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Please join us  
17 for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to  
18 the flag of the United States of America, and to the  
19 republic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
20 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We'll  
22 begin with roll call.

23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Adams.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

25 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Ampry-Samuel.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.  
3 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Ayala.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Barron.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Blessed and  
7 present.  
8 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Borelli.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.  
10 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Brannan.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: I'm here.  
12 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Brooks-Powers.  
13 I'm sorry, Council Member Brooks-Powers.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Here.  
15 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.  
16 Cabrera.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.  
18 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: [inaudible]  
19 Constantinides. Cornegy.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I'm here.  
21 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Thank you.  
22 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Deutsch.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.  
24 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Darma Diaz.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Here. Presente.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Ruben Diaz.  
3 Dromm.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Eugene.

6 Gennaro.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Gibson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Blessed

10 afternoon. I'm here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Gjonaj.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.

13 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Grodenchik.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I'm here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Holden.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Kallos.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Koo.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Koslowitz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Lander.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

25 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Levin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.  
3 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Levine.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Louis.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Maisel.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.  
9 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Menchaca.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.  
11 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Miller.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I'm here.  
13 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Moya.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.  
15 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Perkins.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.  
17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Powers.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.  
19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Reynoso.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.  
21 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Riley.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.  
23 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Rivera.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Rodriguez.  
3 Rose.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

5 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Rosenthal.  
6 Salamanca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Treyger.  
9 Ulrich. Vallone.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

11 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Van Bramer.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

13 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Yeger.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

15 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Matteo.

16 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: I'm here.

17 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Cumbo.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Speaker  
20 Johnson.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK MCSWEENEY: Madam Majority  
23 Leader, we have a quorum.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
25 much. We will now have today's invocation, which

2 will be delivered by Rabbi Aryeh Katzin, the  
3 executive director and spiritual leader of Russian  
4 American Jewish Experience, located at 2915 Ocean  
5 Parkway in Brooklyn.

6 RABBI KATZIN: Thank you. We are  
7 gathered virtually and even though each of us is in a  
8 separate location we are nevertheless united. We are  
9 united in our commitment to serve the people of this  
10 great City of New York. We all share the pain of the  
11 families who have lost their loved ones in this  
12 terrible pandemic and wish a full and speedy recovery  
13 to the sick. We also feel the pain of isolation,  
14 poverty, and divisiveness that the different ways  
15 have affected us all. I am deeply moved today  
16 because exactly 40 years ago I immigrated from the  
17 Soviet Union and for the first time celebrated  
18 Passover not only as the exodus of my people from  
19 Egypt, but also my personal liberation from Soviet  
20 slavery. I share the experience of all immigrants  
21 who arrived at the shores seeking liberty and justice  
22 for all. I'm a Russian Jew. Many members of my  
23 family and millions of my people were murdered by the  
24 Nazis during the Holocaust. While the survivors  
25 became targets of discrimination and cultural

2 genocide under the brutal Communist regimen, what  
3 made these crimes possible was that the tyrants first  
4 suppressed the freedom of speech. People were scared  
5 to protest hatred, terrified to protect each other.  
6 Passover is the holiday of freedom, but in Hebrew  
7 Pesach hints that the very basic freedom of all is  
8 the freedom of speech, because Pesach also means the  
9 mouth speaks. On Passover we speak with our family  
10 and friends, sharing the story of freedom and love  
11 for others. There are more than 600 languages spoke  
12 in New York. We need to be courageous to express  
13 ourselves in our unique way and we need to be  
14 respectful to protect the rights of others, to  
15 express themselves without fear, even when we  
16 disagree with them. The Nazis and Communists  
17 committed their crimes because they just followed  
18 orders. They were scared of their tyrants and served  
19 their dictators, not their citizens. They served  
20 themselves, failing to feel the pain of their people.  
21 May God give us a loving and understanding heart to  
22 feel the pain of the oppressed, respecting the image  
23 of God in every human being regardless of faith,  
24 color, or race. May we see the good in others and in  
25 that merit reveal the greatness within ourselves.

2 May God bless us with courage to serve our people,  
3 every single one of them, and elevate them all from  
4 despair to hope and from slavery to freedom. God  
5 bless America and the great City of New York.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
7 much. Thank you so much for that very timely prayer,  
8 um, and for giving us so much hope and inspiration  
9 through your own challenges that you've been able to  
10 share with us today. At this time I would like to  
11 call on Council Member Chaim Deutsch to spread the  
12 invocation on the record, and I thank you so much,  
13 Rabbi Katzin, for being with us today and for sharing  
14 your words of wisdom, um, with each and every one of  
15 us. Council Member Deutsch.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Ah, thank you,  
17 Majority Leader. In just over 48 hours Jewish people  
18 across the globe will welcome the holiday of  
19 Passover. What better way to head into the important  
20 holiday of Passover than to hear those remarkable  
21 words from Rabbi Aryeh Katzin, who himself celebrated  
22 40 years of freedom from the Soviet Union. Rabbi  
23 Katzin is the executive director of RAGE, the Russian  
24 American Jewish Experience. He is a spiritual leader  
25 to young people in the immigrant community, guiding

2 and educating them about life, religion, and  
3 righteousness. When Rabbi Katzin immigrated from the  
4 former Soviet Union and settled in Brooklyn, he  
5 immediately got to work establishing a welcoming  
6 community for his fellow immigrants. He founded the  
7 Sinai Academy to teach children about their heritage,  
8 and he established a Russian language newspaper to  
9 connect members of the growing community with each  
10 other. Rabbi Katzin is a fixture in the southern  
11 Brooklyn community and a role model to thousands. It  
12 is an honor to know him and to be inspired by his  
13 resilience and strength. Thank you for all those  
14 inspiring words, Rabbi Katzin, and I wish you and all  
15 who are celebrating [inaudible] sameach, which means  
16 a happy, meaningful holiday. I also want to wish all  
17 those who are celebrating Easter an joyful and  
18 peaceful holiday, and with Ramadan, ah, just several  
19 weeks away I also want to wish all those observing a  
20 meaningful and blessed month. God bless you all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
22 much, Council Member Chaim Deutsch. We appreciate  
23 you sharing your treasures from your community with  
24 the entire City of New York.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you,  
3 Majority Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We will now move  
5 into the adoption of minutes.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Messages and  
8 papers from the mayor.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: M-294, certification of  
13 election of Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, new council  
14 member, 31st District.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations to our  
16 new colleague. Received, ordered, printed, and  
17 filed.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and  
19 communications.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call-  
22 ups.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: M-295, Suydam Street  
24 rezoning.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. At this  
3 time I'm asking for the clerk to take a roll call  
4 vote on this single land use call-up. Again, we're  
5 just voting on this land use call-up item.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Good afternoon. Adams.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: I vote aye.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye. Did  
15 you hear me?

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, yes. Barron.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.  
4 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides. Cornegy.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.  
6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Deutsch.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I vote aye.  
8 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: I vote aye.  
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: Me.  
12 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.  
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Eugene.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.  
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.  
18 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.  
20 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.  
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Grodenchik.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.  
24 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel. Council Member

17 Maisel?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Menchaca.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller. Council Member

22 Miller, I believe you're muted. Council Member

23 Miller?

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member Miller,

25 can you hear us?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Absolutely, you  
3 know, we virtually [inaudible] so.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
5 Miller.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member Miller.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Yeah, definitely.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Let's mute  
9 Council Member Miller and move on. Let's do that.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: OK, we'll come back.  
11 Moya.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley. I'm sorry,  
20 Council Member Riley?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Rivera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez. Rose.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Salamanca.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Treyger.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Yeger.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

13 Constantinides.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Miller.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo.

19 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Today's land use call-ups  
3 have a vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the  
4 negative, and no abstentions.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.  
6 Today's land use call-up is adopted. We will now  
7 have communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ah, thank you, Madam  
9 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. Welcome to our  
10 Stated Meeting today. Spring is finally here.  
11 Better days are hopefully ahead for our city and  
12 country. More people are getting vaccinated daily.  
13 It's becoming easier for friends and family to gather  
14 safely, and the federal stimulus package will soon be  
15 on its way to help us recover. But COVID-19 is not  
16 our city's only problem. We still have a crisis when  
17 it comes to the distrust between police and  
18 communities, and we still have a lot of work to do to  
19 build accountability in the NYPD and reform the  
20 nation's largest police force. Today the council is  
21 taking some steps towards that goal. This is ongoing  
22 work that won't end with today's votes. We also have  
23 a bill that helps commercial tenants by extending,  
24 ah, extending a pandemic protection that we, ah,  
25 voted on last year. But sadly COVID-19 is still very

2 much a reality in New York City. As of yesterday  
3 30,793 people, New Yorkers, have died from COVID-19.  
4 It's important for us to continue to remember the New  
5 Yorkers that we've lost and the loved ones that  
6 they've left behind. Today is also the anniversary  
7 of two tragedies that forever changed our city - the  
8 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in Manhattan and the  
9 Happy Land Social Club fire in the Bronx. In 1911  
10 the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company Factory  
11 in Greenwich Village killed 146 workers. These were  
12 mostly women and girls, young Jewish and Italian  
13 immigrants working in sweatshops. The tragedy  
14 started the American labor movement by exposing the  
15 horrific and dangerous working conditions that these  
16 workers and women endured. And we continue to fight  
17 for workers' rights we remember the lives lost in the  
18 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. Today we also  
19 remember another New York City tragedy. As I said,  
20 in 1990 87 people were killed in an act of arson at  
21 the Happy Land Social Club in the Bronx. The club  
22 was ordered to be closed because of building  
23 violations dating back to 1988, including lack of  
24 fire exits, and while we continue to improve  
25 oversight of bad landlords, we must remember the

2 victims of the Happy Land Social Club fire. I also  
3 want to take a moment to acknowledge some other sad  
4 losses in our city. I'm sad to say that we had  
5 another on-the-job death on February 26. Scott  
6 Keegan, a sheet metal worker, died after falling from  
7 an upper floor of the NYU Langone Ambulatory Care  
8 Center in Manhattan. He was 52 years old. Last week  
9 we lost retired police detective Patrick Caprese.  
10 Detective Caprese survived being shot three times in  
11 2005 after pulling over a car, but died on March 15  
12 after going into medical distress. He was 58 years  
13 old. He was the epitome of bravery, service, and  
14 sacrifice and our thoughts are with his loved ones as  
15 they mourn. Not even a week after the mass shooting  
16 in the Atlanta area, on Monday we learned of another  
17 heartbreaking massacre. This time 10 people were  
18 killed in Boulder, Colorado, including a police  
19 office. No one should have to worry that a rage-  
20 filled gunman will kill them or their loved ones. We  
21 need gun control. We need it now. No more excuses.  
22 As I do in every Stated, I would like to recognize  
23 the lives of those who we recently lost to 9/11-  
24 related illnesses. We've lost retired FDNY Captain  
25 Frank Portel. He was 51 years old. Retired

2 firefighter Joseph Boyle, who volunteered in the  
3 clean-up efforts at the World Trade Center. Retired  
4 police officer Timothy Motto, he was 63 years old.  
5 We are sending our deepest condolences to their  
6 families and friends. So let us pause for a moment  
7 of silence for the lives that we've lost to this  
8 pandemic, to the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire,  
9 the Happy Land Social Club fire, the Colorado mass  
10 shooting, and for sheet metal worker Scott Keegan,  
11 police officer Detective Patrick Caprese, Fire  
12 Captain Frank Portel, police officer Joseph Boyle,  
13 and police officer Timothy Motto [moment of silence].  
14 Thank you. Before we dive into our agenda, I want to  
15 take a moment to welcome to the council our newest  
16 colleague, Council Member Selvena N. Brooks-Powers.  
17 She represents Council District 31, which includes  
18 Laurelton, Far Rockaway, Springfield Gardens, and  
19 other great neighborhoods. Council Member Brooks-  
20 Powers replaces the now Queensboro president, Donovan  
21 Richards, and we welcome here. We're so glad we are,  
22 ah, that you are at your first Stated Meeting. We  
23 look forward to working with you and supporting you.  
24 Congratulations, Council Member Powers. Welcome to  
25 your first Stated Meeting of the New York City

2 Council. Passover begins on Saturday at sundown. At  
3 the seder table the Jewish people recount how they  
4 became free after hundreds of years of slavery and  
5 bondage. So to all those who celebrate the Festival  
6 of Freedom, ah, I want to say have a happy Passover  
7 and may you have a peaceful and meaningful holiday.  
8 Next week is also, as Council Member Deutsch said,  
9 the start of Holy Week, the week leading up to  
10 Easter. This is a time of reflection, hope, and  
11 renewal for many Christians. For all of those  
12 observing I wish them a peaceful and reflective week  
13 and a happy Easter. Now on to our agenda. Ah, out  
14 of the Land Use Committee we'll be voting on several  
15 items, Avern East, which is a HPD proposal of a  
16 series of applications to facilitate a new mixed use  
17 development within the Avern Urban Renewal Area and  
18 this is in Council Member, ah, Selvena N. Brooks-  
19 Powers' district, and I want to congratulate her on  
20 the approval of her first land use application.  
21 Lower East Side cluster, a UDAAP and Article 11 tax  
22 exemption in Council Member Rivera's district. We'll  
23 also be voting on several HPD UDAAP applications in  
24 Council Member Perkins' district. 50-25 Barnett  
25 Avenue rezoning in Council Member Van Bramer's

2 district. 1099 Webster Avenue rezoning in Council  
3 Member Vanessa Gibson's district. Now out of the  
4 Finance Committee we'll be voting on a preconsidered  
5 resolution number 1583, sponsored by Council Member  
6 Francisco Moya, which supports State Senate bill 4482  
7 and its companion bill in the Assembly, 5092, which  
8 would impose a new tax on billionaires. The proposed  
9 Mark to Market tax would tax the increase in value of  
10 billionaires' assets at the same rate as other  
11 income. While New Yorkers struggle to make ends meet  
12 the state's 120 billionaires are 87.7 billion dollars  
13 richer than they were just one year ago. They, of  
14 course, can certainly afford to pay more,  
15 particularly when so many people continue to suffer  
16 from the COVID-19 pandemic, and that is why this  
17 resolution further calls for revenue generated from  
18 this tax to be used to a 3.5 billion dollar Excluded  
19 Workers' Fund to assist the hundreds of thousands of  
20 workers who have been excluded from receiving  
21 benefits, like unemployment insurance, because of  
22 their immigration status or recent incarceration.  
23 Many of these workers were employed in essential  
24 jobs, such as cleaning, home health care, food  
25 delivery, and many other jobs, until many of them

