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B E F O R E: MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO

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MARK GJONAJ

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

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON REVEREND MARK E. ERSON

CM BARRON: Blessed and present.

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2	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Borelli.
3	(CM BORELLI	I: Pr	resent.	
4	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Brannan.
5	(CM BRANNAN	1: I'	m here.	
6	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Brooks-Powers.
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8	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Cabrera.
9	Chin.				
10	(CM CHIN:	Prese	ent.	
11	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Cornegy.
12	Darma Diaz.				
13	(CM Darma I	Diaz:	Present.	
14	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Ruben Diaz.
15	(CM RUBIN I	DIAZ:	Presente.	
16	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Dinowitz.
17	(CM DINOWIT	ΓZ: E	Present.	
18	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Dromm.
19	(CM DROMM:	Pres	sent.	
20	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Eugene.
21	Feliz.				
22	(CM FELIZ:	Pres	sente.	
23	1	NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Gennaro.
24	Gibson. Gjor	naj.			
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CM GJONAJ: Present.

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2	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Grodenchik.
3	CM GRODENCHIK: I'm here.	
4	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Holden.
5	CM HOLDEN: I'm here.	
6	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Kallos.
7	CM KALLOS: Present.	
8	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Koo.
9	CM KOO: Present.	
10	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Koslowitz.
11	CM KOSLOWITZ: Present.	
12	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Lander.
13	CM LANDER: I'm here.	
14	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Levin.
15	Levine. Louis.	
16	CM LOUIS: Present.	
17	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Maisel.
18	CM MAISEL: Here.	
19	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Thank you.
20	Menchaca.	
21	CM MENCHACA: Presente.	
22	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Miller.
23	CM MILLER: Here.	
24	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Moya.
25	CM MOYA: Present.	

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2		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Perkins.
3	Powers.		
4		CM POWERS: Present.	
5		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Reynoso.
6	Riley.		
7		CM RILEY: Present.	
8		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Rivera.
9		CM RIVERA: Present.	
10		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Rodriguez.
11	Rose.		
12		CM ROSE: Present.	
13		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Rosenthal.
14		CM ROSENTHAL: I'm here.	
15		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Salamanca.
16		CM SALAMANCA: Present.	
17		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Treyger.
18		CM TREYGER: Here.	
19		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Ulrich.
20	Vallone.		
21		CM VALLONE: I'm here.	
22		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Van Bramer.
23		CM VAN BRAMER: Here.	
24		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY:	Yeger.

CM YEGER: Here.

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2	If you would like to follow along, the agenda for
3	today's meeting is posted on our website.
4	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Will you
5	please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance? I
6	pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of
7	America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one
8	nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and
9	justice for all.
10	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, and
11	we're now going to do roll call once again. NYC CLERK
12	MIKE MCSWEENEY: Adams.
13	CM ADAMS: Still present.
14	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ampry-Samuel.
15	CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.
16	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Ayala. Barron.
17	CM BARRON: Blessed and present.
18	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Borelli.
19	CM BORELLI: Present.
20	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brannan.
21	CM BRANNAN: Affirmed and present.
22	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Brooks-Powers.
23	CM BROOKS-POWERS: Present.
24	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Cabrera.

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2		CM CHIN:	Prese	ent.	
3		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Cornegy.
4	Darma Diaz				
5		CM Darma I	Diaz:	Present.	
6		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Ruben Diaz.
7		CM RUBIN I	DIAZ:	Presente.	
8		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Dinowitz.
9		CM DINOWIT	TZ: E	Present.	
10		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Dromm.
11		CM DROMM:	Pres	sent.	
12		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Eugene.
13	Feliz.				
14		CM FELIZ:	Pres	sente.	
15		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Gennaro.
16		CM GENNARO): Н∈	ere.	
17		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Gibson.
18		CM GIBSON:	God	od afternoon,	, I'm present.
19		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Gjonaj.
20		CM GJONAJ:	: Pre	esent.	
21		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Grodenchik.
22		CM GRODENO	CHIK:	Here.	
23		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Holden.
24		CM HOLDEN:	: Нег	ce.	
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NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Kallos.

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2		CM KALLOS: Here.		
3		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEER	NEY:	Koo.
4		CM KOO: Present.		
5		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEED	NEY:	Koslowitz.
6		CM KOSLOWITZ: Here.		
7		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEET	NEY:	Lander.
8		CM LANDER: Still here	e.	
9		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEEN	NEY:	Levin.
10	Levine.			
11		CM LEVINE: Here.		
12		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEER	NEY:	Louis.
13		CM LOUIS: Present.		
14		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEER	NEY:	Maisel.
15		CM MAISEL: Here.		
16		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEED	NEY:	Menchaca.
17		CM MENCHACA: Presente	e.	
18		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEET	NEY:	Miller.
19		CM MILLER: Present.		
20		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEET	NEY:	Moya.
21		CM MOYA: Present.		
22		NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEET	NEY:	Perkins.
23	Powers.			
24		CM POWERS: Present.		

