

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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August 26, 2021  
Start: 2:05 p.m.  
Recess: 3:35 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Corey Johnson  
Speaker

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Adrienne E. Adams  
Alicka Ampry-Samuel  
Diana Ayala  
Inez D. Barron  
Joseph Borelli  
Justin L. Brannan  
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers  
Fernando Cabrera  
Margaret S. Chin  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Laurie A. Cumbo  
Ruben Diaz, Sr.  
Darma V. Diaz  
Eric Dinowitz  
Daniel Dromm  
Mathieu Eugene  
Oswald Feliz  
James F. Gennaro  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
Mark Gjonaj  
Barry S. Grodenchik

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

## Council Members:

Robert F. Holden  
Ben Kallos  
Peter A. Koo  
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Stephen T. Levin  
Mark Levine  
Farah N. Louis  
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James G. Van Bramer  
Kalman Yeger

## A P P E A R A N C E S

Imam Mamadou Saliou Bah  
Spiritual Leader at Futa Islamic Center

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Testing, testing.

3 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quite please.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [GAVEL] Council Clerk,  
5 would you please join us in the pledge of allegiance?

6 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

7 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the  
8 flag of the United States of America and to the  
9 republic for which it stands, one nation, under God,  
10 indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Good afternoon and  
12 welcome to the Stated Meeting of August 26, 2021.  
13 I'm Council Member Robert Cornegy and I'd like to  
14 thank you for joining us today. If you'd like to  
15 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is  
16 posted on our website. We will now have the roll  
17 call.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: [NO RESPONSE].

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Present.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ, SR.: [NO RESPONSE].

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: [NO RESPONSE].

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [NO RESPONSE].

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Here.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK:? I'm here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [NO RESPONSE].

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: [NO RESPONSE].

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [NO RESPONSE].

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Here.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [NO RESPONSE].

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: [NO RESPONSE].

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: [NO RESPONSE].

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Cumbo?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: [NO RESPONSE].

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Here.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker, we have a quorum.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you. We will now

24 have today's Invocation, which will be delivered by

25 Imam Mamadou Saliou Bah, spiritual leader of Futa



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2   Islamic Center, located at 3400 Third Avenue in the  
3   Bronx.

4           IMAM MAMADOU SALIOU BAH: [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN  
5   LANGUAGE 4:39-5:52]. In the name of the Lord, the  
6   entirely merciful, the merciful. All places due to  
7   the Lords of the world. The entirely merciful,  
8   especially merciful. Suffering of the [INAUDIBLE  
9   6:06]. It is you worship and you ask for help. All  
10   God guide us to the straight path. The path of those  
11   upon whom you have [INAUDIBLE 6:19]. Not of those  
12   who have evoked your hunger and of those who have a  
13   strayed. O our Lord, we ask you to give us a way out  
14   of every difficulty. [INAUDIBLE 6:33] or distrust.  
15   I must ask you to unify the hearts of our leaders and  
16   benefit in America in large. To guide and protect  
17   them as they carry out their responsibility. O  
18   almighty, all powerful, guides, we are here before  
19   you today. We ask you to bless this gathering of  
20   ours. May all continue to bless America and the  
21   people of America. Amen.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Imam. I'd  
23   like to ask Council Member Vanessa Gibson to spread  
24   the Invocation on the record.

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2           COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON:   Thank you so much Mr.  
3   Majority Leader.   Good afternoon Speaker and all of  
4   my colleagues.   Thank you so much for being here  
5   today and everyone who has joined us.   I want to join  
6   in welcoming my good friend, Imam Mamadou Saliou Bah  
7   of the Futa Islamic Cultural Center which is located  
8   in my district in the Morris senior community.   And I  
9   am so grateful that Imam Bah could be with us today  
10   because he's truly been an integral part of our Bronx  
11   community as a member of our community from Guinea.  
12   Born and raised, he came to this country and migrated  
13   here in the City of New York and attended the mid-  
14   Manhattan Adult Learning Center and then shortly  
15   thereafter came to the Bronx and has been serving as  
16   one of our distinguished Imam's.

