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CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Chairperson

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Council Member Brewer
Council Member Cabrera
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Council Member Oddo
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Council Member Recchia, Jr.
Council Member Reyna
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Council Member Ulrich
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Council Member Vallone, Jr.
Council Member Van Bramer
Council Member Vann
Council Member Weprin
Council Member Williams

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

Adofo Muhammad
Principal
Bedford Academy

Robert Phelps
Coach
Bedford Academy

Chris Faltay
Student
Bedford Academy

Charles Meara
Staff Member
New York City Council

Mr. Grebin
Son of
Dr. Burt Grebin

Raymond Kelly
Commissioner
NYPD

Inspector Osgood
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Captain Paul Saracino
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Sergeant Patrick Rodrigo
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Detective Kim Jackson
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Detective Hall
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Detective Eric Sanchez
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Detective Rodney Theodle
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Detective Sidney Valerio
Hate Crimes Unit
NYPD

Claire Shulman
Board Member
St. Mary's Hospital

Willistine Moore
Director
Grant Day Care Center

Ronda Kotelchuk
Member
PCDC

Ernie Logan
President
CSA

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: All right, we've
3 got a lot of ceremonials today, and we're going
4 to get started with one that's being led by our
5 assistant majority leader, Al Vann, and Tish
6 James, and it's for the Bedford Academy Panthers,
7 is that right? Who I hear a rumor are the PSAL
8 champs in basketball. All right, let's hear it
9 for the Panthers. Let me give the mike to Al
10 Vann.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yeah, thank
12 you, Speaker. Colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,
13 Bedford-Stuyvesant is the neighborhood of my birth
14 and where I was educated and nurtured. Bedford-
15 Stuyvesant is where years ago if anything bad
16 happened in Brooklyn, they said happened in Bed-
17 Stuy. And so there was a very negative stigma
18 about Bedford-Stuyvesant. Well, that has been
19 dispelled over the years, and today is just
20 another example of the excellence of Bedford-
21 Stuyvesant. Today we are giving a twofer. Is
22 Brooklyn in the house?

23 [cheers]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Is Bedford
25 Academy in the house?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: We have a twofer. The number one academic high school in the borough of Brooklyn is Bedford Academy.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: The number two academic high school in the city of New York is Bedford Academy.

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[cheers]

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: A 96% graduating rate, a 100% regent scholarships, 95% placement in college. And so you can imagine how proud I am and how pleased I am to represent the community where Bedford Academy is located, and the hard work that they go through day to day, so that they could excel and become the excellent institution that they are, and the promise of the future for all of us who live in New York City. I am honored and proud to recognize today both the academic excellence and the athletic excellence of those who are here, who represent Bedford Academy. It is my honor, and I'm proud to do that. I'd like to [applause] ... would the clerk please read the proclamation.

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2 CLERK: Council City of New York
3 proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of
4 New York is proud to honor the Bedford Academy
5 Panthers for upholding Bedford Academy High
6 School's legacy of achievement and congratulates
7 them on winning their first PSAL A division
8 championship, and whereas Bedford Academy High
9 School was established in September, 2003, and its
10 motto, "Academic empowerment is the birthright of
11 every child", is evident throughout its
12 curriculum. With rigorous academic standards and
13 a focus on learning together, Bedford Academy
14 students are constantly challenged to do their
15 best. As a result, they develop a commitment to
16 education that leads not only to graduation and
17 college, but into a lifelong passion for learning.
18 And whereas under the leadership of Principal
19 Adofo Muhammad, Bedford Academy High School has
20 earned an A on the New York City Department of
21 Education's progress report since its inception.
22 And it is currently ranked as the number two
23 school in New York City and number one in
24 Brooklyn. 90% of the students who attend Bedford
25 Academy have passed every regency exam in all

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2 subject areas, earning advanced regents diplomas,
3 making Bedford Academy's graduation rate 96%. And
4 whereas the Panthers, Bedford Academy High
5 School's boys varsity team, recently demonstrated
6 the great alchemy of education, ambition and
7 teamwork. On March 20th, 2010, the Bedford Academy
8 Panthers won their first City championship title
9 in Bedford Academy's history by winning the PSAL
10 Boys Basketball A Division. Their shared
11 commitment as a team is matched in their academic
12 endeavors as well. The team's academic average is
13 90%, with the highest average being 99.93. And
14 whereas the 2009-2010 Bedford Academy Panthers
15 include fourteen outstanding players, Lamel
16 Bannerman, Leonard Brown, Maliq Brown, Gianni
17 Carrington, Yves Casimir, Brandon Craigwell, Imadu
18 Durham, Brent Jones, Christopher Kotay, Anthony
19 Mason, Jr., Shavanti Reed, Masamba Sam, Shawn
20 Snagg, and Denzel Williams. They have been guided
21 this season by coach Robert Phelps, assistant
22 coach Sassin Lawrence, assistant coach Shawn
23 Simpson, as well as managers Faith Brewster,
24 Yotunde Ojo, Ron Pace, Tala Russell, and now
25 therefore be it known that the Council of the City

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2 of New York honors and congratulates the Bedford
3 Academy Panthers 2009-2010 boys varsity basketball
4 team for their outstanding achievements in
5 teamwork. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
6 entire Council, Albert Vann, Council Member 36th
7 district Brooklyn.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: The principal
9 of this distinguished institution, Mr. Adofo
10 Muhammad.

11 MR. MUHAMMAD: First I want to say,
12 all things are possible when you have strong,
13 dedicated, powerful parents, first and foremost.
14 You have dedicated and strong students who are
15 willing to go that extra mile and work hard, you
16 have a dedicated staff, you have a committed
17 community. All of that is possible and it's
18 happening in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. So
19 first and foremost, I want to salute the parents
20 who are here, who hold everybody's feet to the
21 fire, make us accountable, and drive us.

22 Secondly, I want to salute all of the scholars
23 here who have done such a tremendous job, and I
24 want to say to you, this is just one step in a
25 long journey. So make sure you work as hard as

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you possibly can, so you can reap the benefits of your hard work. I salute you. Go on to college, be better than you can ever be. But make sure you come back to Bedford-Stuyvesant and make sure you stand on the shoulders like giants, like Al Vann, Letitia James and all your parents, and go beyond the example that we've set for you. I wish you the best. I love you, I support you, and I'm proud of you. Coach?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Coach, Coach Phelps. Where's the coach? Coach Phelps.

MR. PHELPS: Well, I would just like to thank first of all, like Principal Muhammad said, I would like to thank all of the parents. You know, all of the parents came out and they supported us 100%. But I really want to stress that, you know, besides the fact that we won the championship, that academically our guys achieved very well. Like I said, we have a 90% average as a basketball team, and a lot of people who, you know, they want to support you when you're doing well, just on the court. But I'm very, very proud to know that these guys achieved so well in the classroom. So let's hear it for

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2 these young men. [applause] And I also want to
3 bring out one of our students. I want to actually
4 show you - Masamba, step up, and Chris, step up.
5 This young man right here, you guys heard about
6 the 99% average, this is the young man that has
7 the 99% average right here. Masamba. And also
8 this is Chris Faltay, he's going to speak on
9 behalf of the team. But he's 95%? 96%, I'm
10 sorry, 96% average. So Chris is going to speak on
11 behalf of the players.

12 MASTER FALTAY: On behalf of the
13 Bedford Academy boys basketball team, I'd like to
14 say a big thank you. We are extremely ... we feel
15 extremely honored to be here today. I remember
16 waking up early somewhere around September, going
17 to the gym and running two miles every day. For
18 most of us seniors it was that final two miles we
19 had to win the championship. We poured our all
20 into it, and to this we worked hard, we stayed up
21 in class, we did our school work, we went to the
22 gym. We sat with the coaches, we pushed through
23 thick and thin to be here. I also want to say
24 thank you to Coach Lawrence for sticking with us
25 through everything and Coach Phelps for taking us

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2 to the championship. At the end of it, it was
3 worth it. [applause]

4 SPEAKER QUINN: And I just want to
5 add my congratulations to all of you, and I want
6 to say we are all, although ... I want to say,
7 although I'm a little afraid to say this, because
8 I think most of you too should agree they're
9 probably a lot smarter than all of us here in your
10 GPA's, but we are always looking for good interns.
11 So if you're interested in government, follow up,
12 we would love to have some of the best of the City
13 and the best of Brooklyn helping us in our
14 efforts. So congratulations, you've made us all
15 proud. [applause] Thank you, guys, and we're
16 going to move on to our next ceremonial, which is
17 going to be St. Mary's. [pause] And if we could
18 just try to get folks exited as quickly as we can,
19 because we have another important ceremonial
20 today. Chuck, why don't you join us up here,
21 please. So we ... there is an amazing institution
22 that I know, Council Member Halloran knows well,
23 because he is lucky enough to represent it. But,
24 and most of the folks in Queens would know about
25 it, but not everybody knows about it. I'll be

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2 honest, I didn't really know about it until I got
3 elected speaker, and Claire Shulman and Chuck
4 Meara took me out to St. Mary's Hospital. And it
5 is one of the most remarkable places in the world.
6 It is a place full of the most dedicated medical
7 staff you will ever meet in your life. It is a
8 place full of the most dedicated administrators
9 you have ever met in your life. And it is a place
10 full of parents who believe that there is no
11 obstacle too big that their child can't overcome.
12 And it's a place full of children, some of whom
13 are lucky enough, have come and visited us today,
14 who are miracles. And children who remind you
15 every day that everything and anything is
16 possible, but that sometimes we have to go out of
17 our way to make sure that folks who need a little
18 extra help get it, and that if we forget to do
19 that for children, the world will be at a loss for
20 it. So I wanted to have this event today to thank
21 everyone at St. Mary's for everything they do, to
22 thank all of the children at St. Mary's for being
23 such angels, and also to recognize the past
24 director of St. Mary's, Dr. Burt Grebin, who
25 recently passed away. And I'll let the folks at

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2 St. Mary's tell his story, and his son is with us
3 today, because they can tell it more fully. But I
4 think it's fair to say it would be hard to
5 separate him from St. Mary's, that they are in
6 fact one and the same. And I know that this is an
7 enormous loss to St. Mary's, but that St. Mary's
8 is keeping going in his memory as he would want
9 you to, on behalf of all of the children. And I
10 just wanted, I asked - ssh, could we get quiet for
11 a moment - asked our chief of staff to come up,
12 because this is an institution that is very near
13 and dear to Chuck and his family. If you go, I'm
14 not going to say if, I'm going to say when you go
15 to St. Mary's, because everybody should go there,
16 it will renew your faith in humanity, going to St.
17 Mary's. You should stop into the family reading
18 room, you'll note a plaque that that room was
19 donated ... dedicated in the blessed memory of
20 Chuck's parents. So I want to thank Chuck for
21 making sure that this institution never forgets
22 St. Mary's, and I also want to thank one of my
23 neighbors who I bumped into at Chelsea market who
24 helped me come up with this idea that we should
25 thank Dr. Grebin and his family. So let me,

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2 before we have the proclamation read, which I just
3 want to hand to Dr. Grebin's son, turn the mike
4 over to the chair, and then we'll read the
5 proclamation. So stay ... and if there weren't
6 enough million reasons already to love St. Mary's
7 that I listed, how could you not love it when its
8 second biggest supporter after Chuck is the former
9 borough president Claire Shulman, so.

