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CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

STATED MEETING

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May 25, 2010
Start: 03:01 pm
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:

CHRISTINE C. QUINN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Christine C. Quinn
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Fernando Cabrera
Margaret S. Chin
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth S. Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Daniel Dromm
Mathieu Eugene
Julissa Ferreras

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Lewis A. Fidler
Helen D. Foster
Daniel R. Garodnick
James F. Gennaro
Vincent J. Gentile
Sara M. Gonzalez
David Greenfield
Daniel J. Halloran III
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Peter A. Koo
G. Oliver Koppell
Karen Koslowitz
Brad S. Lander
Jessica S. Lappin
Stephen T. Levin
Melissa Mark-Viverito
Rosie Mendez
Michael C. Nelson
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James Sanders, Jr.
Eric A. Ulrich
James Vacca
Peter F. Vallone, Jr.
James G. Van Bramer
Albert Vann
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Roll Call.

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: [No response].

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.

CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No response].

CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No response].

CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.

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CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: [No
response].

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.

CLERK: Ferreras?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Here.

CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.

CLERK: Foster?

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.

CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [No
response].

CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
response].

CLERK: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.

CLERK: Greenfield?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here.

CLERK: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Present.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: [No
response].

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.

CLERK: James?

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No
response].

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Here.

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [No
response].

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: [No
response].

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [No
response].

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CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO:

Here.

CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No

response].

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [No

response].

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: [No

response].

CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.

CLERK: Rodriguez?

COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

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CLERK: Sanders?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Here.

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CLERK: Seabrook?

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [No

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response].

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CLERK: Ulrich?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

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CLERK: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.

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CLERK: Vallone?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

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CLERK: Van Bramer?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

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CLERK: Vann?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [No

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response].

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CLERK: Weprin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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CLERK: White?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE: [No

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response].

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CLERK: Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

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CLERK: Crowley?

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Yes.

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CLERK: Dilan?

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COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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CLERK: Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.

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CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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CLERK: Mendez?

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.

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CLERK: Oddo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.

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CLERK: Rivera?

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.

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CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

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SPEAKER QUINN: Here.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: A quorum is

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present. Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for

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the Invocation being delivered today by

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Pastor/Council Member Fernando Cabrera from New

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Life Outreach International.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Let's bow

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our heads. Father, we thank you for the

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opportunity to serve you. We ask you for your

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wisdom and for your courage to do the right thing

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before you and for your people. In your mighty name we pray and everyone says.

COUNCIL: Amen.

[Applause]

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council Member Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm going to continue the Invocation since it was so brief. I proudly make a motion on behalf of my colleague, the right Reverend Cabrera to spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Adoption of the minutes? Council Member Lander.

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I prefer that brief Invocation to the minutes of the March 25th meeting, but nonetheless, I move that the minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 25th, 2010 be adopted as printed.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered. Messages and papers from the mayor?

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Communication from city, county and borough offices?

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CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Petitions
and communications?

CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Land Use
Call-ups?

CLERK: M101.

SPEAKER QUINN: Could we please
have a roll call on the Land Use Call-up?

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: [No
response].

CLERK: Comrie?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: [No
response].

