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

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON
RABBI GERALD SKOLNIK

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3 SGT. BRADLEY: PC recording is up.

4 SGT. KOTOWSKI: Cloud recording started.

5 SGT. PEREZ: Backup is rolling.

6 SAFETY DIRECTOR: Thank you, gentleman.

7 Hello and good afternoon today's stated meeting. At

8 this time, I'd like to ask everyone to please turn

9 off all electric devices, turn them to vibrate.

10 Madame Majority Leader.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon

12 and welcome to the stated meeting of May 12th, 2021.

13 I'm Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, and I'd like to

14 thank you for joining us at this virtual meeting of

15 the New York City Council. If you would like to

16 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is

17 posted on our website.

18 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Would you please

19 join us for the Pledge of Allegiance. I Pledge

20 Allegiance to the flag of the United States of

21 America and to the Republic for which it stands, one

22 nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and

23 justice for all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. Roll

25 call.

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2 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Adams.

3 CM ADAMS: Present.

4 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ampry-Samuel.

5 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

6 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ayala.

7 CM AYALA: Present.

8 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Barron.

9 CM BARRON: Blessed and present.

10 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Borelli, Brannan,
11 Brooks-Powers.

12 CM BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

13 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Cabrera.

14 CM CABRERA: Also blessed and present.

15 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Chin.

16 CM CHIN: Present.

17 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Cornegy.

18 CM CORNEGY: Aqui.

19 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Darma Diaz.

20 CM DARMA DIAZ: Aqui.

21 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ruben Diaz,

22 Dinowitz.

23 CM DINOWITZ: Present.

24 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Dromm.

25 CM DROMM: Present.

2 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Eugene, Feliz.

3 CM FELIZ: Present.

4 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gennaro.

5 CM GENNARO: Here.

6 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gibson.

7 CM Gibson: Blessed and present.

8 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Gjonaj.

9 CM Gjonaj: Present.

10 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Grodenchik.

11 CM GRODENCHIK: Here.

12 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Holden.

13 CM HOLDEN: Here.

14 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Kallos, Koo.

15 CM Koo: Present.

16 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Koslowitz.

17 CM KOSLOWITZ: Present.

18 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Lander.

19 CM LANDER: I'm here.

20 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Levin, Levine.

21 CM LEVINE: Here.

22 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Louis.

23 CM LOUIS: Here.

24 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Maisel, Menchaca.

25 CM MENCHACA: Presente.

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2 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Miller.

3 CM MILLER: Present.

4 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Moya.

5 CM MOYA: Present.

6 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Perkins

7 CM MILLER: (Inaudible). That's good.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member

9 Miller, you should go on mute.

10 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Powers.

11 CM POWERS: Present.

12 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Reynoso.

13 CM REYNOSO: Present.

14 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Riley.

15 CM RILEY: Present.

16 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rivera, Rodriguez.

17 CM RODRIGUEZ: Presente.

18 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Kallos.

19 CM KALLOS: Present.

20 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rose.

21 CM ROSE: Here.

22 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Rosenthal.

23 CM ROSENTHAL: Here.

24 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Salamanca.

25 CM SALAMANCA: Present.

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2 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Treyger.

3 CM TREYGER: Here.

4 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ulrich, Vallone.

5 CM VALLONE: Here.

6 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Van Bramer.

7 CM VAN BRAMER: Here.

8 CM RIVERA: I'm sorry, I'm here.

9 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you, Council
10 Member. Yeger.

11 CM YEGER: Here.

12 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Matteo.

13 CM MATTEO: Here.

14 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Cumbo.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.

16 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Speaker Johnson.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

18 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: And Brannan.

19 CM BRANNAN: I'm here, thank you.

20 CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you. Madame
21 Majority Leader, we have a quorum.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
23 will now have today's invocation which will be
24 delivered by Rabbi Gerald Skolnik, spiritual leader

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2 of Forest Hills Jewish Center, located at 106-06
3 Queens Boulevard in Forest Hills.

4 RABBI GERALD SKOLNIK: Thank you so much
5 for granting me this honor. It's a pleasure to be
6 with all of you. (Inaudible) sovereign of the
7 universe. With humility and gratitude, we invoke the
8 full bounty of your blessings upon the men and women
9 of the New York City Council who bear the awesome
10 responsibility of steering this great metropolis
11 through unprecedented times of challenge. Be with
12 them as they deliberate, guide them as they are
13 called upon to make difficult and sometimes painful
14 choices and help them to know and understand that the
15 physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of our
16 city's citizens rests in no small measure on the
17 decisions that they make. As we gather together this
18 afternoon, we are intensely aware of how very fragile
19 all that we hold dear truly is. Like virtually every
20 great city in the world, COVID-19 has brought us to
21 our knees and exacted a terrible and painful price.
22 So many of us have lost beloved family and friends,
23 neighbors and colleagues, and beyond the human loses,
24 we have had to witness the devastation that this
25 pandemic has brought to our great city. Stores and

2 restaurants shuttered, theaters, movie houses and
3 museums closed, and children of all ages deprived of
4 the invaluable education and socialization that daily
5 school sessions provide, but as the Sanus has taught
6 us, those who sow in tears will harvest in joy. We
7 are on the cusp, on the very edge of a great
8 reawakening of our city as so many of the
9 restrictions on our daily activities are shortly to
10 be lifted. The advent of spring brings with it the
11 promise of seeing our children and grandchildren,
12 embracing our parents and grandparents, having a
13 night out or in with friends, seeing a play, hearing
14 a concert. The painful isolation of these past 15 or
15 so months is hopefully about to yield to a
16 rediscovery of all that makes our lives not only
17 livable, but joyous. As we contemplate the enormous
18 step back from the abyss, let us yet again express
19 our gratitude to those men and women who we now
20 understand as essential workers, whose courage in the
21 face of this pandemic enabled us to continue living,
22 from those who stock our food source and made food
23 shopping possible to the men and women of the NYPD
24 and NYFD, they let nothing stop them, and because of
25 that, we were able to survive. Let us acknowledge

2 yet again the incredible bravery and dedication of
3 nurses, doctors, orderlies, pharmacist, and all those
4 medical personnel who battled COVID-19 in a desperate
5 effort to save our loved ones and ourselves. Let us
6 once again express our gratitude to the men and women
7 who labored tirelessly and at great speed to develop
8 vaccines that would eventually bring us to this day
9 and treatments that are saving lives even as we
10 speak. For all this and so much more, dear God, we
11 thank you and ask humbly that you continue to shower
12 your blessings upon us all, and may I conclude simply
13 by asking one other humble request that we all pray
14 for the peace of Jerusalem, and we say Amen.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you
16 so much Rabbi Skolnik for that very, very timely and
17 prayerful message of hope that you've given us all
18 today. We thank you so much for being here, for
19 praying over us, but what I gained the most from your
20 prayer was recognizing the mourning that so many of
21 our colleagues are experiencing right now as they
22 continue to do the people's work that many of our
23 Council Members have lost parents, family members,
24 loved ones, spouses, and so we thank you for
25 remembering them in your prayer today. We will now

2 have Council Member Karen Koslowitz to spread the
3 invocation onto the record and thank you so much
4 Rabbi Skolnik for being with us here today.

5 RABBI GERALD SKOLNIK: Thank you Madame
6 Leader, much appreciated.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
8 Koslowitz, the floor is yours.