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2		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Reynoso.
3	Riley.				
4		CM RILEY:	Pres	sent.	
5		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Rivera.
6		CM RIVERA:	Hi.		
7		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Rodriguez.
8		CM RODRIGU	EZ:	Presente.	
9		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Rose.
10		CM ROSE:	Here.		
11		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Rosenthal.
12		CM ROSENTH	AL:	Here.	
13		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Salamanca.
14		CM SALAMAN	CA:	Present.	
15		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Treyger.
16		CM TREYGER	: He	ere.	
17		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Ulrich.
18	Vallone.				
19		CM VALLONE	: Не	ere.	
20		MAJORITY L	EADER	R CUMBO: Co	uncil Member
21	Rosenthal,	I think tha	at's	your voice.	
22		NYC CLERK	MIKE	MCSWEENEY:	Van Bramer
23	(crosstalk)	•			
24		CM ROSENTH.	AL:	I just want	to make sure
25	(crosstalk)	•			

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2	CM VAN BRAMER: I'm here (crosstalk).
3	CM ROSENTHAL: I was marked.
4	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: You're marked.
5	Thank you, Council Member Rosenthal. Yeger.
6	CM YEGER: Here.
7	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Matteo.
8	CM MATTEO: Here.
9	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Cumbo.
10	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.
11	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Speaker
12	Johnson.
13	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: I'm here.
14	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Madame
15	Majority Leader, we have a quorum.
16	CM EUGENE: Mathieu Eugene is here.
17	Council Member Eugene is here.
18	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you
19	Council Member Eugene.
20	CM AYALA: Council Member Ayala as well.
21	NYC CLERK MIKE MCSWEENEY: Thank you,
22	Council Member Ayala.
23	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All right. Thank
24	you, we'll now have today's invocation which will be
25	delivered by Reverend Mark E. Erson, Spiritual Leader

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2 at St. John's Lutheran Church located at 81
3 Christopher Street in Manhattan. Welcome.

REVEREND MARK ERSON: Thank you. about that. Speaker Johnson, Public Advocate Williams, Majority Leader Cumbo and Members of Council, thank you very much for honoring me to be with you again in this capacity. I bring you greetings from the people of St. John's Lutheran Church in the West Village of Manhattan serving in the shadow of the Stonewall National Monument. especially a privilege to be here in this month as we celebrate the pride that has grown over the years in the LGBTQIA plus community. We have journeyed from uprising to fuller inclusion, from hidden behind stone walls and closet doors to greater participation in the wider community, but clearly the work is not done. In addition, events and revelations of this past year have brought new awareness of the need for the work that must also be done for other marginalized and opposed communities, that it all might live in peace and dignity, and so we pray. pray to a power that is greater than us, the wisdom that is deeper than ours. Let us pray. Creator and divine presence, we call you by different names, yet

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we share your call to live as you imagine in the wonder of all that you have made, and we are united by your challenge to build communities of justice and We give you thanks for the privilege to peace. We give you thanks for those who lead with courage, mercy, and wisdom. Be present at this time, in this gathering that expands miles. Open our hearts to those who are vulnerable. Open our minds to creatively address the needs of every member of our community. Open our ears to the hear the stories of those who live a different life from our own. Open our eyes to see those who the world judges invisible and insignificant. Open our hands to reach out in love and welcome. Kindle and feed the fire that burns in each one of us so that your light might fill every corner, warm every chill and guide every step. In the name of love, for the sake of your peace and your justice, amen.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you. We will now have Speaker Corey Johnson to spread the invocation onto the record. I'm sorry. I was so deep into your prayer, I lost my space in the reading, but thank you so much for being here and thank you for giving us an opportunity to be in

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prayer and meditation with you. Speaker Corey

Johnson.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame Majority Leader. Thank you to Reverend Erson for being here today. The Reverend Mark E. Erson has served as Pastor at St. John's, in my District since 2011. I can't believe it's been 10 years. that time, he has done so much good for the West Village, for the LGBTQ community, and particularly, I want to highlight his continuous pastoral work and compassion and love for homeless people and homeless LGBTQ youth. He is a native New Yorker, born on Statin Island while he father was pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church. He has given back to our city in so many ways, including as a teacher, a theater artist, an advocate for our most vulnerable, and as we celebrate pride month, it's important to remember that not everyone feels accepted for who they are or who they love. Many young people have families who have shunned them for coming out and we need people like pastor Mark to life them up and remind them how they are truly perfect. I am deeply grateful to have him as a leader in my Council District and I am really honored that he is here today, so Mark, happy

now have communication from Speaker Corey Johnson.

2 SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Good afternoon 3 and welcome to our State Meeting today. Happy pride to everyone. This is a time to celebrate the amazing 4 work of the LGBTQ community and renew the fight to 5 make our city and country a better, more inclusive 6 7 place. We have a lot of work to do, and I know so many of you are committed to do that work. 8 I'm proud of the work that this body has done and will continue 9 to do for the LGBTQ community that I'm honor to be 10 part of. On Saturday, our country marks the 11 12 anniversary of the end of slavery, Juneteenth. 13 ended slavery, but racial discrimination, as we know 14 is plagues our country. I'm really glad that 15 President Biden is going to make Juneteenth a federal 16 holiday by signing it into law. We can't stop 17 fighting until every American is treated equally 18 regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation. Before, I delve into our legislative 19 20 agenda, I'd like to provide an update on COVID-19 as we always do. On Tuesday of this week, we hit a 21 2.2 tragic milestone as we counted 600,000 Americans, 600,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. 23 That's probably an undercount, that includes 33,358 24 25 of our fellow New Yorkers as of yesterday. As we