17           I am very proud in our Council District to  
18   represent one of the largest concentrations of  
19   residents and families from Africa, particularly from  
20   Guinea, from Nigeria and from Ghana.   And over the  
21   years we've been able to cultivate great  
22   relationships and great partnerships with all of our  
23   Imam's.   I've been to many of the Masjid's many, many  
24   times.   We've been able to provide a lot of  
25   opportunity around literacy and education.   He is

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2   also an educator, making sure that we train our young  
3   people and raise them up in the way we want them to  
4   be and I'm truly grateful. The Futa Islamic Center  
5   is one of the largest Masjid's in my district and  
6   during the pandemic, really stepped up to the plate  
7   and it was important for me to bring and invite Imam  
8   Bah here today because during the pandemic when many  
9   people were feeling hopeless, it was Imam Bah that  
10   stepped up. Him and his leadership provided PPE,  
11   food, groceries to so many of our residents and  
12   families. Not just in the Muslim African community  
13   but our entire community and for that, I am grateful.  
14   It is during the greatest times of challenge when  
15   people step up regardless of what title they have.  
16   And I know that Allah continues to bless him and use  
17   him in a mighty way and I'm so grateful that he has  
18   provided today's opening prayer.

19           Thank you again Imam Mamadou Bah. We welcome you  
20   and we wish continued blessings upon you and with  
21   that, Mr. Majority Leader, I spread the Invocation in  
22   full upon today's record. Thank you so much.

23           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
24   Gibson. We will now have the adoptions of minutes by  
25   Council Member Kevin Riley.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I make a motion that the  
3 minutes of the Stated Meeting of June 30, 2021, and  
4 July 29, 2021, be adopted as printed.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council  
6 Member. Messages and Papers from the Mayor?

7 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Communication from City,  
9 County and Borough Offices?

10 COUNCIL CLERK: M323 Board of Corrections.

11 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered printed and  
12 filed.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Petitions and  
14 Communications?

15 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Land Use Call-Ups?

17 COUNCIL CLERK: M's 324 and 325.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a Call-Up vote and I  
19 would ask that the clerk take a roll call vote on  
20 today's Land Use Call-Ups. A reminder to members,  
21 we're just voting on the Land Use Call-Ups.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ayala?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Bless present and I vote  
6 aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Cabrera?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cabrera votes aye.

16 Council Member Chin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Diaz votes aye.

23 Dromm?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dromm votes aye.

3 Feliz?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Feliz votes aye.

6 Council Member Gennaro?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Grodenchik votes

15 aye as well as Council Member Gjonaj, excuse me.

16 Holden?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden votes aye.

19 Kallos?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kallos votes aye.

22 Council Member Koo?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Uh, Mr. Majority Leader,

24 with permission, I would like to vote on all Land Use

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2   Call-Ups and a couple items on the general order  
3   calendar and all Resolutions.

4           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Is there unanimous  
5   consent?

6           SPEAKER JOHNSON:  I see no objections.

7           COUNCIL MEMBER KOO:  I vote aye.

8           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Permission granted.

9           COUNCIL CLERK:  Koslowitz?

10          COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ:  I vote aye.

11          COUNCIL CLERK:  Lander?

12          COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER:  Aye.

13          COUNCIL CLERK:  Council Member Lander votes aye.

14   Levin?

15          COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN:  Aye.

16          COUNCIL CLERK:  Council Member Levin votes aye.

17   Levine?

18          COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE:  Aye.

19          COUNCIL CLERK:  Council Member Levine votes aye.

20   Louis?

21          COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS:  I vote aye.

22          COUNCIL CLERK:  Council Member Louis votes aye.

23   Maisel?

24          COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL:  Yes.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel votes yes.

3 Menchaca?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Yes.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menchaca votes

6 yes. Moya?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya votes aye.

9 Perkins?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: [NO RESPONSE]

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Powers?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Council Member Powers

13 votes aye. Reynoso?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Reynoso votes aye.

16 Riley?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: I vote aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley votes aye.

19 Rivera?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera votes aye.

22 Rodriguez?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [NO RESPONSE].

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.



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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose votes aye.

3 Rosenthal?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal votes  
6 aye. Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Permission to explain  
8 my vote Mr. Majority Leader?

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Permission is granted.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I vote aye  
11 on all Land Use Call-Ups and with permission, I vote  
12 aye on all items on the General Order Calendar and  
13 all Resolutions.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Unanimous consent?