2 lost their jobs or became ill with COVID-19 and could  
3 no longer work, and the fact that they are barred  
4 from receiving benefits like unemployment insurance  
5 and other, other federal benefits is unjust and  
6 wrong. And I want to thank from the staff Noah Brick  
7 and Rebecca Chasen for working on that. Moving into  
8 our legislative agenda, first the council will vote  
9 on Introduction number 2243-A, sponsored by Council  
10 Member Carlina Rivera. This bill extends Local Law  
11 55, which suspended personal liability provisions in  
12 leases of businesses that were required to close as  
13 part of the state's efforts to control the spread of  
14 COVID-19. This meant that commercial landlords who  
15 are not getting rent could not go after an individual  
16 guarantor's personal assets, including their home.  
17 The council will vote today to extend the time frame  
18 on the protection from March 31, 2021, to June 30,  
19 and I want to thank from the staff Noah Mexler and  
20 Stephanie Jones. The next set of bills are part of a  
21 package to increase NYPD accountability and to  
22 reimagine public safety in our city. Our first  
23 policing bill is out of our Governmental Affairs  
24 Committee and it will remove the NYPD's authority to  
25 revoke or suspend press credentials. Introduction

2 number 2118-A, sponsored by Council Member Keith  
3 Powers, will transfer authority over press  
4 credentials from the NYPD to the Mayor's Office of  
5 Media and Entertainment. This bill would eliminate  
6 the NYPD's authority to issue, suspend, or revoke  
7 press credentials and transfer that authority to  
8 MOOM. Under this bill MOOM would be required to  
9 promulgate rules setting forth application procedures  
10 for press credentials, ah, criteria for the denial of  
11 an application, and criteria for the suspension or  
12 revocation of a credential. And from the staff I  
13 want to thank C. J. Murray, Elizabeth Cronk, and  
14 Emily Forgione. Next, we have a bill from the Civil  
15 and Human Rights Committee. Introduction number  
16 2212-A, sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Gibson,  
17 will clarify the Civilian Complaint Review Board has  
18 the power to investigate bias-based policing and  
19 racial profiling complaints made by the public. This  
20 bill was the direct result of the council's work to  
21 uncover the racist head of the NYPD's EEO division,  
22 James Kobel. It would empower the board to  
23 investigate past professional conduct of any police  
24 officer who was found to be engaged in bias. The  
25 bill would also require the NYPD to engage an

2 independent consultant to review cases handled by the  
3 NYPD's EEO division. And I want to thank from the  
4 staff Janida John, ah, Jasiry Jatapafi, Weeam Douri,  
5 Emily Rooney, Natasha Major, and Jonathan Mastorano.  
6 Next, we're voting on a bill out of the  
7 Transportation Committee. Introduction number 2224-  
8 A, sponsored by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, will  
9 require the Department of Transportation to create a  
10 crash investigation and analysis unit tasked with  
11 investigating, analyzing, and reporting on all  
12 vehicle crashes involving significant injury. In  
13 addition to its crash investigation functions, the  
14 unit created by this legislation would be responsible  
15 for public statements regarding serious vehicular  
16 crashes and would be required to make recommendations  
17 for safety-improving changes to street design and  
18 infrastructure and to post quarterly reports  
19 regarding its crash reviews on the Department of  
20 Transportation website. The legislation also makes  
21 clear that nothing in the bill inhibits or interferes  
22 with the NYPD's ability to conduct criminal  
23 investigations. Many serious vehicular crashes would  
24 be prevented through changes to the design and  
25 infrastructure of streets and intersections following

2 an in-depth analysis of the factors that led to a  
3 crash. However, at present serious crash  
4 investigations are in the purview of the Collision  
5 Investigation Squad at the NYPD and a DOT liaison.  
6 These resources are deployed to conduct systematic  
7 investigations at fewer than 350 crash sites per  
8 year. And from the staff I want to Elliot Lin and  
9 Annie Levers. Finally, out of the Public Safety  
10 Committee, we're voting on two bills and three  
11 resolutions. Resolution number 1538-A, sponsored by  
12 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, supports State Senate  
13 bill 5252 and its companion bill in the Assembly,  
14 6012, which will provide final discipline authority  
15 over civilian complaints to the Civilian Complaint  
16 Review Board, removing the police commissioner's  
17 exclusive authority over discipline. The state  
18 legislation is sponsored by State Senator Jamaal  
19 Bailey and Assembly Member Catalina Cruz. While the  
20 CCRB can recommend discipline against officers, the  
21 police commissioner has final authority over  
22 discipline and can choose to disregard these  
23 recommendations and may impose lesser or greater  
24 discipline or no discipline at all. Also, Resolution  
25 number 1547, sponsored by Council Member Francisco

2 Moya, supports State Senate bill 6012 and its  
3 companion bill in the Assembly, 1951, and those bills  
4 are sponsored by State Senator Kevin Parker and  
5 Assembly Member Catalina Cruz, respectively. The  
6 bills establish a residency requirement for police  
7 officers in cities with a population of one million  
8 or more residents. It includes New York City. If  
9 passed, the legislation would require newly hired  
10 NYPD officers to live within one of the five boroughs  
11 of New York City. The last resolution, Resolution  
12 number 1584, from the Public Safety Committee, is on  
13 the adoption of a policing plan. In June the  
14 governor issued an executive order requiring every  
15 jurisdiction in New York State to produce a policing  
16 plan by April 1. If the council does not adopt a  
17 plan the state is allowed to withhold state and  
18 federal pass-through funding to the tune of billions  
19 of dollars. The council only received the full draft  
20 of the mayor's plan on March 12. So we have not had  
21 much time, but we did make some significant  
22 improvements. We removed old accomplishments and  
23 anything that increased the NYPD's footprint. We  
24 added deadlines and responsible parties. We enhanced  
25 public transparency by adding public notice in

2 stakeholder engagement requirements, and one element  
3 that I'm really proud of is that we secured more than  
4 70 million dollars for initiatives to support and  
5 expand public safety alternatives to policing and  
6 incarceration and ensure that the city lives up to  
7 its commitments. That's 30 million dollars for  
8 students' social, emotional, and behavior needs in  
9 schools, more than 18 million dollars for mental  
10 health services in underserved communities. We're  
11 gonna triple our Cure Violence workforce by next  
12 summer. We added 5000 new SYEP slots for CUNY  
13 students. This plan is far, far from perfect, but I  
14 think we as a council did the best we could in making  
15 some improvements under an extraordinarily difficult  
16 timeline. I want to thank, ah, all the members that  
17 pushed the administration here, particularly the  
18 Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, and I really want to  
19 thank Council Member Adrienne Adams, the chair of our  
20 Public Safety Committee. In the midst of dealing  
21 with a personal tragedy, she worked on this nonstop,  
22 ah, all over the administration, pushing them,  
23 working with the staff, working with advocates. Ah,  
24 she did an incredible job and I'm really grateful to  
25 you, Adrienne, for your leadership. In addition,

2 we're voting on Introduction number 1671-A, sponsored  
3 by Council Member Adrienne Adams, the chair of our  
4 Public Safety Committee, which would require the New  
5 York City Police Department to issue a quarterly  
6 report on all vehicle stops. The report would  
7 include the number of summonses issued, arrests made,  
8 vehicles seized, related use of force incidents, and  
9 vehicles searched and whether consent was provided.  
10 This information will be disaggregated by precinct,  
11 race, ethnicity, and age of the driver. We are also  
12 voting on Introduction number 2220-A, sponsored by  
13 Council Member Steve Levin, to end qualified immunity  
14 for police officers. Qualified immunity is rooted in  
15 our nation's systemic racism. It was established in  
16 1967 in Mississippi to prevent freedom riders from  
17 holding public officials liable, even when they break  
18 the law. It denied those freedom riders justice and  
19 it has been used to deny justice to victims of police  
20 abuse for decades. It never should have been  
21 allowed. It should have been ended decades ago and  
22 it must end now in New York City. Introduction  
23 number 2022-A will establish a local right of  
24 security against unreasonable search and seizure and  
25 against excessive force regardless of whether such

2 force is used in connection with a search or seizure.  
3 And again I want to thank from the staff Janita John,  
4 Emily Rooney, Pearl Moore, Natasha Major, and  
5 Jonathan Masarono. That is our agenda today. Ah,  
6 thank you all. With that, I turn it back to you,  
7 Madam Majority Leader.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
9 much, Speaker Johnson. We will now move into  
10 discussion of general orders. As a reminder, this  
11 section is only for items we will be voting on for  
12 general orders today. We will recognize council  
13 members who wish to speak by using the raise hand  
14 function in Zoom. Is Mr. Parliamentarian, um, on the  
15 Zoom at this time?

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
17 Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: If you could give  
19 further clarity so that we are clear on issues that  
20 can be discussed, legislative matters that can be  
21 discussed during this discussion of general orders, I  
22 think it would be helpful to all of the members.

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
24 Leader. So we will be discussing at this junction  
25 all items that the Speaker just discuss, with the

2 exception of the following resolutions: Resolution  
3 1538-A, ah, having to do with, ah, the police  
4 commissioner's exclusive authority over police  
5 discipline; Resolution 1547, requiring NYPD officers  
6 to live within the five boroughs; preconsidered  
7 Resolution 1583, which would establish the  
8 billionaire Mark to Market tax; preconsidered  
9 Resolution 1584, ah, adopting a plan pursuant to  
10 State Executive Order number 203. So we will be  
11 discussing all items except for those resolutions.  
12 All discussion about those resolutions will take  
13 place during discussion of resolutions.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much  
15 for the clarity. Please wait before you begin your  
16 remarks for our Sergeant at Arms to announce he has  
17 begun the countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms will  
18 alert you when your time has expired. Mr.  
19 Parliamentarian, are there any council members  
20 registered speak on the following legislative agenda?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
22 Leader, council members Adams, Van Bramer, and  
23 Gennaro.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You may begin,  
25 Council Member Adams.

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you, Madam  
4 Majority Leader. Ah, before I begin my remarks I  
5 just [inaudible] and congratulate my sister from  
6 southeast Queens and our newest addition to the  
7 Women's Caucus, Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers.  
8 She is passing her very first piece of legislation in  
9 land use space today during her very first Stated  
10 Meeting and that's a really, really big deal.  
11 Congratulations, Selvena. I'm so, so happy to have  
12 you here. Madam Majority Leader, this afternoon we  
13 will vote on a number of groundbreaking police reform  
14 bills by the New York City Council that I believe  
15 will truly make a difference in our city. My bill,  
16 Intro 1671, will change how the NYPD records and  
17 reports on vehicle stops. The NYPD will be required  
18 to report on the number of summonses issued, arrests  
19 made, vehicles seized, and more. This information  
20 will be broken down by precinct, race, ethnicity, and  
21 age. This is very significant because Stop and Frisk  
22 was not the only tool that police have used to harass  
23 black and brown New Yorkers who can attest to what  
24 it's like to be stopped by the police and the  
25 consequences of those harmful interactions. We have

2 no idea how bad this problem is in New York because  
3 the NYPD doesn't track it. They don't record many  
4 stops, if there's no traffic ticket issued or arrests  
5 made at all. Intro 1671 remedies this by requiring  
6 the documentation of all vehicle encounters, which  
7 will shed light on who is being stopped and what  
8 happens as a result. I ask all of my colleagues to  
9 vote in favor of my bill, Intro 1671, and, ah, I will  
10 add that it is not lost on me that we have now  
11 included another Powers and another as, as well to  
12 add to the second Diaz that we have of this council.  
13 We welcome the expansion of our colleagues. Thank  
14 you very much, Madam Majority Leader.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
16 much, Council Member Adams, and we continue to lift  
17 you up because you continue to do incredible work  
18 under such challenging circumstances. Council Member  
19 Van Bramer.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you  
21 very much.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: It has taken  
24 five years to get to today's vote on building truly  
25 affordable housing in Sunnyside Gardens, the

2 neighborhood I live in. The project before us today  
3 is 100% affordable and vastly improved from the one I  
4 rejected four years ago. Affordability levels  
5 represent the deepest we've seen in Sunnyside, with a  
6 set-aside for formerly homeless families, and many  
7 units at 40% of AMI, with a maximum of 80% AMI. 32BJ  
8 has testified in favor of this project, something  
9 they did not do four years ago. I'm proud that we  
10 secured good jobs, good wages, with benefits for  
11 workers. The building height has been brought down  
12 and is now contextual, and while more progress needs  
13 to [inaudible] thanks to Community Board 2, there is  
14 a real action plan of immediate improvements that  
15 Phipps is complying with. It should also be noted  
16 that CB2 voted unanimously against this project four  
17 years ago, but overwhelmingly in favor of this  
18 particular proposal. It also has the support of the  
19 Queensboro president. While some have used  
20 disingenuous arguments against this project, I will  
21 not deny homeless families and low-wage workers a  
22 home by allowing the perfect to be the enemy of the  
23 good. We who proclaim ourselves progressive say we  
24 want to build truly affordable housing and when we  
25 get the chance to do so we should, particularly in

2 expensive neighborhoods like Sunnyside. We who say  
3 we are progressives say we want to permanently house  
4 the homeless, and when we get the chance to do so we  
5 must. Everyone must be welcome in the Sunnyside  
6 Woodside area that I am lucky enough to call home.  
7 And with this vote we have a chance to say that  
8 emphatically. And those of us who are progressives  
9 and say we're for the Green New Deal should want to  
10 replace a surface parking lot with affordable housing  
11 and not allow NIMBY arguments...

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: ...to stop  
14 [inaudible] affordable housing to be built on this  
15 site. I'm proud to support it, ask my colleagues to  
16 support it. I want to thank Chairs Moya and  
17 Salamanca and their committees for already voting in  
18 favor of this project. Thank you very much.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so,  
20 thank you so much, Council Member Van Bramer.  
21 Council Member Gennaro.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam  
24 Leader. Ah, I feel compelled to go on the record  
25 regarding some of the very important bills that we'll

2 be voting on today. First, regarding, ah, proposed  
3 Intro 2118. This bill affects the NYPD leadership,  
4 not the rank and file, and I think the department can  
5 take some hard questions from reporters, so I'll be  
6 voting yes on this and I urge my colleagues to vote  
7 for it. I'll be adding my name as a, ah, cosponsor.  
8 Ah, next, ah proposed Intro 2212, regarding the  
9 investigation of biased police officers. Ah, the  
10 NYPD had stone bigot running its EEO division, so  
11 this council, I believe, has not only the right but  
12 the obligation to pass this bill. I will vote yes on  
13 this bill. I urge my colleagues to do so as well.  
14 And I will add my name as a cosponsor. Regarding  
15 proposed Intro 2224-A about the DOT collision, ah,  
16 squad, I support this bill and I urge my colleagues  
17 to support it. Ah, um, regarding proposed Intro  
18 1671-A, this bill seems to rest on the thesis that  
19 the police are engaging in racist behavior and  
20 profiling when it comes to traffic stops. I do  
21 believe this thesis needs to be tested and the  
22 collection of such data does have value to test this  
23 thesis. The question is how to test this thesis most  
24 efficiently without placing an undue burden on the  
25 department. I believe that a bill that mandates the

2 collection of these data periodically in random  
3 precincts would yield the same validation or  
4 invalidation of this thesis for much less effort. I  
5 would happily, I would happily support such a bill.  
6 But this bill as written I see as an undue burden, so  
7 I'll be voting no and urge my colleagues to vote no  
8 as well. Ah, regarding proposed Intro 2220, ah,  
9 about ending qualified immunity...