9 CM KOSLOWITZ: Thank you, Majority
10 Leader. Rabbi Gerald Skolnik, spiritual leader of
11 the Forest Hills Jewish Center was ordained by the
12 Jewish Theological Seminary in 1981 and has served as
13 Rabbi of the Forest Hills Jewish Center ever since.
14 In addition to his responsibilities at Forest Hills
15 Jewish Center, Rabbi Skolnik is involved in numerous
16 communal activities. He is the past President of the
17 Rabbinical Assembly, the Vice President of the Zamir
18 Coral Foundation and a member of the Board of
19 Directors of the Masorti and Masorti Olami
20 Foundations. He is a past chairman of the UJA
21 Federations Committee on AIDS, and a member of its
22 Board of Directors. Additionally, he is the
23 immediate past chair of JWB's Chaplin's Council and
24 is a member of the Board of Directors of the JCCA.
25 He also serves on the Board of Governors of the New

2 York Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Skolnik has published
3 numerous articles and he is a frequent blogger for
4 the New York Jewish League online additional with the
5 Times of Israel. He has lectured extensively
6 throughout the world and as appeared on national
7 radio and television. His collaborations with the
8 Western Wind Vocal Ensemble on "The Chanukkah Story,"
9 "The Birthday of the World: Music and Traditions of
10 the High Holidays," and "A Taste of Eternity: A
11 Musical Shabbat, have received wide critical acclaim.
12 These productions, commissioned by Public Radio
13 International and featured on NPR, feature scripts
14 written by Rabbi Skolnik, and read by Theodore Bikel,
15 Leonard Nimoy, and Tovah Feldshuh, and the Community
16 of Forest Hills is very lucky to have Rabbi Skolnik
17 as one of their spiritual leaders, and with that, I
18 make a motion to spread the invocation in full upon
19 the record.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
21 much, Council Member Koslowitz and thank you so much
22 for sharing Rabbi Skolnik with us today. This has
23 been quite an honor and a treasure to have him here
24 today. We'll now have the adoption of minutes by
25 Council Member Keith Powers.

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2 CM POWERS: Thank you, Majority Leader.

3 I make them motion that the minutes of the stated
4 meeting of April 22, 2021 be adopted.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so. We
6 will now go to message and papers from the mayor.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
9 from city, county and borough offices.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Petitions and
12 communications.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call
15 ups.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: M311 West 16th
17 Street, special permit.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. At this
19 time, I'd like to ask the clerk to take a roll call
20 vote on today's land use call up. Again, colleagues,
21 we're just voting on the land use call up.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Good afternoon.
23 Adams.

24 CM ADAMS: I.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

2 CM AMPRY SAMUEL: I.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala.

4 CM AYALA: I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barran.

6 CM BARRON: I vote I.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Borelli.

8 CM BORELLI: I vote I, thank you.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brannan.

10 CM BRANNAN: I.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

12 CM BROOKS-POWERS: I vote I.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Cabrera.

14 CM CABRERA: I.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Chin.

16 CM CHIN: I.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cornegy.

18 CM CORNEGY: I.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Darma Diaz.

20 CM DARMA DIAZ: I.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

22 CM RUBEN DIAZ: I.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dinowitz.

24 CM DINOWITZ: I.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.

2 CM DROMM: I.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Eugene, Feliz.

4 CM LOUIS: I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gennaro.

6 CM GENARRO: Yes.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Gibson.

8 CM GIBSON: I vote I.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gjonaj.

10 CM GJONAJ: I vote I.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Grodenchik.

12 CM GRODENCHIK: I.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Holden.

14 CM HOLDEN: I vote I.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kallos.

16 CM KALLOS: I.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koo.

18 CM KOO: I.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koslowitz.

20 CM KOSLOWITZ: I.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Lander.

22 CM LANDER: I.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levin, Council Member

24 Levin?

25 SPEAKER JOHNSON: He's not here.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Okay, we'll come
3 back. Levine.

4 CM LEVINE: I.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Louis.

6 CM LOUIS: I.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.

8 CM MAISEL: Yes.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.

10 CM MENCHACA: I.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Miller.

12 CM MILLER: I.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Moya.

14 CM MOYA: I.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Perkins. Council

16 Member Perkin?

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We'll come back.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Sure. Powers.

19 CM POWERS: I vote I.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Reynoso.

21 CM REYNOSO: I.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Riley.

23 CM RILEY: I.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rivera.

25 CM RIVERA: I.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rodriguez.

3 CM RODRIGUEZ: I.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rose.

5 CM ROSE: I.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rosenthal.

7 CM ROSENTHAL: I.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.

9 CM SALAMANCA: I.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Treyger.

11 CM TREYGER: I.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ulrich. Vallone.

13 CM VALLONE: I.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Van Bramer.

15 CM VAN BRAMER: I.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.

17 CM YEGER: I.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member Levin.

19 Council Member Perkins. Okay. Matteo.

20 CM MATTEO: I.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cumbo.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote I.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

24 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote I, and I believe

25 that Perkins and Levin are here if you want to try

2 them again. Council Member Levin, Council Member
3 Perkins, and Council Member Ulrich, how do you vote
4 on the land use call up? Council Member Ulrich?

5 CM ULRICH: I vote I.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Council Member Levin.
7 Council Member Perkins. Council Member Levin and
8 Perkins, are you there? Okay, thank you Mr. Clerk.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Sure.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Today's land use call
12 ups have a vote of 46 in the affirmative and zero in
13 the negative.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

15 Today's land use call up is adopted. We'll now have
16 communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Madame
18 Majority Leader. Good afternoon. Welcome to our
19 stated meeting today. Happy Wednesday. This month
20 we are marking Asian American and Pacific Islander
21 Heritage Month. This is a time to celebrate the rich
22 history and the achievements and contributions that
23 the Asian American and Pacific Islander community
24 have given our city, our state, and our country, but
25 sadly, we have seen a tremendous and unacceptable

2 increase in violence and harassment against Asian
3 American New Yorkers and this has been devastating.
4 Together, we must fight against all forms of racism.
5 Our agenda today includes a Resolution and a bill
6 designed to address hate crimes. We're also voting
7 to reduce waste and regulate mopeds. I'm proud of
8 this Council for fighting to make our city more
9 livable for all New Yorkers and these Bills are proof
10 of just that. I want to take a moment to wish all of
11 our Muslim friends and neighbors a blessed Eid after
12 a month of fasting and prayers, Eid Mubarak. Before
13 I delve into our legislative agenda, first I would
14 like to provide an update in our battle against
15 COVID-19. In New York City as of yesterday, 32,887
16 New Yorkers have died from the Coronavirus. These
17 are not just numbers, these are New Yorkers that are
18 mothers, fathers, sister, uncles, brothers, cousins,
19 friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We must never
20 forget any of them. I want to take a moment to
21 acknowledge some important losses in our city in
22 addition to those we've lost to COVID-19, including
23 those city workers who have died on the job. Simone
24 Lin (SP?) died working his delivery shift at a story
25 restaurant when the driver of the vehicle crashed

2 into his bike on April 29. He was 37 years old.

3 This is a reminder of the dangerous conditions that
4 delivery workers face every day, and I am proud that
5 this Council soon will be working on additional
6 legislation to protect them. I also want to
7 acknowledge the passing of a former assembly member
8 and former Deputy Borough President in Bronx, Aurelia
9 Greene. She was the first woman to lead the
10 Committee on Banks in the Assembly and the first
11 African American woman appointed a speaker pro
12 tempore. For decades, she served the people of the
13 Bronx and the entire city and state, tirelessly
14 fighting inequalities and injustices. She was 86
15 years old. I know she was a real mentor to Council
16 Member Vanessa Gibson, who I know has really been
17 mourning this tremendous loss, and I'm sure she'll
18 speak about her later, but we wanted to let the
19 public know of Aurelia Greene's contributions, and we
20 thank her for everything she has done for our city
21 and our state. As we do at every stated meeting, I
22 want to remember the lives of those that we've lost
23 recently due to 9/11-related illnesses. They include
24 retired FDNY Captain John Galvin. He died on April
25 29th at the age of 77 years old; retired firefighter,

2 Shawn Kinney, he died on May 5th at the age of 67
3 years old. Let us pause for a moment of silence for
4 Aurelia Greene, Simone Lin, John Galvin, Shawn
5 Kinney, and everyone that we've lost to COVID-19.
6 Thank you. Today, I also want to take a moment to
7 say a special thank you, a big thank you to Laura
8 Popa, the Council's Deputy Chief of Staff for
9 Legislation and Policy who is joining the De Blasio
10 Administration. Laura's work has had an enormous
11 impact on policy and legislation in the Council. She
12 was the architect behind the paid sick law, the young
13 women's initiative, and plans to close Riker's
14 Island. She was responsible for so much of the
15 Council's work on the environment, on homelessness,
16 on food policy. She has shaped criminal justice
17 reform, including legislation and punishment for
18 petty crimes such as littering and she has been a
19 trusted advisor to every speaker since Peter Vallone
20 and all of us have valued her work and her wisdom,
21 but perhaps her greatest legacy will be all the young
22 lawyers who she has mentored throughout the years,
23 many of whom are still at the Council. Laura has
24 made the city a better place for all New Yorkers.
25 She will be sorely missed by everyone at the Council.