2 celebrate the reopening of our city, it's important to remember those we have lost to this virus and urge 3 4 more New Yorkers to get vaccinated. As I do every 5 Stated, I want to remember the lives of those lost recently to 9/11 related illnesses. We mourn the 6 7 passing of retired police officer, Steven Rodriguez (SP?) who died on June 9th. He was 67 years old. 8 also lost firefighter, Anthony Mulfey (SP?) on June 9 This month, we also lost several New Yorkers 10 8th. who helped shape our city, including Herb Sturz. 11 12 was a founding member of the Vera Institute of 13 Justice and a pioneer for the ongoing efforts to 14 close Riker's Island. He worked at the open society 15 and was a key component of the coalition that formed 16 the Litman Commission named after former Chief Judge 17 Litman. Herb Sturz was an amazing, amazing man. 18 you ever have a chance, please read the obituary of him in the New York Times. He did so much for our 19 20 city. He was there the day that we voted to close Riker's Island and I'm just really grateful for 21 2.2 everything that he did for the city that we all love. 23 We're also mourning the passing of Judge Robert Katzmann who died on June 9th. He recently finished 24 25 his seventh-year term as Chief Judge of the Second

2	Circuit Court of Appeals and he was one of the
3	country's leading jurist. The Council worked closely
4	with Judge Katzmann to fund the Immigrant Family
5	Unity Project in the Immigrant Justice Court. I met
6	with him about a month before COVID-19 hit, and he
7	was talking about how we needed to provide legal
8	services to immigrants in New York City. We extend
9	our deepest sympathies to his wife, Jennifer Callahan
1,0	and his family. He was an amazing, amazing, amazing
11	man. We also lost Brooklyn Federal Judge, Jack
12	Weinstein. He was true believer in the
13	rehabilitation of people convicted of a crime. He
14	worked in the Brooklyn Federal Court system for more
15	than 50 years. He retired last year at the age of 98
16	years old. He died just a week ago at the age of 99.
17	He was an amazing man as well. Let us pause for a
18	moment of silence for Steven Rodriguez, Anthony
19	Mulfey, Herb Sturz, Judge Katzmann, and Judge
20	Weinstein. Thank you. Now, into our agenda for
21	today. Out of the Land Use Committee, we will be
22	voting on the following items an 860 seat primary and
23	intermediate school in Council Member Ydanis
24	Rodriguez's District, West 16th Street special permit
25	in Council Member Mark Treyger's District, Bed Stuy

2	Central and North in Council Member Robert Cornegy's
3	District, Melrose Open Door in Council Member Rafael
4	Salamanca's District, 361 City Island rezoning in
5	Council Member Mark Gjonaj District, St. Joseph's
6	1949 Bathgate Avenue in Council Member Oswaldo
7	Feliz's District, 30-02 Newtown Avenue rezoning in
8	Council District 22, 72-8 Transfera Block, 3930 and
9	Lot 50 in Minority Leader Matteo's District. Out of
10	the Finance Committee, we'll be voting on
11	Introduction number 1859, sponsored by Minority
12	Leader Matteo which will make permanent and expansion
13	to the alternative veteran's property tax exemption
14	that the Council first passed in 2017, and from the
15	staff on all those items, I want to thank Stephanie
16	Ruiz (SP?), Noah Brick (SP?), Rebecca Chasen (SP?),
17	Emory Deb (SP?) and Andrew Wilbur (SP?). In
18	addition, we have a preconsidered Resolution that
19	will provide a 0.5 percent discount to people who pay
2,0	their property taxes early in fiscal year 2022.
21	We're all voting on four article 11 property tax
22	exemptions as follows: 50th Street HDFC in Council
23	Member Carlos Menchaca's District to preserve 48
24	units of affordable rental housing, Joe Uptown,
25	spanning Council Member Bill Perkins and Mark Levine,

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and Ydanis Rodriguez's District, Carol Berg HDFC in Council Member Salamanca's District, Habitat Net Zero Homes in Council Member Adams and Miller's Districts, and we have three home rule messages, SLR number 8 which would allow certain carpenter's members of the city's pension systems to stop paying additional member contributions, SLR number 9 which would provide that going forward, promotions of certain supervisory positions and the New York City Department of Sanitation will be subject to competitive examination, SLR number 10 which would adjust age and service requirement for retirement benefits to allow automotive workers to start their careers later in life. Moving on to our Legislative agenda from our Land Use Committee, Introduction number 1572(b) sponsored by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and our Land Use Chair, Rafael Salamanca will create new requirement for applicates for most land use actions to provide the city planning commission and public a report on racial equity in connection with their project. These reports will include a statement describing how the proposed project related to the city's goals and strategies for affirmatively further fair housing and promoting

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2 equitable access to opportunity. Moving on, our next Bill comes out of the Governmental Operations 3 Committee sponsored by Council Member Fernando 4 5 Cabrera, Introduction number 2257, will require the 6 Board of Standards and Appeals upon issuing a 7 decision affecting the use of partial of land to cause a copy of the decision to be recorded in the 8 appropriate title recording system. 9 This will ensure that purchases are made aware of any relevant BSA 10 decisions prior to purchasing a property. From the 11 12 staff, I want to thank Christopher Murray (SP?), 13 Elizabeth Cronk (SP?), and Emily Foregon (SP?). 14 Next, we have a Bill related to our city's vital 15 community and ethic media sector. New Yorkers from 16 all over the world in ethnic and community outlets 17 play a vital role in keeping New Yorkers informed about what happens here and in their countries of 18 In May of 2019, Mayor De Blasio issued 19 origin. 20 Executive Order 47 requiring all mail agencies to direct at least 50% of their annual printed digital 21 2.2 advertising budgets towards community and ethic 23 media. Introduction 2313(a) sponsored by Council 24 Member Ydanis Rodriquez will codify and expand upon Executive Order 47. This Bill will require any mail 25