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I see no objections.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger votes aye.  
20 Ulrich?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ulrich votes aye.  
23 Yeger?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger votes aye.

3 Matteo?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Matteo votes aye.

6 Speaker Johnson?

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Today's Land Use Call-  
9 Ups have a vote of 40 in the affirmative, zero in the  
10 negative. We will now have communication from  
11 Speaker Corey Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Just presiding officer, I need  
13 to ask, the people that are here need to be wearing  
14 masks and if you are not wearing masks, you are not  
15 allowed to be inside of the Council Chambers. So,  
16 you can either put your masks on or we're going to  
17 have to ask you to leave.

18 MEMBER OF PUBLIC: [INAUDIBLE 16:04].

19 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Sir, I'm giving instructions,  
20 so put your masks on or you're going to have to  
21 leave.

22 MEMBER OF PUBLIC: [INAUDIBLE 16:12].

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Sir, I'm giving the instruction  
24 right now to the Sergeants. If people don't comply

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2   with the mask mandate that is official, people will  
3   have to leave.

4           MEMBER OF PUBLIC:   [INAUDIBLE 16:27-16:55].

5           SPEAKER JOHNSON:   Okay, good afternoon and  
6   welcome to our August stated meeting.  As we approach  
7   the end of the summer, I hope everyone is staying  
8   safe in this extreme heat.

9           MEMBER OF PUBLIC:   [INAUDIBLE 17:06-18:52].

10          SPEAKER JOHNSON:   Okay, I'm going to say that if  
11   we have any more outbursts from the mezzanine area,  
12   we're going to have to clear the entire balcony so we  
13   can proceed with our Stated meeting.

14          So, as we approach the end of summer, I hope  
15   everyone is staying safe in this extreme heat.  
16   First, I would like to extend my congratulations to  
17   our new Governor Kathy Hochul and our new Lieutenant  
18   Governor Brian Benjamin.  The Council is eager to  
19   support our new leaders and confident that their  
20   years of experience serving New Yorkers will help  
21   lead us to better days ahead.  [CROWD CLAPPING  
22   19:22].

23          Yes, our city and state face some big challenges  
24   including our continued fight against COVID-19.  As  
25   of yesterday, 33,763 New Yorkers have died from

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2 COVID-19. Hopefully this week's FDA approval of the  
3 Pfizer vaccine will encourage more New Yorkers to get  
4 vaccinated. The health and recovery of our city  
5 depends on more people getting vaccinated. As I do  
6 at every stated meeting, I want to remember the lives  
7 of those that we lost to 911 related illnesses. On  
8 August 14<sup>th</sup>, retired NYPD Detective Sergeant Chris  
9 Tully was lost. He was 52-years-old.

10           I also want to acknowledge those who died while  
11 on the job here in New York City. On July 30<sup>th</sup>,  
12 Pedicab Driver Ibrokhim Azizov was killed after a  
13 drive hit his vehicle in Midtown Manhattan. He was  
14 24-years-old.

15           On Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mario Gonzalez, a mechanic  
16 was fatally shot on the upper east side in an auto  
17 repair shop. My prayers are with their loved ones  
18 and their families during this extremely difficult  
19 time.

20           This month, we also mourn the death of Richard  
21 Trumka, President of the twelve and a half million  
22 member labor federation, the AFL-CIO. He was a  
23 terrific leader for America's working class and a  
24 strong advocate for social and economic justice. He  
25 died on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the age of 72. On August 12<sup>th</sup>,

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2   we also lost New York Supreme Court Justice Frank  
3   Torres. Justice Torres worked tirelessly to get more  
4   Hispanic representation on the bench. He was 93-  
5   years-old. Let us rise and pause for a moment of  
6   silence for Chris Tully, Ibrokhim Azizov, Mario  
7   Gonzalez, Richard Trumka, Justice Torres and all of  
8   those other lives that we've lost. [SILENCE 21:38-  
9   21:50]. Thank you.

10           Before we move into our agenda for the day, I  
11   want to congratulate Andrea Vazquez, our Deputy  
12   Director of the Legislative Division. She and her  
13   husband Patrick are celebrating the birth of their  
14   new baby girl Francesca, who was born on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
15   The whole family is doing well and we wanted to  
16   congratulate her.