2 I believe she is marking 21 years at the New York
3 City Council, so I really want to give a huge thank
4 you to Laura Popa for her service to the New York
5 City Council and to New York City. Best of luck in
6 your new position. A big round of applause for Laura
7 Popa.

8 CM RODRIGUEZ: Go Laura!

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you Laura. We're
10 going to miss you. We're happy for you.
11 Congratulations. I'd also like to acknowledge and
12 thank Sarah Gastelum. She has been a principal
13 finance analyst. She has done a tremendous amount of
14 work in the Council year after year, especially in
15 covering HPD and NYCHA and she recently joined the
16 mayor's team. I really want to thank Sarah for her
17 contributions to the Council as well, so
18 congratulations Sarah. We're going to miss you as
19 well. Now, on to our agenda for the day. Out of the
20 Land Use Committee, we will be voting on the
21 following items: 142-150 South Portland Avenue, an
22 Article 11 HPD application to amend a previous
23 approved tax exemption related to a project that went
24 through the (inaudible) to include community facility
25 space in the tax exemption, and this is in the

2 Majority Leader's Laurie Cumbo's District; 97 West
3 169th, a UDAP application to facility the development
4 of a 9-story 100% affordable building with 104 units
5 for low-income seniors in Council Member Vanessa
6 Gibson's District; the designation of the Harriett
7 and Thomas Truesdell House, the home of abolitionists
8 who resided there prior to the Civil War in Council
9 Member Steve Levin's District. This will be
10 designated as a historic landmark. Sendero Verde, a
11 UDAP application and Article 11 tax exemption in
12 Council Member Diana Ayala's District, which will
13 facilitate phase two of a previous approved project
14 including 707 units of housing of which 347 will be
15 affordable and commercial and retail space as well.
16 There's zoning for costal flood resiliency which
17 updates and makes permanent provisions in the zoning
18 text that were adopted on an emergency basis after
19 Hurricane Sandy. It provides communities in the
20 city's flood plains with more flexibility to design
21 retrofit buildings to withstand costal storms and
22 floods and to save on long term flood insurance cost
23 while making the city's many flood-prone
24 neighborhoods more resilient over time. We'll be
25 voting on three resilient neighborhood applications

2 in Garrison Beach, Sheep's Head Bay, and Old Howard
3 Beach. This is in Council Member Alan Maisel, Eric
4 Ulrich, and the 48th Council District; 86 Fleet Place
5 tax amendment in Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's
6 District will allow community facility use on the
7 ground floor; 68-19 Woodhaven Boulevard rezoning will
8 facilitate the development of the 7-story building
9 with 92 units of which 26 will be permanently
10 affordable in Council Member Karen Koslowitz's
11 District. We have two property tax exemptions from
12 Finance, (Inaudible) in my District will receive a
13 five-year extension of its partial Article 5 property
14 tax exemption to preserve 2280 units of affordable
15 cooperative housing; (Inaudible) senior houses in
16 Council Member Brooks-Power's District will receive a
17 partial forty-year Article 11 property tax exemption
18 to preserve 151 units of affordable senior housing.
19 There are also three business improvement district
20 items. Introduction 2267 and Introduction 2268, both
21 sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm by request of
22 the mayor which will authorize changes in the method
23 of assessment at both the Flatbush Avenue bid in
24 Council Member Eugene's District and the Queen's
25 Plaza and Court Street bid in Council Member Van

2 Bramer's District. Resolution 1616 would set the
3 date, time, and place for a public hearing on
4 Introduction 2291 which would authorize the
5 expansion, assessment increase, and change in
6 assessment method at the Flatiron 23rd Street
7 partnership bid which primarily falls in my District,
8 but there's portions of it in Council Member Power's
9 District and Council Member Rivera's District.

10 Moving on to our Legislative agenda. First, we're
11 voting on a bill out of the Technology Committee.
12 We're voting on Introduction Number 1755A sponsored
13 by Council Member Rob Holden, the Chair of that
14 Committee, both the 311 website and 311 mobile
15 applications have interactive map functionality or an
16 address look-up option; however, these mapping
17 functionalities do not assist the user well. For
18 example, it's impossible to select a location from
19 the mobile application unless the exact address is
20 known. This will require the Department of
21 Information, Technology and Communications, Do It to
22 conduct an assessment of the interactive map
23 functionality through 311 website and mobile device
24 applications that are used for the intake for 3-1-1
25 service requests and complaints. The goal is

2 improving location accuracy of the 3-1-1 intake map,
3 Do It would also be required to submit a report of
4 the results of the assessment to the Council. From
5 the staff, I want to thank Irene Byhovsky. We are
6 also voting on a bill and a Resolution to fight hate
7 crimes and bias in our city. Resolution Number 1619
8 sponsored by Council Member Peter Koo, calls on
9 Congress to pass and the President to sign the COVID-
10 19 Hate Crimes Act which will enhance hate crime
11 prevention efforts at the Federal level, and from the
12 staff, I want to thank Matthew Thompson. Also from
13 the Committee, we're voting on Introduction Number
14 2108A sponsored by Council Member Fernando Cabrera
15 which will increase the minimum penalty for the crime
16 of criminal defacement of houses of worship from \$500
17 to \$1000, acts of vandalism against houses of worship
18 in the city have been on the rise including four
19 instances involving synagogues in Riverdale just last
20 month. These instances are unacceptable and go
21 against everything that our city is all about. We
22 are sending a message to anyone who would target
23 houses of worship that would take these offenses
24 seriously, and from the staff, I want to thank Daniel
25 Ades. Up next, we have Introduction 2061A from our

2 Transportation Committee sponsored by the
3 Transportation Committee Chair, Council Member Ydanis
4 Rodriguez, moped share systems such as the service
5 operated by Revel consists of fleets of limited used
6 motorcycles, mopeds parked on the street and made
7 available to public for rental. In the last year,
8 the number of these devices on city streets has
9 increased dramatically, a trend that will continue as
10 new companies have recently entered the market. We
11 have to do everything we can to make sure these
12 companies are doing everything they can to keep
13 riders safe. We all remember the tragic death of CBS
14 reporter Nina Kapur. This shows how important it is
15 to get this right. Currently, the Department of
16 Transportation lacks the authority to regulate such
17 systems and no city permit is required for any moped.
18 I want to thank Elliott Lynn from the Transportation
19 Committee staff for his work on that bill, and we
20 have two Bills aimed at making our city healthier and
21 more environment oriented. First, Introduction
22 Number 1681A, sponsored by Council Member Jimmy Van
23 Bramer that will require the Chancellor of the
24 Department of Education to work with school
25 sustainability coordinators to develop a plan for

2 reducing food waste. This plan will be submitted to
3 the Department of Sanitation for recommendations as
4 well as the Council. This Bill would require the
5 Department of Education to submit an annual report
6 with information on DOE's actions to implement its
7 food waste prevention plan and the Chancellor's
8 updates to such plan. The Bill works in concert with
9 Introduction 1673A, which passed the Council last
10 month which requires all city agencies with food
11 procurement contracts to develop and implement a plan
12 for reducing food. I want to congratulate Council
13 Member Van Bramer and thank from the staff, Nadia
14 Johnson (SP?), Malcolm Buhorn (SP?), and Andrea
15 Vazquez (SP?). Lastly, we have a Bill aimed at
16 reducing single use plastics in our city. Each year,
17 more than 320 million tons of plastic are consumed
18 worldwide, and more plastic has more produced in the
19 last decade than ever before. Plastic in landfill
20 can take centuries to breakdown and it finds its way
21 into our oceans and waterways each year at an
22 estimated rate of one full garbage truck per minute.
23 Introduction Number 936A from our Committee on
24 Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing and sponsored
25 by Council Member Helen Rosenthal will restrict the