2 agencies to seek to direct at least 50 percent of their annual print, digital, television, and radio 3 4 advertising budgets towards ethnic and community media in addition create a new Office of Ethnic and 5 Community Media headed by an Executive Director. 6 7 From the staff, I want to thank Sara Ginsburg (SP?), Christopher Murray (SP?), Elizabeth Cronk (SP?), and 8 Emily Forgeon (SP?). Moving on, we're also voting on 9 Introduction 2353 sponsored by Council Member Antonio 10 Reynoso from the Committee on Sanitation. Local Law 11 12 55 of 2019 gave the Business Integrity Commission the 13 authority to establish standards for the registration 14 of unions representing workers in the private 15 (inaudible) industry. These unions must report the 16 names of all officers and agents of the union and information about each officer including criminal 17 18 convictions, civil or criminal actions and investigations. The Business Integrity Commission 19 20 now has the authority to disqualify an officer of a labor union from holding office if they provide false 21 2.2 information or the subject of a pending indictment or 23 criminal action, have been convicted of certain 24 crimes, have committed racketeering or associated with organized crime. The law currently allows BIC 25

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2 to regulate all trade waste unions. This Bill will limit the unions that are under the regulation of BIC 3 pursuant to Local Law 55 to those that represent 4 5 employees in the (inaudible) trade waste industry. Local Law 55 was passed to address issues of company-6 7 controlled unions in the (inaudible) trade waste industry and this amendment would ensure that the 8 Bill is narrowly tailored to address the issue while 9 still remaining effective. I want to thank my staff 10 Nicole Abend (SP?). From our Committee on 11 12 Transportation, we're voting on Introduction number 13 946(b) sponsored by Council Member Brad Lander. Bill will ban the practice of on-call scheduling for 14 15 utility safety employees who locate and mark 16 underground infrastructure or inspect gas pipe 17 fusions and joints. The Bill will prohibit employers 18 to do cancelling, changing, or adding work shift within 72 hours of the start of the shift except in 19 20 limited circumstances, and I want to thank Louis 2.1 Cholden Brown (SP?) from the staff. The final two 2.2 Bills are from the Small Business Committee, and they 23 are aimed at helping small businesses in part by providing them with a chance to fix violations before 24 25 facing hefty penalties and with amnesty.

2	business is the lifeline of our city, and they are
3	critical to our city's recovery. We need them to
4	stay afloat, but they can't do that if they're
5	drowning in financial penalties. Introduction number
6	2233(a) sponsored by Council Member Vanessa Gibson
7	and myself will provided much needed civil penalty
8	relief for certain sanitation, health, and
9	transportation, consumer affairs, noise control and
10	buildings violations. Council staff reviewed all of
11	the city's laws and rules to identify places where we
12	could lower penalties or give the business an
13	opportunity to fix the violation without receiving a
14	fine. We identified 185 offenses where we could
15	provide businesses with a relief without sacrificing
16	health, safety, and consumer protections. The Bill
17	would set fixed penalties. The bottom of existing
18	penalty ranges, lower existing penalty ceiling, or
19	lower existing fixed penalties. In addition, the
2,0	Bill would allow pure periods or warnings for certain
21	first violations. From the staff, I want to thank
22	Janita John (SP?) and Mark Chin (SP?) and Tangia
23	Wright (SP?). The final Bill we're voting on today
24	is Introduction 2234(a) sponsored by Council Member
25	Mark Gjonaj, the Chair of our Committee on Small

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Business and would create an amnesty program to allow New Yorkers with small businesses to resolve outstanding judgements with the city. Under the program, New Yorkers would be able to resolve judgements docketed during COVID by paying just 25 percent of the penalty with interest in penalties waived. Judgement entered before COVID could be resolved by paying 75 percent of the penalty, and again, I want to thank Janita John, Mark Chin, and Tangia Wright, and with that, I turn it over to you, Madame Majority Leader. Thank you all very much. Congratulations to everyone who is passing Bills today.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much, Speaker Johnson. We will now move into discussion of general orders. We will recognize Council Members who wish to speak by using the raise hand function in Zoom. Please wait before you begin your remarks for our Sergeant at Arms to announce he has begun the countdown clock. The Sergeant at Arms will alert you when your time has expired. I just want to make sure and to be clear, so that everyone knows, we are only discussing at this time the Bills that we are about to vote on. Other issues in terms

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of legislation that you're looking to pass in the

future or other matters or celebratory matters that

we often like to discuss at this time, can be

discussed during general discussion. So, are there

6 any members who wish to speak at this time, Mr.

Parliamentarian?

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority

Leader. First, the Public Advocate wishes to be

recognized pursuant to charter section 24E, followed

by Council Members Salamanca and Matteo.

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You may begin.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE JUMAANE WILLIAMS: Thank you so much, Majority Leader, thank you Speaker Johnson. I'm speaking on behalf of Intro 1572(b) the racial impact study will require the creation of a citywide equitable development data tool which would be used to study and access the potential racial and ethnic impact of most rezoning on the neighborhood in question. The racial impact study would analyze, and the report would reflect demographic conditions, household economic security, neighborhood quality of life, and access to opportunity, housing security, affordability and quality, housing production and

displacement risk index. The Bill also would require
that there is a statement of how the project relates
to the goals and strategies of affirmably further and
free housing and promote equitable access to
opportunity. This Bill, I believe is going to change
the way our city grows and develops forever. We have
seen time and time again, where the forced
identification displacement has continued to force
people and communities from their home. Many times,
when we hear about these rezoning that's presented,
that's going to be great for the city. What we find
is that it only helps certain parts of the city,
certain communities. It says our office release a
report that makes clear the need for and benefits of
the racial impact study. Sadly, both developers and
the city have been reluctant to recognize the role of
rezoning and this racial and ethnic displacement
identification, but either makes worse or actually
sparks much less take adequate action to prevent it.
Today, we're forcing action. We're making racial
equity not only a part of the conversation, but part
of this Bill. The Bill requires that we analyze and
consider demographic conditions, house, and other
things that I mentioned. I want to thank Speaker