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: ...ah, in my  
12 view, my view is that constitutional rights are  
13 inviolable and to the extent that anyone can be  
14 allowed to invoke immunity in violating one's  
15 constitutional rights, ah, such that a person who has  
16 had their rights violated has no recourse to seek  
17 redress is in my opinion [inaudible] the  
18 Constitutional itself and remember in this body took  
19 the same oath to uphold the Constitution and by  
20 voting yes on this bill I believe I'll be doing  
21 exactly that. I urge my colleagues to support this  
22 very important, and I will be adding my name as a  
23 cosponsor. Thank you for, um, being, ah, generous  
24 with my time.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
3 Council Member Gennaro. We will now move to other  
4 members who wish to speak at this time. Mr.  
5 Parliamentarian, are there other members who wish to  
6 speak?

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
8 Leader. Council members Barron, Holden, and Chin.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
10 Barron, you may begin following the clock time.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Ah, thank you,  
13 Madam, ah, Majority Leader. I actually wanted to  
14 speak, ah, I'll just explain my vote so that we can  
15 move the time along. Ah, thank you, Mr.  
16 Parliamentarian. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: OK. We will move  
18 to Council Member Holden.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Thank you, Madam  
21 Majority Leader. Ah, I need to express my extreme  
22 frustration with some of these so-called police  
23 reform bills that have made it on our agenda today  
24 for a vote. Once again, the City Council rushes  
25 through legislation that will have a serious impact

2 on residents' public safety in the city. We live in  
3 an upside-down town where wrong is right, cops are  
4 villains, criminals are victims, and virtues are  
5 vices. Some of the bills that we are voting on today  
6 will endanger the public and put our constituents in  
7 harm's way. This year alone we've had 250 New  
8 Yorkers shot, which is over 40% higher than last  
9 year. Our constituents are begging us to handle the  
10 uptick in crime and violence in neighborhoods  
11 throughout the city. We are passing bills that will  
12 only make it more difficult for law enforcement to do  
13 their jobs, which is to protect and serve. This  
14 legislative body turns its back on policies that we  
15 know that made New York the safest big city in the  
16 world for decades, in favor of protest slogans. Our  
17 police officers are then sent out there with their  
18 hands tied. And some of my colleagues then have the  
19 nerve to accuse them of a slowdown, whether it's the  
20 ill-advised diagram law or, or our state legislators'  
21 reckless actions in Albany passing bail reform, this  
22 city faces a crisis and we are only making matters  
23 worse. This assault on the NYPD is an assault on our  
24 constituents. We need to start listening to the  
25 public we represent and govern in the real world, not

2 Twitter echo chambers. The people who put us in  
3 office to represent their needs are crying for help.  
4 They feel unsafe walking the streets or riding the  
5 subways. Some of these bills are reckless, not well-  
6 thought-out, and will make New York City more  
7 dangerous. I am not opposed to all police reform,  
8 but the vast majority of our police joined the NYPD  
9 for the right reasons, to do a great job.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: In fact, if you  
12 mention New York City to law enforcement officers  
13 from anywhere in the world they will tell you that  
14 the NYPD is the gold standards. These bills would  
15 get more New Yorkers killed, both police and  
16 civilians, and result in New Yorkers not getting the  
17 help they need. Ending qualified immunity would  
18 discourage the best young men and women in our city  
19 from joining the police force. Ending it will make  
20 it harder to recruit young, bright young people to  
21 join the force. Even police officers acting in good  
22 faith could be held personally liable. Um, you know,  
23 it's, the vehicle stop reporting bill not only would  
24 place an unreasonable burden on the police, but it  
25 would force them into an unworkable position of

2 having to somehow ascertain the race and ethnicity of  
3 members of the public, likely to result in greater  
4 tension. It's time to do our jobs and vote no on  
5 these bills, which our constituents expect of us.  
6 Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
8 Council Member Holden. We will now go to Council  
9 Member Chin.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Madam  
12 Majority Leader. Um, I know that we are, I support  
13 all the police reform bill that we are voting on  
14 today. And as the speaker said earlier, um, the  
15 city's policing reform process is not perfect. And  
16 in this council I have joined my colleague in  
17 advocating for police reform for many, many years,  
18 starting with Community Safety Act. And we will  
19 continue to do that. And we have been fighting for  
20 resources to support anti-violence program, our  
21 youth, and many more. And I am really saddened  
22 because of this vote today that my office and myself  
23 has been attacked on social media and my office phone  
24 has gotten inundated with phone call because of  
25 individual and group spreading misinformation. Our

2 community, the Asian community, has been under  
3 attack. And I am so proud that all my colleagues and  
4 community group have come together to support us, to  
5 stand with my community, and ask how we can help.  
6 And now how can these individual and so-called  
7 advocates out there, if you want to stand with us why  
8 are you creating misinformation and attacking our  
9 community? Asian, the anti-Asian hate crime task  
10 force do you know, even know what that is? The  
11 officer work again, there are volunteer. Our  
12 community are asking for more support to help them  
13 report the crime, to help protect them. We have to  
14 work together, not divide us. I mean, I myself as an  
15 Asian woman, and I'm getting attacked from Asian  
16 woman feminists on my record, of all the things that  
17 I have supported in the council? I mean, come on,  
18 let's...

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: ...stop this and  
21 work together if we really want to stop hate.  
22 Language access is important in every city agency.  
23 And especially in the police department. And we have  
24 to get that for our community. So let's work  
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2 together and not fight against each other. Thank  
3 you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
5 Council Member Chin. Mr. Parliamentarian, are there  
6 any other members who wish to speak at this time?

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
8 Leader. The next three are council members  
9 Rodriguez, Levin, and Borelli.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I'd just like to  
11 remind members because the, the list is extensive  
12 for, um, members to speak at this time as well as  
13 during the vote, I know that members are also going  
14 to wish to speak, um, as well as during the  
15 resolutions and, ah, general discussion. So if we  
16 could stick to the time clock, I'm going to try to  
17 hold it a bit tighter because this meeting could go  
18 quite extensively if we don't. So I'll begin right  
19 now with Council Member Rodriguez.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Thank you,  
22 Majority Leader. And I understand about the same  
23 time [inaudible] like one of those a special day that  
24 all of us will be so proud the legacy that we are  
25 leaving when it comes to police reforms. Eh, one of

2 the bills that I want to talk, eh, is the one that I  
3 had the opportunity to lead together with Speaker  
4 Johnson and other colleague, the one that we  
5 [inaudible] the investigation of the squad unit from  
6 NYPD to DOT. It is time for all of us to understand  
7 that, eh, we will be able to get rid of the COVID-19  
8 pandemic hopefully very soon. However, there's  
9 another pandemic that has been killing so many great  
10 New Yorkers and that is the one of hit and run. That  
11 is the one of crashes. That is the one where last  
12 year we have more than 44,000 people that they were  
13 victim of crashes in New York City, and the average  
14 of 300 people dying every year because criminal  
15 drivers leaving the scene, many of them and other  
16 unfortunately not understanding that our streets  
17 doesn't belong to car owners, but the street belong  
18 to all of us. So and today is a great day as we are  
19 voting this bill that we transfer the investigation  
20 of squad unit from NYPD to DOT. We heard our DAs.  
21 We heard the advocate. But also we heard  
22 Transportation Alternative. We heard Families for  
23 Safe Street and thanks to Speaker Johnson and thanks  
24 to Mayor de Blasio so for getting [inaudible] in the  
25 City Hall to work with us and come out with a

2 compromise so that we are voting this bill.

3 [speaking in Spanish]. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
5 Council Member Rodriguez. We will now go to Council  
6 Member Levin.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
9 much, Madam Majority Leader. Good afternoon,  
10 everybody. I'm very humbled to be with you all today  
11 voting on this remarkable set of legislation, and  
12 especially grateful to be sponsoring Intro 2220-A,  
13 which would end qualified immunity here in New York  
14 City. Qualified immunity has a very complex history  
15 as a legal doctrine, but it actually concerns a very  
16 simple and fundamental issue in our democracy. Since  
17 1792 Americans have had the constitutional right  
18 under the Fourth Amendment against unreasonable  
19 searches and seizures. And we have had the right  
20 since 1868, under the Fourteenth Amendment, to due  
21 process under the law. Recognized that, recognizing  
22 that people who have these rights violated need an  
23 actual recourse, Congress passed the Enforcement Act  
24 of 1871, also known as the Klu Klux Klan Act, in  
25 which Section 1983 established the right of action

2 for "every person who under the color of any statute,  
3 ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage of any state  
4 or territory or in the District of Columbia subjects  
5 or causes to be subjected any citizen in the United  
6 States or other persons within the jurisdiction  
7 thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges,  
8 or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws  
9 shall be liable to the party injured in an action at  
10 law, suit, inequity, or other proper proceedings for  
11 redress. It seems simple enough. Fast forward 96  
12 years to 1967 in a case, Pierson v. Ray, where a  
13 group of freedom riders clergymen were seeking to  
14 recovery damages for their unconstitutional arrest in  
15 Mississippi in 1961, the Supreme Court established a  
16 judicial doctrine of qualified immunity, where a  
17 government employee is now granted immunity from a  
18 lawsuit if they demonstrate "good faith" in  
19 conducting an unconstitutional stop and seizure. The  
20 Supreme Court further increased the hurdles to  
21 [inaudible] seeking redress by allowing officers to  
22 invoke qualified immunity unless the unconstitutional  
23 act violated a "clearly established law" in 1982.  
24 Quoting Jay Schweikert from the Cato Institute...

25 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: ... "In practice  
4 this legal standard is a huge hurdle for civil rights  
5 plaintiffs because it generally requires them to  
6 identify not just a clear legal rule, but a prior  
7 case with functionally identical facts." He goes on  
8 to say "Qualified immunity is one of the most  
9 obviously unjustified legal doctrines in our nation's  
10 history." I'll finish, ah, my remarks, ah, when I  
11 explain my vote. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
13 Council Member Levin. Thank you for bringing us that  
14 important history on this particular bill. Council  
15 Member Borelli.

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you. Um,  
18 I, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that each of us,  
19 ah, each of us 51, are individually beneficiaries of  
20 qualified immunity ourselves. Ah, we each represent  
21 170,000 New Yorkers and collectively we represent  
22 over 8 million. And, and many of the decisions we  
23 make or actions we take can harm any one of them or  
24 any members of the public, or anyone we employ. And  
25 yet we are also, personally and individually,

2 protected by qualified immunity. Ah, if we get sued  
3 our general counsel will represent us. It doesn't  
4 cost us anything. Ah, and in fact when, like I heard  
5 Council Member Levin mention the 1982 case of Harlow  
6 v. Fitzgerald, that case wasn't even about police  
7 officers. Ah, it was about the staff of elected  
8 officials. So the modern doctrine of qualified  
9 immunity actually came out of a case involving White  
10 House staff. Ah, victims have recourse in New York  
11 City. The city has paid over 5 billion dollars in  
12 the last five years in civil actions against the  
13 NYPD. So today essentially the council is saying  
14 that qualified immunity is good us and good for other  
15 city employees, but it's not good enough for those  
16 New Yorkers who we ask to risk their lives to protect  
17 us and oftentimes engage with, with violent criminals  
18 who have no care or regard for our laws. So I would  
19 ask my colleagues to vote no on the qualified  
20 immunity legislation, or at least voluntarily forego  
21 your own qualified immunity if and when you are sued.  
22 So, thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
24 much, Council Member Borelli. Are there any other  
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2 members, Mr. Parliamentarian, who wish to speak at  
3 this time?

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
5 Leader. Council members Reynoso, Miller, and Gibson.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I'm going to...

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

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I'm going to  
10 hold my comments to the vote, um, with advice from  
11 the Majority Leader. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
13 will now have Council Member, I'm sorry, I couldn't  
14 read my own writing.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council Member Miller,  
16 followed by Council Member Gibson.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
18 Miller.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Thank you, Madam  
21 Majority Leader. Ah, with respect to, ah, Intro  
22 2224, ah, while I agree it is well-intended  
23 legislation, ah, it ultimately flawed. In this bill  
24 we are voting to allow New York City DOT to be both  
25 judge and jury on our streets. They will design them

2 and then they will be responsible for holding  
3 accountable those who [inaudible] the failure of  
4 their design and [inaudible] be responsible for who  
5 takes the blame. This agency has not been  
6 responsible for its own shortcomings. The Department  
7 of Transportation has run roughshod over New York  
8 City communities, community boards, civic  
9 associations, and residents and is infamously  
10 unresponsive and prioritizing enforcement before  
11 outreach, education, and engineering. DOT job  
12 performance in recent years has been woefully  
13 insufficient. The agency fails at the most basic  
14 level to replace street signs, to affix street  
15 markings, and address basic safety concerns. It  
16 takes three years on average to give a speed hump  
17 evaluated and installed. This is not an agency  
18 prepared to handle more responsibilities. Let me  
19 also say that particularly alarming, that is  
20 particularly alarming that this legislation is moving  
21 in the spirit of police reform. This DOT has treated  
22 communities of color with borderline contempt. While  
23 white communities got Bike Share and fully built out  
24 bus lanes and capital infrastructure, our communities  
25 were told to wait and then given punitive enforcement

2 cameras instead. I cannot vote today to add another  
3 3 million dollars to DOT's budget to allow this  
4 agency to duplicate the professional services  
5 provided by trained experts at the Collision  
6 Investigation Squad. We would be better off spending  
7 this resources with CSI to better support the work  
8 that they are doing. I would also note that these  
9 are the sentiments of all...

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: ...five district  
12 attorneys, ah, and they have resubmitted their  
13 testimony, ah, in opposition to this legislation.  
14 Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
16 Council Member Miller. We will now go to Council  
17 Member Gibson.

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you, Madam  
20 Majority Leader. Good afternoon, Speaker and all my  
21 colleagues. I want to quickly speak in favor of one  
22 of the land use applications on 1099 Webster Avenue,  
23 submitted by 1099 Webster Realty in my district. I'm  
24 very excited about this project. I've been working  
25 on it for over two years, located at the intersection

2 of Webster Avenue and 167th Street in my district,  
3 the Clermont community, and this project will include  
4 two residential buildings. One is a nine-story  
5 building and the other is an 11-story building with  
6 the combined total of 238 residential units,  
7 affordable for the local residents, as low as 27% of  
8 the AMI, up to 80% of the AMI under the HPD's ELLA  
9 program. We will have a minimum of 10% of the units  
10 are three-bedroom apartments, which I'm very excited  
11 about, as we will also have, ah, local set-asides at  
12 minimum 15% for formerly homeless families. We have  
13 about 30,000 square feet of commercial retail that  
14 will include medical facilities and supermarket,  
15 indoor parking, and all of the amenities that we  
16 truly need in the Bronx. I'm very grateful that we  
17 will have temporary construction jobs, permanent  
18 jobs, and a new partnership with Local 32BJ SEIU.  
19 Um, the applicant will work through Hire NYC and the  
20 M/WBE Build Up program, making sure that we hire  
21 locally, and a lot of these provisions are  
22 incorporated in a written document that we received  
23 at the council, the land use division, by the  
24 developer. I want to thank the Bronx borough  
25 president, Ruben Diaz, Jr., and his team for their

2 recommendations, as well as Local Community Board 4,  
3 for all of their hard work in making sure that this  
4 is a project that we can all support that provides  
5 real affordable housing for residents of the Bronx,  
6 local set-aside, as well as local hiring and M/WBE  
7 provisions. I ask all of my colleagues to please  
8 support this legislation, and I want to Raju Mann,  
9 Amy Levitan, Katy Sullivan, and everyone at the land  
10 use division for all of their work on this bill.  
11 Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
13 Council Member Gibson. Mr. Parliamentarian, are  
14 there any other members who wish to speak at this  
15 time?