17           Now, let's dive into our agenda today. Out of  
18   the Finance Committee, we will be voting on a  
19   transparency resolution and a full 40 year Article 11  
20   property tax exemption for 310 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street in  
21   Council Member Carlina Rivera's district to support  
22   the preservation of 16 units of affordable housing.  
23   We will be voting on the following Land Use items:  
24   The Landmarks Preservation Commissions designation of  
25   Holyrood Episcopal Church Iglesia Santa Cruz, in

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2   Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez's district, an  
3   important part of the Latino community of Washington  
4   Heights for the past 40 year.

5           The Landmarks Preservation Commission designation  
6   of the educational building located at 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue in  
7   my Council District, that house the national office  
8   of the NAACP from 1914 to 1923, as well as numerous  
9   other peace groups and social reform organizations.  
10   Two HPD UDAAP Article XI applications that will  
11   facilitate the development of 132 affordable units in  
12   Council Member Diana Ayala, Vanessa Gibson and Darma  
13   Diaz's districts and Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street rezoning as  
14   modified will facilitate the development of a nine  
15   story building with 84 affordable units for seniors  
16   and 11 story school, the existing church will remain  
17   on the site and this is in Council Member Brooks-  
18   Powers's district.

19           133 Beach 116<sup>th</sup> Street overlay rezoning will  
20   facilitate the commercial overlay that will increase  
21   the variety of local retail uses within a newly  
22   constructed as of right development in Council Member  
23   Eric Ulrich's district.

24           Moving on to our legislative agenda from the  
25   Committee of Consumer Affairs. Today, we're voting

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2   on Introduction Number 1622-A, sponsored by Council  
3   Member Margaret Chin. This bill will update the  
4   city's consumer protection law, so that it continues  
5   to be an effective enforcement tool against deceptive  
6   business practices. The consumer protection law is a  
7   landmark piece of legislation that has kept unfair,  
8   false and misleading business dealings in check for  
9   over a decade.

10           Introduction 1622-A would update the laws current  
11   penalty amounts, which have not been updated since  
12   1969 to make them more appropriate to businesses  
13   operating in 2021, raising the penalties ensure that  
14   they remain effective, so that business can't simply  
15   internalize the cost. The bill would also make  
16   explicit the Department of Consumer and Worker  
17   Protection can seek penalties for each day in which a  
18   business has engaged in deceptive conduct. It could  
19   also base penalties on the number of consumers  
20   reached by a deceptive practice if an individual who  
21   engaged the deceptive business practice knew or  
22   should have known the practice was deceptive.

23           Protections like this are especially important  
24   today when digital communications can be brought  
25   simultaneously to millions of people. Additionally,

2 it would also clarify the Department has the power to  
3 combat online deceptive practices and defines as  
4 deceptive to failure of a business to provide  
5 translations of its documents if the transaction was  
6 conducted predominantly in a language other than  
7 English.

8 This bill would also empower the city to issue  
9 subpoenas to enforce the Consumer Protection Law and  
10 furthermore, this bill would make some technical and  
11 clean up amendments relating to Local Law 80 of 2021,  
12 which the Council passed last month. Local Law 80  
13 was a large undertaking that provides wide ranging  
14 civil penalty relief and some other substantive  
15 relief aimed at small businesses. And from the  
16 staff, I want to thank Stephanie Jones and Janita  
17 John.

18 The next bill comes of our Committee on  
19 environmental protection, Introduction Number 2283-A  
20 sponsored by Council Member Helen Rosenthal. It will  
21 require the New York City Housing Authority report to  
22 the Office of Long Term Planning and sustainability,  
23 the amount of greenhouse gas emissions for the  
24 portfolio of buildings owned or operated by NYCHA by  
25 December 1, 2022, and no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>



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2   thereafter for the prior calendar year. This bill is  
3   aimed at trying to provide transparency to NYCHA  
4   operations and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions  
5   in New York City.

6           Under this legislation, the Mayor shall include  
7   in the annual report of green building standards, the  
8   amount of greenhouse gas emissions from capital  
9   projects involving buildings that are owned or  
10   operated by NYCHA. And from the staff, I want to  
11   thank Samara Swanston, Nadia Johnson and Ricki  
12   Chowla (SP?).