CLERK: Crowley?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Yes.
3 CLERK: Dickens?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.
5 CLERK: Dilan?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.
7 CLERK: Dromm?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
9 CLERK: Eugene?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.
11 CLERK: Ferreras?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye.
13 CLERK: Fidler?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.
15 CLERK: Foster?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye.
17 CLERK: Garodnick?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
19 CLERK: Gennaro?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: [No
21 response].
22 CLERK: Gentile?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.
24 CLERK: Gonzalez?
25 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Greenfield?
3 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.
4 CLERK: Halloran?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.
6 CLERK: Ignizio?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.
8 CLERK: Jackson?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.
10 CLERK: James?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: [No
12 response].
13 CLERK: Koo?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
15 CLERK: Koppell?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [No
17 response].
18 CLERK: Koslowitz?
19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
20 CLERK: Lander?
21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
22 CLERK: Lappin?
23 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: [No
24 response].
25 CLERK: Levin?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
3 CLERK: Mark-Viverito?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.
5 CLERK: Mealy?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: [No
7 response].
8 CLERK: Mendez?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: [No
10 response].
11 CLERK: Chin?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
13 CLERK: Nelson?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.
15 CLERK: Palma?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.
17 CLERK: Reyna?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.
19 CLERK: Rodriguez?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
21 CLERK: Rose?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Yes.
23 CLERK: Sanders?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.
25 CLERK: Seabrook?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [No
3 response].
4 CLERK: Ulrich?
5 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.
6 CLERK: Vacca?
7 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.
8 CLERK: Vallone?
9 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.
10 CLERK: Van Bramer?
11 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
12 CLERK: Vann?
13 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Present and
14 aye.
15 CLERK: Weprin?
16 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
17 CLERK: Williams?
18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.
19 CLERK: Oddo?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.
21 CLERK: Rivera?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.
23 CLERK: Speaker Quinn?
24 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Today's

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2 Land Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 42 in
3 the affirmative and zero in the negative.

4 Communications from the Speaker?

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. If I
6 could, ask my colleagues to please rise for a
7 moment. I just want to note with sadness that on
8 May 20th, 2010, Nelly James, who was 90-years-old,
9 the mother of our colleague Council Member Tish
10 James, passed away after a long illness. Born in
11 Martinsville, Virginia in 1919, Ms. James lived in
12 Brooklyn for quite some time and for 25 years
13 worked for AT&T. Nelly James was a member of
14 Calvary Baptist Church in Council Member Comrie's
15 district. A private funeral and burial were held
16 yesterday. I know Tish, and her family, have been
17 and will remain in all of our thoughts and
18 prayers.

19 I also want to ask everyone on the
20 Council to keep Alison Cordero in their thoughts
21 and prayers. I know many of you know Alison. She
22 has been a long time organizer at St. Nicks in
23 Diana's district in Brooklyn. She's somebody
24 who's worked on too long a list of housing and
25 tenant issues to mention. She recently suffered a

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2 stroke and is beginning to make progress. So if
3 people could, please keep Alison in their thoughts
4 and prayers, Diana and I would appreciate it.

5 Thank you.

6 Today, we are voting on a number of
7 different pieces of legislation, and one very
8 implement Land Use action and that is a rezoning
9 of 238 blocks in Astoria Queens. I want to thank
10 Gail Benjamin and everyone on the Land Use staff
11 who worked very long and hard on this complicated
12 rezoning. I want to thank and congratulate
13 Council Member Peter Vallone, Jr., who represents
14 Astoria. I want to thank the chair of our Land
15 Use Committee, Chairperson Leroy Comrie and the
16 chair of the Zoning Subcommittee, Mark Weprin.

17 This is a very large rezoning, a
18 rezoning that is designed to protect and preserve
19 the neighborhood character of Astoria Queens.
20 Anyone who has spent any time in Astoria can
21 easily appreciate why this is a neighborhood that
22 so many people have moved to and then stayed in
23 for their entire lives to raise their families.

24 But if you've been to Astoria
25 recently, you've seen the neighborhood begin to be

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2 dotted with inappropriately tall buildings,
3 buildings that are out of character with the rest
4 of the low rise, largely residential character of
5 Astoria. This 238-block rezoning seeks to
6 preserve the integrity of Astoria and prevent any
7 more inappropriate rezoning.

8 It also, within those 238 blocks,
9 doesn't apply one uniform rezoning, but it
10 uniquely recognizes the distinct nature of the
11 different parts of Astoria, creating in this
12 zoning about 12-14 different unique neighborhood
13 within neighborhood rezoning actions to preserve
14 the unique character of blocks which in and of
15 themselves make many neighborhoods.