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madam Majority  
17 Leader.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right. We  
19 will now move into the report of special committees.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of  
22 standing committees.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
24 on Civil and Human Rights, Intro 2212-A, bias-based  
25 policing.

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
3 general orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
5 on Governmental Operations, Intro 2118-A, press  
6 credentials.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
8 general orders.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
10 on Land Use, LUs 733 and 734, 737, 4th Avenue  
11 rezoning.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with  
13 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
14 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York  
15 City Charter.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 738 and Reso 1585  
17 through LU 740 and Reso 1587, Averno East.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
19 orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 741 and Reso 1588,  
21 Lower East Side cluster.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
23 orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 743 and Reso 1589  
3 through LU 747 and Reso 1593, various Harlem  
4 applications.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
6 orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 748 and Reso 1594, and  
8 749 and Reso 1595, 5025 Barnett Avenue rezoning.

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
10 orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 750 and Reso 1596, and  
12 751 and Reso 1597, 1099 Webster Avenue.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
14 orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
16 on Public Safety, Intro 1671-A, traffic encounter  
17 reports.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
19 general orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 2220-A, ending  
21 qualified immunity.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
23 general orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
3 on Rules, Privileges and Elections, preconsidered  
4 Resolution 1582, council committee changes.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general  
6 orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
8 on Small Business, Intro 2243-A, protection for  
9 commercial tenants.

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

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee  
13 on Transportation, Intro 2224-A, crash investigation  
14 and analysis unit.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on  
16 general orders. And at this time I'm asking for the  
17 clerk to take a roll call vote on all of the items  
18 coupled on today's general orders calendar.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I will be voting  
21 aye on all, with the exception of Intro 2224, for all  
22 of the reasons stated by Council Member Miller.  
23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Permission  
3 to explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you,  
8 Majority Leader. I want to first say welcome and  
9 congratulations to Councilwoman Brooks-Powers. It  
10 took a lot for you to get here to this day and this  
11 is your time. Congratulations to my colleagues for  
12 the package of bills that are being passed today.  
13 But I just have to make a comment. As a black woman  
14 living in New York City and currently living in one  
15 of New York's toughest neighborhoods, getting public  
16 safety right literally hits home. Um, what's amazing  
17 to me is how when you listen to some of the comments  
18 today we are divided as a body just as we have seen  
19 our country divided and that's a fact. But we all  
20 represent very distinct constituencies because this  
21 is New York City and we are a very diverse city. So  
22 while do appreciate all of the voices today it is  
23 clear that we need to continue to have these public  
24 meetings, this public hearings, these public settings  
25 so people can hear what is being said by all members.

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2 Again, I appreciate the voices. But sometimes I  
3 don't need certain people to speak for me. Speak for  
4 your constituency. I appreciate you speaking for  
5 your constituency. Not the entire City of New York.  
6 So I just wanted to say that. I felt compelled to  
7 say that. But I do thank my colleagues for the bills  
8 that you did introduce and that we are passing today.  
9 And with that on those particular bills I vote yes.  
10 Thank you, Council Member Adrienne Adams as well.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
12 much.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye on  
15 all. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ayala.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Ditto on  
18 everything that Council Member Ampry-Samuels just  
19 said and I also vote aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Ah, permission to  
22 explain my vote?

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
24 granted.

25 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you so  
3 much. I want to welcome our new colleague, Council  
4 Member Brooks-Ross. Welcome. In terms of the  
5 legislation that we're talking about today I vote,  
6 for the land use I vote aye on all with the exception  
7 of 741, and I am abstaining on 743 and 744. In terms  
8 of the legislation I vote aye on all and commend my  
9 colleagues on, ah, making a stab at getting better  
10 conditions and better results for our communities in  
11 terms of the interaction that we have had with  
12 police, particularly where we have been subjected to,  
13 ah, racist, discretionary misconduct by police, and  
14 I'm voting, I'm, I'm voting no on Intro 2212-A. What  
15 this bill does, I think the intent is great, but it  
16 is addressing an issue and putting into the CCRB,  
17 which is a body that has been shown to have not been  
18 able to overcome the hurdles and the, the, ah,  
19 discrepancies and the lack of services and lack of  
20 support, and the obstacles that had been put in their  
21 path. There was a former investigator for the CCRB  
22 who gave, ah, opening remarks, who gave remarks  
23 during a press conference that was held yesterday,  
24 and he outlined many of the obstacles that CCRB  
25 investigators face. And there's a scripture that

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2 says you don't put new wine in old wine flasks. So  
3 we're taking this good idea and putting into the  
4 CCRB, which has been shown to not be effective, to  
5 not be able to be independent, and we're expecting  
6 that we'll get a different result.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you. We're  
9 expecting that we'll get a different result. Ah, I  
10 think that what's gonna happen is that it will burst  
11 the wine flask just as new wine does because they're  
12 not capable of adapting and adjusting and  
13 incorporating these kinds of plans, particularly when  
14 they're gonna rely on the police commissioner once  
15 again to select who the independent prosecutors gonna  
16 be for those cases that they look into. For that  
17 reason I'm voting no on 2212-A, despite its good  
18 intent. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
20 Council Member Barron.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you, ah, I  
23 vote aye on all except Intros 1671-A, 2118-A, 2212-A,  
24 2220-A, 2224-A, 2243-A, and I vote aye on all the  
25 rest. Thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Ah, with  
5 congratulations to, ah, Councilwoman Selvena Powers,  
6 um, her first Stated and her first bill passed at her  
7 first Stated, which is not an easy feat, um, and with  
8 congratulations to, to all the folks who have  
9 legislation today. Um, the work continues. I vote  
10 aye on all.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Um, I vote  
14 aye on all and I ask for permission to explain my  
15 vote.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
17 granted.

18 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: So first  
20 I'd like to thank my colleagues for the warm welcome  
21 to the council and, um, helping with this transition.  
22 We have had a very busy Stated today, but, um, I just  
23 want to be on record of saying that, um, while I vote  
24 in support of these bills, these, um, intros today,  
25 um, I recognize that there's still, um, much more

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2 conversation needed, um, especially with the  
3 community as we talk about reforming the NYPD. Um, I  
4 thank everyone and their support in the Averno East  
5 Project, also recognizing, um, that it's a great  
6 start and there's much more work and collaboration to  
7 be done around this to, um, help continue to enhance  
8 that program. Um, and so I thank everybody once  
9 again.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, and  
11 we're so happy to welcome you.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you. I'll  
14 be voting no on 2224-A, ah, 2118-A, ah, 2220-A, and  
15 I'm assuming we're doing the rest of those later,  
16 correct?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Correct.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: OK, thank you so  
19 much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You can vote yes  
21 then.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: And aye on the  
23 rest.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye on all.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Constantinides.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES:

8 [inaudible] just welcome our new colleague, ah,

9 Council Member Brooks-Powers, welcome to the City

10 Council. We're really looking forward to working

11 with you and with that I will vote aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy. Council Member

13 Cornegy?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We'll come back.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Deutsch.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Ah, aye on all

17 except for Intro 2212, 2118, 1671, 2220, 2243. May I

18 vote on the resos?

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Not at this.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: OK.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Not at this time.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. One moment.

24 Darma Diaz.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: I vote aye, and  
3 I'd like to thank and compliment Councilwoman Samuels  
4 for being the voice. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: Yes on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Dromm.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I am, ah, really  
13 delighted to welcome, ah, Council Member Brooks-  
14 Powers. Welcome to the council. Ah, I vote aye on  
15 all, with the exception of proposed Intro 1671-A, ah,  
16 and I vote no on that.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for  
18 being a good sport now that you are no longer the  
19 newest member to the council.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [laughs]

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughs] The  
22 shine moves quickly.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to  
25 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you. Thank  
6 you, Madam Majority Leader. I want to quickly speak  
7 about preconsidered Reso 1584, the police reform and  
8 reinvention collaborative plan. Ah, I want to  
9 appreciate and salute our chair, Adrienne Adams, for  
10 all of the work that you've done, in the midst of  
11 countless meetings and briefings, the pain of losing  
12 your beloved mother, and yet you still managed to  
13 stay on top of today's legislative package. I  
14 appreciate you so much, my sister. I share the  
15 sentiments of colleagues who are frustrated with this  
16 process, 187 pages of a plan we received two weeks  
17 ago, expected to absorb and come to a decision, an  
18 executive order shoved down our throats from the  
19 governor with no input or support, and yet the threat  
20 of withholding...

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member, Council  
22 Member Gibson, I'm sorry. That's one of the  
23 resolutions. We're just discussing the introductions  
24 right now.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: OK.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You can hold that  
3 fire, girl.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Are we voting?

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: On the introductions,  
6 not, not on the resolutions. That's later.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Oh. OK, so I  
8 will be voting aye on all of today's agenda items,  
9 with the exception of proposed Intro 2220-A,  
10 Resolution 1538-A, and Resolution 1547, I will be  
11 abstaining. I'm voting aye on everything else on  
12 today's agenda, and I want to join everyone in  
13 welcoming our newest colleague, Council Member  
14 Selvena Brooks-Powers of District 31 in southeast  
15 Queens. Welcome, colleague, welcome, sister. Thank  
16 you for making us a fabulous 14 members of the  
17 Women's Caucus. We look forward to working with you  
18 here in the City Council. Thank you so much, Madam  
19 Majority Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Majority Leader,  
23 can I take a pass at this time?

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Ah, thank  
3 you. Ah, permission to briefly explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I wanted to,  
7 um, thank you. I want to wish everybody who is  
8 celebrating, ah, a most happy Passover, a joyous  
9 season, ah, a joyous Easter. That wasn't me, um,  
10 [inaudible] as we come into this, ah, very holy  
11 season here in New York City. I want to, ah, welcome  
12 our newest colleagues, ah, Council Member Brooks-  
13 Powers, and congratulations on the Avern, ah, East.  
14 I know that that has been percolating for, ah, more  
15 than a generation and, um, how wonderful for you to  
16 be able to, to start that work and continue that  
17 work, ah, in your first meeting, ah, as a member.  
18 Ah, I am voting, um, no on two pieces of legislation  
19 today, ah, 2243, I had previously voted no on the  
20 last extension. Um, and I am also, based upon, um,  
21 the very persuasive, ah, Council Member Miller, I am  
22 also going to vote no on 2224, and aye on all the  
23 rest. And I ask that everybody who is listening to  
24 this remember those who are hungry in our city. We  
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2 have much work to do, ah, feeding New Yorkers. Thank  
3 you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission to  
7 explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
9 granted.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: So violence in  
12 community is not inevitable. To say that violence  
13 spreads like a disease is not a metaphor. It's what  
14 the science now shows. Violence meets the dictionary  
15 definition of a disease and hundreds of studies now  
16 confirm that violence is contagious. It's good news  
17 because we have highly effective and time-tested  
18 public health methods used worldwide to stop the  
19 spread of contagious diseases. Today we're  
20 introducing a range of legislation that will treat  
21 the causes of violence and not use brute force to  
22 punish behaviors that could have been prevented. I  
23 enthusiastically urge my colleagues to support the 15  
24 million dollar towards the council's critical  
25 antiviolence and hate violence prevention

2 initiatives. I urge the restoration of funding for  
3 vital agencies that are critical to the social and  
4 emotional well-being of New Yorkers, including the  
5 Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department  
6 of Youth and Community Development. I applaud the  
7 proposal for 14.5 million to fund a new mental health  
8 case management program to provide 850 people with  
9 services in underserved communities. I'm proud to  
10 support an additional 4.4 million to double fiscal  
11 year 2021's available funds to intensive mobile  
12 treatment teams, which serve those who, with recent  
13 and frequent contact with mental health, criminal  
14 justice, and homeless service systems. I urge  
15 immediate passage of 25 million in funding for the  
16 city's Cure Violence Program starting summer 2022,  
17 and a commitment to triple the city's Cure Violence  
18 Program workforce. While some might find any excuse  
19 to maintain the status quo and find ways to argue  
20 against these important proposals, we shouldn't let  
21 the perfect be the enemy of the good. Please join me  
22 in making today a historic day in the transformation  
23 of policing in New York City. Will it end all of our  
24 policing problems? No. But today represents a  
25 significant step in the right direction. I urge my

2 colleagues and my city to move forward instead of  
3 backwards. We have the chance to be on the right  
4 side of history by passing this set of reforms.  
5 Thank you. I vote aye.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote no on all  
9 except Intros 2243-A, 2218-A, and Reso 1582, and all  
10 land use applications with accompanying resolutions,  
11 which I vote yes.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. One moment.  
13 Kallos.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: May I be  
19 excused to explain my vote? First of all...

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
21 granted.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: ...Council  
23 Member Brooks-Powers. It's great because now Queens  
24 has three women. So that's pretty good. And I want  
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2 to also want to wish everybody a happy Passover and a  
3 happy Easter, and I vote aye on all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Request  
7 permission to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
9 granted.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thanks. I just  
12 want to welcome Council Member Brooks-Powers. Um,  
13 I'm joining family members of those killed by police  
14 in over 50 civil rights organizations in voting no  
15 today on the so-called police reform plan proposed by  
16 Mayor de Blasio. The plan does not address core  
17 issues of police accountability, make a serious  
18 effort to transform public safety, or ensure our  
19 communities have the services and infrastructure they  
20 need and deserve. It'll lead to further increasing  
21 the NYPD's budget, already one in six of all city  
22 employees and already set to grow by \$195 million  
23 dollars next year, while the mayor's preliminary  
24 budget proposes to cut CUNY, new services, and  
25 sanitation. It's egregious that the final version of

2 the plan was not made available for consideration  
3 until yesterday. The council should not yield to the  
4 governor's bullying, threatening to withhold state  
5 funding if we don't accept the mayor's so-called  
6 plan...