1572(b) which is ground breaking legislation that has

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the potential to change the way we think about land use and housing policies as a country. Intro 1572(b) was sponsored by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and myself which would require the creation of new citywide equitable development database and require land use applicants to draft racial equity reports on housing and opportunity within their project area. The proposed Bill would require applicant for certain land use actions to provide the city planning commission and public with a report on racial equity in connection with their project. These new racial equity reports on housing and opportunities would include a statement describing how the proposed project relates to the city goals and strategies for furthering fair housing after (inaudible) equitable access to opportunity. Moreover, these racial equity reports would be required to draw data for a local study area from a newly created equitable develop to establish under the Department of Housing preservation and development and city planning where citywide, borough-wide, neighborhood, and community district levels. The equitable development date will provide data on six categories: Demographics, economics security, neighborhood quality of live, and

2	access to opportunity, housing security, and
3	affordability, housing production and a displacement
4	risk index comprised of indicators of population,
5	vulnerability, housing conditions and neighborhood
6	change. The Bill would require data to be
7	desegregated by race and ethnicity and include a 20
8	year look back for trends wherever available. I
9	would like to thank Public Advocate Williams for his
10	leadership on this issue, the advocates, and
11	specifically Rob Solano (SP?) from (<u>inaudible</u>) for
12	their time and advocacy and pushing for meaningful
13	policy that aims to collects the wrongs of future
14	administrations and I need to give a big shout to
15	Speaker Johnson and Jason Goldman (SP?). This is an
16	extremely complex Bill, and it took time to get it
17	right, and I want to thank you all for helping
18	negotiate this, and I also need to thank the Land Use
19	team and the Land Use Division. Thank you, Majority
20	Leader.
21	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much, Council Member Salamanca, Council Member Matteo, Minority Leader Matteo.

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Four years ago,
the City Council passed the Alternative Exemption for
Veterans, a Bill I sponsored that expanded the prior
veteran exemption to include the school portion of
property taxes. The alternative exemption is
available for veterans who served in the time of war
as well as disabled veterans and Gold Star parents.
Currently about 37,000 household receive the
Veteran's Alternative Exemption with an average
saving of \$1112.00 off of their tax bills according
to the Department of Finance. This financial relief
is needed now more than ever. So many New Yorkers
have suffered loss during this pandemic and the
consequential economic downturn. However, as part of
a compromise with the Administration when we passed
this legislation, the alternative exemption for
veteran (<u>inaudible</u>) next June at the end of fiscal
year 2022. We could have allowed the next Council to
handle this problem and the future of the Alternative
Property Tax Exemption would have remained uncertain.
I strongly believe that we have responsibility to our
veterans to ensure that we provide this benefit to
them. I think most of you would agree after all they
have done for our city and our country; they

absolutely deserve this. I want to thank the

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2	different way to our city. That's why this Bill
3	having (<u>inaudible</u>) Speaker Corey Johnson who believes
4	in this, Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams, also
5	Feliz, what this Bill does, as the Speaker explained
6	before, that for the first time New York City becomes
7	the first largest municipality for our nation that
8	will build a permanent office of the Mayor's Office
9	for Ethnic and Community Media where 50 percent of
10	those millions of dollars that we spend on
11	advertising, will be dedicated who do TV, radio,
12	newspaper who doesn't necessarily speak English as a
13	first language. They are the (<u>inaudible</u>), they are
14	Jewish, they are white, they are Asian, they are
15	African, they are Latino. They all use the
16	newspaper. They all use the TV programs, and we
17	believe that by making this, coming out with this
18	office for the first time, what we are saying is,
19	those people who use those media, who, they don't
20	speak English, but they contribute with the taxes, we
21	are giving the respect, we are giving the dignity,
22	and we recognize that in the past we have failed.
23	Many people have no formal education about the
24	lacking cleaning in our street for so many years in
25	New York City. Those individuals who use the media,

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they have no education when it comes to how we should encourage and connect all New Yorkers to each other, especially with the return of COVID, or we fail many underserved communities ... (crosstalk).

SGT KOTOWSKI: Time expired.

CM RODRIGUEZ: We will be sure that all New Yorkers, regardless of the language they speak, they will be connected in for, on where and how the city provides so many services to our New Yorkers.

Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
Council Member Rodriguez. Council Member Yeger.