16 Also, an inclusionary zoning
17 overlay, this rezoning will help facilitate the
18 creation of more affordable housing in this part
19 of Queens. It is a rezoning which everyone who
20 has anything to do with it should be enormously
21 proud. Let me first call on the Council Member
22 who has worked long and hard on this, Council
23 Member Peter Vallone, and then our Chairs Leroy
24 Comrie and then Mark Weprin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Thank you,

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2 Madame Speaker. This is the first major rezoning
3 of Astoria since 1961. As the Speaker said, now
4 as we speak, there are essentially two zones in
5 Astoria, R-5 and R-6. But in a few minutes, we'll
6 have many, many spot zones in Astoria, contextual
7 zones appropriate for the areas where people live.
8 This zoning will allow for responsible development
9 while stopping the out of character development
10 we've seen sprout up in my neighborhood and so
11 many other neighborhoods.

12 I want to thank Amanda Burden and
13 City Planning; Council Members Comrie and Weprin
14 as the chairs; Council staff, especially Gail
15 Benjamin; my chief of staff Kathleen Sims; and
16 staffers Alexis Confer and Jonathan Chung; the
17 people of Astoria, especially those from Norwood
18 Gardens, many of whom are up in our balcony today
19 with us for this occasion; the Speaker and the
20 entire City Council for helping to keep Astoria
21 the great community that it is. Thank you.

22 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
23 much. Chairperson Comrie? He's not here.
24 Chairperson Weprin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you,

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2 Madame Speaker. I just want to follow Council
3 Member Vallone by complimenting him on all the
4 hard work he put in, along with City Planning.
5 The people in City Planning went block by block
6 throughout Astoria, 238 blocks and did spot zoning
7 throughout the area and really did an amazing job
8 of trying to deal with the community, work with
9 the neighborhood groups to put it all together in
10 order to protect the character of Astoria which is
11 such a wonderful diverse ethnically and finally
12 and everything else community where people get
13 together and live there. It's made up of lots of
14 small neighborhoods.

15 It's such a valuable gem in Queens
16 County and for the City of New York. It really
17 was a terrific job that City Planning and Council
18 Member Vallone did by really putting this all
19 together and putting all the puzzle pieces in
20 place. Thank you very much.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very
22 much, Chairperson Weprin. I also want to make
23 note of a couple of pieces of legislation coming
24 out of the Health Committee and I want to thank
25 Terzah Nasser and Adira Siman for their work on

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2 it. We're voting on Intro 206 and Intro 207, both
3 of which seek to repeal regulations and permit
4 requirements that are on the books, part of the
5 Department of Health's Administration Code but
6 have not ever been utilized, permits that have
7 never been granted.

8 We want to in a kind of spring
9 cleaning, if you will, go into the Administration
10 Code of the Department of Health and take out
11 requirements that are out of date and not being
12 utilized to make sure that the administration code
13 and the laws of the City of New York are in fact
14 accurate and reflect what is needed and what is
15 being used, not out of date requirements that are
16 no longer part of the everyday life of the City of
17 New York.

18 In addition to thanking the staff
19 who worked on this and did this cleaning, I want
20 to thank the Chair of the Health Committee,
21 Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo for her
22 work on these two pieces of legislation.

23 I also want to make note of Intro
24 226-A which also comes out of the Health Committee
25 and thank Chair Arroyo again for her work. This

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2 is a piece of legislation that will renew a law
3 which was passed after a seven-month-old child
4 died in childcare. This piece of legislation
5 historically has required a great deal of
6 reporting from the Department of Health to the
7 Council and the public about different childcare
8 related issues.

9 In the act we take today in 226-A,
10 we not only renew that law, but we expand the
11 reporting requirements that have been required,
12 both reporting requirements to the public and to
13 the Council to make sure we really are monitoring
14 the situation out there in childcare in New York
15 City to make sure that those facilities are as
16 safe as they possibly can be.