10 MR. MEARA: Thank you very much.

11 Dr. Grebin, who everyone knew as Burt, was a great
12 man, and dedicated his life to improving the care
13 of children with special needs and their families'
14 interests as well. He helped create services for
15 children that were never available to them before.
16 And we are a better country in the care of
17 children for the implementation of the ideas that
18 were initiated by Burt Grebin. And so we at St.
19 Mary's who will follow in huge footsteps will do
20 everything we can to continue to provide the care
21 and services to our special children, because they
22 are extraordinary, and they deserve extraordinary
23 care. Thank you.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: And if I could as
25 the clerk to read the proclamation.

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2 CLERK: Council, City of New York,
3 proclamation. The Council of the City of New York
4 is proud to posthumously honor Dr. Burton Grebin
5 for his extraordinary service to St. Mary's
6 Healthcare System for Children, and to the
7 community at large. And whereas if the true
8 measure of a man is revealed in his good deeds and
9 actions, then Dr. Burton Grebin was indeed a man
10 of exceptional character. He was a true pioneer
11 in health care for children with special medical
12 needs, and the president and CEO of St. Mary's
13 Healthcare System for Children for 36 years. And
14 whereas under his leadership St. Mary's Healthcare
15 System for Children grew from a 40 bed nursing
16 home for children into a \$100 million healthcare
17 system that is the New York region's largest
18 provider of post-acute care for children, serving
19 more than 4,000 children in the hospital or in
20 their homes every day, and whereas today St.
21 Mary's Healthcare System for Children is
22 internationally recognized for introducing
23 innovative care strategies and programs that have
24 revolutionized care for children with special
25 needs. During Dr. Grebin's tenure as president,

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2 St. Mary's established the first certified
3 pediatric traumatic brain injury and coma recovery
4 unit in the New York metropolitan area, the first
5 and largest pediatric AIDS homecare program in New
6 York State, the first pediatric palliative care
7 and end-of-life program in the United States, the
8 first long-term pediatric homecare provider in New
9 York State, and the first and only
10 interdisciplinary pediatric feeding disorders
11 program in New York State, and one of nine in the
12 United States. And whereas Dr. Grebin's passing
13 is a tremendous loss for his family, friends,
14 colleagues at St. Mary's, New York City, and the
15 thousands of children whose lives he helped
16 fortify. On this occasion, let us reflect on Dr.
17 Grebin's enduring contributions, draw inspiration
18 from his selfless service to others, and remember
19 him with profound gratitude. Now therefore be it
20 known that the Council of the City of New York
21 most gratefully honors Dr. Burton Grebin for his
22 extraordinary service and contributions to New
23 York City. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
24 entire Council, Daniel J. Halloran, Council
25 Member, 19th District, Queens.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
3 much. And let me, let me first call on our former
4 borough president, Claire Shulman, and then
5 Council Member Daniel Halloran, and then Burt's
6 son, if I may.

7 MS. SHULMAN: Thank you, Chris, for
8 having us here today. I would like to say about
9 Burt Grebin, whom I know for many, many years, he
10 was a pioneer in the field of pediatrics. He took
11 children and mainstreamed them into society, when
12 other institutions would not meet that challenge.
13 And he is a man that is worth following, he is a
14 role model for all of the young doctors who are
15 going into pediatrics, that all patients deserve
16 the kind of treatment they need to make them heal.
17 And so I am very happy to be here, because Burt
18 left us a little too soon, and we wanted him to
19 stay forever. But of course that is not possible.
20 So all of us here today are here because we want
21 the world to know that a man like Burt Grebin did
22 exist, and existed in the City of New York, and in
23 the County of Queens. Thank you.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Claire.
25 Dan?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: The most
3 important thing we can do is make sure our
4 children are taken care of, and the children have
5 no better caretakers for them than they do at this
6 facility. Going in there to see the renovations
7 that are going on right now, the entire physical
8 plant is being redone, and they're even looking to
9 the future. They're looking at potential
10 geothermal power, they are people who are on the
11 cutting edge. And we have one of the two sons
12 here. I know your brother couldn't be with us
13 today. But we have an incredible legacy, and we
14 will always have the children first and foremost,
15 and I thank everyone at the St. Mary's Center for
16 everything they've done. Keep up the good work.

17 MR. GREBIN: This is a big honor
18 and my father is very proud. Even though he's not
19 here - you've got a little something to say?
20 Look, just a second. My dad would be very, very
21 honored. He was incredibly ... he was just a
22 tireless advocate for children, and for children's
23 rights, and for the rights of children who have
24 really very few options, because things are so
25 tough for them. But St. Mary's has grown from a

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2 little seedling when he found it in the mid-70's
3 to its \$100 million operation today, it's a mighty
4 oak of children's care. And the little leaves and
5 the little buds that come out are here with us
6 now, a couple of them, and I've got to say, like
7 I'm just so honored and proud that my dad has
8 delivered this to the City of New York. He was
9 born and raised in Queens, and he's here. I can
10 feel him in this room, and I want to thank you
11 all. I'm very proud and I want to thank you, I
12 want to thank you. Nothing at all? All right. I
13 want to thank you very much.

14 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you all very,
15 very much. Thank you all very much for all of
16 your work. [pause] All right, well we've had,
17 keeping on our roll a very moving ceremonial
18 today. If I could ask the next ceremonial to come
19 up, which is Police Commissioner Ray Kelly,
20 Inspector Osgood and the members of the New York
21 City Hate Crimes Task Force, and if I could ask
22 any of the members who want to, but certainly the
23 Staten Island delegation, Council Member Mendez
24 and Council Member Chin, to come on up. Well, I
25 just want to, on behalf of all of my colleagues,

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2 but in particular as it relates to today's
3 ceremonial, the members of the Staten Island
4 delegation, Council Members Rose, Ignizio and
5 Oddo, and also Council Member Mendez and Council
6 Member Chin. We wanted to take a moment to thank
7 the police commissioner, Inspector Osgood and all
8 the members of the Hate Crimes Task Force. I was
9 saying earlier today in a press conference that
10 not every New Yorker knows about the Hate Crimes
11 Task Force. In a way that's a good thing, because
12 they haven't experienced hate crimes. But in a
13 way I wish everybody knew what a terrific, elite
14 squad of detectives we have that work 24 hours a
15 day to try to deal with any time any New Yorker is
16 targeted for who they are or who they are
17 perceived to be. We are lucky to have individuals
18 who take on work, police work in general, none
19 less individuals like all of you who take on extra
20 hard police work, dealing with people who are
21 victims of a crime that is so personal, and you do
22 it in a way, and before being on the council, I
23 was the executive director of the New York City
24 Gay Lesbian Anti-violence Project. So I know
25 firsthand how sensitively you deal with victims

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2 and their families when they're in these tough
3 moments. So I really want to thank you and all of
4 your colleagues for all of your work, and for your
5 tremendous partnership with all of us in the New
6 York City Council. Today we want to thank you for
7 the really, really swift work as it relates to the
8 anti-Latino attack that happened in Council Member
9 Rose's district and the series of anti-Asian
10 attacks that happened in Council Member Chin and
11 Council Member Mendez's districts. You solved
12 those crimes just about as quickly as humanly
13 possible. And as I understand it from talking to
14 the inspector over the weekend, many of you were
15 up for four days straight with no sleep. You
16 literally wouldn't rest until the individuals who
17 committed these horrible crimes were brought to
18 justice. So I really wanted, on behalf of all my
19 colleagues, to take a moment today to thank all of
20 you for all of your work, but in particular in
21 response to these incidents, and if we could get a
22 round of applause for them, for the Hate-Crimes
23 Task Force. [applause] And before we hear from
24 the inspector or the commissioner, if I could just
25 pass down the mike, I want to make sure each

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2 member of the task force, if we could get a little
3 quiet in the chambers, just so they introduce
4 themselves.

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CAPTAIN SARACINO: Captain Paul

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Saracino.

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SERGEANT RODRIGO: Sergeant Patrick

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Rodrigo.

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DETECTIVE JACKSON: Detective Kim

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DETECTIVE HALL: Detective Hall.

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DETECTIVE SANCHEZ: Detective Eric

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DETECTIVE THEODLE: Detective

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Rodney Theodle.

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DETECTIVE VALERIO: Detective

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR:

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Councilman Domenic Recchia, Jr.

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SPEAKER QUINN: I'm not calling him

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if I'm a victim of a crime, let me tell you that

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right now. Commissioner Kelly?

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COMMISSIONER KELLY: We should

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SPEAKER QUINN: Yeah, we should

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COMMISSIONER KELLY: I want to thank Speaker Quinn and all the City Council for recognizing the outstanding work of the Hate Crimes Task Force. We want this type of crime, hate crimes, to be absolutely the last thing that happens in our city. We simply won't tolerate them, and we devote more resources to investigating hate crimes than any jurisdiction in America, as far as I know, and probably the world. These detectives use all of our resources, the state-of-the-art technology, the real-time crime center. They use old-fashioned shoe leather, and they relied on both of them to make about ten arrests, I guess it was, just in the last two weeks, of crimes that obviously you're aware of and made the headlines. They used video surveillance, they used the goodwill of the public, and they mined databases to stop the violence and to bring the perpetrators to justice. So I want to [applause] I want to congratulate and thank Inspector Mike Osgood and all the members of the team here. Obviously the unit is bigger than this, but these are the representatives who did

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2 such outstanding work in just the last, actually a
3 week and a half. And I want to thank them for
4 making certain that we defend the culture of
5 tolerance and diversity that is really the
6 strength of our city. So thank you very much for
7 recognizing that.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you,
9 Commissioner. Let me have the clerk read the
10 proclamation, then we'll hear from the inspector
11 and Council Members Chin, Mendez and Rose, if they
12 want to say anything. And if the clerk could read
13 the proclamation?