SGT KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

I want to speak very briefly on resolution 1671 which we are adopting today that would provide as we do typically every year, the half percent discount per annum for early payment of real property taxes. As I discussed last month on the floor at this Council, last month, we received the communication from the New York City Banking Commission which we have typically, not just this body or this session of the Council, but Council session in the past, have typically rubber stamped, and as you would recall, my

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Council colleagues, we had a robust discussion last year about that interest rate which I believe to be usurious. It is highly penalizing of New Yorkers who simply can't afford to pay their taxes. People who can't afford to pay their taxes are getting the kinds of percentages and this year, as recommended by the banking commission of 3.25, 4.5 percent, 12 percent, or 18 percent, some of which we actually adopted last year. Now, I know there are discussions within Council at the staff level of coming up with a lower percent, but the purpose of my rising today, my friends, is to point that we are giving New Yorkers who pay early a half of percent discount, so the city of New York is valuing the early payment of taxes at a half of percent, but if one is late, the city of New York wants to value that latest as needing a penalty, 3.25, 4.5, 12 percent or 18 percent property size dependent. So, as we go about the rest of this month, and we will be voting on this later this month, I urge my colleagues to really look at this and decide rather the kind of penalties we want to impose on New Yorkers ought to be that much higher than the half of percent discount that we are

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much, Madame President.

city. The same goes for Intro 2313 which establishes the Office of the Ethnic and Community Media. Considering that I represent a District that is predominantly African American, also one-sixth Hispanic and Latino, over 25 percent in my community speak a language other English at home and it's so

as we continue to strive to have a more equitable

general orders.

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2	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: We consider Reso 1671
3	discount percentage.
4	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
5	general orders.
6	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Preconsidered LU 808
7	and Reso 1672 through preconsidered LU 811 and Reso
8	1675, tax exemptions.
9	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
10	general orders.
11	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report on the
12	Committee on Governmental Operations, Intro 2257
13	Board of Standards and Appeals.
14	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Coupled on
15	general orders.
16	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Intro 2313(a), Office
17	of Ethnic and Community Media.
18	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
19	coupled on general orders.
20	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Report on the
21	Committee of Land Use, Intro 1572(b) equitable
22	development tools.
23	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Amended and
24	coupled on general orders.

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except Intros 946(b), 1572, and 2313(a), thank you.

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2	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Council
3	Member Kallos.
4	CM KALLOS: I vote I on all.
5	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Adams.
6	CM ADAMS: Permission to explain my vote?
7	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8	granted.
9	SGT KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.
10	CM ADAMS: Thank you Madame Majority
11	Leader. Uh, congratulating and thanking all of my
12	colleagues for their very important legislation
13	today. In particular, thanks to Public Advocate
14	Jumaane Williams and Council Member Salamanca for
15	Intro 1572(b), the racial impact study, which is so
16	very, very, very important and long overdue. I'm
17	very grateful for this, just wanted to mention and
18	thank also as co-chair of the Black, Latino, and
19	Asian Caucus, our members, our caucus members who
20	pushed this legislation forward to make it a reality
21	today. With that, I do vote I on all. Thank you.
22	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
23	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Amprey-
24	Samuel.

CM AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote I.

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2	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Ayala.
3	CM AYALA: I'd also like to congratulate
4	my colleagues, and I vote I.
5	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Barron.
6	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
7	Barron, you're on mute.
8	CM BARRON: Can you hear me now?
9	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Mm-mmm.
10	CM BARRON: Thank you. I vote I on all
11	and special congratulations on the passage of 1572.
12	Thank you.
13	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Brannan.
14	CM BRANNAN: I vote I on all, thank you.
15	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Brooks-Powers.
16	CM BROOK-POWERS: Permission to explain
17	my vote.
18	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
19	granted.
20	SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.
21	CM BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you, so I just
22	wanted to also congratulation the sponsors,
23	especially prime sponsor, Council Member Matteo on
24	Intro 1859, recognizing how critically important our
25	veteran community is to all of us, so I think this

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2	frequently appealing (<u>inaudible</u>), but other than
3	that, I vote yes on all.
4	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Dinowitz.
5	CM DINOWITZ: I vote aye on all.
6	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Dromm.
7	CM DROMM: Aye.
8	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Eugene.
9	CM EUGENE: Uh, I vote aye.
10	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Feliz.
11	CM FELIZ: Uh, aye on all. Congratulations
12	to all my colleagues including and especially my good
13	friend Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, thank you.
14	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Gennaro.
15	CM GENNARO: Yes.
16	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Gibson.
17	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member
18	Gibson. We'll come back.
19	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Sure. Gjonaj.
20	CM GJONAJ: Permission to explain my
21	vote.
22	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
23	granted.
24	SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

2	CM GJONAJ: Thank you, Majority Leader.
3	I just want to thank all of the Council staff that
4	worked so hard on the passage of the two Bills that
5	are going to aide our small businesses, ensuring to
6	give them a fighting chance and the amnesty Bill
7	which is going to be a tremendous difference for
8	those that are still in business and call New York
9	City home. We hope that the right message is being
10	delivered to business owners around the world that
11	New York is the place to do business and we invite
12	you to be here as we continue to make New York City
13	the great city that it is. With that, I vote aye on
14	all and congratulations to all those that are passing
15	Bills today.
16	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
17	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Salamanca.
18	CM Salamanca: Aye on all.
19	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: MILLER.
20	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member

Miller, you might be on mute.

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CM MILLER: Permission to explain my vote.

24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission 25 granted.

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SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

CM MILLER: Thank you. Okay, thank you so much Madame Majority Leader. First off, I want to say that I will be voting aye on all with the except df 946(b) to of which I will be abstaining. This is a slippery slope for this Council and any other Council that comes along in the future as this is a matter of collective bargaining. Clearly, there has been a precedent with fast food workers while we deal with this critical issue of scheduling and other such issues, but as a past, present, and business agent matters such as this and collective bargaining is the cornerstone of the labor movement. What we, as a body, can do to support organized labor is a continuous support, the right to organize and certainly to support the right to collective bargaining. As a Labor Chair, I am not satisfied that all was not done to resolve this issue from a collective bargaining and strategic standpoint by the exclusive bargaining agent that as been designated and therefore I will be abstaining. I want to congratulate Public Advocate and Land Use Chair Salamanca on their due diligence (inaudible) on the passage of the racial equity impact legislation, and

CM HOLDEN: Aye on all and Happy Father's

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Day everyone.