2 provisions of plastic straws, stirrers, and splash
3 sticks, all of which due to their size and nature of
4 use typically go to landfills and are not effectively
5 recycled. The Bill will restrict food service
6 establishments such as restaurants, delis, bars, and
7 grocery stores from providing single use plastic
8 straws, stirrers, and splash sticks to customers to
9 accommodate those who might need a plastic straw
10 based on a medical need, establishment must provide a
11 plastic straw to any customer who requests one free
12 of charge, no questions asked. Helen worked really
13 hard on this Bill. It took a lot of time, a lot of
14 meetings, a lot of nuances with a lot of stake
15 holders and I want to congratulate her for her hard
16 work, and from the staff, I want to thank Rachel
17 Cordero (SP?), Stephanie Jones (SP?), Lea Scorpiac
18 (SP?), and Noah Mike Slur (SP?). That concludes
19 today's Legislative agenda. I now turn it back over
20 to you, Madame Majority Leader. Thank you all very
21 much. Congratulations to all my colleagues passing
22 Bills today. Madame Majority Leader.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
24 much, Speaker Johnson. We will move into discussion
25 of general orders. We will recognize Council Members

2 who wish to speak by using the raise hand function in
3 Zoom. Please wait before you begin your remarks for
4 our Sergeant at Arms to announce he has begun the
5 countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms will alert you
6 when your time has expired. Mr. Parliamentarian, are
7 there any Council Members who wish to speak at this
8 time.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority
10 Leader. Council Member Rosenthal, Cabrera, and
11 Barron.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Okay. We are
13 going to start with Council Member Rosenthal, but I
14 just want to remind Members, we are just speaking at
15 this time on the Legislative agenda that we about to
16 vote on.

17 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

18 CM ROSENTHAL: Thank you so much. Helen
19 Rosenthal, Representative of Manhattan's upper west
20 side. The Bill we're passing today brings together a
21 tremendously diverse group of stakeholders to
22 accomplish a critical goal which is restricting the
23 use of plastic straws. As the Mayor's Office for
24 People with Disabilities Commissioner, Victor Calise
25 noted, sustainability is accessibility, and they go

2 hand-in-hand. Three years ago, I was the first to
3 join Council Member Espinal in sponsoring this
4 legislation that will dramatically reduce the use of
5 plastic straws and totally ban plastic stirrers and
6 slash guards in all of the following places: New
7 York City restaurants, bars, delis and other food
8 service establishments. With Council Member
9 Espinal's departure, I inherited and now am the prime
10 sponsor of this landmark Bill. The coalition that
11 fought so hard for this legislation understands that
12 plastic waste is gravely polluting our oceans and
13 waterways threatening the health of wildlife and
14 humans alike. This plastic trash includes millions
15 upon millions of straws which are extremely difficult
16 to recycle. I feel strongly that limiting their use
17 is a simple, but important step towards addressing
18 our plastic trash crisis. At the same time, it's
19 absolutely fundamental that we protect the civil
20 rights and independence of our disability community.
21 The ability to request a plastic straw is a critical
22 protection for disabled customers who need them to
23 eat and/or drink. Our disability community works
24 closely with environmentalist, the restaurant
25 industry ... (crosstalk).

2 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time expired.

3 CM ROSENTHAL: Council, may I continue
4 for a minute?

5 MAJORITY LAURIE CUMBO: Please, please
6 bring your remarks to a close.

7 CM ROSENTHAL: Thank you. Thank you, for
8 all of them to work together for this legislation to
9 be voted on today to protect the rights of all New
10 Yorkers. I'm proud of the Council's work in engaging
11 the stakeholders. Step-by-step, we are limited New
12 York City's consumption of plastic, rather it's
13 shopping bags, single use bottles, eating utensils,
14 and now straws. This will be a lasting achievement.
15 While I'm proud to be here for the assist, getting it
16 over the finish line, I want to thank everyone who
17 worked so hard to make this Bill a reality, starting
18 with former Council Member Rafael Espinal, Speaker
19 Corey Johnson, Edward Freeman (SP?) of the Mayor's
20 Office for People with Disabilities, Junith Enic
21 (SP?) of Beyond Plastics, the Natural Resources
22 Defense Council Nya Purg (SP?), and Joseph Rackaport
23 (SP?) of the Brooklyn Center for Independence of the
24 Disabled, and so many others. Thank you, and thank
25 you for the extra time, Majority Leader Cumbo.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
3 Council Member Rosenthal on this forward-thinking
4 legislation. I'll now bring it over to Council
5 Member Cabrera, followed by Council Member Barron.

6 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

7 CM CABRERA: Thank you so much, Majority
8 Leader and thank you for always going this job with
9 such a grace. As many of you know, recently we have
10 seen a dramatic increase in the number of attacks
11 defacing New York City houses of worship. These
12 attacks directed against some of our most cherished
13 and sacred institutions are a front against all New
14 Yorkers and should be roundly condemned. Bill 2108A
15 will increase the minimal penalty as it was stated by
16 the Speaker for damaging houses of worship from \$500
17 to \$1000. This increase will serve as added layer of
18 protection for our houses of worship and it will
19 demonstrate our commitment to supporting our city's
20 religious institutions. Let me be clear, every New
21 Yorker deserves to feel secure in practicing their
22 faith. We heard about the four synagogues that were
23 attacked in the Bronx. As the matter of fact, I know
24 some of the Rabbis personally. We have seen mosques,
25 right here in the Bronx and throughout the city that

2 also have seen their houses of worship defaced. Over
3 45 catholic churches, my own church with our pastor,
4 it was defaced just the other day. We must do better
5 with houses of worship and protecting our houses of
6 worship in light of the fact that houses of worship
7 do so much for our community. I want to give a
8 special thanks to our Speaker, Corey Johnson, Chair
9 Adams, Jason Golden (SP?), Senior Legislative
10 Council, Daniel Ades, and my own Legislative
11 Director, Claude Pena (SP?). Thank you, Majority
12 Leader.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
14 much, Council Member Cabrera. We'll now go to
15 Council Member Barron.

16 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

17 CM BARRON: Thank you, Madame Majority
18 Leader. I just want to wish everyone good health and
19 that you continue to follow all the protocols so that
20 we can continue to include the health of our city,
21 and I just want to remind us of the (inaudible) of
22 the road that this Body plays in terms of preserving
23 our city and moving forwards, and sometimes we often
24 times have long-lasting impact on the decisions that
25 we make. I'm talking about Land Use Number 760 which

2 is going to give landmark status to the Harriett and
3 Thomas Truesdale home. The reason that this home was
4 almost demolished was because in 2004, the downtown
5 Brooklyn Urban Renewal Plan was approved. That plan
6 has resulted in that mass structures that you see
7 downtown Brooklyn which did not, in fact, follow what
8 the intent of the plan was and was subverted through
9 devious methods to bring in the high-rise housing
10 that's presently there. To talk particularly about
11 the home that we were able to continue to fight for,
12 it was scheduled for demolition. There was a study
13 that was commissioned by the ECD to be conducted by
14 AKRF and that report said that it did not warrant
15 being landmark because there was no substantial proof
16 that it was any way involved in the abolitionist
17 movement. However, the report was found to be
18 fraudulent, found to contain lies, found to said that
19 they interviewed people that they did not interview,
20 and so that sort of really pulled the legs from the
21 movement forward. There were groups and
22 organizations that fought, the Brooklyn Legal
23 Services, the Fury Organization, Family United for
24 Racial and Economic Equality, and a just a general
25 push ... (crosstalk).

2 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time expired.

3 CM BARRON: If I can complete, conclude?

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, please

5 conclude.

6 CM BARRON: Thank you, and I just want to
7 give special accommodation to Council Member Charles
8 Barron (SP?), Council Member Latisha James (SP?), and
9 Council Member Al Van (SP?) who insisted that this
10 project be further explore and that our history not
11 be lost because it certainly was own by folks who
12 were known to be abolitionists and there were
13 downward shafts that could not otherwise be explained
14 and justified. So, we're glad that this landmarking
15 status is going to take place and we want to make
16 sure that people realize that the decisions that we
17 make as a City Council have far-lasting impact. We
18 need to mindful of that and not have any so-called
19 unintended consequences. Thank you very much.

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

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority
24 Leader. Council Member Van Bramer.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
3 Van Bramer.