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
8 Lander.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: [inaudible]

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
11 Lander, Council Member Lander, I apologize, similarly  
12 to Council Member Gibson, who also wished to speak on  
13 this. We're going to have that discussion during  
14 resolutions.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Respectfully,  
16 Madam Majority Leader, this is at the heart of the  
17 police reform package that we're voting on today.  
18 But, but I'll move along. I just want to say it was  
19 not a thorough, serious, or inclusive process, and  
20 it's not a thorough, serious, or inclusive plan. On  
21 the other bills on the calendar today, ah, I'm voting  
22 no on Intro 2212. Um, while we certainly need a  
23 stronger approach to bias-based policing and racial  
24 profiling, this bill will not do it. It reaffirms  
25 the commissioner's sole discretion over police

2 discipline. It allows the NYPD to contract for its  
3 own overseer on a topic it's failed on and it  
4 requires that NYPD finding for the CCRB begins its  
5 investigations in some cases. I do really appreciate  
6 the work of my colleagues in this effort, especially  
7 and including Council Members Adams and Gibson. I'll  
8 be voting aye on the other bills in the package,  
9 especially 1671, ah, Intro 2220 of Council Member  
10 Levin, and Reso 1538 of the Majority Leader calling  
11 on the legislature to remove the police  
12 commissioner's exclusive authority over discipline,  
13 and I'm especially glad to cosponsor and vote today  
14 for Intro 2224, a significant step forward towards  
15 safer streets with less policing after years of  
16 advocacy. DOT will have to opportunity to lead crash  
17 investigations and that will enable a victim-  
18 centered, problem-solving approach to preventing  
19 traffic violence and greater transparency around the  
20 underlying cause of crashes. So I vote no on Resos  
21 1584 and Intro 2212 and aye on the other items on the  
22 calendar.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to  
3 explain my vote?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
5 granted.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you, Madam  
8 Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.  
9 I also want to, ah, welcome Council Member Brooks-  
10 Powers and, ah, wonderful to have you here, ah, in  
11 the council. Um, so, picking up where I left off,  
12 um, ah, qualified immunity, this is a quote from, ah,  
13 from Jay Schweikert from the Cato Institute,  
14 "Qualified immunity is one of the most obviously  
15 unjustified legal doctrines in our nation's history."  
16 What our bill does today is establish a local civil  
17 right in New York City that mirrors those Fourth  
18 Amendment rights that we've had since 1792, and those  
19 Fourteenth Amendment rights that we've had since  
20 1868, where qualified immunity in this case cannot be  
21 used as a defense. Cases would still have to be  
22 proven in a court of law and the legal standard for  
23 that is high. The city may also fully indemnify  
24 individual officers. This bill does nothing to  
25 change that. But an officer would not be able to

2 enter a courtroom and assert that the plaintiff  
3 cannot even commence a case against them because they  
4 were immune, unliable, in essence untouchable. These  
5 rights we enjoy under our Constitution are not  
6 privileges to be granted and taken away. They don't  
7 apply to some people and not others. They are as  
8 fundamentally American as anything we hold dear. And  
9 they are what has drawn people to our shores  
10 generation after generation for over 230 years. And  
11 yet throughout that history these rights have also  
12 been denied over and over and over again to  
13 generation after generation of Americans,  
14 particularly black and brown Americans, for over 230  
15 years. This bill today makes it clear that New York  
16 City intends to uphold these precious Constitutional  
17 rights now and in the future. I would like to thank  
18 Speaker Johnson and our amazing chair of public  
19 safety, Adrienne Adams, chief of staff Jason Goldman,  
20 Ed Atkin, Kelly Taylor, Jonita John from the council  
21 legislative division...

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: ...New York Civil  
24 Liberties Union and Legal Aid for working with us on  
25 this, as well as my staff, ah, ah Devitry Kumar, and

2 my legislative director, Nicole Hunt, for working on  
3 this bill. And I encourage all of my colleagues to  
4 vote aye on 2220-A, and I vote aye on all. Thank  
5 you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
7 Council Member Levin.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you. With  
10 warm welcome to, ah, Council Member Powers and, ah, I  
11 will be voting aye on all. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Louis.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
15 Majority Leader. First, I just want to quickly  
16 congratulate our new colleague, Council Member  
17 Brooks-Powers, echo the sentiment of Council Member  
18 Ampry-Samuels, and I vote aye on all. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Excuse me. Maisel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Ah, yes on  
21 everything, except no on 2220-A.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Menchaca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Permission to  
24 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. I  
6 want, I want to also welcome Council Member Brooks-  
7 Powers, ah, to the City Council, and I will be voting  
8 no on 2212-A for all the comments that my colleagues  
9 have made, ah, and aye on the rest. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote, ah, I'll  
13 be just voting no on 2224 and on 2220 I'll be  
14 abstaining. Ah, I'd like wish a happy Passover to  
15 all those who will be celebrating. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: I vote no on  
21 2212-A and aye on all the rest. Thank you.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: I want to welcome  
24 my, ah, fellow Powers to the City Council [inaudible]  
25 Powers. The caucus is now two, two strong here, so

2 welcome and very excited to have her joining us in  
3 the council, and I vote aye on all.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Ah, permission  
7 to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
9 granted.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: The past year  
12 has been painful in so many ways. Our city  
13 experienced tragedy on a scale that was unimaginable  
14 this time last March. Through this adversity, a  
15 number of critical issues have come to light, one of  
16 which is the systemic oppression of people of color,  
17 ah, and what they face in our communities. This  
18 oppression presents itself in many ways - polluted  
19 neighborhoods, displacement from our homes,  
20 underfunded schools, and police brutality. When a  
21 nation watches George Floyd was murdered in front of  
22 our eyes last spring. It awakened the rest of the  
23 country to the police violence that communities of  
24 color, um, were all too familiar with. Today we are  
25 taking an important step forward to begin delivering

2 justice to communities that have been voiceless for  
3 far too long. This package of bills will make  
4 important advancements to keeping our communities  
5 safe and I commend the speaker and my colleagues for  
6 their work to make this happen. There is so much  
7 more work to do, though, and I'm calling on this  
8 council to not stop here. We all received the letter  
9 from 23 family members, victims of police violence,  
10 imploring us to go much further than the bills we are  
11 voting on today. I've stood shoulder to shoulder  
12 with these folks for years and they have consistently  
13 been left out of the police reform conversation,  
14 deepening the wounds from losing their loved ones.  
15 It is incumbent upon the council to bring those most  
16 impacted by police brutality into the policy-making  
17 process. To not do so would be a process failure,  
18 but also a moral one. Moving forward, I hope that  
19 the voices of these who have suffered at the hands of  
20 abuse by police officers will not just be at the top  
21 of our minds, but at the head of the decision-making  
22 table. Thank you, and I vote aye on all.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. I  
3 would like to welcome my colleague, ah, Council  
4 Member Brooks-Powers, to the council. Um, as a black  
5 man also I would like to echo the sentiments of  
6 Council Member Ampry-Samuels. I think you hit it,  
7 ah, right on the nail, ah, with your statement  
8 earlier. I would like to vote aye on all. Thank  
9 you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Permission to  
13 explain my vote?

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
15 granted.

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I want to  
18 encourage all my colleagues to vote for my bill,  
19 Intro 2243, today to extend the suspension of  
20 personal liability clauses in commercial leases until  
21 June 30, so countless businesses teetering on the  
22 edge can continue to focus on paying workers and  
23 supporting their communities without the threat of  
24 landlords going after their personal life savings and  
25 assets if they have to shut down. We've fought and

2 won in court to protect this law and I'm proud that  
3 we are continuing with this legislative effort once  
4 again. I also want to thank everyone who will be  
5 voting for the Article 11 tax exemption for three  
6 properties located in the East Village neighborhood  
7 in my district. Asian Americans for [inaudible] a  
8 trusted community partner in Lower East Side has been  
9 working with families across these 44 units of  
10 housing on a conversion that will yield affordable  
11 home ownership opportunities for current residents,  
12 and I'm excited for this project to move forward.  
13 And in regards to the bills on police reform, I  
14 certainly believe that these are a continuation, not  
15 the end of our fight to reimagine public safety in  
16 New York City, and I appreciate Speaker Johnson and  
17 Chair Adams for their efforts. Additionally, the  
18 investments for key city services that are up for  
19 discussion are the exact kind of commitments we  
20 should pursue further in this year's budget. And  
21 with the that I vote aye.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to  
25 explain my vote?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
3 granted.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: First of all,  
6 congratulations to our new colleague, eh, Council  
7 Member, eh, Power and, and thank you to all the  
8 colleague for voting on this package of legislation.  
9 Eh, very important for our city. Eh, as I say in the  
10 bill that I had the opportunity to lead, eh, together  
11 with the speaker, Corey Johnson, and my other  
12 colleague, eh, one of those been the transfer of the  
13 collision investigation unit from NYPD to DOT. It, I  
14 think that everyone has to recognize that, eh, we  
15 still has a lot of challenges to make our streets  
16 safe and the epidemic of crashes definitely is  
17 something that, eh, is so difficult to eradicate it.  
18 Eh, I had the opportunity to be working with many  
19 colleagues from Manhattan Borough President Gale  
20 Brewer to Public Advocate Jumaane Williams to  
21 Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams when it came to  
22 improve the safety in our street. So today I'm happy  
23 that after we're listening to our DAs we make all the  
24 progress and we voted not only with, with that bill  
25 but also with all the bills that is so important for

2 the whole City of New York. [speaking in Spanish]

3 With that, I vote aye.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Permission to  
7 explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
9 granted.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. First,  
12 I just want to start by welcoming, um, our new  
13 council member, Brooks-Powers. Um, it's great that  
14 you've added another voice of reason to, ah, the City  
15 Council. Um, and I'd like to commend Council Member  
16 Adams for her tenacity. I'd like to thank and, um,  
17 thank and commend, ah, Council Member Ampry-Samuels  
18 for her truth and passion, and speaking for many of  
19 us here on the council. I'd like to just second and,  
20 and say hear, hear to Council Member Levin, who, um,  
21 whose remarks about qualified immunity ring true, and  
22 I stand firmly behind Council Member Chin. Um, we  
23 have to obliterate hate wherever it exists. Thank  
24 you. And I vote aye. Did you hear that? I vote on  
25 all on all.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Yes, thank you, Council  
4 Member. Rosenthal.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Um, permission  
6 to explain my vote?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
8 granted.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you.  
11 Um, and, and I'm voting aye on all. Um, Majority  
12 Leader Cumbo, I just want to thank you for keeping us  
13 all on the straight and narrow. Ah, you run a good  
14 meeting and I really appreciate everything that you  
15 do in running these meetings. It's not easy. So  
16 thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for  
18 [inaudible].

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Yeah, I really  
20 want to thank Council Member Ampry-Samuel, um, thank  
21 you for as, as Council Member Rose said, thank you  
22 for your truth, for your passion, um, and just being  
23 it standout Council Member that you are. It's such  
24 an honor to serve with you. I also want to thank  
25 Council Member Miller for, um, his point of view and

2 speaking so passionately and smart. Um, so I really  
3 thank him for that. And of course welcome to my  
4 sister, my new sister from another mister. Ah,  
5 Council Member Brooks-Powers, indeed you are now  
6 cochair of the Powers committee. Um, yeah, and  
7 again, I vote aye on all. Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Madam Majority  
13 Leader, I'm asking for unanimous consent to vote on  
14 all land use items.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you. I  
18 vote aye on all land use items.

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Madam Majority Leader.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, Mr.  
21 Parliamentarian.

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Hold on. Ah, are there  
23 any objections to moving forward with unanimous  
24 consent on the motion from Council Member Ulrich?  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you for the  
3 correction.

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Seeing none, the motion  
5 passes. You may continue, Council Member.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you very  
7 much. Um, ah, and thank you for the unanimous  
8 consent. Thank you to my colleagues. I'm voting aye  
9 on all land use items. Um, but I am voting no on,  
10 ah, several, ah, preconsidered intros. I'll be a no  
11 vote on 1671, 2118, 2212, 2220, 2224, 2243, and aye  
12 on all others.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. It's  
14 always our pleasure to make an exception for you.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you. Thank  
16 you, Madam Majority Leader.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Pardon, one moment.  
19 Vallone.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Madam Majority  
21 Leader, may I be excused to explain my vote?

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
23 granted.

24 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.  
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you, boss.  
3 I just want to wish everyone a blessed Passover and  
4 an Easter season, since we are at the holiest time  
5 this year. And welcome to our new Council Member,  
6 Brooks-Powers. Welcome to the Queens [inaudible],  
7 great delegation that we are. And for just a few  
8 comments on some of today's bills. No one can be  
9 charged in this council in not bringing police reform  
10 to the NYPD and this, and this city. Ah, many of the  
11 council members here have led that charge and we're  
12 doing that again today. Ah, I have to stand and  
13 speak about some of the comments that are being  
14 tossed at 2220-A. We are not a judge. We are not a  
15 jury. We do not have the benefit of months of trial  
16 and evidence and depositions. What we're doing today  
17 with 2220-A is telling an officer that in doing your  
18 job you will now be exposed to personal liability.  
19 Your assets, your home, your family, what you have  
20 worked your life to do is now in jeopardy in doing  
21 your job. Anyone's constitutional rights are always  
22 protected. This has nothing to do with that. You go  
23 to court, your, your unjustified stop and seizure is  
24 thrown out. You have your constitutional rights  
25 protected. We are doing one thing. We are exposing

2 officers to personal liability. That does not go  
3 with the police reforms that we have been challenged  
4 to do and what we have done. And put yourself in the  
5 shoes now of those that we charged to keep us safe.  
6 Will you make that arrest? Will you make that stop  
7 if you know that your personal home, assets, life are  
8 now subject to a lawsuit? That is what I wanted to  
9 bring to the attention. It's more than a no vote on  
10 220-A. It is explanation. It's not about police  
11 reform. This is doing something deliberate to the  
12 police force. And day in and day out we are being  
13 asked by the citizens of this city to keep us safe.  
14 Every day there is another tragedy. If your district  
15 is 51% telling you to vote for this...

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: ...then you vote.

18 But I am telling you, especially in my district and  
19 those that are around us, that is not the case. So  
20 with that I vote no on 220-A. I also vote no on  
21 proposed Reso 1530-A. I abstain from preconsidered  
22 Reso 1583 and abstain on 2212-A. Ah, thank you, and  
23 God bless everyone.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
25 Council Member Vallone.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Permission to  
4 briefly explain my vote?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
6 granted.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you.

9 So I am going to vote aye on all except for Intro  
10 2212-A, ah, because I firmly believe that the police  
11 commissioner, whoever that should be, should have no  
12 role whatsoever in, ah, determining or overturning,  
13 ah, punishment, um, or, um, any other findings for  
14 police officers, ah, and luckily there is a bill  
15 coming, ah, and, ah, Council Member Barron has, ah,  
16 ah, led the charge with Council Member Ampry-Samuel  
17 and, ah, look forward to seeing that piece of  
18 legislation move forward and, ah, implement, ah, ah,  
19 real reform that I think is so desperately needed,  
20 ah, to make sure that the police commissioner, um,  
21 does not have, ah, any role in determining a  
22 punishment, ah, in particular what we see all time  
23 overturning, ah, even validated claims of, ah, abuse.  
24 So, ah, with that I vote no on 2212-A. Look forward  
25 to, ah, Council Member Barron and Council Member

2 Ampry-Samuel's, ah, legislation and, ah, vote aye on  
3 all the rest.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Madam President,  
7 may I be excused to explain my vote?