13           Moving on from the Committee on Transportation,  
14   we're voting on Introduction Number 1811-A sponsored  
15   by Council Member Keith Powers. Introduction 1811-A  
16   will create a theatre district zone around Time  
17   Square in Manhattan, where the Department of  
18   Transportation would redesign sidewalks to facilitate  
19   the safe travel of pedestrians, commercial activity  
20   such as solicitation carried out by costume  
21   characters, CD sellers and others engaged in  
22   commercial activity on the sidewalks around Time  
23   Square presents a significant problem for the safe  
24   flow of pedestrians through one of the city's most  
25   congested neighborhoods.

2 Sidewalks and subway entrances are often  
3 obstructed in entering or exiting theatres, offices,  
4 restaurants and other establishments can be  
5 difficult. This bill would expand upon the  
6 successful strategies used by the Department of  
7 Transportation in the Time Square Pedestrian Plaza  
8 program by implementing them on neighboring streets  
9 with a newly created theatre zone.

10 The bill would mandate that DOT create pedestrian  
11 flow zones that would allow for the safe passage of  
12 pedestrians where necessary to accommodate the demand  
13 for pedestrian space and designated activity zones  
14 that maintain space for commercial activity. And  
15 from the staff, I want to thank Elliott Lynn and  
16 Jessica Steinberg Albin.

17 Today, we're also voting on Introduction Number  
18 1209-A from the Committee on Criminal Justice, it's  
19 sponsored by Council Member Helen Rosenthal. There  
20 are a number of pregnant individuals incarcerated in  
21 city jails and the women's facility on Rikers Island  
22 has a nursery in which pregnant individuals and those  
23 with infants are housed.

24 Introduction Number 1209-A will require the  
25 Department of Corrections to retain an organization

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2 to provide doula services during labor and delivery  
3 as well as doula programming twice a week, including  
4 labor and birth education, breastfeeding techniques  
5 and infant care. The Department of Correction would  
6 be required to issue a report every six months  
7 regarding the delivery of doula services. This bill  
8 will also create a working group to review relevant  
9 reports and discuss ways to improve communication,  
10 collaboration and efficiency related to pregnant  
11 individuals who are in custody. And I want to thank  
12 from the staff, Agatha Mavropoulos.

13           Next, we have three bills out of our Committee on  
14 General Welfare. First up, Introduction Number 1483-  
15 A, sponsored by Council Member Stephen Levin, the  
16 Chair of the Committee. Will require the Department  
17 of Homeless Services to develop a plan to accommodate  
18 pets of homeless individuals and families with the  
19 objective of allowing homeless pet owners to keep  
20 their pets.

21           Such plan would include for example, the steps  
22 the Department of Homeless Services can take to  
23 prioritize the acquisition of facilities that will  
24 permit homeless pet owners to keep their pets, as  
25 well as identify existing providers that will permit

2   homeless pet owners to keep their pets. There are  
3   models across the country for successfully co-  
4   sheltering humans with their animals, yet the  
5   Department of Homeless Services Shelters do not  
6   currently accommodate pets.

7           Pet owners who seek shelter services face the  
8   difficult problem of finding temporary pet care  
9   solutions, surrendering their pets to an animal  
10   shelter or foregoing shelter services all together.  
11   Additionally, the bill would require the Department  
12   of Homeless Services submit a plan to the speaker of  
13   the Council no later than 180 days after the  
14   effective date of this bill. And from the staff, I  
15   want to thank Aminta Kilawan.

16           The second bill, Introduction 1484-A also by  
17   Chair Levin, will require the Department of Homeless  
18   Services to post information on its website regarding  
19   the process for having a pet designated as an  
20   emotional support animal. The agency must report  
21   every three months information on how many  
22   individuals and families applied for shelter and  
23   reported they had a pet as well as the placement of  
24   disposition of pets that belong to people who enter

2 homeless shelters and again, I want to thank Aminta  
3 Kilawan.

4 And the third bill from the Committee on General  
5 Welfare will require the Department of Social  
6 Services to Deliver survivor centered response to  
7 complaints of sexual assault or harassment made by a  
8 client or staff of the Department of Social Services  
9 or Department of Homeless Services provider.

10 Under Introduction Number 2284-A sponsored by  
11 Council Member Helen Rosenthal, the Department of  
12 Social Services will be required to offer sexual  
13 assault and harassment resources to each survivor,  
14 follow-up with each survivor as appropriate and  
15 review each complaint to access next steps.