14 CLERK: Council, City of New York,
15 proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of
16 New York is proud to pay tribute to the New York
17 City Police Department's Hate Crimes Task Force
18 for its excellent service to the community. And
19 whereas on March 30th, 2000, the City introduced a
20 Hate Crimes initiative to help reduce the number
21 of hate crimes and enhance hate crimes
22 investigations and prosecutions in New York City.
23 At the forefront of this initiative was the
24 creation of a Hate Crimes Task Force within the
25 NYPD, a dedicated citywide team of investigators

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2 who are responsible for investigating all hate
3 crimes and related incidents. And whereas under
4 the visionary leadership of Commissioner Raymond
5 W. Kelly, the Hate Crimes Task Force has accrued a
6 successful track record of aggressively pursuing
7 all cases of bias crime, and has provided
8 comprehensive responses to every incident. And
9 whereas within the last two weeks, five elderly
10 Asian women in the lower East Side were preyed
11 upon and severely beaten by three young teens,
12 including two girls and a boy; on April 5th a
13 hardworking young Mexican immigrant was attacked
14 so viciously that he suffered a fractured skull.
15 Last October an openly gay man was leaving his
16 neighborhood deli in College Point, Queens, when
17 he was savagely beaten by two men screaming
18 homophobic slurs. While the victim was still
19 clinging to life in a medically-induced coma, one
20 of the suspects had already been arrested and
21 charged. In each of these incidents, all believed
22 to be bias crimes, the NYPD's Hate Crimes Task
23 Force has made swift arrests. And whereas hate
24 crimes not only affect individuals who are
25 attacked because of their perceived race,

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2 ethnicity, religion, age, gender, gender identity,
3 disability or sexual orientation, they also tear
4 at the very fabric of our free society. The
5 NYPD's Hate Crimes Task Force performs an
6 extraordinary service to all New Yorkers. With
7 continued support from the Council and the
8 community, this elite group of officers has
9 brought us closer to fulfilling America's great
10 promise of freedom and equality for all. Now
11 therefore be it known that the Council of the City
12 of New York most gratefully honors New York City
13 Police Department's Hate Crimes Task Force.
14 Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the entire
15 Council. Margaret Chin, Council Member 1st
16 District, Manhattan, Rosie Mendez, Council Member
17 2nd District, Manhattan, and many other council
18 members.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
20 much. If we get a little quiet in the chambers
21 and let me see if any of my colleagues want to add
22 anything before we hear from the inspector.
23 Council Member Rose?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I just want
25 to express our gratitude for how quickly you

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2 apprehended the young people who perpetrated this
3 crime, and thank you for making our streets safe
4 again. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yeah, I just
6 wanted to also thank you and also thank you on
7 behalf of our constituents for your quick
8 investigation.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: We want
10 to thank the Police Department and the Hate Crimes
11 Unit for doing a marvelous job in solving the
12 crimes so quick. We really appreciate it.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I want to
14 thank the Task Force while our Speaker was running
15 around town starting her day with a press
16 conference in Staten Island, and ending with one
17 in Manhattan, you all were running around town
18 doing double duty and very quickly, in both cases,
19 finding the suspects. And nothing brings back a
20 stronger message to people in the community when
21 you make a quick arrest that this will not be
22 tolerated. So thank you so much.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Rose,
24 let me call on our Public Safety Chair, Peter
25 Vallone, Jr.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR: Thank
3 you. Many of the public may not know who you are,
4 but ten vicious criminals in the last two weeks,
5 they know who you are, and that's the important
6 thing. This shows the importance of three things,
7 actually: cameras, good old-fashioned detective
8 work, and all of us standing together against
9 hate. So congratulations to all of you.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Peter.
11 And I just want to again thank Inspector Osgood
12 for leading this really committed group of men and
13 women, for your work on these two cases, but also
14 you're somebody who speaks to my staff on a
15 regular basis, not just about incidents, ones that
16 don't ever end up in the paper, but also about
17 what else we could be doing to try to put you out
18 of a job, quite frankly, put you in a different
19 position. And I want to thank you for having that
20 level of commitment to the City Council, that you
21 work with us, on top of all of your other
22 responsibilities, you take that other additional
23 work on. And we really, really appreciate that,
24 so, and I hope you know when we say to a member,
25 do you want us to get the inspector on the phone

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2 at the task force, he can tell you what happened,
3 often they say we don't need that. But knowing
4 they could makes a world of difference, and that
5 gets sent back to districts. When council ...
6 constituents stand here, I spoke to the Inspector,
7 or the chief of staff spoke to the Inspector, I
8 want to make you sure you know what ripples that
9 sends out into the community about the huge team
10 that's protecting the City of New York altogether.
11 So thank you so much, Inspector, and I know you're
12 going to say you were just doing your job.
13 Because that is what police officers say, but
14 thank you very much.

15 INSPECTOR OSGOOD: Okay, thank you.
16 Because the truth is, we were just doing our jobs.
17 And the Hate Crimes Task Force is here 24 hours a
18 day, seven days a week, for everyone in the City
19 of New York. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you,
21 Inspector. And thank you all very, very much.
22 All right, I think we have one more, right? Two
23 more. Wow, who's running this place? Okay,
24 great, well the next one is led by Council Member
25 Dromm, and we're going to have the day care center

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2 up here. [pause] [off mic] All right, well
3 we're going to ... we can move folks in for our
4 fourth one, and then we'll have our last one after
5 that. Thank you, guys, very much. Take care. So
6 why don't we, Danny and the honoree, why don't you
7 step up a little. Why don't the friends and
8 family step in behind, okay, so we can try and get
9 everybody in the picture. Danny, why don't you
10 all move up a little bit more. Whatever, they'll
11 follow, move up. If you move, people will follow.
12 Jill, here, come up front. Karen, go up front.
13 All right, everybody else ssh. All right, and we
14 are going to recognize someone who has dedicated
15 so much of her life to working on behalf of
16 children in the City of New York. In some ways,
17 and so far we've had a theme of children who
18 succeeded, hospitals that are supporting children,
19 police officers who are protecting children, and
20 now a woman who has dedicated much of her life to
21 working on behalf of children. So I want to give
22 the mike to Danny, so he can tell us a little bit
23 more about Ms. Moore.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: It is indeed
25 an honor and a privilege for me to be able to

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2 present this proclamation, because some of you
3 know that I was an educator in the New York City
4 Department of Education for 25 years. But before
5 that, I was the director of the Grant Day Care
6 Center on 125th Street and Amsterdam Avenue in
7 Harlem, U.S.A. And when I entered that day care
8 center in 1978, I met this young, vivacious,
9 energetic, enthusiastic teacher in our
10 kindergarten, and that was Willistine Moore. And
11 what some people don't recognize, but we hope to
12 make them aware of, is the importance of our day
13 care center directors, and what they do for our
14 communities. Because not only does Willistine
15 Moore, who has been the director of the Grant Day
16 Care Center for 25 years, educate children, also
17 provided parents with a place to be able to drop
18 off their children so that they can go to work.
19 But day care center directors are also a stable
20 force in each of their communities, oftentimes
21 when those communities need stability the most.
22 And I was just talking to Ms. Moore before, and
23 she was telling me that when one of the day care
24 center's former employees passed away, they held
25 an after the funeral service for that person in

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the day care center. And day care centers also provide a whole host of social services, social networking that goes on. So Willistine Moore in particular has been someone who picked up the mantle of being the director of the day care center, ran with it, brought in her creative ideas, and really has helped to transform the Grant House's day care center in Harlem, U.S.A. [cheers] Okay, will the clerk please read the proclamation.

CLERK: Council, City of New York, proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of New York is proud to honor Willistine Moore for her many years of outstanding service to Grant Day Care Center and to the community at large, and whereas, born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Ms. Moore moved to New York with her husband in 1969, immediately after they were married. Still newlyweds, they made a home in the village of Harlem. In New York Ms. Moore got her first job at the Molly Pearl Binder Day Care Center, and within two years moved on to the privately-owned Tot Town Day Care Center, also in Harlem. And whereas Ms. Moore began her distinguished tenure

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2 at Grant Day Care Center in 1970 as an assistant
3 teacher. Following her passion, she enrolled in
4 the Bank Street College of Education and then City
5 College of the City University of New York to
6 further her studies in early childhood education.
7 By 1978 she had earned her master's in early
8 childhood education from City College. And
9 whereas in 1982 Ms. Moore became a group teacher
10 at Grant Day Care Center, in 1988 she was promoted
11 to assistant director, and the next year she was
12 promoted to director. During her 28 years at
13 Grant Day Care Center, Ms. Moore has been an
14 eloquent and passionate advocate for children.
15 She is proud of the tremendous accomplishments of
16 Grant Day Care Center and Boys and Girls Harbor.
17 Through her own education and life experience, she
18 has learned how important early childhood services
19 are in the lives of young children and their
20 families. And whereas Ms. Moore has also given
21 her time, talent and energy to many other
22 organizations and endeavors. A proud member of
23 the First AME Bethel Church in the village of
24 Harlem, she is a member of the choir, director of
25 the Woman's Praise Team, and a Sunday school

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2 teacher. She is also an active member of her
3 union, the Council of School Supervisors and
4 Administrators, and serves on its executive board,
5 in addition to her duties as a board member of the
6 Day Care Directors Professional Association. And
7 whereas Willistine Moore, the mother of her two
8 adult children, Lloyd and Lakeith, she has truly
9 excelled in her service to others. In both word
10 and deed she is an inspiration to countless
11 children and adults and is worthy of the esteem of
12 all New Yorkers. Now therefore be it known, that
13 the Council of the City of New York most
14 gratefully honors Willistine Moore for her
15 outstanding service and contributions to the City
16 of New York. Christine C. Quinn, Speaker for the
17 entire Council, Daniel Dromm, Council Member, 25th
18 District of Queens, Robert Jackson, Council
19 Member, 7th District, Manhattan, Inez E. Dickens,
20 Council Member, 9th District, Manhattan.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you.

22 Council Member Jackson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Well, let
24 me just say that you deserve all of the honors
25 that are being bestowed upon you. The last thing

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2 I want you to do is get a bonus check from the
3 Department of Education for \$50,000. That would
4 be great. But obviously, you know, all of the
5 people behind you basically shows the love for you
6 and what you have done for the children of our
7 community. So thank you, on behalf of all of the
8 people of Harlem, and all of New York City, and
9 all the good people around the world. Because you
10 ... because you are an inspiration for everyone to
11 follow. Thank you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Council
13 Member Dickens.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you.
15 Ms. Moore, you have been a beacon of light to the
16 entire community of Harlem. You turned Tot Town
17 around. It was for many years in the building in
18 which I lived. So I know the work that you did
19 there. And then when you took over the leadership
20 at Grant House's, you took on a very difficult
21 role. But you fought for all children, not just
22 at Grant, but for all the children in this great
23 city. You have kept that site alive, you have
24 kept that site pertinent to the community. You
25 have fought so hard, I commend my colleague,

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2 Council Member Dromm, for recognizing you today,
3 for the entire council to recognize you. And I
4 say, thank you for the work you and your
5 phenomenal staff have done, and the parents of
6 Grant, for recognizing you today. God bless you,
7 our centers must remain open, alive and well-
8 funded. [applause]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: And just
10 now, Ernie Logan, the president of CSA.