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission  
9 granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you very  
11 much.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you,  
14 Sergeant. Ah, on, ah, I will, I'll try to just echo,  
15 ah, without using all the words of some of my  
16 colleagues who spoke on these bills. Ah, on Intro  
17 2224, Council Member Miller, ah, I couldn't have said  
18 it better. Ah, giving the DOT, the agency which can  
19 take three years to put in, ah, a traffic, ah,  
20 camera, a speed camera, ah, ah, a traffic signal or a  
21 speed bump, ah, the, this important responsibility to  
22 me simply makes no sense. Um, the, investigating a  
23 vehicle crash is, is important work. And, ah, I  
24 just, you know, I'm in the council for three years,  
25 ah, two months, and 25 days, and I can't find one

2 thing that the DOT has done right in my district  
3 during all that time. So giving this, this important  
4 work makes no sense to me. I'm going to vote no on  
5 that. Um, ah, 2118 came from Government Operations,  
6 the, ah, committee I'm honored to serve on, and, ah,  
7 you know, I found that neither the press community  
8 nor the administration felt this was something that,  
9 ah, was necessary. It was almost a solution in  
10 search of a problem. Um, but here's the problem, at  
11 least the way I see it. It's going to cost the City  
12 of New York \$660,000 in the upcoming fiscal year to  
13 move this office from the police department to the  
14 Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, you know,  
15 the folks who, ah, shut down all our streets and  
16 bring in all those trailers and so that they can film  
17 Law and Order in our neighborhood. Ah, it's going to  
18 cost 1.3 million dollars every single fiscal year  
19 thereafter, at least as projected right now. I  
20 didn't think we had that kind of money. I still  
21 don't. I haven't heard we do. So I'm going to vote  
22 no on that. Um, qualified immunity, ah, Intro 2220,  
23 Council Member Vallone often gets my attention  
24 because he comes, ah, ah, shortly before me and I  
25 couldn't have said it better than he did. Ah, and as

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2 for Council Member Borelli pointing out that, ah, we  
3 are hypocrites if we take away qualified immunity  
4 from, um, from members of our municipal workforce and  
5 leave....

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: ...[inaudible] ah  
8 he is 100% right. Intro 2243, ah, we heard a lot  
9 about the Constitution today. I like all of the  
10 Constitution, all of it. Ah, Article 1, Section 10,  
11 ah, ah, requires that the government not pass laws  
12 that impair the obligations of contracts. It's true  
13 that a court did uphold this law. But in that  
14 decision the court said that it, this law does in  
15 fact impose a substantial impairment on contracts.  
16 So reasonable people can differ. I differ. I'm  
17 reasonable. Going to vote no on that. So to  
18 recapture I am no on Intro 2212, 2118, 2220, 2243,  
19 2224. Thank you very much for the additional time.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
21 Council Member Yeger.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Majority Leader,  
24 permission to explain my vote? It's long awaited.  
25 Permission granted.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you,  
3 Majority Leader.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: The finisher.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Let me first  
7 begin by congratulating our newest council member,  
8 Brooks-Powers. Congratulations. Looking to hear  
9 some of the great work that you're going to be doing  
10 for your constituents in our great city. To all my  
11 colleagues, I want to wish them a happy Passover and  
12 all the blessings of Holy Week and Easter. Um,  
13 Majority Leader, I leave it to the end because I  
14 really wanted to hear more from my colleagues on very  
15 important bills. Ah, I want to echo the sentiments  
16 that have been made by Council Member Miller, ah, in  
17 reference to, um, 2224. Nothing prevents DOT today  
18 from investigating any accident and making design  
19 corrections if needed on any of our streets. Giving  
20 this major responsibility to DOT just for the sake of  
21 saying we took something away from the NYPD doesn't  
22 justify what the objective is. If we're looking to  
23 investigate, ah, intersections that are very  
24 dangerous to our motorists, pedestrians, and, ah,  
25 others then we can easily do that and nothing, we

2 don't need to pass any legislation because DOT  
3 already has the authority. But it could impede the  
4 investigation of accidents, especially when there is  
5 fatalities or serious injury, and I am concerned  
6 about, um, unintended consequences that could come  
7 about. So I'll be voting no on 2224. I hear from my  
8 colleagues, those that are attorneys and understand  
9 the law much better than I do, ah, in the comments  
10 that they made on Intro 2220. Um, it's with much  
11 contemplating that I, ah, and after hearing from the  
12 legal experts on what this actually means and how  
13 this does not take away the constitutional rights  
14 that we all have, um, I'm going to...

15 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: ...[inaudible]  
17 some of the legal advice that we've heard so I'll be  
18 voting no on 2220, and I will be following the  
19 comments that have been made by Council Member Barron  
20 and Menchaca, um, in regards to 2212. So I vote aye  
21 on all with the exception of 2224, 2212, and 2220.  
22 Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
24 Council Member Gjonaj.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo.

2 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Thank you. I'm  
3 voting no on 1671, 2118, 2212, 2220, 2224, and 2243,  
4 and aye on the rest. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Let's give the  
8 clerk a moment.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I want to thank  
13 everyone for today. Ah, I want to really thank  
14 Council Members Chin and Ampry-Samuel for their, ah,  
15 comments today. I, I really appreciate that. And I  
16 again want to welcome Council Member, ah, Selvena  
17 Power-Brooks, ah, Brooks-Powers, I apologize, ah,  
18 for, ah, I want to welcome you. We're so grateful to  
19 have you here, and we look forward to working  
20 together. I vote aye on all.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We're going to  
22 give the legislative clerk an opportunity to tally,  
23 um, all of the votes, so that we have an accurate,  
24 ah, number before we move forward. So let's just  
25 give him a moment.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN: In the meantime, while  
3 the clerk is tallying the vote, any council member  
4 who would like to vote no or abstain on any of the  
5 resolutions that we'll be voting on during the  
6 resolution section please email the legislative  
7 documents unit to register a vote of nor or abstain  
8 on any of the resolutions.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Mr.  
10 Parliamentarian, just for clarity and ease sake can  
11 you just give, um, perhaps in the chat or send  
12 through the act email address that members should  
13 send that information to.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes. We do not have a  
15 chat, but I'd be happy to email council members with  
16 the address they should send that to.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: OK, thank you, Madam  
19 Majority Leader. Much appreciated. All items on  
20 today's general order calendar have a vote of 49 in  
21 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no  
22 abstentions, with the exception of the following  
23 bills. Introduction 2212-A has a vote of 36 in the  
24 affirmative, 12 in the negative, 1 abstention.  
25 Introduction 2118-A, 43 in the affirmative, 6 in the

2 negative, no abstentions. Introduction 1671-A with  
3 43 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, no  
4 abstentions. Introduction 2220-A has 37 in the  
5 affirmative, 11 in the negative, and 1 abstention.  
6 Introduction 2224-A has 39 in the affirmative, 10 in  
7 the negative, no abstentions. Land use item 741 and  
8 Resolution 1588 have a vote of 48 in the affirmative,  
9 1 in the negative, no abstentions. Land use items  
10 743 and 744 with their accompanying resolutions have  
11 a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero in the  
12 negative, one abstention. And the revised land use  
13 call-ups vote is now 48 in the affirmative and zero  
14 in the negative. Thank you. (see transcriber's note  
15 at end)

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Majority Leader?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I believe that all  
19 items have passed.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. I  
21 apologize. My internet service got disconnected, so  
22 I'm transferring over to my phone to complete the  
23 rest of today's, um, Stated Meeting. So the item on  
24 today's general order calendar are adopted. We will  
25 now go into the introduction and reading of bills.

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

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We  
6 will now move into the discussion of resolutions. As  
7 a reminder, please wait until the Sergeant at Arms  
8 begins the countdown clock before you begin your  
9 remarks. Mr. Parliamentarian, are there any members  
10 that wish to speak on today's resolutions?

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
12 Leader. Ah, the first three are council members  
13 Moya, Gennaro, and Adams.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: OK. We will  
15 begin with Council Member Moya.

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you, Madam  
18 Majority Leader, and thank you, Mr. Speaker. Um, I  
19 just wanted to, to talk about, ah, two of the  
20 resolutions, um, one, ah, which talks about, ah,  
21 taxing, ah, the billionaires. Ah, we've seen the  
22 disproportionate impact that COVID-19 has had on  
23 black and brown communities. Ah, disparities in  
24 health, education, and wealth, and it's been a fight  
25 for racial justice, not just this past year but for

2 way too long. We need urgency and action to bring  
3 equity and support to these communities. We need to  
4 treat black, Latino, immigrant, Asian New Yorkers  
5 with respect and dignity. They are part of the  
6 people that make this country so great and have  
7 contributed to the success and well-being of this  
8 city and this nation in countless ways. Ah, the two  
9 resolutions, ah, that I've introduced today, ah, have  
10 a direct impact on these communities as we are  
11 fighting for racial justice. I want to thank the  
12 speaker and my colleagues in the City Council for  
13 joining me in this fight. I'm proud to be part of a  
14 legislative body that stands up for racial justice.  
15 So here we are. The wealth gap is not closing. It's  
16 exploding across New York. The very people that were  
17 on the front lines taking care of us, feeding our  
18 families, and keeping our city moving, who pay taxes,  
19 contributing millions, providing relief for so many,  
20 were excluded from getting assistance during one of  
21 the worst pandemics of our time. Healthcare workers,  
22 food delivery workers, cab drivers, construction  
23 workers, janitors, building and house cleaners, and  
24 so many others. For us to work towards a real  
25 recovery from COVID-19 means that we cannot leave

2 behind those that have suffered the brunt of this  
3 pandemic and who contributed and sacrificed so much  
4 for us. It means that the rich keep getting richer  
5 while New Yorkers struggle to make ends meet, after  
6 not only putting their lives at risk for us, but  
7 becoming ill from COVID, losing their jobs, or, even  
8 worse, losing a loved one. New Yorker's 120  
9 billionaires are 87.7 billion richer than they were  
10 in the beginning of the pandemic, and they're not  
11 dealing with the heavy burden of how they will pay  
12 for rent or get their next meal. That is why I  
13 introduced this resolution, calling upon the state  
14 legislature to pass and the governor to sign to  
15 establish the Billionaire Mark, to mark it tax...

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: ...[inaudible]

18 revenue generated to, ah, establish an Excluded  
19 Workers' Fund. The imposition would raise, ah, taxes  
20 to 23.3 billion in its first tax year and 1.2 billion  
21 or more in more subsequent years. The billionaires'  
22 wealth tax would raise the billion, ah, would raise  
23 billions that we urgently need to create the  
24 opportunity for 274,000 people, including 187,000  
25 undocumented workers and 87,000 people leaving

2 incarceration to get much-needed relief after this  
3 has been a devastating year. And I just, ah, ask  
4 everyone to, ah, vote in favor of this. And I want  
5 to thank the speaker for his partnership and to the  
6 staff that worked on this, Rebecca Chasen, Noah  
7 Brick, ah, Jason Goldman, Megan Tadia Benam, and  
8 Gatorino Valencia, ah, from my office. Ah, with  
9 that, thank you Madam Majority Speaker, ah, to all my  
10 colleagues.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
12 much, Council Member Moya. Council Member Gennaro.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I wanted to  
15 weight in on, ah, proposed Reso 1538-A regarding the  
16 police commissioner's power over discipline. Ah, I  
17 believe that discipline for any non-criminal act of  
18 any city employee is an executive function and the  
19 same bill supported by this Reso in my opinion  
20 infringes on the power of the mayor as exercised by  
21 the PC. The CCRB is free to refer an action by a  
22 police officer to the DA for prosecution or to the PC  
23 for discipline in a non-criminal matter, but for the  
24 CCRB to act as the PC is a usurpation of mayoral  
25 power, in my opinion. I'll be voting no on this

2 resolution and urge my colleagues to vote no. Ah,  
3 the next item would be, ah, Resolution 1547 regarding  
4 residency requirement for, ah, New York City  
5 officers. Ah, I'll quote the mayor from last August.  
6 He said, "A lot of NYPD officers who happen to be  
7 people of color are living in the suburbs for purely  
8 economic reasons because they can't find enough  
9 affordable housing here. We should have a real  
10 public debate about it, but we should be mindful that  
11 it's not as easy an equation in New York City, as it  
12 is in a lot of other places because of the pure cost  
13 of housing." I tend to agree with the mayor's  
14 statement, so I'll be voting no on this resolution.  
15 I urge my, ah, colleagues to vote no. And with  
16 regard to the, ah, mayor's, ah, police reform  
17 parking, I don't know the resolution number, ah, but,  
18 ah, I will be voting to, ah, support that resolution,  
19 and I wish to be, I wish to be associated with the  
20 speaker's remarks, ah, on this, ah, police reform  
21 report of whatever it is that the mayor did, and I,  
22 ah, thank Council Member Adams for all the work that  
23 she did on the package of bills today, ah, and what  
24 she did regarding to the, ah, [inaudible] proposal in

2 the face of personal tragedy. And, um, thank you  
3 very much.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We'll  
5 now go to Council Member Adams.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you once  
8 again, ah, Madam Majority Leader. Ah, the mayor's  
9 plan, mandated by the governor's executive order,  
10 which the council had only 12 days to review and  
11 revise if not passed. The governor's office could  
12 withhold vital state and federal funding from us.  
13 Not a few hundred thousand dollars, but billions of  
14 dollars desperately needed to help the city rebound  
15 from the greatest health crisis of our lifetime.  
16 Given the current climate and condition of the state,  
17 I'm not willing to leave our fate in those troubled  
18 hands. The City Council negotiated concrete changes  
19 and investments in the plan that our city, largely  
20 due colleagues, to the demands of this council many  
21 concessions were made. Among them is securing over  
22 70 million dollars to expand public safety  
23 alternatives to policing and incarceration, and  
24 adding an additional 5000 new seats for SYEP this  
25 summer, something that we fought so hard, that

2 Council Member Rose always champions in this council.  
3 Additionally, the council rejected changes that would  
4 lead to expanding the NYPD's footprint and an already  
5 bloated budget, and we mandated deadlines and public  
6 engagement. Some of my colleagues feel that today's  
7 legislation goes too far. I get it. Some of my  
8 colleagues feel that this legislation doesn't go far  
9 enough. I get it. Colleagues, the plan is not  
10 ideal, and I honestly can't celebrate it. I won't  
11 celebrate it. But it's just the beginning. As chair  
12 of the Public Safety Committee I know there's a lot  
13 more work to be done...

14 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: ...[inaudible]  
16 NYPD, and I am committed to changing policing in New  
17 York City's NYPD. I want to thank all of the  
18 advocates who worked with us, our legal partners, our  
19 communities. Yes, our hurting communities worked  
20 with us. I want to thank Arva Rice, chief executive  
21 officer of the New York Urban League. I want to  
22 thank Jennifer Jones Austin, CEO of the Federation of  
23 Protestant Welfare Agencies. And I want to thank Wes  
24 Moore of the Robin Hood Foundation for really, really  
25 getting out there in our communities and assisting

2 us. We appreciate you all and look forward to your  
3 continued partnership on this very, very important  
4 work. Thank you, colleagues. Thank you, Madam  
5 Majority Leader, for the time.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
7 Council Member Adams. Are there any other members,  
8 Mr. Parliamentarian, that wish to speak at this time?

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
10 Leader. Council members Barron, Riley, and Levin.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right. You  
12 may begin, Council Member Barron.

13 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [inaudible] Madam  
15 Majority Leader thank you. Wow, we are at a critical  
16 point here with this what I see sham, what I see as a  
17 wink and a nod from the police commissioner with  
18 crossed fingers behind his back as he may be raising  
19 his hand. And I say that because we have heard from  
20 this commissioner over the years that he does not  
21 believe police officers treat black communities any  
22 differently than they treat white communities, quote  
23 end quote. But now because this is a plan that says  
24 they're looking racialized policing he understands  
25 oh, we do need to look at that. I don't believe him.