4 CM VAN BRAMER: Thank you very much.

5 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

6 CM VAN BRAMER: I'm really proud that
7 this Council is going to be voting on Intro 1631
8 today. I want to thank Speaker Johnson and the
9 entire team for their support of this legislation.
10 Every day the New York City Department of Education
11 provides meals for over one million New York City
12 children who attend our public schools. This is
13 equal to hundreds of millions of pounds of food
14 produced and consumed every year. This past year,
15 the Department of Education worked to redirect much
16 of this food to those in the community in need.
17 However, it was still a massive amount of food waste
18 that was created. There is an untold amount of food
19 waste that gets discarded from schools without real
20 tracing. Much of this waste is preventable through
21 the implementation of a real food waste prevention
22 plan. The Department of Education can divert much of
23 their waste from the landfill to food kitchens,
24 compose or simply reduce waste. This legislation
25 follows reports on the Department of Education

2 wasting over \$800,000.00 in food warehoused by the
3 DOE in June of 2020. Through these food waste
4 prevention plans, each school will be required to
5 create concrete plans to cut the amount of excess
6 food our schools send to landfill, finding ways
7 instead to donate, compost, and reduce surplus.
8 Again, I want to thank Speaker Johnson, all the staff
9 including my Legislative Director, Jack Bernatovicz
10 and my Chief of Staff Matt Wallace on this important
11 legislation. Thank you very much.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
13 Council Member Van Bramer. Are there any other
14 members at this time who wish to speak?

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority
16 Leader.

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
18 will now go onto the report of special committees.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: None.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
21 standing committees.

22 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
23 Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing
24 Intro 936A, single use plastic beverage straws.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 40

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

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: For the Committee on
5 Education, Intro 1681A, food waste prevention plans.

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

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
9 Committee on Finance, Intros 2267, 2268 and Reso
10 1616, business improvement districts.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
12 orders.

13 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered LU787
14 and Reso 1631 and preconsidered LU788 and Reso 1632,
15 tax exemptions.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
17 orders.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
19 Committee on Landuse, LU753 and 754 side and street
20 rezoning.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Excuse me, approved
22 with modifications and referred to the city planning
23 commission pursuant to section 197D of the New York
24 City Charter.

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1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 41

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU759 and Reso 1633,
3 97 West 69th Street.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
5 orders.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU760 and Reso 1634,
7 landmark designation.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
9 orders.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU761 and Reso 1635
11 and LU762 and Reso 1636 UDAP Manhattan.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
13 orders.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU763 (inaudible)
15 rezoning.

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
17 modifications and referred to the city planning
18 commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York
19 City Charter.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU770 and 771 Governs
21 Island rezoning.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
23 modifications and referred to the city planning
24 commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York
25 City Charter.

1 CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 42

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU772 and Reso 1637
3 through LU774 and Reso 1639, Zoning amendments.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled (inaudible).

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: LU775 and 776, 431
6 Concord Avenue rezoning.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
8 modifications and referred to the city planning
9 commission pursuant to Section 197D of the New York
10 City Charter.

11 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered LU789
12 and Reso 1640 tax exemption.

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
14 orders.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Report of the Committee
16 on Public Safety, Intro 2108A, penalties for damaging
17 houses of worship.

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

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Report of the Committee
21 on Rules, Privileges and Elections, preconsidered
22 Reso 1630 Council Committee changes.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
24 orders.

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
3 Committee on Technology, Intro 1755A, 311 Service
4 matter.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
6 general orders.

7 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report of the
8 Committee on Transportation, Intro 2061A Moped Share
9 System.

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

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: On the general orders
13 calendar, LU766 and Reso 1624 through LU769 and Reso
14 1627, resilient neighborhoods.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
16 orders.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: And also on the
18 general orders calendar, LU765 and Reso 1641, zoning
19 for costal flood resiliency.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
21 orders, and at this time, I'm asking the Clerk to
22 take a roll call vote on all of the items that are
23 coupled on today's general orders calendar.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Adams.

25 CM ADAMS: I.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

3 CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote I.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala.

5 CM AYALA: I.

6 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barron.

7 CM BARRON: I vote I on all with the
8 except of 773 and 774, thank you.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Borelli.

10 CM BORELLI: I on all except Intro 936A,
11 thank you.

12 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Brannan.

13 CM BRANNAN: I vote I on all, thank you.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

15 CM BROOKS-POWERS: I vote I on all.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cabrera.

17 CM CABRERA: Congratulations to all of
18 the sponsors of the Bills, and I on all.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Chin.

20 CM CHIN: I also want to congratulate all
21 my colleagues on passing legislation today, and I
22 vote I on all, thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cornegy.

24 CM CORNEGY: Congratulations to my
25 colleagues. I on all.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Darma Diaz.

3 CM DARMA DIAZ: I vote I on all.

4 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

5 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Permission to explain my
6 vote.

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8 granted.

9 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

10 CM RUBEN DIAZ: Thank you. As a minister
11 and as a pastor of the Christian Community
12 Neighborhood Church in Rose County, and as the
13 President of the New York Hispanic Association, I
14 take the opportunity to congratulate my colleague,
15 Fernando Cabrera for such a wonderful deal,
16 Introduction 2108 to protect houses of worship.
17 Fernando Cabrera, congratulations. You have
18 demonstrated that you really are a leader that cares
19 for everyone regardless and I'm proud today to vote
20 yes on (inaudible) 2108 and I tell you, you have
21 touched my heart as a minister and I congratulate you
22 again, and Adelante Fernando. I vote yes on all.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dinowitz.

25 CM DINOWITZ: I vote yes on all.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.

3 CM DROMM: I'd like to congratulate and
4 thank Laura Popa for all that she's done for the City
5 Council and for her friendship and to say that she
6 has had a significant impact on the lives of all New
7 Yorkers through her legislation and her work on
8 legislation. Thank you, Laura, good luck, and
9 (inaudible), and with that, I vote I.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Eugene.

11 CM EUGENE: May I have permission to vote
12 all the (inaudible) and today's agenda.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes, you may.

14 CM EUGENE: Thank you so very much. I
15 just want to also to congratulate all my colleagues
16 who are passing legislation today. With this, I vote
17 I on all.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Feliz.

20 CM FELIZ: Thank you all for your
21 leadership on these issues. I vote yes on all the
22 Bills.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Gennaro.

24 CM GENNARO: Yes.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gibson.

2 CM GIBSON: Permission to explain.

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
4 granted.

5 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

6 CM GIBSON: Thank you, Madame Majority
7 Leader, good afternoon everyone, Speaker, all my
8 colleagues. I first want to congratulate everyone
9 for introducing important Bills that are being passed
10 in today's agenda. I want to thank my colleagues for
11 supporting Land Use 759, Reso 1633 which relates to
12 the construction of 104 units of affordable housing
13 for seniors in the High Bridge Community of the
14 Bronx. I'm thankful for our partnership with
15 Wishfish, Westside Federation for Seniors and
16 Supportive Housing and really providing critical
17 investments for seniors and permanent housing that we
18 desperately need in the Borough of the Bronx. I want
19 to join with everyone in congratulating Laura Popa.
20 It's been an honor working with you over the eight
21 years I've been in the Council and truly, I want to
22 thank you for your work on the Criminal Justice
23 Reform Act. Your hard work, your leadership, your
24 commitment is unmatched, and I wish you well on your
25 new journey and your new endeavor. We will miss you

2 and I thank you so much for your work, Laura, and
3 lastly, I want to thank Speaker Johnson and all of my
4 colleagues who have reached out in expressing their
5 condolences and prayers of comfort, healing, and
6 strength of the passing of the political mentor, my
7 political mothers, Aurelia Greene. She meant so much
8 to so many. She lived to be 86 years young, and I am
9 so grateful to God that he allowed me to work with
10 her starting as her intern in college. She walked
11 with me, she held my hand, and she is someone who
12 believed in me, and I am so grateful for my political
13 career. She is my mother, my mentor, and I'm so
14 grateful that God allowed many of us to see the
15 fruits of her labor and you know, we're going to
16 celebrate her life next week. If anyone wants
17 information, the website is
18 www.e218events.com/aureliagreene,a and I want to
19 thank the mayor and the Bronx borough President for
20 acknowledging her passing by flying all of our flags
21 at half mass at city hall and at Bronx borough for
22 just to acknowledge the life, the legacy, and the
23 labor of love of the honorable Aurelia Greene.