16 The bill require the office to end domestic and  
17 gender-based violence to develop a survivor resources  
18 guide, to provide the guide to the Department of  
19 Social Services. This agency will be required to  
20 post a survivor guide and other training resources on  
21 its website and make such materials available to  
22 contracted providers.

23 On February 7, 2021, the New York Times released  
24 an investigative report in the dealings of Victor  
25 Rivera. The CEO of Bronx Parent Housing Network, a

2   city-owned contract, a city contracted shelter  
3   provider. The Times found that Mr. Rivera had  
4   sexually harassed and assaulted ten women, including  
5   former employees and women staying in the shelter.  
6   In addition, the bill will further require the  
7   Department of Social Services to review whether a  
8   provider has entered a settlement in response to a  
9   complaint or their actions taken in response to  
10  complaints.

11           The city agency will be required to submit an  
12  annual report to the Speaker of the Council and any  
13  steps taken to establish procedures pursuant to this  
14  bill and again, I want to thank Aminta Kilawan for  
15  her work on that bill. Since the beginning of the  
16  COVID-19 pandemic, the Council has taken several  
17  steps to help restaurants and regulate third party  
18  food delivery services in our city. Today, we  
19  continue that effort.

20           Introduction Number 1897-A, sponsored by Council  
21  Member Mark Gjonaj will require third party food  
22  delivery services to obtain a license in order to do  
23  business in the city. The licensing scheme will  
24  contain permanent language related to regulations  
25  that Council passed during the pandemic. The third

2 party food delivery services will be required to  
3 apply for a license with the Department of Consumer  
4 and Worker Protection every two years for a fee of  
5 \$200. From the staff, I want to thank Stephanie  
6 Jones and Noah Mexler(SP?).

7 And finally, Preconsidered Introduction Number  
8 2390, sponsored by Council Members Francisco Moya and  
9 Mark Gjonaj, the Chair of the Small Business  
10 Committee will permanently and unconditionally extend  
11 the cap set forth in the Council's previous  
12 legislation with some enhancements. The bill  
13 prohibits delivery platforms from charging  
14 restaurants more than 15 percent per order for  
15 delivery and more than five percent per order for all  
16 other fees. It would prohibit the services from  
17 charging more than three percent per order for  
18 transaction fees, typically credit card fees, except  
19 that it would allow for a higher charge if the third  
20 party food delivery service could provide proof upon  
21 request to both the Department of Consumer and Worker  
22 Protection and the relevant food service  
23 establishment that such higher fee reflects a pass  
24 through charge imposed by a credit card company.

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2           Before the Council passed Local Laws 52 and 88 of  
3 2020 and Introduction Number 2359-A which regulated  
4 third party food delivery service commission fees,  
5 the services could charge restaurant commission's  
6 fees as high as 30 percent or more for each order  
7 placed through their website. The average restaurant  
8 profit margin is said to be somewhere between two and  
9 six percent. From the staff, again, I want to thank  
10 Stephanie Jones and Noah Mexler.

11           That concludes today's legislative agenda and  
12 with that, I turn it back to you Council Member  
13 Cornegy, thank you for presiding today.

14           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Speaker  
15 Johnson. We will now move into discussion of General  
16 Orders. I would like to first recognize Council  
17 Member Rosenthal followed by Council Member Powers.

18           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you so much.  
19 Uh, what are Council Member Cornegy, Assistant  
20 Majority Leader? I am so proud to see you up there  
21 though, I'll tell you that.

22           Uhm, I want to thank the Speaker and the Speakers  
23 office on two bills in particular that I'd like to  
24 mention now. We're passing a bill to strengthen  
25 Local Law 97, which the City Council passed in 2019



2 and applied rigorous standards to privately own  
3 buildings in order to address climate change.  
4 However, the law did not apply to NYCHA buildings,  
5 nor did it require that the city consider greenhouse  
6 gas emissions for proposed capital projects. This  
7 law would now require that the city meet the same  
8 rigorous standards that private buildings have to  
9 meet in order to achieve our climate goals. And what  
10 I'd like to point out most importantly is that 70  
11 percent of climate emissions in the city are due to  
12 buildings. So, addressing these and holding the  
13 city's feet to the fire is critical.