2 Nor do I believe that this plan that talks about all  
3 the training that will be given to police officers  
4 will have any impact because, remember, Akai Gurley  
5 was killed by Peter Liang who was trained not to take  
6 his gun out of his holster, not to put his finger on  
7 there, and to ask who's there. That didn't happen.  
8 So now we're talking about more money to the NYPD for  
9 more training that doesn't get any results, results,  
10 and people who are unarmed and innocent being killed  
11 with no accountability. The report, the letter which  
12 the NAACP legal defense fund said highlights  
13 something I want to call. The draft plan does not  
14 specify how the city will change the decades of  
15 entrenched racially discriminatory practices. It  
16 indicates that NYPD will undergo an independent  
17 review to quote identify the persistent structures of  
18 racism within the department. But the NYPD is  
19 already under the supervision of a federal court and  
20 an independent monitor following multiple lawsuits  
21 and though the draft plan quickly glazes over these  
22 lawsuits...

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: ...noting that the  
25 federal monitorship has changed the culture and

2 fabric, the reports of the independent monitor  
3 suggests otherwise. According to the independent  
4 monitor's October 2020 status report through the  
5 Floyd Court approved NYPD revised race policy barring  
6 racial profiling the NYPD is not yet in compliance  
7 with implementation of the racial profiling policies.  
8 The monitor found racial disparities in the NYPD's  
9 Stop and Frisk and noted that the department stopped  
10 reports were quote deficient in articulating  
11 reasonable suspension for Stop and Frisk and legal  
12 justification for searches. The draft plan does not  
13 address these failings. Rather, it declares that the  
14 city quote has ended the era of Stop and Frisk, quote  
15 reformed its Stop and Frisk policy and training and  
16 justifies the NYPD's nearly 12,000 stops and frisk in  
17 2020, ah, with the majority of those encounters are  
18 still disproportionately black and brown. We are  
19 allowing a governor that has often been described as  
20 a bully to threaten, to not give us the funds that we  
21 need, and I don't believe that the police officer,  
22 Commissioner Shea, has any kind of Damascus Road  
23 experience to really change what he has said over the  
24 years is his belief, and we are not going to be able  
25 to talk about defunding the police or reducing their

2 funding with the plan that in fact gives them more  
3 money to increase their interaction in black and  
4 brown and low-income communities, increase their  
5 interaction with youth who say that they feel that  
6 they've been criminalized, does not talk about  
7 reducing the SSA's, ah, following policies of the  
8 police department as they interact with children in  
9 the school. I urge my colleagues to vote no on Reso  
10 1584. It does not do what we need to have done.  
11 It's only ah, ah, crumbs that are being thrown, and  
12 it will have no far-reaching or substantial impact on  
13 the over-policing, the racialized policing, and the  
14 criminalization...

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
16 Barron [inaudible].

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you for the  
18 extra time.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
20 Council Member Barron. We will now go to Council  
21 Member Riley, followed by Council Member Levin.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you,  
24 Majority Leader. I would like to commend my  
25 colleagues in government for their hard work that

2 went into this police reform package. But,  
3 respectfully, I must admit that I believe we have so  
4 much further to go. My experience as a black man and  
5 the ongoing experiences of black and brown  
6 communities cannot and will not be addressed in this  
7 one package or a single bill. The resolution to  
8 police reform is complex and will require a  
9 collaborative approach when discussing and  
10 implementing solutions. We must further our efforts  
11 to ensure police accountability and transparency. I  
12 want to emphasize that this plan is only, and I want  
13 to emphasize this again, only the first step in many  
14 more steps to follow, and I look forward to  
15 continuing this important work with my colleagues in  
16 government to implement sound, meaningful, and  
17 impactful legislation that would change the social  
18 norms of black and brown communities around our  
19 nation. Thank you so much.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We'll  
21 now go to Council Member Levin.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you. Thank  
24 you very much, Madam Majority Leader. Um, I just  
25 want to take this opportunity to encourage all of my

2 colleagues to sign on to the resolution sponsored by  
3 Majority Leader Cumbo, um, that would remove final  
4 disciplinary authority from the police commissioner.  
5 Um, the, the issue is very real and has serious  
6 consequences, um, for our city. Um, the police  
7 commissioner, ah, overrules the, ah, CCRB, um, and/or  
8 the administrative law judges within the NYPD 71% of  
9 the time. Seven times out of 10, um, a process  
10 happens where, um, we hear evidence, evidence is  
11 presented, the defense is mounted and, and, ah, a  
12 trial judge, um, could, ah, issue a sanction, seven  
13 times out of 10 that's overruled, um, by the police  
14 commissioner. Um, that is absolute evidence of a  
15 dysfunctional system, absolute evidence of a  
16 dysfunction system. And if we were to restore any  
17 type of confidence in the police department's ability  
18 to have discipline, so that there's no favoritism,  
19 there's no, um, that, that, I mean, we hear about the  
20 concept of white shirt immunity, um, that, ah, those,  
21 ah, of, of a certain stature within the police  
22 department are treated different than rank-and-file  
23 cops. Ah, we saw that just recently with Chief  
24 Monahan, who was essentially allowed to retire prior  
25 to having been called into the CCRB for, um, ah, for

2 violations, for potential violations. Um, so I  
3 strongly urge, um, um, my colleagues to sign onto  
4 this, ah, this resolution, and I want to thank our  
5 Majority Leader, ah, who did an amazing job, um,  
6 getting this resolution to the floor.

7 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I want to thank,  
9 um, ah, a man named John Twofold who was, ah,  
10 instrumental in getting, um, the information, ah, to  
11 me, um, ah, Ed Atkin, and Kelly Taylor, um, and our  
12 legislative division, um, David Nocente, um, from  
13 Reform NYPD Now, um, and our, ah, the sponsors of  
14 the, the state, ah, legislation in which this  
15 resolution is supportive, supporting, ah, Assembly  
16 Member Catalina Cruz and Senator Jamaal Bailey, and  
17 please, please, please, um, if you believe in this  
18 please sign onto this resolution. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
20 Council Member Levin. Do we have any other members  
21 who wish to speak on the resolutions at this time?

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
23 Leader. Council members Menchaca and Rose.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
25 Menchaca.

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,  
4 Majority Leader, and, and I thank you for the time to  
5 speak on this resolution. I'm going to be focusing  
6 on Resolution 1584. Communities in my district are  
7 demanding from us to, to reimagine what public safety  
8 looks like. Better public safety means more  
9 investment in our black and brown communities. This  
10 year we must invest in schools, housing, and jobs by  
11 defunding the NYPD and using the money for what we  
12 know will help our vulnerable neighbors so that they  
13 can recover. We need to pass laws that save our taxi  
14 drivers, protect our delivery workers, and day  
15 laborers, ensure domestic workers are not exploited,  
16 and strengthen our legal and social services to all.  
17 If we focus on guaranteeing that our essential  
18 workers who kept us alive can survive themselves, if  
19 we pump more dollars to services that we know work,  
20 if we can fully fulfill our responsibility to make  
21 government work for those who need it the most, then  
22 we are fulfilling our agenda. And I'm deeply  
23 disappointed by the mayor's Police Reform and  
24 Reinvention Collaborative plan. This plan does not  
25 reduce the impact of over-policing or on our

2 communities, um, and the impact over over-policing on  
3 our communities appears to increase, ah, with this  
4 already bloated department, and this is something  
5 that my colleagues have already spoken to. Moving  
6 school safety agents to the DOE is not what the  
7 [inaudible] preschools group and our youth have been  
8 asking us to do. So I am disappointed in the process  
9 which the mayor's plan was developed separate and  
10 apart from our work here in the council, which  
11 abruptly excluded the communities' participation  
12 itself. But the mayor is not alone in this, ah, in  
13 this work, ah, of leaving people behind. And I'm  
14 calling our council to create more spaces for this  
15 dialogue, more...

16 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: ...[inaudible]  
18 the budget negotiating team has not met since last  
19 year. Our Democratic conferences are siloed into  
20 boroughs. We cannot have these conversations  
21 together as a team, and so I'm concerned that we're  
22 gonna end up in the same boat that we were in last  
23 year. Ah, and with that I'm gonna be, I'm gonna  
24 stay, stay visible and vocal on this issue until that  
25

2 changes. So I will be voting no on our, say no to  
3 1584. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
5 Council Member Menchaca. Council Member Rose.

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Madam  
8 Majority Leader. Um, again, I want to thank Council  
9 Member Adams for her tenacity under fire from all  
10 sides. The New York City Police Reform and  
11 Reinvention plan is a historic package of legislation  
12 that will increase accountability and transparency.  
13 Many of these items are long, long overdue and are  
14 things that we have fought for in this council for  
15 many years. Um, some of it matches with state  
16 legislation to give the CCRB the independence and  
17 authority that New Yorkers deserve. And as the chair  
18 of the Youth Committee I applaud the 70 million  
19 dollars, um, that was funded to support non-police-  
20 based public safety issues, including 5000 additional  
21 SYEP slots for CUNY students. But like many of my  
22 colleagues, however, I have some trepidation about  
23 the rushed process to meet the governor's mandate,  
24 and shame on the mayor for waiting 'til the last  
25 minute to concoct a plan that should have much more

2 thought put into it and input from our communities.

3 I fear that this plan does not go far enough. We did

4 not have adequate time to flesh out all the details

5 or to make much-needed amendments. We have a moral

6 obligation to our constituents to develop a plan that

7 genuinely tackles some of the deeply rooted racial

8 biases that have imbued the New York Police

9 Department since its inception in 1845. The

10 framework of these reforms must be centered on

11 fairness, accountability, and transparency, and even

12 after we vote on this package today, which I am

13 voting in favor, we will continue to work tirelessly

14 to achieve those goals and that means through

15 subsequent legislation. The, um, the task is not

16 completed...

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: ...and, um, and

19 we're gonna have to continue, um, to work. And we

20 must and we will. Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so

22 much, Council Member Rose. Are there any members who

23 wish to speak on today's resolutions?

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2 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
3 Leader. Council members Van Bramer, Ampry-Samuel,  
4 and Louis.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
6 Van Bramer you may begin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you  
8 very much.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Ah, first I  
11 just want to say, ah, I wasn't planning on speaking  
12 until I heard Council Member Barron, um, ah, speak  
13 and I have to say, um, I always feel like I learn  
14 something when Council Member Barron, um, ah, speaks,  
15 and I was always voting no on Reso 1548 and I've  
16 already sent in my email saying that I'm voting no on  
17 it, but, ah, but I just feel even that much, ah, more  
18 strongly, ah, apposed. Um, but of course after  
19 listening to, um, Council Member, ah, Barron um,  
20 first of all, ah, doing anything because the governor  
21 mandates you doing it right about now should tell you  
22 that it's the wrong thing to do. Um, ah, he is in no  
23 position, ah, with no moral authority, ah, to talk  
24 about just about any damn thing. Um, and second of  
25 all our mayor is complicit, um, and, ah, releases a

2 plan, ah, with, with a day, ah, for folks to review  
3 it. And, and that just isn't right on something  
4 that's so important, ah, that's so central to the  
5 work of all of our lives and all of careers, which  
6 has to be justice. Ah, particularly, um, for black  
7 and brown communities who have been so, so, um, ah,  
8 abused by this system. And, and so I just want to,  
9 um, ah, amplify and, and lift up Council Member  
10 Barron's comments and, and associate myself with, um,  
11 but also not just vote passively against this  
12 resolution, but actually speak affirmatively against  
13 it, ah, and, and vote no on Reso 1548. Um, we must  
14 do better as a city. Ah, we must do better as a  
15 people. Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
17 Council Member Van Bramer. Council Member Ampry-  
18 Samuel.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you,  
21 Majority Leader. Um, I just want to just quickly  
22 comment on the police reform plan and I totally  
23 understand Council Member, um, Barron's point. I  
24 just see this as a starting point to reimagining  
25 public safety in our communities. Um, this is far

2 from anything concrete. It allows us, um, as a  
3 legislative body to not just respond to an executive  
4 order by this governor, but it allows us as a  
5 legislative to literally sit down and be intentional  
6 in planning public safety and looking at a safe and  
7 healthy community, um, in a meaningful and strategic  
8 way with community. Um, that's how I see this and,  
9 um, as I started, as I said earlier, you know, public  
10 safety is literally, you know, something that a lot  
11 of our community, the people, the people that look  
12 like me and communities that look like my community,  
13 this is something that really hits home, and I do  
14 appreciate the work that Adrienne Adams put into  
15 this, ah, Council Member Adams. I appreciate  
16 Jennifer Jones Austin who has contributed and, and  
17 Arva Rice, um, and so many, you know, other people  
18 and this does not at all include the voice of the  
19 real people on the local, local level. But, again, I  
20 see this as a plan and a start. And if we do nothing  
21 today we would be doing the same thing that we did  
22 last year, or the same thing we did the year before  
23 that, or like the years before that. And, you know,  
24 this is going to be a totally new council coming in.  
25 So we have to have something in place and this gives

2 us a start, and that's, I see this as a outline that  
3 will be filled in with the people as we move forward  
4 into 2021, I mean, 2022, so with that I'm going to  
5 stop, um, and again, you know, thank you, Council  
6 Member Adams.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

8 Council Member Louis.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you, Madam  
11 Majority Leader. Um, I share the sentiments of my  
12 colleagues and just wanted to state that the New York  
13 City police reform plan is exactly that, a plan to  
14 address over-policing in black and brown communities  
15 in New York City. Police reform is important to me  
16 as a black woman here in New York City. And I can't  
17 understate how thoughtless, unacceptable, and  
18 disrespectful it's, it's been to give council members  
19 less than a couple of weeks to thoroughly dissect and  
20 comprehend a plan that tackles one of the most  
21 nuanced and complicated issues that plagues our city.  
22 I was very vocal with our colleagues about changes  
23 that needed to be made to ensure that it was  
24 reflective of the demands of people that live here in  
25 our city who marched, who rallied, who protested

2 against police brutality and I recognize that these  
3 plan was born out of a sense of urgency from the  
4 governor's mandate and that state funding was hanging  
5 in the balance. Um, and this process should not have  
6 been rushed or given implications on the future of  
7 our city and I disagree with it being interpreted as  
8 a one-time solution to decades of abuse, of  
9 harassment, brutality, and premature deaths of black  
10 and brown New Yorkers. However, I do believe that  
11 this plan can make strides to hold those in  
12 leadership accountable and create measures for  
13 transparency and obtain resources to address  
14 decriminalizing poverty, um, and enhancing healthcare  
15 services and providing measures to help combat gun  
16 violence and neutralize the perpetrators. That  
17 change starts with us. It's just a plan, but we put  
18 it into action. Thank you.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
20 much, Council Member Louis. Mr. Parliamentarian, are  
21 there any other members who wish to speak at this  
22 time?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
24 Leader. Council members Cornegy and Koo.  
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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
3 Cornegy, you may begin following the time clock.