11 MR. LOGAN: Thank you. We're
12 honored to be here today with Willistine Moore.
13 She exemplifies what we're talking about, which is
14 directors of City-funded day care. A woman who
15 raised her own family, but yet went on to school,
16 received an undergraduate degree, a master's
17 degree, and yet has educated tirelessly the
18 children of our city, plus raising two fine young
19 men of her own. But the issue becomes, she is
20 still without a contract for more than four years,
21 she's making less than a brand new public school
22 teacher, and yet we cannot allow that to happen.
23 But I want to commend the Council and Speaker
24 Quinn for the work they're doing to fight to keep
25 our day care centers open, because they are indeed

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2 the linchpin of our community. And it's so
3 important that we have a place for parents to know
4 that they're leaving their children in places that
5 are safe, where their children receive an
6 education. So Willistine, we're so honored with
7 you today. Your colleagues are here, the parents
8 are here, and the community of Harlem is here, to
9 honor you today. Congratulations.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: And now the
11 honoree, Willistine Moore.

12 MS. MOORE: Thank you. Rarely am I
13 speechless, but today, this is truly overwhelming.
14 But I would really like to congratulate and thank
15 Councilman Dromm. He, when he left Grant Day Care
16 Center, he left his stamp there. And we ...

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Can we get quiet.
18 I'm sorry, Ms. Moore. Can we get quiet.

19 MS. MOORE: ... he has taught us and
20 carried us through. And yes, day care needs to be
21 alive today, it needs to stay alive. We need your
22 help, we need your votes, we need you to know what
23 we're doing with our children in the day care
24 centers. And I'm out there, I don't make the
25 money, but I love my job. And my job is important

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2 to the City of New York. And I thank, I thank all
3 of my friends, my family, my grandchildren are up
4 in the back. They didn't get a chance to come
5 down, but they're here. And I thank all of you
6 for just coming out for me today.

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SPEAKER QUINN: And Ms. Moore, let
8 me just close by saying, on behalf of all of us in
9 the City Council, thank you so very, very, very
10 much for taking care of the children of Harlem.
11 That means the world to all of us, no matter what
12 borough we're from. So thank you very, very much.

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MS. MOORE: You're welcome.

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SPEAKER QUINN: And just keep ...
15 [pause] Thank you all very much. One more
16 ceremonial, thank you all very much. Hi, how are
17 you? Good. If we could ask the folks from PCDC
18 and the various clinics to come on up while Ms.
19 Moore and her friends and family move out. All
20 right, if we could ask the folks who are part of
21 the PCDC presentation and the council members to
22 come on up, we're going to want you to stand up
23 here so other folks move in behind you. Why don't
24 we all fall in behind. Whatever, whoever's here.
25 Come on in everybody. Fall in behind. [off mic]

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2 All right, come on, come on, keep it moving, keep
3 it moving, okay, people. Ronda, move on up, we
4 need more room behind you. Keep it moving.
5 There's a lot of people. All right, keep it ...
6 we're still coming. Ronda, let's move up a little
7 bit more. Okay, we got everybody? All right,
8 let's get a couple of the Council members up here
9 too. Margaret, why don't you come on up. Ssh.
10 Come on up Annabel and Margaret. So there are way
11 too many folks to recognize individually, clearly,
12 but let me, I just want to ... we wanted, myself and
13 all my colleagues, and particularly the Chair of
14 our Health Committee, Maria del Carmen Arroyo,
15 couldn't be with us today. I wanted to take a
16 moment to thank - ssh - thank the Primary Care
17 Development Corporation, Ronda Kotelchuck, all of
18 the hospitals and diagnostic and treatment centers
19 and health care facilities and health care
20 networks and clinics and etc., etc., etc., who are
21 part of the great network of folks who took on the
22 incredibly daunting task of H1N1 vaccination in
23 the City of New York, and I think all of you who
24 are here who represent thousands and thousands of
25 other people who were part of this project showed

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2 that the City of New York was prepared, ready,
3 thoughtful, well-organized and on top of it, as we
4 made sure that folks got vaccinated and things did
5 not, thank God, get out of control as it relates
6 to H1N1 in any way in our city. And I just want
7 to make note that that didn't happen by accident.
8 It happened because all of you, and all of your
9 counterparts, are so committed. You years ago
10 began thinking in advance, after September 11th,
11 about what more we needed to do to be responsible
12 and ready for any emergency. So thank you for
13 your commitment, your hard work, and your vision,
14 that we needed to make sure we were prepared and
15 we were glad we were smart enough to know a good
16 idea when we saw it, and we supported all of you.
17 So thank you all very much for your work. Let me
18 call on the clerk to read the proclamation, and
19 then we'll call on Ronda and whomever else she
20 wants.

21 CLERK: Council, City of New York,
22 proclamation. Whereas the Council of the City of
23 New York is proud to honor 19 health centers
24 throughout the five boroughs for their rapid
25 response to the H1N1 flu emergency, and whereas,

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2 when the first United States cases of the H1N1
3 influenza virus were identified in April, 2009,
4 these 19 health centers moved swiftly to respond
5 to the threat, and sought to vaccinate as many
6 residents as possible. All of them have proven
7 records of serving their diverse communities and
8 stepped forward to act as vaccine points of
9 dispensing. And whereas, with aggressive
10 community outreach and expert training in managing
11 health emergencies, these health centers
12 vaccinated more than 7,000 patients from high risk
13 communities in all five boroughs. Their work has
14 also illustrated how crucial community-based
15 primary care providers are in emergency planning
16 efforts, because they are trusted by residents and
17 can provide health services to large numbers of
18 people. By working together we can all fight the
19 next wave of H1N1 flu, and help protect our
20 families, friends and neighbors. Now therefore be
21 it known that the Council of the City of New York
22 honors the following: Access Community Health
23 Center, Beacon Christian Community Health Center,
24 Brookdale Family Care Center Linden at Brookdale
25 University Hospital and Medical Center, St.

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2 Vincent Hospital's Chinatown Clinic, Community
3 Health Care Network's Downtown Health Center, Long
4 Island City Health Center, Queens Health Center,
5 and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center,
6 Housing Works West Village Street Health Center,
7 Ida G. Israel Community Health Center at Coney
8 Island Hospital, Family Physicians and Sunset Park
9 Family Health Centers, Morris Heights Health
10 Center, the Ambulatory Network New York Hospital
11 Queens, the Trudy Weishaupt Dialysis Center at New
12 York Hospital Queens Medical Center, Dr. Martin
13 Luther King, Jr. Health Center at Ogden, Phillips
14 Ambulatory Care Center of Beth Israel Medical
15 Center, Queens Health Network at Springfield
16 Gardens, South Bronx Health Center for Children
17 and Families, Sydenham Clinic at the Renaissance
18 Health Care Center. Signed, Christine C. Quinn,
19 Speaker for the entire Council, and the entire
20 membership of the Council of the City of New York.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Yea. Ronda?

22 MS. KOTELCHUK: Well, on behalf of
23 PCDC, I want to thank all of you who took part,
24 and all of the hard work you did, which we know
25 started, not when the H1N1 epidemic hit, but many

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2 years and months before, and for the months of
3 work you put in, building your own internal
4 infrastructure to be able to respond, so that when
5 we had an emergency, then within a matter of
6 weeks, you could prepare yourself, and
7 congratulation on the contribution you've made to
8 every one of our communities in the City, and the
9 vaccination work you did. And not only did you do
10 that, you proved the importance, the absolute
11 essential nature of community-based providers in
12 being able to respond to any emergency. And I
13 have to give credit to the City Council for having
14 foreseen that and helped to create the partnership
15 that made it possible. So thank you very much,
16 all of you, and congratulations.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: And thank you all
18 very much. This is just one example of the great
19 service you provide every day to the people of the
20 City of New York. So thank you all very much, and
21 this concludes today's ceremonial. [applause]
22 [pause]

23 MALE VOICE: Ladies and gentlemen,
24 could we please clear the chamber floor, we're
25 about to begin the stated council meeting. Thank

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2 you. [pause] Ladies and gentlemen, can I have
3 your attention, please? Can I have your
4 attention, please? At this time can you please
5 place all cell phones and electronic devices to
6 vibrate. All non-council employees and lobbyists,
7 please leave the main floor of the chamber. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Ladies and
10 gentlemen, I now call the stated meeting of April
11 14th, 2010 to order. Please rise for the Pledge of
12 Allegiance.

13 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the
14 flag of the United States of America, and to the
15 Republic for which it stands, one nation, under
16 God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for
17 all.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Roll call.

19 CLERK: Arroyo [no response],
20 Barron [no response], Brewer [no response],
21 Cabrera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

23 CLERK: Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

25 CLERK: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR: Here.

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CLERK: Crowley

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

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CLERK: Dickens [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

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CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

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CLERK: Fidler [no response],

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Foster [no response], Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

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CLERK: Gentile

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

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CLERK: Gonzalez [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Somewhat

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CLERK: Ignizio [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

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COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Present.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS SANDERS, JR:

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CLERK: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Here.

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CLERK: Ulrich [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR: Here.

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CLERK: Van Bramer [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Present.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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CLERK: White [no response],

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Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

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CLERK: Oddo [no response], Rivera.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Here.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We have a

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invocation being delivered today by Rabbi Jonathan

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RABBI GLASS: Men and women of the

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City Council. This past Sunday, the world

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observed Holocaust Memorial Day. The Holocaust

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oppression. We look to the City Council to be

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2 ever vigilant and a model in this effort. As
3 such, I invoke my blessing on today's meeting,
4 that it be part of the example it must show of the
5 values necessary for a just and moral community.
6 Amen.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Council Member
8 Chin?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes, Speaker,
10 I'd like to make a motion, make a motion to spread
11 the invocation in full upon the record. Thank
12 you.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, if I
14 could ask my colleagues to please stand again.