Banning on call scheduling as we did for fast food

2 and retail workers will make their job quality better and make all of us safer. I want to thank the 3 4 communication workers of America for organizing with 5 and representing these workers. CWA represents these workers in collective bargaining and have asked the 6 7 Council to provide this critical safety protection for these workers. Thank you to Elliott Lynn (SP?) 8 and Louis Cholden Brown (SP?) as well as Megan Flynn 9 (SP?) and Step Zokowski (SP?) from my team. 10 want to speak briefly about Intro 1572, the racial 11 12 impact study and say a big thank you and congratulations to the Public Advocate, Council 13 Member Salamanca, and Churches United for Fair 14 15 Housing. We know from Tanahasy Cote's (SP?) work, 16 from Richard Rothstein's (SP?) book, the Color of Law that public policy, including land us policy has 17 18 furthered segregation and discrimination in our city through redlining, restrictive covenants, tax breaks, 19 20 the siting of public and affordable housing, and yes, through rezonings as well. So, it is critical that 21 2.2 we evaluate the racial impact of proposed land use 23 actions just as we evaluate the environmental impact, 24 and I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of this important 25 legislation. Even though this legislation is

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2	perspective and would not cover the Goanis (SP?)
3	neighborhood rezoning, I am committed to ensuring
4	that an independent third-party racial impact study
5	is conducted of the Goanis neighborhood rezoning
6	before it reaches this Council for considered that
7	would fully comply with this Bill. Thank you very
8	much, and I vote I on all.
9	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.
10	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Council Member
11	Cornegy.
12	CM CORNEGY: I vote aye on all.
13	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, sir.
14	Levin.
15	CM LEVIN: I want to wish everybody a
16	Happy Father's Day and a Happy Juneteenth, and with
17	that, I vote aye on all. Thank you.
18	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you, Levine.
19	CM LEVINE: I vote aye on all.
20	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Louis.
21	CM LOUIS: I vote aye on all and congrats
22	to all the Bill sponsors.
23	LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Maisel.
24	CM MAISEL: Yes.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Menchaca.

Member Rose.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Yeger.

excused to explain my vote?

CM YEGER: Madame President, may I be

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission 3 granted.

4 SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

CM YEGER: Thank you, Madame President. I just wish briefly to address Intro 2234 which I will be voting of favor of, but I do think it could be done better and it could have been done better. This Bill will, instead of getting rid of all the summons and judgements that were done during the time when New York was in a shut down and when New York City could have been a little better to its citizen, instead will require that in order to resolve it, the individual or the entity fine will have to pay up to 25 percent in summons and up to 75 percent of the penalties in other instances, and any event, in order to avail themselves of this program, may actually have to pay a fee of \$1, I mean, we put a piece in this Bill that allows the Commissioner to charge a fee of \$1 for an application, like we couldn't walk away from that \$1. We could have done better for the people of New York. We should have done better for the people of New York, and I have two Bills exactly on this topic, Intro 2287 with 12 co-sponsors would require the dismissal of summons issued during this

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

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2 CM GIBSON: Thank you, Madame Majority 3 Leader, good afternoon Speaker and all my colleagues. I want to join the chorus of colleagues in 4 congratulating Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and 5 Council Member Rafael Salamanca on leading the effort 6 7 on the racial impact study as it related to neighborhood rezonings and making sure that we 8 maintain the character of our communities, but we 9 also know how the racial impact a lot of these 10 changes would have on our communities across the 11 12 city. As someone who has been through a rezoning, certainly, I learned a lot, but I don't want to 13 14 repeat any of those mistakes but Bills like this 15 would make a tremendous difference moving forward. 16 So, I want to thank Public Advocate Williams, Council 17 Member Salamanca, Churches United, and all of the 18 advocates for their role in this. I want to speak up about my Bill. Many of which you supported, Intro 19 2233, which would provide the civil penalty relief 20 from any of small businesses from certain notices 21 2.2 around sanitation, health, transportation, consumer 23 affairs, noise control, and buildings violations. We need to do a lot more as a city and as an 24

Administration to really support our small business.

We say they're the life blood, they're the
foundation, but we have to show it with actions and
many of them, during the pandemic have been subjected
to numerous violations. There are thousands of
guidelines and rules that businesses have to follow,
and we have to do more to educate them, and not have
a punitive enforcement arm as we are traveling around
the city. We have to make sure we educate them,
provide outreach in language diversity to make sure
that they understand the rules, but we also know that
we can give warnings instead of initial violations,
and this legislation, Intro 2233 will set forth to do
that. The staff worked so hard on this and
identified almost 200 violations that does not impede
on anyone's public health, nor public safety for
consumers and/or staff and so, these are violations
that are minor, that really would not make a big
impact on the operation of the business, and we truly
believe that this is a step forward in the right
direction (crosstalk).

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time expired.

CM GIBSON: I want to thank Chair Mark

Gjonaj and all the members of the Small Business

Committee. Congratulations to all my colleagues on

on the rest.