24 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time expired.

2 CM GIBSON: She is a queen in every
3 sense, and she has earned her crown and she has
4 earned her wings. So, God be all the glory. I vote
5 I on today's agenda. Thank you, colleagues.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
7 Council Member Gibson, and my condolences to you as I
8 know this is a huge loss for you, and for everybody
9 in the Bronx and beyond. Thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gjonaj.

11 CM GJONAJ: Permission to explain my
12 vote, Majority Leader?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Granted.

14 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

15 CM GJONAJ: I was to offer my condolences
16 to my colleague, Councilwoman Gibson on the passing
17 of Aurelia Greene. My prayers are with her family
18 and all her loved ones and friends and all the people
19 that she's impacted in her life. May she rest in
20 peace. She certainly is leaving this world better
21 than when she found it. She made it a much better
22 world to live in. She'll be surely missed, and with
23 that, I vote I on all except for Intro 936A and A
24 Happy Eid Mubarak to all my Muslim brothers and
25 sisters.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Grodenchik.

4 CM GRODENCHIK: Permission to briefly
5 explain my vote.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
7 granted.

8 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

9 CM GRODENCHIK: First, let me give my
10 condolences to Council Member Gibson. Having lost my
11 two mentors last summer, three days apart, I am
12 certainly feeling your pain this week. I had the
13 honor of serving with Aurelia in the Assembly a long
14 time ago. She was always with a smile on her face,
15 and I know that my former boss and mentor, Betty
16 Mayeson (SP?), God rest her soul, loved her very much
17 and they were very close. I want to wish a Happy
18 Eid, especially to our colleague and my Jamaica
19 Avenue Caucus colleague and dear Friend, Unique
20 Miller, and with that, I vote I on all.

21 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Holden.

22 CM HOLDEN: I on all.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Kallos.

24 CM KALLOS: (Inaudible).

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2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: My apologies, Council
3 Member Kallos.

4 CM KALLOS: I on all.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Koo.

6 CM KOO: Good afternoon. I want to send
7 my congratulations to Laura Popa on her new role.
8 This is a big loss for the Council, and I will miss
9 our chats in the elevator. Thank you for always
10 being so helpful and for your support over the years.
11 I look forward to working with you in your new
12 capacity, and with that, I vote I on all, thank you.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
14 much.

15 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Koslowitz.

16 CM KOSLOWITZ: Permission to explain my
17 vote.

18 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
19 granted.

20 CM KOSLOSWITZ: First of all, I want to
21 congratulate my colleagues on the legislation we are
22 passing today. I also want to express my sympathy to
23 Aurelia Greene. I had the pleasure of being Deputy
24 Borough President with her, and we had many, many
25 lunches together. She was fine, fine lady, and my

2 condolences to you, Vanessa. I know how close you
3 were with Aurelia, and to Laura Popa, it's been a
4 great 21 years and I look forward to the next 21
5 years. Thank you for everything that you have done
6 for the Council and for all of us. Love you and
7 we'll miss you. I vote I on all.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Lander.

9 CM LANDER: I vote I on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levin.

11 CM LEVIN: Permission to explain my vote.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
13 granted.

14 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

15 CM LEVIN: Thank you, Madame Majority
16 Leader. First, I want to wish an Eid Mubarak to my
17 Muslim friends, and I wish them many good wishes. I
18 want to thank Laura Popa for all that she has done
19 for the Council, all that she had done for me
20 personally, and for my constituents. Laura has put
21 in many, many tireless hours and hard work on behalf
22 of this Council and we owe her a great bit of
23 gratitude, so Laura, thank you so very much. I want
24 to offer my condolences to my friend, Vanessa Gibson
25 on the passing of former Assembly Member, Aurelie

2 Green. When I was a staff working in the Assembly, I
3 remember Aurelia Greene Presiding over Assembly
4 sessions and she always gave those proceedings the
5 grandure and dignity and seriousness of purpose that
6 they deserved, and that small interaction left a mark
7 on me, and I can only imagine how meaningful her
8 influence has been (inaudible) and I vote I on all.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Levine.

11 CM LEVINE: Thank you. First with
12 gratitude and best wishes to Laura Popa. Thank you
13 for all you've done for the body, wishing good luck
14 on the road ahead, and deep condolences to my dear
15 friend, Council Member Gibson and to all the Bronx on
16 the loss of Assembly Member Greene. My heart goes
17 out to you, and I will be voting I on all. Thank
18 you.

19 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Louis.

20 CM LOUIS: Good afternoon.

21 Congratulations to all the Bills sponsors.

22 Congratulations Laura. I vote I on all. Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.

24 CM MAISEL: Yes.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.

2 CM MENCHACA: I want to wish all my
3 brothers and sisters in the Muslim community an Eid
4 Mubarak. I also want to say thank you for all your
5 service, Laura Popa in the City Council and good luck
6 on your next venture. Condolences to my Council
7 Member, Sister Aurelia Greene from the Bronx, Vanessa
8 Gibson. I vote I on all. Thank you.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Miller.

10 CM MILLER: Eid Mubarak, and I want to
11 say that to all of those who engaged in the fast of
12 the holy month of Ramadan for the past 30 days that
13 all your fasts, your prayers, your acts of kindness,
14 and your charity be received and pleasing to God, and
15 I especially want to thank the many groups throughout
16 the city, Muslim and non-Muslim alike that provided
17 thousands of meals to families during the month of
18 Ramadan. Certainly, I want to add my condolences to
19 the legendary Assembly Member, Aurelie Greene that
20 has been a mentor, teaching God so many folks,
21 touched so many lives. With that I vote I on all.
22 Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
24 Member Moya.

25 CM MOYA: I vote I on all.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Perkins. We'll come
3 back. Powers.

4 CM POWERS: I vote I on all, thank you.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Reynoso.

6 CM REYNOSO: Permission to explain my
7 vote.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
9 granted.

10 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

11 CM REYNOSO: Thank you, Majority Leader.

12 I just want to congratulate Laura Popa who will miss
13 dearly for the great work that she did. Thank you
14 sitting through my policy dumps and bringing some
15 clarity to a lot of the work that I did on
16 legislation. You're friendship was great, and I hope
17 that you continue to do great things and now,
18 hopefully we can catch for some coffee somewhere in
19 Brooklyn and enjoy some time outside of work, but
20 Laura Popa, I just want to say thank you so much,
21 thank you so much, and I would like to vote I on all.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Riley.

24 CM RILEY: Permission to explain my vote.

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

5 CM RILEY: I just want to take this time
6 express my sympathy and share the same sentiments as
7 Council Member Gibson. We lost a true pioneer in the
8 Bronx this past weekend. We're hurt desperately in
9 the Bronx so, Vanessa, I know Aurelia was your
10 mentor, just as Carl was my mentor, so I know you're
11 going through this more harder than a lot of the
12 people in the Bronx, so thank you for your services.
13 I know she's smiling down on you. Aurelia will be
14 missed. I will be voting I on all. Congratulations,
15 Colleagues, thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rivera.

18 CM RIVERA: Congrats to Council Member
19 Dinowitz and his Committee Chairmanship. Many thanks
20 to Laura Popa for her years of service and of course,
21 my friend, Vanessa Gibson, many, many condolences.
22 You know you're making her very, very proud. I vote
23 I on all.

24 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you.
25 Rodriguez. Rose.

2 CM ROSE: Permission to explain my vote,
3 please.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

7 CM ROSE: Thank you. I want to wish Eid
8 Mubarak to all of my Muslim brothers and sisters, and
9 I especially want to extend condolences and prayers
10 to my sister, Vanessa Gibson. I know how hard it is
11 lose a mentor, and to the family of Aurelia Greene.
12 She is actually legendary, and you might not know it,
13 but she served as a mentor to many of us, and I just
14 want to just thank, and second Council Member's
15 Dromm's remarks about Laura Popa. Laura, it's been a
16 long 12 years with me, you've been here 21, but she
17 leaves a very strong legislative legacy and your
18 contributions to the Council and life changing
19 legislation that you helped us pass has been
20 immeasurable. I want to wish you congratulations and
21 the best of all, my friend, and I hope to see you
22 soon, and good luck in your new endeavors. I want to
23 vote I on all.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

25 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Rosenthal.