15 CLERK: Please rise, all rise.
16 This past Saturday the world learned of the plane
17 crash in Russia, which tragically took the lives
18 of the Polish president Lech Kaczynski, his wife
19 Maria, and 94 other individuals, including many of
20 Poland's top military, political and financial
21 leaders. President Kaczynski was en route to a
22 memorial ceremony to commemorate the 70th
23 anniversary of the Soviet massacre of 20,000 of
24 Poland's elite officers in 1940. Our thoughts and
25 prayers go out to all who have been affected by

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2 this tragedy, to all of the Polish people in
3 Poland and throughout the world. It's hard to
4 imagine such a massive loss of leadership in any
5 country, nonetheless a country as small as Poland,
6 so it's just ... here in America you can't even
7 imagine what that would be like. So they all,
8 everyone does remain in our thoughts and prayers,
9 and we wanted to take a moment to hear from
10 Council Member Levin's district, who in his
11 district there is really a very large
12 concentration of Polish New Yorkers, many of whom
13 have been leading vigils and prayer ceremonies
14 since the plane crash. Council Member Levin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you,
16 Madam Speaker. For those of you who are well
17 acquainted with my district, you know that within
18 Green Point there is a thriving Polish community,
19 sometimes referred to as Little Poland. For them
20 I would like to take a moment to honor the service
21 of the late president of Poland, Lech Kaczynski,
22 his wife, and the others that lost their lives
23 last Saturday. President Kaczynski was a fierce
24 advocate for workers and unions and against
25 corruption in government. He was a diplomat and a

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2 leader. He will be sorely missed in the
3 international community, and by many in the 33rd
4 District. In addition, I would like to say that,
5 echoing the Speaker's comments, we stand solidly
6 with the Polish community in their time of
7 mourning this tragedy. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Adoption of
10 the minutes? Council Member Garodnick.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
12 you. I move that the minutes of the stated
13 meetings of February 3rd and February 11th, 2010 be
14 adopted as printed.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.
16 Messages and papers from the Mayor?

17 CLERK: None.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Communications
19 from City, County and Borough offices?

20 CLERK: Preconsidered M83, Budget
21 Modification.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Finance.

23 CLERK: M84 and M85, Certification
24 and Swearing in of David G. Greenfield, Council
25 Member 44th District.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: And just before we
3 move on with this part of the agenda, I just want
4 to make sure folks know that following today's
5 stated meeting, there will be a reception for
6 Council Member Greenfield and family and other
7 Council members and guests in the Red Room. I
8 wanted to make sure everyone is aware of that
9 fact. That said, received, ordered, printed, and
10 filed. And if we could now ask the majority
11 leader, the minority leader, who's coming in as we
12 speak - timing is everything - the chair of the
13 Brooklyn delegation and the other members who are
14 going to escort Council Member Greenfield in, and
15 then we will ask the clerk to please swear the new
16 Council Member in. Council Member Greenfield.
17 [applause]

18 CLERK: Please raise your right
19 hand and repeat after me. I.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I.

21 CLERK: David G. Greenfield.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: David
23 G. Greenfield.

24 CLERK: Do solemnly affirm.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Do

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2 solemnly affirm.

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CLERK: That I will support the
Constitution of the United States of America.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: that I
will support the Constitution of the United States
of America.

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CLERK: And the Constitution of the
State of New York.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: And the
Constitution of the State of New York.

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CLERK: And the charter of the City
of New York.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: And the
charter of the City of New York.

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CLERK: And that I will faithfully
discharge.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: And
that I will faithfully discharge.

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CLERK: The duties of the office
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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: The
duties of the office of.

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CLERK: Council member.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Council

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CLERK: For the 44th District.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: For the

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44th District.

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CLERK: Borough of Brooklyn.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Borough

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CLERK: County of Kings.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: County

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CLERK: Of the City of New York.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Of the

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CLERK: According to the best of my

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD:

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According to the best of my ability.

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CLERK: Council member,

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congratulations. [applause]

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SPEAKER QUINN: I want to ... thank

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you. I want to welcome and congratulate my new

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colleague. He is someone who is in no way, shape

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or form a stranger to us in the Council. He has

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advised us and helped us on different social

1 service and educational matters for many years.

2 So I just want to say congratulations, and offer
3 you a moment to make a brief comment.
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5 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I'll be
6 about as brief as the entire pre-ceremony was.

7 It's a good thing the Finance Chair is also my
8 friend. You know, thank you, first I just want to

9 thank God for bringing me here today. As we say

10 where I come from, Barak Ashem, for the fact that

11 I'm here today, and I'm able to do this work. I

12 also want to thank my family, my wonderful wife

13 Dina, who's here with me, [applause] my mom and

14 all of my friends and supporters, and I really

15 want to thank the residents of the 44th Council

16 District for giving me this opportunity. You

17 know, I will work as hard as they do for their own

18 families here on the City Council on their behalf.

19 I also want to thank the Speaker. You know, a

20 body is only as good as its Speaker, and we have a

21 wonderful Speaker, and she has terrific staff, and

22 they were incredibly helpful for me in this very

23 quick transition. So thank you so much, thank

24 you, Chuck, thank you Ramona, thank you everyone

25 else. [applause] I'm honored to be part of this

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2 historic and honored legislative body, and to be
3 associated with it. You know, I may not be quite
4 as funny as my predecessor, Councilman Simcha
5 Felder, but I will work as hard as he did to join
6 with you to improve the lives of all New Yorkers.
7 If I learned one thing today, and this is my first
8 stated meeting, it's that council members are very
9 busy, and so no council member should speak too
10 long. So I will just say, thank you very much.
11 [applause]

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
13 much, Council Member Greenfield. All right, next
14 Council Member James will escort you back to your
15 seat, which is right next to her. Mr. Majority
16 Leader, let's continue.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay, we move
18 on to Section 6, petitions and communications.

19 CLERK: None.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Land use call-
21 ups.

22 CLERK: M86 and M87.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on a land
24 use call-up vote, please.

25 CLERK: Barron [no response],

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2 Brewer [no response], Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

4 CLERK: Chin.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

6 CLERK: Comrie [no response],

7 Crowley.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

9 CLERK: Dickens.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

11 CLERK: Dilan.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Dromm.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Yes, I'd
15 like to put aye on all, and with your permission,
16 I'd like to vote on the general calendar.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered,
18 and if we could get silence in the chambers,
19 please. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I'd like to
21 vote aye on all matters, except for Intro 35,
22 that's a nay.

23 CLERK: Eugene.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

25 CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.

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CLERK: Fidler.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

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CLERK: Foster [no response],

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Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gennaro.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

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CLERK: Gentile.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Yes.

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CLERK: Gonzalez [no response],

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Greenfield.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: He

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doesn't know what to do.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

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[applause]

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CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye. He

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was supposed to say something funny first.

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CLERK: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

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2 CLERK: James.
3 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye.
4 CLERK: Koo.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
6 CLERK: Koppell.
7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.
8 CLERK: Koslowitz.
9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
10 CLERK: Lander.
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
12 CLERK: Lappin.
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.
14 CLERK: Levin.
15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
16 CLERK: Mark-Viverito.
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
18 CLERK: Mealy.
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Permission
20 to vote aye on all land use call-ups.
21 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.
22 CLERK: Mendez.
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.
24 CLERK: Nelson.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye, and

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2 permission to vote aye on all items on the general
3 calendar today.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Thank you.

6 CLERK: Palma.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

8 CLERK: Recchia.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR: Aye.

10 CLERK: Reyna.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

12 CLERK: Rodriguez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

14 CLERK: Rose.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye on all.

16 CLERK: Sanders.

17 COUNCIL MEMBERS SANDERS, JR: Aye

18 on all.

19 CLERK: Seabrook.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Yes, Mr.

21 Majority Leader, with special permission I'd like
22 to vote aye on all general and land use call-ups.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

24 CLERK: Ulrich.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

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CLERK: Vacca, Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye,
and I vote aye on all general order calendar
numbers as well.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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CLERK: Vallone.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR: Aye.

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CLERK: Van Bramer [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

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CLERK: Weprin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye, and I

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seek unanimous consent on voting aye on the

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general order calendar as well.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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CLERK: White [no response],

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Today's land
3 use call-ups are adopted by a vote of 47 in the
4 affirmative, with zero in the negative.

5 Communication from the Speaker.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. First I
7 need to note that I want to acknowledge that we
8 received a letter from the five borough presidents
9 indicating changes to their F10 allocations. Let
10 me also note for a moment some, the legislation
11 that we are voting on today. First I want to
12 thank the staff Terzah Nasser and Mack Carlin, who
13 worked on Intro 24A. I'd also thank Chair Sanders
14 for his work on that legislation. Let me take a
15 moment to speak about Intro 35A. I want to thank
16 Chairperson Koslowitz for shepherding this bill
17 through the Consumer Affairs Committee, and
18 Council Member Jim Gennaro, the sponsor of this
19 bill. Before we speak about Intro 35A, let me
20 just take a moment, I want to recognize that we're
21 joined in the balcony by Professor Doug Museo's
22 sophomore class of Baruch College, if they could
23 stand and be recognized for a moment. [applause]
24 Thank you for coming. Disregard anything
25 Professor Museo tells you, he's not usually right.

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2 Unless he told you that the Speaker and the
3 Council are a brilliant group of people, then he's
4 absolutely correct. But back to Intro 35A, I want
5 to thank Alix Pustilnik, Lacey Clarke, Mack Carlin
6 and Rob Newman and Margaret Nelson, who worked on
7 this piece of legislation. This is a piece of
8 legislation that does basically two things. One,
9 for the first time in 20 years, this piece of
10 legislation will give the horse carriage industry
11 in the city of New York a rate increase. There is
12 no other industry in the city of New York that has
13 had ... that is regulated by the city of New York
14 that has not seen any rate increase in 20 years.
15 Beyond that, this bill will also make permanent
16 changes so this never happens again, and the fares
17 for horse carriages will now be indexed on
18 inflation and not have to wait another two decades
19 for an increase. Beyond giving a fair increase in
20 fares, this piece of legislation will also
21 strengthen the regulations around horse carriages
22 in the city of New York in two different ways.
23 One, in a way focused on safety of the riders,
24 putting in new requirements such as reflective
25 devices on the carriages, and also greater

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2 training requirements for all drivers. There will
3 also be greater restrictions and rules relevant to
4 the horses' safety, limitations, no longer will
5 the horse drawn carriages be allowed to go south
6 of 34th Street. Beyond that there will now be
7 greater regulations around the stables, in
8 addition greater requirements around blankets for
9 the horses, and most noteworthy, a five week
10 vacation mandated by law outside of the city for
11 the horses. I've heard some grumbling that
12 Council members would like that passed for
13 themselves. That will not be happening. But it
14 is in fact part of Intro 35 for the horse carriage
15 industry. I want to thank everyone who worked on
16 this piece of legislation, which in my opinion is
17 a fair balance between having regulations that
18 protect the horses that are a part of this
19 industry, but keeps an industry ... but keeps an
20 industry ... but keeps an industry that supports 300
21 families, 300 working men and women, and is a
22 critical part of our tourism industry, alive
23 during one of the toughest recessions in history.
24 We're going to ask for quiet in the chambers.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Could we have

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2 silence in the balcony, please? Escort the woman
3 out.