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Madam  
6 Majority Leader. Um, I just want to speak briefly  
7 about this, ah, the suite of bills and the reform  
8 package. Um, I just want to give some context. I've  
9 been around long enough to remember the hard work we  
10 put in to change the, the complexion and ethnicity of  
11 the cadet classes graduating. We went from 6% 25  
12 years ago to 60% now. All of that work, ah, was so  
13 we could lead to a point now and that baton was  
14 handed to have this accountability and reform in  
15 place. And now we'll be handing the baton to the  
16 incoming council members, but not giving them an  
17 empty slate to work from. So this is a, a, a  
18 beginning in some sorts, but it's also a continuation  
19 of the hard work that people have worked on criminal  
20 justice reform for decades. This is, this is not  
21 new, but it is moving in the right direction and it's  
22 dedicated to those people who marched and stood and  
23 screamed and echoed their voices, who demanded  
24 accountability and who demanded a matrix for  
25 accountability. All of those things that happened,

1 this is not in and of itself. We've had reforms and  
2 reform bills that I signed onto. We've had Eric  
3 Garner chokehold bill. We've had the, the  
4 Accountability Matrix bill, and now we have this  
5 package in addition to that. So we're moving forward  
6 and those coming in, in this new incoming council  
7 class actually have some solid groundwork to work and  
8 move the needle forward even further. So this has  
9 been a continuation, changing, ah, the, the police  
10 cadet, um, minority. And if you look at the, at the,  
11 even the, the, the hierarchy has changed considerably  
12 in the police department. It's that level of change,  
13 plus policy, plus accountability that equal a fairer,  
14 more just system. So this is not perfect. I was not  
15 totally satisfied with it. But when I look at the  
16 context from where we've come, where we are now, and  
17 where we're set to go, this is moving in the right  
18 direction. So I want to thank you, Adrienne Adams,  
19 for bearing the, shouldering the burden of having to  
20 get hit from all sides and everybody else who had  
21 something to do with this. Jennifer Jones Austin and  
22 Avra Rice and all of those who are responsible for  
23 this, thank you.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
3 Council Member Cornegy. We'll now move to Council  
4 Member Koo.

5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Ah, I just want to  
7 say I want to welcome, ah, Council Member Brooks-  
8 Powers, ah, to become our colleague, and happy  
9 Passover and happy Easter to everyone. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
11 Council Member Koo. Are there any members at this  
12 time moving forward that wish to speak specifically  
13 and only on today's resolutions that we are about to  
14 vote on?

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council Member Chin.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
17 Chin, you may begin.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Ah, thank you.

19 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Majority  
21 Leader. I do want to speak on the resolution of  
22 [inaudible], ah, the police reform plan. And I heard  
23 from my colleague and especially colleagues that I've  
24 served with in the past. This is our 12 year. This  
25 is our third term together. And we've been fighting

2 for police reform since day one. And we made  
3 progress. And this will continue that progress. And  
4 it is really important for us to make sure that some  
5 of these programs are being implemented, and it has  
6 to reflect in this year's budget. So the fight  
7 continue. But we have to take our responsibility,  
8 ah, to vote on this Reso today. We don't want the  
9 state to withhold any funding from the city, no  
10 matter what. As one of my council members said, I  
11 think Council Member Ampry-Samuel, we don't want to  
12 leave any money at the table, right? And I think  
13 that our work has to continue. It's not perfect, but  
14 it is our job to move forward and to make it happen.  
15 So I really want to thank Council Member, ah, Adams  
16 for your leadership on this and my colleague in the  
17 Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus. We have to take a  
18 stronger leadership role in this, and we have tom ask  
19 the budget reflect that. Thank you.

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Council Member Reynoso.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
22 Reynoso, you may being.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Thank you. I, I  
25 just want to, ah, echo, ah, Council Member Barron's

2 points, but also just want to, um, just communicate  
3 to my colleagues that we are going to have a budget  
4 process where these types of issues are constantly  
5 raised and, um, don't, and don't get pushed to the  
6 level where we effect meaningful change for our  
7 communities, right? If we're going to continue to  
8 dabble in incrementalism when it comes to the changes  
9 we want to see in the police department then let's  
10 just call it what it is and that we're not looking to  
11 substantially reform the police department in a way  
12 that brings justice to our people. Instead, we keep  
13 trickling, um, in reform. Um, we don't make  
14 significant cuts to the budget. Um, that, ah, speak  
15 to, um, the resources that we truly need, which is  
16 secure housing, secure education, secure health care.  
17 That's where our communities need their money. If  
18 we're not gonna have those conversations, um, it, it  
19 could be problematic. But I would also say that the  
20 other side doesn't play the game that we're playing.  
21 When Trump was in office they didn't dabble in  
22 incrementalism. And they're currently looking to  
23 take away our, our, our voting rights, right? Like  
24 they don't, they don't play the same games we do.  
25 They don't go 100% every single time, and I think

2 it's about time we stop thinking that we're going to  
3 be able to make significant progress moving this  
4 slowly and start actually being more aggressive about  
5 exactly what we're looking for. So I'm gonna be  
6 voting no on that resolution as well. But I do want  
7 to say there are some good resolutions in this, in  
8 this, ah, package and one of them is, ah, Council  
9 Member Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's, ah, bill, um,  
10 which I think is a, a significant step forward to  
11 finally holding folks accountable and taking that  
12 responsibility away from, you know, self-interested  
13 commissions. So thank you, ah, and again, I want to  
14 make sure that it's clear that I vote no on the, you  
15 know, the mayor's resolution for police reform.  
16 Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
18 Council Member Reynoso. Are there any other members  
19 who wish to speak at this time, Mr. Parliamentarian?

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madam Majority  
21 Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing none, we  
23 will now have a voice vote on today's resolutions.  
24 If you wish to vote against or abstain from either of  
25 today's resolutions please email the legislative

2 documents unit. Mr. Parliamentarian will send that  
3 information to you. I'll now read today's  
4 resolutions into the record. Resolution 1538-A calls  
5 on the New York State Legislature to pass and the  
6 governor to sign S5252/A6012, which would remove the  
7 New York City police commissioner's exclusive  
8 authority over police discipline. Will all those in  
9 favor say aye.

10 [voices saying aye]

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed say  
12 nay.

13 [voice saying no]

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Any abstentions?  
15 The ayes have it. Resolution 1547 calls on the New  
16 York State Legislature to pass and the governor to  
17 sign S2984/A1951, which would require New York Police  
18 Department officers to live within the five boroughs  
19 of New York City. Will all those in favor say aye?

20 [voices saying aye]

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed say  
22 nay.

23 [voice saying nay]

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Any abstentions?  
25 The ayes have it. Preconsidered Resolution 1583

2 calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and  
3 the governor to sign S.4482/A.5092, which would  
4 establish the Billionaire Mark to Market Tax Act and  
5 to use the revenue generated to establish an Excluded  
6 Worker Fund. Will all those in favor say aye?

7 [voices saying aye]

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed say  
9 nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

10 Preconsidered Resolution 1584 is a resolution  
11 adopting a plan pursuant to State Executive Order  
12 number 203. Will all those in favor say aye?

13 [voices saying aye].

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All opposed say  
15 nay?

16 [voices saying nay]

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Can only say nay  
18 once.

19 [voice saying nay]

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughs]

21 UNIDENTIFIED: I apologize.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: [laughs] I knew  
23 that was you. Any abstentions? The ayes have it.

24 We will now move into general discussion. As a  
25 reminder, please wait until the Sergeant at Arms

2 begins the countdown clock before you being your  
3 remarks. Mr. Parliamentarian, are there any members  
4 who wish to speak on today's general discussion?

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madam Majority  
6 Leader. Council members Barron and Louis.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right.  
8 Council Member Barron, followed by Council Member  
9 Louis.

10 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam  
12 Majority Leader. First, I want to, ah, again welcome  
13 our new colleague. I think I misspoke her name. I  
14 believe it's Brooks-Powers. So I want to let that on  
15 the record.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Um-hmm.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Secondly, I want  
18 to wish all of my colleagues who are celebrating  
19 Passover and who will be celebrating Resurrection  
20 Sunday a happy, safe, and great holiday. I want to  
21 talk today about the introduction of my legislation  
22 that will talk about establishing an elected civilian  
23 review board. This is legislation that has been  
24 three years in getting to this point, and it's  
25 legislation that I was asked to sponsor and I'm proud

2 to say I'm sponsoring this in conjunction with my  
3 colleagues Jimmy Van Bramer as well as Council Member  
4 Alicka Ampry-Samuel. We are excited to say that  
5 there are three main components to this legislation.  
6 One is that the members of the, of the review board  
7 will be elected from 17 districts composed from the  
8 51 districts that are in the city. They will be  
9 elected to serve four-year terms. They will have to  
10 go get petitions and get on the ballot such as we do  
11 when we are running for office. The second main  
12 tenet is that this elected civilian review board,  
13 which is a part of what we're calling the Community  
14 POWER Act, POWER standing for Police Oversight With  
15 the Elected Review, that they will have the ability  
16 to receive testimony, conduct hearings, do  
17 investigations, make findings, dispose of, ah,  
18 criminal, ah, discriminatory issues, and will  
19 determine the appropriate, ah, consequences for those  
20 acts. And all those things we're now trying to  
21 squeeze in little by little are part of this  
22 comprehensive plan.

23 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And they will  
25 have the exclusive, thank you, just a few more

2 seconds. They will have the exclusive authority to  
3 determine whether or not to sustain an allegation and  
4 the appropriate consequences for that. And thirdly  
5 this legislation calls for an independent,  
6 independent prosecutor. So the members will no  
7 longer be appointed by our august body, or by the  
8 mayor, or by the police department, but they will be  
9 elected and there will be an independent prosecutor,  
10 not appointed by the governor who uses police, who  
11 used police, ah, to do the investigations, but they  
12 will be independent. I ask that you consider  
13 sponsoring this bill along with us and look forward  
14 to working with you as we push this bill through.  
15 OK, it's the Community POWER Act, Police Oversight  
16 With Elected Review. Thank you.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,  
18 Council Member. We'll now move to Council Member  
19 Louis.

20 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Thank you so much,  
22 Madam Majority Leader Cumbo, ah, for the opportunity  
23 to speak on two critical pieces of legislation that  
24 I'm introducing today. As we have seen over the  
25 course of the last several months, there is a glaring

2 fault in our protocols related to oversight of public  
3 servants with a dangerous lack of police officer  
4 accountability. As New Yorkers protested, rallied,  
5 and marched for several days this last summer, we  
6 witnessed countless police officers overstepping  
7 their authority, ironically assaulting New Yorkers  
8 protesting police brutality. Even with countless  
9 indisputable video evidence, there has been little to  
10 no disciplinary action taken against officers who  
11 pushed, shoved, and beat peaceful protestors. I  
12 think you all can agree this is unacceptable. This  
13 is why I am proud to introduce two pieces of  
14 legislation. Intro 2249, a local law to amend the  
15 New York City Charter in relationship to the police  
16 department's duty to provide officer resources to the  
17 Civilian Complaint Review Board, and Intro 2248,  
18 requiring the Civilian Complaint Review Board to  
19 conduct an investigation of any injury or death  
20 caused by police action. By strengthening the  
21 Civilian Complaint Review Board and granting them the  
22 authority to open cases on behalf of New Yorkers  
23 killed or injured as a result of police action the  
24 CCRB will be informed of any such interactions. And  
25 we have the ability to hold a greater amount of

2 officers accountable should they believe that their  
3 actions warrant punishment. Additionally, by  
4 requiring the NYPD to provide the CCRB with officer  
5 records, the CCRB will have comprehensive information  
6 to make an accurate assessment of whether, of whether  
7 there was any wrongdoing on any part of uniform  
8 officers.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time expired.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: My, my colleagues  
11 who fought hard last summer for increased police  
12 accountability to sign onto Intros 2248 and 2249.  
13 Thank you again for the opportunity.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
15 much, Council Member Louis. Are there any other  
16 members who wish to speak, or we will conclude this  
17 meeting.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN: The last council member  
19 who wishes to speak is Council Member Adams.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member  
21 Adams, you may begin.

22 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Time starts now.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you so much  
24 once again, ah, Madam Majority Leader. You've done a  
25 phenomenal job today. It's been a really, really

2 long Stated Meeting. Um, I, I just wanted to take an  
3 opportunity just to say happy Passover to all who  
4 celebrate, happy Holy Week to all who celebrate, and  
5 just to once again express to my colleagues that, ah,  
6 from my heart this work that we do isn't easy, um,  
7 and it definitely isn't for the faint of heart. Ah,  
8 tough decisions are made by all of us on a daily  
9 basis. So I just want to thank you, colleagues, for  
10 your commitment to serve no matter what our  
11 differences are. I also wanted to make sure that I  
12 thanked everyone that worked so hard to help me climb  
13 this mountain today and this legislative package,  
14 Speaker Johnson, Jason Goldman, Ebony Meeks Laivly,  
15 Kelly Taylor, Louis Holden Brown, Indiana Quarter,  
16 Daniel Addis, Mack Camper Williams, Matthew Thompson,  
17 Alia Reynolds, Isha Wright, Nevin Singh, Regina  
18 Pareda Ryan, Latonya McKinney, and my staff, Jamal  
19 Wilkinson and Benjamin Fang. It takes a lot to pull  
20 this girl together. Thank you all. Thank you,  
21 colleagues.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so  
23 much, and again I want to join in the chorus of  
24 welcoming our newest member, Selvena Brooks-Powers.  
25 It's so exciting to see the Women's Caucus growth,

2 and it's also exciting to see the intentionality of  
3 electing women to the City Council and beyond. We're  
4 seeing it realized right before our very eyes. So we  
5 welcome you. We're excited to work with you. And  
6 our voice just became that much louder. And I just  
7 want to say in closing that I really appreciated the  
8 different perspectives in today's Stated Meeting, and  
9 it's important one. But I just want to add in  
10 closing that over the, over the last few years,  
11 almost on a weekly basis, we have seen mass shootings  
12 all across this country. But what we've also seen  
13 with these mass shootings is that as it pertains to  
14 white males that have perpetuated these mass  
15 shootings we have seen police departments all across  
16 this country deliver the type of professionalism,  
17 courtesy, and restraint in apprehending these  
18 individuals. And that same level of empathy and  
19 understanding is what we are demanding for black and  
20 brown communities in dealing with issues of law  
21 enforcement. We want that. But we understand that  
22 we cannot legislate empathy. And so this legislative  
23 package is critical to making sure that while we  
24 can't legislate empathy we can issue penalties, and  
25 we should not look at this legislative package as

2 punitive, but if they follow the same accord that  
3 they do when apprehending these mass shooters all  
4 across the country the rubber would never meet the  
5 road on any of these bills that we've passed today.  
6 So I will close with that, and now turn it over to  
7 Speaker Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam  
9 Majority Leader. As always, great job chairing the,  
10 ah, Stated Meeting today. The Stated Meeting of  
11 March 25, 2021 is hereby adjourned. Thank you all.

12 [gavel]

13 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you.

14 TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Vote revision,  
15 Proposed Introduction 2220-A: 37 affirmative, 10  
16 negative, 2 abstentions. Proposed Introduction 2243-  
17 A: 43 affirmative, 6 negative, 0 abstentions.

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