17 I want to also thank and call on
18 her to speak, the sponsor of the bill, Council
19 Member Annabel Palma.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Thank you,
21 Madame Speaker. I want to thank Speaker Quinn,
22 Adira Siman, Joe Mancino, the chair of the Health
23 Committee, my colleague Council Member Maria del
24 Carmen Arroyo for the work that they did on this
25 bill. The Speaker highlighted the importance of

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2 this bill. It is extremely important that we keep
3 our children safe.

4 Regular inspections of and
5 reporting by childcare facilities and programs are
6 a crucial step in protecting children's physical
7 and wellbeing. This bill will definitely do that.
8 It provides an opportunity to expand and
9 strengthen these vital safety measures. I am
10 extremely happy that we are able to pass this bill
11 today. Thank you.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Lastly, I want to
13 thank Chairperson Dilan and Council Member Crowley
14 for their work on Intro 68-A which increases
15 penalties for work done by unlicensed plumbers in
16 the City of New York. I want to thank Baaba Halm,
17 Jeff Haberman and Ben Goodman for their work on
18 this as well. That concludes Communications from
19 the Speaker.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
21 very much. If we can get silence in the chambers,
22 thank you. We'll move on to Discussion of General
23 Orders. Seeing none, from here we'll move on to
24 Reports of Special Committees.

25 CLERK: None.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Reports of
3 standing committees.

4 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
5 Finance Preconsidered Reso 246, organization
6 funding.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
8 Orders.

9 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
10 Health, Intro 206.

11 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
12 Orders.

13 CLERK: Intro 207, underwater
14 breathing tanks.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
16 Orders.

17 CLERK: Intro 226-A, reporting on
18 childcare programs.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
20 on General Orders.

21 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
22 Housing and Buildings, Intro 68-A, unlicensed
23 plumbers.

24 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled
25 on General Orders with a message of necessity.

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2 CLERK: Report of the Committee on
3 Land Use, LU 23 and Reso 251 through LU 77 and
4 Reso 254, various UDAAPS.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
6 Orders.

7 CLERK: LU 86 and Reso 255 and LU
8 87 and Reso 256, unenclosed sidewalk cafes.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
10 Orders.

11 CLERK: LU 90 and Reso 257.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: Motion to
13 disapprove.

14 CLERK: LU 97 and Reso 258 and LU
15 98 and Reso 259, Astoria rezoning.

16 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
17 Orders.

18 CLERK: LU 101 and Reso 260 through
19 LU 105 and Reso 263, various applications.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General
21 Orders.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: The General
23 Order Calendar.

24 CLERK: Resolution appointing
25 various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

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[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: Just waiting for a piece of paperwork, talk amongst yourselves.

[Pause]

SPEAKER QUINN: As I was saying, individuals who are interested in being Commissioner of Deeds will be coupled on the General Order Calendar. Now having the physical message of necessity in hand, I'd ask for a roll call on all items that have been coupled on the General Order Calendar, Mr. Majority Leader.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you very much. Roll call.

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes.

CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin?

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Comrie?

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Permission
to vote on Land Use Call-ups?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Crowley?

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Dilan?

COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Dromm?

COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

CLERK: Eugene?

COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

CLERK: Ferreras?

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Fidler?

COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yep.

CLERK: Foster?

COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Aye on all.

CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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CLERK: Gentile?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With
congratulations to Peter Vallone on his contextual
rezoning in Astoria, I say aye on all.

CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

CLERK: Koppell?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I'd like
to be recorded as voting aye on the Land Use Call-
ups and I vote aye on all matters on the General
Order Calendar.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

CLERK: Koslowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I'd like to
vote aye on the Land Use Call-ups and vote aye on
the General Order Calendar as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: So ordered.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Thank you.

CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Mark-Viverito?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye
on all.

CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

CLERK: Nelson?

COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CLERK: Reyna?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.
3 CLERK: Rodriguez?
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.
5 CLERK: Rose?
6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.
7 CLERK: Sanders?
8 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.
9 CLERK: Ulrich?
10 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye on all.
11 CLERK: Vacca?
12 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.
13 CLERK: Vallone?
14 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on
15 all.
16 CLERK: Van Bramer?
17 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on
18 all.
19 CLERK: Vann?
20 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.
21 CLERK: Weprin?
22 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.
23 CLERK: Williams?
24 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on
25 all.

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CLERK: Oddo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
on all.

CLERK: Speaker Quinn?

SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Recchia?

COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Aye on
all.

CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All items
on today's General Order Calendar were adopted by
a vote of 47 in the affirmative with zero in the
negative and zero abstentions. The revised Land
Use Call-ups were adopted by a vote of 47 in the
affirmative. We now move on to Introduction and
Reading of the Bills.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Okay.
Discussion of Resolutions, we have Council Member

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Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you, Majority Leader. My colleagues, good afternoon, I am addressing you this afternoon regarding Resolution 157-A, which is a resolution that has been put forward by the Coalition for Educational Justice and some members of CEJ are in the audience this afternoon.

I'm asking you to support Resolution 157-A which basically is asking the chancellor in the Department of Education to come up with a transitional zone where troubled schools, schools under utilization review, schools in need of improvement will be put in the zone, additional resources will be given and technical expertise in order to turn these schools around.

Basically, it's mirrored after the old former Chancellor's District. This is an opportunity to help our struggling schools, before a decision is made, to turn them around. So I've given you the particular item and I ask you to support it when we vote on it this afternoon.

Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you

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2 very much, Council Member. Council Member Reyna
3 is next.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Good
5 afternoon. I urge my colleagues to vote on
6 Resolution 207, calling upon the United States
7 Congress to pass House Resolution 4224, the
8 Together We Care Act. This act would establish a
9 pilot program to train public housing residents as
10 home health aides and as home based health service
11 providers. It would enable these trained
12 residents to provide Medicaid eligible health
13 services to elderly and disabled residents of
14 public housing and federally assisted rental
15 housing.

16 The bill would create desperately
17 needed jobs for low income people while
18 simultaneously providing vital home based health
19 services in our city. House Resolution 4224 was
20 introduced in the United States House of
21 Representatives by Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez,
22 which has been a strong advocate for both public
23 housing and public health services throughout her
24 career.

25 This bill is estimated to create

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2 6,000 jobs nationwide within a population that is
3 severely under employed. I'd like to thank my
4 colleagues, co-sponsors Council Members Mark-
5 Viverito, Mendez, and Chin. Thank you to my
6 colleagues.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
8 very much. Seeing no others, we'll move on to a
9 vote on the resolutions. We'll do them
10 independent of each other. We have Resolution
11 157-A, an amended resolution calling upon the New
12 York City Department of Education to establish a
13 school transformation zone based on the model
14 proposed by the New York City Coalition for
15 Educational Justice to improve low performing
16 schools and prevent school closings. Amended and
17 adopted by the Committee on Education. All in
18 favor say aye.

19 COUNCIL: Aye.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All opposed
21 say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. The
22 resolution passes.

23 [Applause]

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Silence
25 please. Next, we'll have a vote on Resolution

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2 207. A resolution calling upon the United States
3 Congress to enact House Resolution 4224, the
4 Together We Care Act of 2009, which would
5 establish a pilot program to train public housing
6 residents as home health care aides and in-home
7 based healthcare services to enable residents to
8 provide coverer home based healthcare services to
9 residents of public housing and residents of
10 federally assisted rental housing who are elderly
11 or persons with a disability. It was adopted by
12 the Committee on Public Housing. All in favor say
13 aye.