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SPEAKER QUINN: She is not
5 supportive of the bill, I am fairly certain. That
6 said, you can't make everybody happy, move on.
7 And I say I believe this bill will protect horses.
8 But as importantly as protecting the horses, it
9 will protect the economic interests of the 300
10 families that are supported by this industry.
11 This is not a time for the City of New York to
12 take action that will put 300 men and women out of
13 work and put their families at great economic
14 risk. So I want to again thank Council Member
15 Koslowitz and Council Member Gennaro for their
16 support, and call on Chairperson Koslowitz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Thank
18 you Speaker Quinn. The horse carriage industry is
19 a famed historic part of New York City. Many
20 visitors see it as an integral part of their
21 experience here. On Monday, the Consumer Affairs
22 Committee passed Intro 35A, a bill that will keep
23 and improve this New York City tradition. It will
24 allow carriage drivers to receive a long-awaited
25 rate increase that will bring their wages up to

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2 date with New York City's standard of living. At
3 the same time, this bill will also protect the
4 welfare of the horses who keep this industry
5 going. It will regulate the industry by making
6 sure that the horses are treated humanely. We are
7 in a troubling time for the City's economy, and
8 the preservation of this historic industry is
9 vital. People all over the world come to New York
10 City with plans to take a carriage ride through
11 Central Park. This bill insures they can continue
12 to do so in an environment that treats both the
13 horses and the drivers fairly. Thank you to
14 Speaker Quinn, Council Member Gennaro, Lacey
15 Clarke, Damien Butvick, Alix Pustilnik and Rob
16 Newman for all their hard work on this bill.
17 Thank you very much, and I have to add that I am
18 happy to have voted on this bill in the 1990's
19 that raised the rate, and I'm happy again to vote
20 for this bill.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Karen.
22 Council Member Gennaro?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you,
24 Madam Speaker. Let me talk a little bit, certain,
25 Madam Speaker, and Madam Chair, you talked about

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2 the details of the bill. Let's talk a little bit
3 about the record of this very good industry. The
4 ASPCA came and gave, you know, testimony at our
5 last hearing on the bill. They out there, they
6 say, by their own testimony, about 260 days per
7 year checking up on the industry and going into
8 the stables. And it was their testimony that they
9 have never written a violation for cruelty to this
10 industry. No driver, no owner, no stable operator
11 has ever gotten such a summons. And it's
12 certainly, as I said, not for lack of looking,
13 because they're out there 260 days per year.
14 Also, it has never been the case that the ASPCA
15 has made a recommendation to the Department of
16 Health to suspend or revoke or not renew the
17 license of a driver or an owner or a stable
18 operator because they're either cruel or they
19 don't groom the horses or they don't like the way
20 they drive, and they certainly are in a position
21 to make such a recommendation to the Health
22 Department. Such a recommendation has never, ever
23 been made, and that has been corroborated by the
24 Department of Health, who also oversees the
25 industry, and has never taken any action to do

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2 that. So with regard to the record of the
3 industry, it is stellar. I'm proud of the good
4 job that they do for the industry, for the horses,
5 and for the people that come from all around the
6 world to ride in the carriages. I first got
7 involved in this issue in 1990, when I first
8 started at the Council, I was the staff person
9 that got the job to look into the issue that they
10 were bringing before the Council at the time,
11 because I was the only one on the Council that
12 knew anything about horses. Back in ... I had been
13 riding, you know, 25 years up to that point. You
14 know, it's 45 years, I need a bigger horse these
15 days, but I'm happy and proud to have played a
16 role here, and I wish to ... and I hope that my
17 colleagues would be able to vote for the things
18 that are in the bill that the Speaker talked
19 about, like the mandated stall sizes, so that the
20 horses can live in comfort; the five weeks
21 vacation; the doubling of the checkups for the
22 horses by the vets; setting age limits, both on
23 the young side and on the old side for what horses
24 can work, based on their age; the winter blankets,
25 the waterproof blankets; making the carriages

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2 safer; making sure they've got proper brakes on
3 the carriage. Most of them have, they have those
4 already, but now it will be mandated. And also to
5 do the rate increase so that we can have this
6 industry do all the reforms that we want them to
7 do. So it's ... so let me thank the Speaker for her
8 great leadership. This could have been an issue
9 that, you know, could have been sidestepped, but
10 it was the right thing to do and the fair to do,
11 to do it and to do it right. So I thank the
12 Speaker for that. I thank Karen Koslowitz, the
13 Chair of the committee, all the members of the
14 committee that voted for the bill, which they all
15 did, the number of sponsors that are on the bill.
16 I want to thank Ramon and Laura Pope and Rob
17 Newman and Lacey Clarke and Damien Butvick and the
18 good people of the horse carriage, who I have been
19 happy and proud to know for the last 20, and
20 people from the animal rights community, who came
21 forward, who worked with the Council staff to get
22 the good recommendations in place. So it's my
23 hope that everyone will support Intro 35A, and I
24 thank you, Madam Speaker for your great
25 leadership.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: Thanks. Let me
3 make note of an important action coming out of our
4 Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee and our Land
5 Use Committee today, relevant to Council Member
6 Levin's district in Rose Plaza, I want to first
7 thank the Chair of the committee, Leroy Comrie,
8 for all his work on this, the Chair of the
9 subcommittee, Mark Weprin, for all of his work on
10 this. I want to thank Gail Benjamin and Ramon
11 Martinez and all of the staff of the Land Use
12 Committee for their work, but in particular,
13 Council Member Levin for his tenacity and work on
14 this issue as well. And I'm very happy to report
15 that we were able to make some changes in the Rose
16 Plaza proposal to get to a point where we will all
17 be able to vote on a proposal today, for a
18 rezoning in Brooklyn that, amongst other things,
19 will include in it 30% affordable housing, an
20 increase from what the original proposal began
21 with when it came to the City Council. We've also
22 seen an increase in the number of units that have
23 a larger number of bedrooms since the proposal
24 came to the City Council, and also improvements in
25 clarifications in the public nature of the public

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2 space and the waterfront access in this proposal.
3 So I think we should all be very proud of our work
4 today, making a good proposal better, and
5 significantly increasing the affordable housing
6 that will now be available for New Yorkers, in
7 particular residents of Brooklyn, and I want to
8 thank everyone who worked long and hard, well into
9 yesterday, to get this proposal to the point that
10 it is at today. Let me first call on the Chair of
11 the Land Use Committee, Chairperson Comrie, and
12 then Chair Weprin, and then Council Member Levin.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR: I want
14 to congratulate Council Member Levin for doing
15 what was necessary to stick to his principles yet
16 do the things, create an opportunity for an
17 agreement on this project. It's not easy for a
18 member that came in running on the issue of
19 overdevelopment in the community to deal with an
20 area that is being developed in a rapid pace. And
21 I just want to congratulate him on focusing on the
22 issues, articulating to the members all of his
23 concerns, and making sure that at the end of the
24 day there was an opportunity so that all parties
25 could come to the table and be heard. It's

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2 important in these issues that there is a high
3 level of communication, so there's no ambiguity,
4 and Council Member Levin was clear and concise and
5 focused about what he wanted for his community,
6 and I want to congratulate him. I also want to
7 congratulate the Chair of the subcommittee,
8 Council Member Weprin, for all of his work in
9 helping him with getting to that, and getting to
10 yes. You know, this was our most ambitious agenda
11 so far, in our short time in our roles as Land Use
12 Chair and Land Use Subcommittee Chair, and I want
13 to thank him for being consistent and focused on
14 helping the member. In our roles that we sit in
15 Land Use, we have to do whatever we can to help
16 the member to get a project to where everyone
17 understands it, and I think that, you know,
18 sometimes we have to get blood in the water to do
19 that, but you get it done. And as New Yorkers,
20 you know, we don't always agree in the beginning,
21 but as long as we can agree at the end, you know,
22 it's a positive thing. I want to thank Gail
23 Benjamin and the Land Use staff for everything
24 that they did to keep me focused on what was
25 necessary to be conveyed to the members also. And

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2 hopefully we can continue utilizing this project
3 to make sure that our community can be dealt with
4 in a manner that it wants, and that a member's
5 opportunities to make sure that a project is
6 shaped according to their agenda can be done, but
7 also making sure that a project can be developed
8 so that the City can continue to benefit. And I
9 also want to congratulate and thank Ramon Martinez
10 for understanding when to call me and when not to
11 call me. And if you know Ramon, you know there's
12 no fine line there at all. But clearly also, you
13 know, we had some other projects that were very
14 important that will be voted on today's agenda,
15 the Streetscapes residential project, which also
16 opened up an opportunity for us to have a serious
17 discussion to try to make sure that there is an
18 area in this city that needs to be addressed, and
19 I want to thank Council Member Dilan for bringing
20 that to our attention. It was not actually part
21 of the Streetscapes preservation text amendment,
22 so it could not be resolved today, but we are
23 going to make sure that that has an opportunity to
24 be vetted and truly resolved. We also had some
25 land use projects, some projects that were voted

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2 through the Landmarks Committee that were projects
3 that were also done with a lot of conversation and
4 actually a lot of cooperation. And I think that
5 while it was a large agenda for the committee, it
6 was a positive agenda, and I hope that all of our
7 committee meetings can continue to have a high
8 level of discourse and communication. Thank you,
9 Speaker Quinn.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
11 much, Chair Comrie. Chair Weprin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you,
13 Madam Speaker. I've been asked to elaborate a
14 little bit on some of the things the Speaker laid
15 out on this project. I too want to thank those
16 who were aforementioned thanks, especially Speaker
17 Quinn and Council Member Comrie, and of course,
18 Steve Levin, who really fought very hard for a lot
19 of the improvements and a lot of the aspects of
20 this package. You know, this Land Use assignments
21 51 to 53 request a zoning text amendment change
22 from the manufacturing M31 district to a
23 residential R73 district, and establishing a C24
24 overlay within the R73 district. In addition they
25 asked for a zoning text amendment to apply for the

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2 inclusionary housing program, and a special permit
3 which allows for the construction of three
4 buildings instead of four, due to the site's
5 unique configurations. The Rose Plaza project
6 will provide 30% of the total number of apartments
7 to be affordable forever, to households with
8 incomes ranging, it will be divided into one third
9 will be 40% of AMI, one third will be 60% of AMI
10 and one will be 120% of AMI, creating 226 units in
11 total. Furthermore, the project also provides
12 33,200 square feet in public open space, a
13 publicly accessible landscaped waterfront
14 esplanade, and 29,000 square feet of commercial
15 and community space, through the provisions of a
16 restrictive covenant and previous restrictive
17 declarations covering a traffic study,
18 environmental cleanup, a visual corridor, and
19 historic resources, the owner, and any future
20 owner, is bound to these agreements, which run
21 with the land in perpetuity. Again, I thank all
22 those involved in this very unique negotiation,
23 and I'm glad it came to a happy ending. Thank
24 you.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very