2 CM ROSENTHAL: Permission to explain my
3 vote.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
5 granted.

6 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

7 CM ROSENTHAL: Thank you so much Majority
8 Leader. Of course, condolences to my sister, Council
9 Member Gibson. You are a star, and a lot of people
10 made you that way, but it sounds like you had an
11 amazing mentor, and you know, yeah. So, condolences
12 to Council Member Gibson. Eid Mubarak to my Muslim
13 friends. Laura, I want to say to you, I agree with
14 everything Dromm, Rose, Reynoso just said about you.
15 All of that is true, and they stole all my good
16 lines, so, here's what I'm left with. I really
17 appreciate the fact that you listened to my cockameme
18 ideas. You kept me from pursuing legislation that
19 was truly cocameme and you also helped me pursue
20 legislation that made a real difference in the lives
21 of all New Yorkers, so thank you for that. The
22 city's administration is really lucky to get you, and
23 I hope our paths continue to cross. I think I
24 already voted I, yes?

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You can vote I
3 again.

4 CM ROSENTHAL: And I vote I on all.
5 Thank you very much.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Just to be
7 thorough.

8 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.

9 CM SALAMANCA: I on all.

10 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Treyger.

11 CM TREYGER: Permission to explain my
12 vote.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
14 granted.

15 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

16 CM TREYGER: Thank you. I want to begin
17 by also sending and expressing my condolences to
18 Council Member Gibson, to the entire Bronx, to all
19 those who have been impact by the loss of the
20 honorable, and I repeat, the honorable Aurelia
21 Greene, and a testament to leadership is setting in
22 motion and preparing the next generation of
23 leadership and Council Member Gibson and many others
24 are a testament to the impact and legacy of the work
25 of the honorable Aurelia Greene, so may her memory

2 always be a blessing. I also want to say Eid Mubarak
3 to our Muslim friends and neighbor, and I also want
4 to say to Laura Popa, Laura Popa is someone who
5 always made possible what the administration often
6 told us was impossible and she always took time to
7 listen to exchange wonderful ideas and many times,
8 effective push back against the administration to
9 make things happen, and I value those who make things
10 happen, and Laura, thank you for your service to this
11 Council, to the institution. I wish you continued
12 success. Congrats to all my colleagues passing their
13 Bills today, and with that, I vote I on all.

14 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Ulrich.

15 CM ULRICH: I vote I on all.

16 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Vallone.

17 CM VALLONE: I vote I on all.

18 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Van Bramer.

19 CM VAN BRAMER: I on all.

20 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.

21 CM YEGER: I on all with the exception of
22 Intro 936.

23 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. One
24 moment. Council Member Perkins. Council Member
25 Rodriguez. Matteo.

2 CM MATTEO: No, on 936A, I on the rest.

3 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Cumbo.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote I, and I
5 also want to join my colleagues in wishing Laura Popa
6 the very best in her new role. As a new Council
7 Member when I first got elected, as soon as came into
8 the Council, it was as if Laura Popa was a legend of
9 sort and someone that we all needed to know very
10 well, and had to figure out how to create a
11 relationship with in order to get legislation passed,
12 and so, I remember being very intimidated upon first
13 meeting her, but then over the years, just forming a
14 really beautiful friendship and someone who is very
15 helpful to me in getting legislation passed so, I
16 wish you, I thank you first for all that you did for
17 me while you were here in the City Council to also
18 get my legislative ideas off the ground. I wish you
19 the best on the other side, and I hope there, you
20 will also find ways to be able to be helpful to me,
21 and I hope that whatever you do in the future, you'll
22 always find ways to be helpful to me. So, thank you.
23 Good luck to you. We celebrate you. You are
24 awesome. You are a dynamic woman, and we thank you
25 so much for your leadership, and thank you for your

2 voice and your advocacy, but mostly your brilliance
3 and your intelligence which has helped many of us
4 shape our legislative ideas. Thank you.

5 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

6 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote I on all. It's
7 been very moving to hear everyone's gratitude to
8 Laura Popa, so thank you Laura.

9 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Okay, all items on
10 today's general order calendar have a vote of 47 in
11 the affirmative, and zero in the negative, and no
12 abstentions with the exception of Introduction 936A
13 with a vote of 43 in the affirmative, four in the
14 negative, no abstentions; and Land Use items 773 and
15 774 with their accompanying resolutions, have a vote
16 of 46 in the affirmative, one in the negative, no
17 abstentions, and the revised Land Use call vote is
18 now 47 in the affirmative and zero in the negative.
19 Thank you.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: You're on mute Madame
21 Majority Leader.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: The items on
23 today's general orders calendar are adopted.
24 Introduction and reading of Bills.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All Bills are referred
3 to Committees as indicated on today's agenda.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We'll
5 now move into the discussion of Resolutions. As a
6 remind, please wait until the Sergeant at Arms begins
7 the countdown clock before you begin your remarks.
8 Mr. Parliamentarian, are there any members that have
9 wished to sign up to speak on the Resolutions that we
10 will be voting on today specifically.

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes. Council Member
12 Koo.

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
14 Koo, you may begin.

15 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

16 CM KOO: Thank you, Majority Leader. As
17 the city with the most reported hate crimes in the
18 nation, New Yorkers know how important it is that we
19 report any hate crimes whenever and where ever they
20 occur, but New York City is not a lender or some
21 other state where authorities may be unfamiliar with
22 the Asian community. This hasn't stopped attacks
23 from happening here. We need to make sure that
24 reporting mechanisms are in place here and across
25 this country. We need to make sure law enforcement

2 and social services and governments know what to do
3 when hate rears it's ugly head and we need to make
4 sure our community is comfortable coming forward.
5 So, I'm happy to be here to vote on these Resolution
6 calling on the Congress to pass and the President to
7 sign the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. This Federal
8 legislation is sponsored by the Congresswoman, Grace
9 Meng and Senator Mazie Hirono review of COVID-19 hate
10 crimes. It will also issue guidance for reporting in
11 multiple languages and for eliminating racist
12 language. I would like to thank Congresswoman Grace
13 Meng and Senator Mazie Hirono for sponsoring this
14 legislation, and I would also like to thank Speaker
15 Johnson for bringing this to a vote so great, and
16 Council Member Chin for sponsoring this legislation
17 with me. Special thanks to Chair Adams, Jason
18 Goldman (SP?), Laura Popa, Chad Baker (SP?), Matt
19 Townsend (SP?), and the entire Public Safety
20 Committee staff and also my own staff.

21 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time expired.

22 CM KOO: Thank you.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
24 much, Council Member Koo, and thank you so much for
25 your leadership on this very, very important issues.

2 Are there any other members that wish to speak at
3 this time?

4 PARLIAMENTARIAN: There are, Madame
5 Majority Leader. Council Member Grodenchik and
6 Cabrera, and again, this is just on the Resolution
7 we'll be voting on now.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
9 Grodenchik, you may begin.

10 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

11 CM GRODENCHIK: I just want to add my
12 voice to Peter Koo, my dear friend and colleague.
13 After Peter, I represent a District with probably the
14 second largest Asian American population in the City
15 of New York, and the fear on the streets is probable.
16 So many of us have attended rallies again hate
17 including one a week and a half ago that was
18 organized by our Borough President and Congresswoman
19 Meng, that stepped off from Flushing Town Hall. We
20 live side-by-side as I've often said. We are a
21 united nations here in New York City, and the disease
22 of hate can take an especially high toll here in New
23 York City where we depend upon each other so much to
24 go about our daily lives, so we here on the New York
25 City Council today are taking a very, very important

2 stand to let the haters know that hate will not
3 thrive in our communities, in our city, and that we
4 are leading the way united. Different people from
5 different fates, different backgrounds, different
6 ethnic groups, but all united in opposing hate. So,
7 thank you, Madame Majority Leader for allowing me to
8 say a few words and I thank Council Members Koo and
9 Chin for leading this fight. Thank you.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, and
11 Council Member Cabrera.