14 COUNCIL: Aye.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: All opposed
16 say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it.
17 Resolution 207 passes. We'll now move on to
18 General Discussion. Council Member Jackson.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Thank you,
20 Majority Leader. My colleagues, I rise this
21 afternoon in order to congratulate one of our
22 colleagues, Domenic Recchia and Brad Lander's
23 wife. They ran the Brooklyn half marathon. So I
24 wanted to congratulate especially Domenic Recchia
25 since he said to me last year when Senator Perkins

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2 and I finished the Brooklyn half marathon on the
3 Boardwalk in Coney Island, which is his district,
4 he said to me, "Bob Jackson, I'm proud of you.
5 I'm going to run next year myself." He trained
6 and he ran. And let me just say to you publicly,
7 I am proud of you.

8 [Applause]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: He said to
10 me also that in training for the Brooklyn half
11 marathon he lost about 15 pounds, so Domenic,
12 don't gain it back. Keep it off. With that I
13 thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
15 Member Gale Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Just to
17 mention, we have three fabulous interns here
18 today, Amy Pasucu [phonetic], Carolyn Lizenski
19 [phonetic] and Baagari Jocoero [phonetic]. There
20 are two from NYU and one from Columbia University.
21 We always respect and appreciate the work of the
22 interns. Thank you very much.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Council
24 Member Oliver Koppell.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL:

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2 Colleagues, we have on the introduction agenda
3 today Intro 251 which I'm the prime sponsor with
4 Annabel Palma. Many of you are already co-
5 sponsors of the bill. It provides that where we
6 provide public subsidy to projects, those who
7 benefit from those projects should pay what is
8 called a living wage. Many communities, many
9 municipalities around the country have enacted
10 living wage legislation.

11 This is a commonsense measure that
12 says that where we give public subsidy, we should
13 expect that projects will support the wages of
14 people at least to a minimum level. \$10 an hour
15 is hardly enough really to support a family. It
16 comes out to \$18,000 a year. But at the very
17 least, where we subsidize a project, people should
18 earn that kind of money.

19 I say to the mayor and others that
20 we're willing to negotiate on this, but the
21 principle should in fact be established in law. I
22 hope that all of my colleagues will support this
23 initiative. I think it's a very important one
24 that I think sets up a principle and also a
25 reality in this city that should exist and that is

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2 when we support projects, those projects have to
3 be to the benefit of those who benefit from them.

4 So again, 251, I hope you'll fill
5 in the sheet today and indicate you'll be a co-
6 sponsor. We already have over 20 co-sponsors.
7 We're hopeful, as I say, that all of us will
8 ultimately be a sponsor and we're certainly
9 willing to negotiate with the administration on
10 this measure.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
12 very much, Council Member. Next we'll move on to
13 Council Member Jumaane Williams.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Just
15 briefly I wanted to say hopefully there are some
16 CUNY advocates and library advocates in the house.
17 I support restoration of funding for those, so
18 please, please stop emailing me. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
20 very much. Next we move on to Council Member
21 Ydanis Rodriguez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I would
23 like to call attention to everyone to the
24 situation that is going on, on the movement that
25 has been organizing in the city condemning the law

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2 signed by the government or Arizona. Last Monday
3 37 people participated including Melissa Mark-
4 Viverito and Assembly Member Espaillat and also
5 Hector Theodore from 32BJ. Next Tuesday is going
6 to be the last day of this particular action, so
7 we are calling for anyone who would like to
8 participate in this action.

9 Also, I am calling to my colleagues
10 to sign the resolution that we are putting right
11 now calling to boycott the State of Arizona. We
12 have 25 City Council ready to sign it, but we are
13 asking for the rest of my colleagues also to sign
14 on the resolution so that we can send a message to
15 the state that we are totally against this new
16 law. Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you
18 very much. Seeing no others, this meeting is now
19 adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Donna Hintze 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 *Donna Hintze*

Date June 14, 2010