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2 much, Chair Weprin, and as I mentioned before, I
3 think all of us agree that Council Member Levin as
4 a new Council member deserves a lot of credit and
5 praise for having had such success on a big and
6 comprehensive rezoning so early on. So I wanted
7 to congratulate you, and I also know you had an
8 older member, a senior member, however you want to
9 talk about it, Domenic Recchia, helping you with
10 some behind-the-scenes advice, even though he's
11 not paying attention. So I wanted to also thank
12 you, Domenic, for helping guide Council Member
13 Levin in this effort as well. Council Member
14 Levin.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you,
16 Madam Speaker. First I would like to thank
17 everyone who worked so hard to make an agreement
18 on this project possible. I thank Speaker
19 Christine Quinn for her steadfast support during
20 this process, Chairpersons Mark Weprin and Leroy
21 Comrie, Chairman Domenic Recchia and Chairman
22 Erick Dilan, for their support and their guidance
23 as well. I would also like to thank Ramon
24 Martinez, Chuck Meara, Gail Benjamin, Amy Levitan,
25 Christian Hilton, Carol Shine and the entire Land

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2 Use staff, as well as Ashley Thompson, Rami Metal,
3 and Hope Reichbach from my staff for their hard
4 work and the support of Community Board #1 in
5 Brooklyn, Rabbi David Niederman, and other
6 religious leaders. In addition I would like to
7 give a special thanks to Assemblyman Peter Lopez,
8 not only for his support, but also for teaching me
9 a thing or two about fighting for affordable
10 housing. This project has not been without
11 controversy, but I am pleased to report that we
12 have come to an agreement that will move us one
13 step closer to reclaiming another section of the
14 Williamsburg waterfront. Once developed, Rose
15 Plaza on the river will bring 754 units of housing
16 to the waterfront. 30%, or 226 of those unites,
17 will be affordable to low and moderate income
18 families. 144 of those will be family-sized
19 units, with 74 set aside for three and four
20 bedrooms. Affordable housing is desperately
21 needed throughout the city, and it is essential to
22 communities like Williamsburg that have suffered
23 from gentrification over the past several years.
24 The guarantee that 30% of the units in this
25 development will be affordable to families, and

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2 that half of those will be set aside for community
3 residents, will insure that our waterfront is open
4 to everybody in the community, not just those who
5 can afford a luxury condominium. Rose Plaza will
6 also expand the important Williamsburg waterfront
7 esplanade. Public access to the waterfront and
8 increased open space has been a goal of this
9 community for many, many years. Following
10 environmental remediation of this site, this
11 project will provide a link from the esplanade at
12 the Schaefer Landing development just to its
13 north. Responsible development is essential to
14 the economic revitalization of our neighborhoods.
15 The approval of the Rose Plaza development marks a
16 high standard for those who seek to redevelop our
17 city's valuable waterfront property. Thank you,
18 Madam Speaker, for your support and for the
19 opportunity to speak. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: You're welcome, and
21 congratulations, and that concludes communications
22 from the Speaker.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
24 much. Seeing no one signed up for discussion of
25 general orders, I'll move on to reports of special

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2 committees.

3 CLERK: None.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Reports of
5 standing committees.6 CLERK: Report of the committee on
7 civil service and labor, Intro 24A, health
8 insurance for certain retirees.9 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
10 on general orders.11 CLERK: Report of the committee on
12 consumer affairs, Intro 35A, horse drawn cabs.13 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
14 on general orders.15 CLERK: Report of the committee on
16 finance, Intro 128, budget extender.17 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
18 orders.19 CLERK: Preconsidered M83 and Res
20 0170, budget modification.21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
22 orders.23 CLERK: Report of the committee on
24 land use, LU 40 and Res 0171, UDAAP Brooklyn.

25 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general

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CLERK: LU 50 and Res 0172,
unenclosed sidewalk café.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

CLERK: LU 51 and Res 0173 through
LU 53 and Res 0175, Rose Plaza.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

CLERK: LU 54 and Res 0176 and LU
55 and Res 0177, zoning amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

CLERK: LU 56, zoning amendment.

SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with
modifications and referred to the City Planning
Commission pursuant to rule 11.70B of the rules of
the City Council and section 197D of the New York
City charter.

CLERK: LU 57 and Res 0178,
streetscapes.

SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

CLERK: LU 59 and Res 0179 through

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2 Lu 63 and Res 0182, landmarks designations.

3 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
4 orders.

5 CLERK: LU 66 and Res 0183, UDAPP
6 Manhattan.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
8 orders.

9 CLERK: Preconsidered LU 70 and Res
10 0184.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
12 orders.

13 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
14 Rules, Privileges and Elections, M30 and Res 0185,
15 approving the appointment of Matthew W. Daus,
16 service commissioner.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
18 orders.

19 CLERK: M32 and Res 0186, approving
20 the reappointment of Diana Chapin, Landmarks
21 Preservation Commission.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
23 orders.

24 CLERK: M33 and Res 0187, approving
25 the reappointment of Elizabeth Ryan, Landmarks

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2 Preservation Commission.

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4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders.

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6 CLERK: M34 and Res 0188, approving
the reappointment of Pablo Vengoechea, Landmarks
7 Preservation Commission.

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9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
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11 CLERK: Preconsidered Res 0189,
approving changes to certain committees.

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13 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
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15 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: General order
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17 CLERK: LU56 and Res 0190, zoning
reso amendment.

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19 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
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21 CLERK: Resolution appointing
various persons commissioner of deeds.

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23 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on general
orders. And at this point I ask for a roll call
24 on all items that have been coupled on the general
25 order calendar please.

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CLERK: Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be excused to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote no on LU 57 and accompanying Res 0178, concerned about the parking space location. In my district there's a lot of R4, R5 dwellings and if they make any changes to their basements and make it a rental dwelling, then they have to find a parking space too. That would be a real issue in my neighborhood, so I vote no on that. And I vote no LU 51, 52, 53, and the accompanying Reso's on the Rose Plaza place. I think it's a good step in the right direction, but I think when you take 30% affordability and say a third of that is 120% of the AMI, you've taken a third of the affordability out, so that area, the AMI is like thirty, forty thousand, if that high. So I think the real affordability is like 20% and I just want to be consistent, when projects come to the City Council, the 80% market rate I think is unfair to our neighborhoods. And I vote aye on all the rest.

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CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm voting aye on most everything. I appreciate the amazing work that Council Member Levin did. I've had a few tastes of what he's been through, and I know what it's like. And I appreciate every bit of his efforts. I also want to congratulate Diana Chapin, I think her husband, who is now passed, would be very proud of her. I want to welcome Council Member Greenfield, and I want to abstain on Intro 35. I know a great deal of work has gone into it on behalf of the horses. Anybody working in this town who hasn't had a contract needs one for a long time, but I have a long history of supporting the people who appreciate the animals and I will be abstaining on that. Thank you very much.

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CLERK: Cabrera

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR: Aye on

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CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on

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CLERK: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye

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on all with the exception of Land Use 57 and

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accompanying reso 178, which I vote no.

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CLERK: Eugene.

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COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

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CLERK: Ferreras.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Can I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Intro 35

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is a worthy bill, in that it gives men and women

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who drive the carriage horses around Central Park

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a much needed raise. However, Intro 35 is not a

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bill that addresses all the needs of the horses

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the testimony we have heard, that horses work

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2 excessive hours, that they are forced to work
3 until they are 26 years old, the equivalent of 86
4 years for a human. The five weeks vacation time
5 that Intro 35 mandates must be enforced. My vote
6 of aye is in support of the working men and women
7 of New York City. Thank you.

8 CLERK: Vallone.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE, JR: Aye on
10 all.

11 CLERK: Fidler

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: After
13 consulting with my constituent, Mr. Ed, resident
14 of the Canarsie stables, I vote aye on all.

15 CLERK: Garodnick.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote
17 aye.

18 CLERK: Gennaro

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote
20 aye, and I welcome my longtime good friend David
21 Greenfield to the council.

22 CLERK: Gentile.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With
24 congratulations to Steve Levin and a welcome to
25 David Greenfield, I vote aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

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CLERK: Greenfield.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye on

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CLERK: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Well,

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since Mr. Fidler has conducted his survey, I think

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that makes it a horse of a different color, and

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I'll vote aye on all.

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CLERK: Ignizio

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes I vote

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CLERK: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye

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CLERK: James.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: May I be

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granted leave to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: So ordered.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you.

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severe problems for rental riding stables, such as

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Kensington Stables and members of my community

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reached out to me to make sure that we could

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maintain the 100 year tradition of horseback

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riding in Prospect Park and provide a humane way

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for people in my district to build deep bonds with

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the people and the horses. And so I want to thank

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Lacey Clarke, Alix Pustilnik, Rob Newman, the

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Speaker, Chair Koslowitz and Council Member

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Gennaro for making that tradition possible to

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continue in the current version of the bill. On

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Land Use 57, I share concerns expressed earlier

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that these changes will make it more difficult for

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responsible homeowners looking to bring their

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2 units into the light and make them safe for
3 families and our firefighters, but I'm pleased
4 that the administration has been willing to enter
5 into a dialogue with the Council, and I thank
6 Council Member Dilan and Council Members Comrie
7 and Weprin for helping make that happen and Ramon
8 Martinez as well, and I vote aye on all.

9 CLERK: Lappin.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: May I be
11 excused to explain my vote?

12 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I'd like to
14 echo the comments that were made by my colleague,
15 Councilwoman Ferreras. I am going to be voting
16 aye on all today, but with some serious misgivings
17 about the enforcement provisions in Intro 35, and
18 I certainly hope that the bill will make life
19 better for the horses, and that they are actually
20 enforced.

21 CLERK: Levin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: And with a
23 hearty welcome to my good friend David Greenfield,
24 I vote aye on all.

25 CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
3 vote aye on all, except for Intro 35A, I vote no.

4 CLERK: Mendez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
6 on all, except on LU 57 and accompanying Reso 178,
7 I abstain, and I vote no on Intro 35A.

8 CLERK: Palma.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all
10 with the exception of Intro 35A, I vote no.

11 CLERK: Recchia.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA, JR:
13 Congratulations to Steve Levin on his first land
14 use, you did a great job, Steve, and I vote aye.

15 CLERK: Reyna.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye
17 on all, and congratulations to Council Member
18 Greenfield and Council Member Levin on his hard
19 work, reaching 30% affordable housing on the
20 waterfront. Thank you.

21 CLERK: Rodriguez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye on
23 all.

24 CLERK: Rose.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye all, and

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welcome to Council member Greenfield.

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CLERK: Sanders.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS SANDERS, JR:

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Congratulations to Council member Levin, welcome

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to Council member Greenfield, I vote aye on all.

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CLERK: Ulrich.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.

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CLERK: Van Bramer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN:

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Congratulations and welcome, aye on all.

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CLERK: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: May I be

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excused to explain my vote?