2 LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Cumbo.

3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Thank you. Speaker

5 Johnson.

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SPEAKER JOHNSON: Congratulations to everyone passing Bills today. I vote age on all. Happy Father's Day, remembering my dad who I lost nine years ago.

moment. All items on today's general order calendar have a vote of 48 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions with the exception of the following items. Introduction 2313(a) has 45 in the affirmative, two in the negative, one abstention. Introduction 1572(b) with 46 in the affirmative, two in the negative, no abstentions, and lastly, Introduction 946(b) has 45 in the affirmative, two in the negative, one abstention. Thank you.

SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Council Member Yeger, is that correct? I mean that seriously. Thank you, Billy.

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

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2	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: All Bills have
3	been referred to Committees as indicated on today's
4	agenda.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. There are no Resolutions on today's calendar, so we will move into general discussion. As a reminder, please wait until the Sergeant at Arms begins the countdown clock before you begin your remarks. Mr.

Parliamentarian, are there any Council Members signed up to speak?

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Yes, Madame Majority
Leader. Council Member Brooks-Powers, and Council
Member Barron.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Council Member Brooks-Powers, you may begin.

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

CM BROOKS POWERS: Thank you. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the death of Justin Wallace (SP?) who is a 10-year-old who was shot in my District several weeks ago. I ask that the body keeps the family in your continued thought and prayers. The lost of Justin is a reminder to what it represents to our city in terms of the senseless gun violence that continues to take place

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and we must continue to do the work to remove
dangerous guns from the streets of New York.

dangerous guns from the streets of New York.

Fortunately, a suspect has been arrested and we are one step closer to delivering justice for the Wallace family, and also, I wanted to take a moment to recognize the Queens Alumni chapter of Delta Sigma

Beta Sorority Incorporated. We celebrated our 70th anniversary on June 4th. It's an honor and privilege to be a member and to know so many women doing such great work across the Queens community, the city, the state, and the world, and I'm so excited and honored

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much. Council Member Barron.

to represent them here in the Council. Thank you.

SGT. KOTOWSKI: Time starts now.

CM BARRON: Thank you, Madame Majority

Leader. First, I want to wish everyone a Happy

Father's Day and included in that group for the first

time, is my son, Duwanza (SP?). He and my daughter
in-law, Fiona Grant (SP?) gave birth to their first

child, born on June 11th at 7:30 in the morning,

weighing 7-1/2 pounds and 20 inches long. His name

is Duria Yumwasy (SP?) and Duria means God-like,

courageous, powerful leader and Yumwasy means God has

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given us a healthy child. So, God's blessings to I want to talk briefly about Juneteenth. know that the Civil War was a battle that was waged for several reasons. The industry versus the agricultural, and state's rights and the expansion of slavery, and one of the great fallacies of American History is the statement that Lincoln freed the slaves, but we know that Lincoln said that if he could preserve the Union without doing that, he would have, and ironically and hypocritically, what he did do was to free the slaves in those states that were in rebellion, those states that were still a part of the Union that held people in slavery were not told that they had to free their slaves. So, as if someone could tell some children in my house that they don't have to go to bed at 8:00, they can stay up until 12:00, you don't have jurisdiction there. So, that's a fallacy which exist to this day, but we want to call attention to that, and most people think that Juneteenth is about Sherman riding into Galveston and reading the special order number 15, I believe it is, saying that those who were enslaved were freed, but the reality is, if you saw the movie Glory, if you read the book, Forced into Glory, by

2 Ramon Bennett (SP?) or the book, Introduction to Black Studies by Melana Karenga (SP?) or the book 3 4 Like Men of War, Black Troops in the Civil War by 5 Noah Andre (SP?), you would know the reality is that blacks were always involved in liberating others who 6 7 were enslaved such as Harriett Tubman and Nat Turner had done previously. So, I just want to say 8 Juneteenth is a holiday that we're glad to celebrate, 9 10 it acknowledges a great event, although there were many battles that were fought after Juneteenth that 11 12 occurred, and we just want to call attention also to a statement by Jamile Bouy (SP?) who said in her 13 14 article last year, she wrote an article, Why 15 Juneteenth Matters, and she said regarding the 16 announcement of making Juneteenth a paid holiday, 17 "There's obviously a certain opportunism here, an 18 attempt to respond to the moment and when favorable coverage with a little sacrifice as possible", so why 19 20 this is a great occasion, greatly celebrated, it's not really costing this country much, and we need to 21 2.2 continue down this road of recognizing the great 23 accomplishments of our African ancestors and get to that point of examining reparations and I would 24 encourage all of you to sign my Resolution 1039 which 25

2	in fact, supports the Bill that in the state
3	legislature that calls for the establishment of a
4	state remedies commission to examine how remedies for
5	reparation will be distributed, and finally, I invite
6	you all to my 20th, yes, 20th Juneteenth program. It
7	will be held tomorrow from 5:00 to 7:00 at Sonny
8	Carson (SP?) Park, also known as Lindon (SP?) Park or
9	Lindon Boulevard in Vermont beginning at 5:00. We
10	will have Joisha Tells (SP?) daughter who fought for
11	the landmarking of 227 Buffield (SP?) Street there as
12	well as a speaker about Juneteenth. We'll have
13	refreshments, we'll have victory music and dance
14	through dance presentation, we'll have African
15	drumming, and you'll all welcome. Thank you so much
16	for the extended time.

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

PARLIAMENTARIAN: No, Madame Majority Leader.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much. I'll now call on Speaker Corey Johnson to close today's Stated Meeting.

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2	SPEAKER COREY JOHNSON: Thank you, Madame
3	Majority Leader. The Stated Meeting of June 17th,
4	2021 stands in recess. Thank you all.
5	Congratulations. Have a good day.
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Date _____July 20, 2021