12 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

13 CM CABRERA: Thank you so much. I also
14 want join in and thank Council Member Peter Koo and
15 Margaret Chin. As a few of you may know is that my
16 daughter-in-law, she's from Thailand, and I have a
17 Thai Rican grandson, and I'd like to honest with you,
18 I worry every time she goes out, and she's bold,
19 she's strong, but we have to do better, and we all
20 have to be part of the solution, and again, thank
21 you, both Council Member Koo and Chin for your
22 leadership.

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

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority
3 Leader.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. We
5 will now have a voice vote on today's Resolution. If
6 you wish to vote against or abstain from today's
7 Resolution, please notify the legislative documents
8 unit by email. I'll now read today's Resolution into
9 the record. Resolution 1619 calls upon the United
10 States Congress to pass and the President to sign the
11 COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, HR1843S937 which would
12 facilitate the expedited review of COVID 19 hate
13 crimes. Will all those in favor, please say I.

14 VARIOUS PEOPLE: I.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All those
16 opposed, please say nay. Any abstentions? These
17 eyes have it. We'll now move into general
18 discussion. As a reminder, please wait until the
19 Sergeant at Arms begins the countdown clock before
20 you begin your remarks. Mr. Parliamentarian, are
21 there any members who wish to speak on today's
22 general discussion timeline?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority
24 Leader. Council Members Riley, Barron, and Miller.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
3 Riley, you may begin.

4 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

5 CM RILEY: Thank you Majority Leader and
6 I come to my colleagues. Today, I'll be introducing
7 my first legislation, LS1450, a local law to amend
8 the administrative call of the City of New York in
9 relation to limiting fees associating with vacating a
10 premise. Affordability is the key to the recovery of
11 New York City. For many New Yorkers, it starts with
12 affordable housing and providing relief to New York
13 City tenants. I'm elated to introduce LS1450 today
14 along side my colleagues and government, Council
15 Member Powers and Council Member Treger. This Bill
16 will help provide assistance to thousands of New
17 Yorkers city tenants who may need to change their
18 housing status due to unforeseen life changing
19 circumstances like COVID-19 or an unanticipated
20 change in their financial situation. Furthermore, we
21 cannot make it more difficult for tenants by adding
22 on additional and unforeseen fees and miss these
23 circumstances. As I embark on my fifth month as a
24 Council Member, I am enthusiastic to put forth such a
25 vital piece of legislation and I look forward to

2 speaking with my colleague in government to give them
3 more support around this Bill. Thank you, Majority
4 Leader.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you Council
6 Member Riley and congratulations on introducing
7 legislation so early in the beginning of your term.
8 I'd now like to call on Council Member Barron.

9 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

10 CM BARRON: Thank you, Madame Majority
11 Leader. I first want to offer my condolences to the
12 family, colleagues, and friends of former Assembly
13 Member Aurelia Greene. I did serve with her in the
14 Assembly, and she did serve as the Speaker Pro
15 tempore and always brought dignity and confidence to
16 that role and I particular offer condolences to our
17 Council Member Vanessa Gibson because I know that
18 they were very close. Secondly, I would want to
19 offer congratulation to those who are leaving and to
20 Laura Popa. It takes a lot to step out from your
21 safety zone of 20 odd years and move into another
22 area, but I wish you well in your future ventures and
23 I know that you'll be success as you demonstrated
24 your professionalism here in the City Council, and
25 lastly, I want attention, my colleagues attention to

2 Intro 2301 which calls on the Commissioner of
3 Transportation to conduct a study of the safety risks
4 posed by the coexistence of bicycle lanes and bus
5 routes in the city. I've noticed that now, we've
6 dedicated bike lanes and then cars parked not at the
7 curb, but in what was previously a lane of traffic.
8 It might be the opportunity for cyclist moving down a
9 bike lane to not be aware that a bus is perhaps, a
10 school bus may be discharging a student because there
11 are no arms on that side, no stop arm signals on that
12 side of the bus to alert a cyclist or even someone
13 else traveling down that road, down that bike lane
14 that it might be a safety issue. So, that's what the
15 Bill calls for. So, please, it is being co-
16 introduced by Council Member Rodriguez and Council
17 Member Alicka Ampry-Samuel. Thank you very much. I
18 hope you'll read the Bill and sign on. Thank you.

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

21 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

22 CM MILLER: Thank you Majority Leader. I
23 just want to add my echos to the departure of our
24 dear colleague Laura Popa and thank her for her
25 service, and her guidance to so many. I was remised

2 to talk about, last month, the passing of a good
3 friend, neighbor, and someone who was so important to
4 so many New Yorkers, that is Mr. Bill McCreary (SP?)
5 of Fox News, then Channel 5 News, and he was with the
6 AM New York and so many other things. He goes to the
7 heights of Vice President of Fox, and then Channel 5,
8 then became Fox and it got a little different, and I
9 just want to say to this body that many members of
10 the community have been trying for many years to
11 introduct and have Bill McCreary introduced to the
12 Media Hall of Fame and it did not happen. It just
13 simply required that Fox News actually applied and so
14 I think that (Inaudible) that we do so, throughout
15 his career, not just on television and that he
16 appreciated the (inaudible) and so many that were so
17 instrumental that he had his due, among many that he
18 interviewed are many US Presidents, Rosa Parks, Dr.
19 King, Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and just a
20 tremendous, tremendous role model, tremendous person
21 in the south east Queens community, but more
22 important (inaudible) and I hope that we can get
23 behind and really give him his due, and so, I just
24 wanted to, we were remised in not mentioning that,
25 (inaudible) over the past year.

2 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time expired.

3 CM MILLER: I just want to remind
4 everyone of his contributions. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
6 much, Council Member Miller. Are there any other
7 members who wish to speak at this time?

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority
9 Leader. Council Member Ampry-Samuel.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
11 Ampry-Samuel, you may begin.

12 SGT. SADOWSKY: Time starts now.

13 STATEMENT AMPRY-SAMUEL: Thank you
14 Majority Leader Cumbo. Today, I would like to bring
15 your attention to Intro 2300, a bill which
16 establishes a plan for Moms Task Force to develop and
17 issue recommendations on how to support working
18 mothers and caregivers, particularly in light of the
19 issues that have become more acute during COVID-19
20 pandemic. We just celebrated Mother's Day at the
21 beginning of the week, and on Friday, we recognize
22 International Day of Families as a certified holiday
23 by the United Nations. This year's theme is Families
24 and New Technologies. It speaks directly to the
25 relevancy of this bill which calls for us to examine

2 and remediate the challenges that keep women from
3 fully participating and thriving in the workforce.
4 Women and mothers have long been lauded as the
5 backload of families, yet parody and recognition in
6 the workplace have been a perpetual challenge.
7 Nearly half of the American workforce is female, yet
8 gender inequality continues to persist in many forms.
9 Numerous pieces of legislation have been enacted
10 through the years to tackle some of the obvious
11 injustices, but there are other inherent hardships
12 for working mothers and caregiver. As primary
13 caregivers, women tend to need more time away from
14 the workplace. Absence form the work place is often
15 seen as a lack of commitment and negatively affect
16 opportunities and promotions. So, this Bill would
17 look directly at putting together a task force to
18 consider cash payments, comprehensive paid family
19 leave, greater access to relief and mental health
20 programs and so on, and it's a task force that would
21 go along with the Martial Plan for Mom's Bill that
22 our very own Majority Leader, Laurie Cumbo is
23 introducing for a Resolution related to Congresswoman
24 Meng's Bill. So, I just want to highlight that, and
25 I hope to get your support, and thank you Madame

2 Majority Leader for your partnership on this and
3 thank you Corey Johnson for your leadership.

4 MAJORITY LEADER: Thank you Council
5 Member Ampry-Samuel. I appreciate that support as
6 I'm feeling the Bill right now as my son is home sick
7 today and I had to time his nap time exactly with
8 today's stated meeting and he just woke up, so this
9 is the magic of women and what we do every day. So,
10 I want to ask, are there any other members who wish
11 to speak, Mr. Parliamentarian?

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority
13 Leader.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. I
15 will now call on Speaker Corey Johnson to close
16 today's stated meeting.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame
18 Majority Leader. The stated meeting of May 12th,
19 2021 is hereby adjourned. Thank you.

20 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

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