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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: First,

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congratulations to my new rollmate, Council Member

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Greenfield. Congratulations to Steve Levin for

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navigating through this, I know we can always do

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On Intro 35 I'm voting aye, simply because I

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separated some issues, and I believe that the

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2 first thing to do is to make sure that human
3 beings can sustain themselves, and I think they
4 have a right to do so. I think there are also
5 some more questions that have to be answered, and
6 hopefully we can do that at a later time. I also
7 appreciate that a lot of the issues that were
8 brought up by the ASPCA were put into the bill.
9 On Land Use 57 and accompanying Reso, I voted no
10 in the Land Use Committee meeting. I really hate
11 abstention votes, but I feel like I have to
12 abstain, because I got some more information and
13 I'm really not clear about what the new text does
14 and does not do, and I feel unable to vote either
15 way. So I abstain on that, and aye on all, thank
16 you.

17 CLERK: Oddo.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes on all,
19 and I would just say to the distinguished
20 gentleman from Brooklyn, Mr. Fidler, the New York
21 Post would like to talk to you about your
22 constituent, Mr. Ed, voting in the November
23 election in your council race.

24 CLERK: Rivera.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye on

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn. [no
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CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All items on
today's general order calendar were adopted by a
vote of 48 in the affirmative, there was zero in
the negative and zero abstentions, with the
exception of Intro 35-A, which was adopted by a
vote of 43 in the affirmative, four in the
negative and one abstention, and Land Use items 57
and the accompanying Reso 178, which was adopted
[applause] ... can we get silence in the balcony,
please? Which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the
affirmative, two in the negative and two
abstentions. And Land Use items 51, 52, 53, and
the accompanying Resos were adopted by a vote of
47 in the affirmative, one in the negative and
zero abstentions. Introduction and reading of the
bills.

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SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are
referred to committees as indicated on the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay. We now
move on to discussion of resolutions. I see none,
all right, there's no resolutions, so we go on to

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2 general discussions. We have Council Member
3 Dickens, and if we can get some silence in the
4 chambers while the members are speaking. Council
5 Member Dickens.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Thank you
7 Mr. Majority Leader for my time. I would like to
8 call my colleagues' attention to Reso 149, calling
9 upon President Obama and the U.S. Department of
10 Commerce to remove the term 'Negro' as a
11 classification on the U.S. Census. The term, due
12 to its origins, is divisive and racist, should be
13 removed on those grounds alone. However, when
14 added to the U.S. Census alongside other, more
15 acceptable and contemporary classifications, like
16 'Black', 'African-American', including the term
17 'Negro' only makes self-identification more
18 confusing for people who respond. This perverse
19 terminology in turn splinters an entire group of
20 people by defining them as such. As a result,
21 communities of color, specifically black
22 communities, do not seem as large as they truly
23 are, due to an outdated term, which costs our
24 community our fair share of the Federal money and
25 resources that are allocated based on census data.

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2 In a day and age where we grow even closer, the
3 term 'Negro' is yet more evidence that there is
4 still a long road to go. I thank the majority
5 leader and the speaker for my time, and ask for
6 all my colleagues' support on this important
7 measure. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
9 much. Next we have Council Member Jackson. And
10 can we get some more quiet here?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
12 Majority Leader.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Quiet in the ...

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: My
15 colleagues, I rise today, I put a packet on each
16 one of your desks, regarding some school
17 resolutions and Intro 1 is the School
18 Transformation Zone resolution, giving those
19 schools that are not doing so well an opportunity
20 to be in a zone in which they will get
21 comprehensive school turnaround strategies by the
22 New York City DOE, and also the additional help
23 that they need to be successful, rather than using
24 closing down a school as the first option. And
25 also Resolution 156, which is expanded learning

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2 time. Specific research overwhelmingly indicates
3 that extended learning time is a key strategy for
4 the improvement of low-performing schools and for
5 closing the academic achievement gaps between
6 races and social classes. So I ask you to sign on
7 to those reso's, and also the blue book
8 introduction bill that's in your packet, and for
9 far too long we have had a problem with the way
10 school capacity is calculated. And DOE calls it
11 the blue book, but we're asking you to sign on to
12 a bill that will really bring truth to it, and
13 we're going to call it the 'True Book', that shows
14 the real school utilization and capacity of our
15 schools and ask the Department of Education then
16 to mirror the five year capital plan based on the
17 real needs of our particular districts in our
18 great city. And finally, of course again, the
19 small business survival bill, Intro 154, I ask you
20 to take a look at that and sign on to that. So
21 there's several resolutions and several intros
22 under my name, and I ask you to consider that.
23 And I know you're pretty busy today, so we'll be
24 putting a copy in your mailbox and e-mailing it to
25 you. If you have any questions, please give me a

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2 call. Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader.

3 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
4 much. Next we have Council Member Oliver Koppell.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: On next
6 Tuesday we will be commemorating the Holocaust.
7 You heard the invocation today by Rabbi, and we've
8 had the Holocaust commemorations each year for a
9 number of years. I've sponsored that
10 commemoration with many of you, particularly Mike
11 Nelson, who is the Chair of the Jewish caucus. We
12 particularly invite members to bring Holocaust
13 survivors. They found it to be a very meaningful
14 event. It will be on Tuesday at 5:30 here in the
15 chamber, and I would urge you to come, and
16 especially to bring constituents who I think
17 appreciate the Council taking a few minutes to
18 recognize this very, very tragic event in the last
19 century.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you,
21 next we have Council Member Fidler.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Thank you.
23 Three things. First I want to save the New York
24 Post and Councilman Oddo a lot of trouble. Mr. Ed
25 was identified and polled by the very expensive

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2 Independence Party Election Day Operation funded
3 by Mayor Bloomberg. So that's how Mr. Ed came out
4 to vote. Second, I also want to welcome David
5 Greenfield officially to our body. He's been a
6 friend. I do want to say that David, you are
7 probably the third individual who's been elected
8 to the Council since I began who at one point in
9 time recently before their election lived in my
10 Council district, so I just want to remind you,
11 never to forget where you came from. And third,
12 on a much more serious note, I have introduced a
13 number of pieces of legislation today, and
14 obviously I would love for everyone to sign on to
15 all of them, and particularly the important
16 recycling pieces of legislation that are part of
17 the Speaker's recycling effort. But I do want to
18 call attention in particular to Intro 146, which
19 for time immemorial will eliminate the Arts
20 Commission, now known as the Public Design
21 Commission from the process. The Arts Commission
22 is both redundant and ridiculous, and in fact I've
23 been told by people who worked for City agencies
24 and capital departments, that as much as one third
25 of the cost overruns on New York City projects are

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2 caused by the Arts Commission, a body that is
3 accountable to nobody and operates in silence and
4 secrecy. So the last time this bill was before
5 the Council it was actually introduced by then
6 Council Member Quinn and Council Member Oddo, I'm
7 urging you all ...

8 FEMALE VOICE: What's the point?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: My point is
10 that its time has come, as has yours. So, and
11 that was meant in a good way, you know. Just to
12 be clear. Truthfully, it is a change to the
13 charter, this Council, as you know, does not have
14 to wait for the Mayor's charter revision
15 commission to make a change in a budget year when
16 we are desperate for dollars, that would save the
17 taxpayers money, and I urge you all to sign on to
18 that intro.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

20 Council Member Brewer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I am
22 fortunate to have Royce Adolfo, who is an intern
23 in our office, and she's at Berkley, University of
24 Berkley sophomore, and here for a semester. She's
25 here, she should stand up in the back. Number

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2 two, I have - thank you, Royce - I have too many
3 intros, but in particular, Intro 132, they were
4 introducing today, it talks about webcasting. I
5 know that we're always concerned about the issue
6 of cost, but I do think that the charter revision
7 commission is setting a good example and the
8 Council is also, and we should have other agencies
9 do the same. Intro 135 would reserve parking
10 spaces in parking facilities for car sharing, it
11 turns out that even if owners of parking garages
12 want to make their garage more car-sharing
13 friendly, they cannot. There's a limit in a
14 garage as to how many car shares can be put into a
15 garage. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

17 Council Member Gentile.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I just to
19 thank the 20 or so colleagues of mine who joined
20 me and Councilman Van Bramer out on City Hall park
21 for Library Celebration Day. The City Council and
22 members of the press showed up, and thank you very
23 much for that. It was the largest turnout in the
24 three years that we've had this event in City Hall
25 Park, and so it says good things about those who

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2 advocate for libraries, those who love libraries,
3 and those who are going to fight to keep libraries
4 open. So I thank all of you for showing up, and I
5 think we had a good time.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.
7 Council Member James.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: I'd like to
9 bring to the attention of my colleagues the number
10 of bills which revise Local Law 19, the City's
11 comprehensive residential recycling law. They
12 include Local Law ... Intro 141, sponsored by
13 Council Member Eugene; 142, Council Member
14 Ferreras; 148, Council Member Fidler; 157, Council
15 Member Koslowitz; 156, myself; 158, Council Member
16 Lappin; 162, Council Member Mak-Viverito; 164,
17 Council Member Palma; 171, Council Member Rose.
18 They include plastic recycling revisions, expanded
19 public space recycling requirements, household
20 hazardous waste requirements, textile and clothing
21 recycling, paint recycling pilot, in addition to
22 replacing the tonnage mandates with percentage
23 goals as well as increasing fines, and improved
24 recycling at City schools and some reporting
25 requirements, and also improved recycling at City

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2 agencies, improvements in leaf and yard waste
3 composting. I urge all of my colleagues to sign
4 on to these bills, there will be a hearing in the
5 Sanitation Committee within two weeks, and I urge
6 all of those constituents and others who are
7 interested to please make note. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you.

9 Council Member Al Vann.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you.

11 During the ceremonial, many may not have been able
12 to be there, but in the Bedford-Stuyvesant
13 district that I represent there's an outstanding
14 high school that's received a letter A grade on
15 the DOE's report card. They are the number two
16 academic high school in the City of New York and
17 the number one academic high school in the borough
18 of Brooklyn, and in addition to that, they just
19 won the PSA division A, I guess, league varsity
20 league boys' basketball. So they are developing
21 both academicians, or scholars, should we say, as
22 well as athletes, and for a long time Bedford-
23 Stuyvesant had a very negative image going back in
24 time. But we have expelled that, and I think
25 today was an excellent example of that expulsion,

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as we presented some fine young men. They are intelligent, they are athletic, they are handsome, they have dreams, intelligence covers that. And I think it's just a good example of what can be done with hard work and leadership, and I wanted everyone for the record to be aware of what we did earlier in this session, recognizing some outstanding scholar-athletes. Thank you very much.

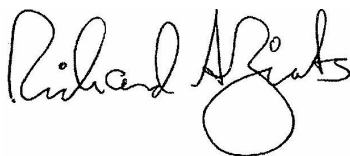
CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very much, and seeing no ...

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I'm sorry, that was Bedford Academy, if I didn't mention the name, Bedford Academy. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: All right, thank you very much, and seeing no others, this meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard A. Ziats, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.



Signature _____

Date April 24, 2010