14 Secondly, I want to mention Local Law, sorry,  
15 Intro. 2284, which was introduced after Victor Rivera  
16 was identified as having sexually harassed and  
17 assaulted his own staff and clients and the city's  
18 response was to send those survivors around in  
19 circles. None of the responses were trauma informed  
20 or survivor centric. So, for the first time, we are  
21 legislating that the city come up with [BELL RINGS].  
22 May I continue for just a half a minute?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Please continue and  
24 bring your comments to a close quickly.

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2           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Thank you. This  
3 requires the city to have materials that they will  
4 post in the shelters as well as have these materials  
5 to give to any survivor who reaches out to the city  
6 and requires that those survivors get – are told  
7 about the services that they need in order to deal  
8 with the trauma that they have endured. I just want  
9 to thank the legislative staff and my staff and of  
10 course the Speaker's office for their help in passing  
11 these bills.

12          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
13 Rosenthal. Council Member Powers followed by Council  
14 Member Menchaca.

15          COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Thank you and good  
16 afternoon. Nice to see everyone in person. I'm  
17 speaking here today on a bill that I've introduced  
18 and we are voting on today, Intro. 1811, which  
19 updates existing regulations to ensure the original  
20 attentive legislation was passed in 2016 and to  
21 codify ambiguities about pedestrian activity and  
22 activity in Time Square. This bill updates a 2016  
23 law that the New York City Council passed, many folks  
24 were here for that vote.

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2 As people might know, currently the regulations  
3 dictate where pedestrian activity should take place  
4 and where commercial activity should take place.  
5 We're taking steps to strengthen that law today and  
6 also make sure that we're living up to its original  
7 intention. As the city prepares to welcome back  
8 throngs of tourists and if you've been to Time Square  
9 you're starting to see people come back, which is  
10 good news. Intro. 1811 will improve that pedestrian  
11 experience for all individuals who are traveling or  
12 visiting Time Square.

13 Last month 300,000 pedestrians walked through  
14 Time Square, more than a 30 percent increase from two  
15 months prior. So, this is an opportunity to make  
16 sure that those regulations that were put in 2016 are  
17 meeting their goal and they are welcoming people back  
18 with real opportunities to enjoy Time Square and have  
19 pedestrian space in there.

20 We will be voting on that bill today, so I  
21 appreciate the support of all of my colleagues and  
22 those who have co-sponsored legislation and would of  
23 course ask for your support here today. I also want  
24 to welcome and thank the Time Square Alliance and the  
25 Street Vendor Project as well for their support of

2 that bill. And of course want to thank my neighbor  
3 and the person I split Time Square with, Speaker  
4 Corey Johnson, Jason Goldman and all the staff here  
5 for helping to support and pass this necessary piece  
6 of legislation. And of course, I would recognize my  
7 predecessor who is not here Dan Garodnick(SP?) who  
8 worked very hard in 2016 to put that really  
9 reasonable and thoughtful plan in place, which we are  
10 going to update and modernize.

11 So, with that, I would ask for your support today  
12 and I look forward to voting on it. Thank so much.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
14 Powers. We will end today's General Orders portion  
15 of the Stated Meeting with Carlos Menchaca.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Hello. It's like, if I  
17 could rap, I'll rap for you Steve Levin. Thank you.  
18 I am going to speak on a bill that my colleague just  
19 spoke on and I just want to kind of do justice to a  
20 little complicated and tense moment that this is  
21 causing, but Council Member Powers has introduced and  
22 is wanting us to all pass 1811 and I want to thank  
23 him for the work. He represents a community that  
24 includes Time Square and Time Square is an amenity  
25 for not just the whole city but really the whole

2 world. And so, I want to just thank him for holding  
3 that. His conversations with the advocates and the  
4 Alliance, the Time Square Alliance has been really  
5 strong and amazing. But I also understand that we  
6 are in a moment where violence and shootings have  
7 erupted in Time Square, really requiring us all to  
8 review it and to support the Council Member and the  
9 advocates.

10 Un my conversations today, because I will admit  
11 that I only started working on this today. I have  
12 asked for the NYPD report about what's happening in  
13 Time Square. They had a unit that was linguistically  
14 appropriate for characters and the vendors that I  
15 understand was removed during COVID. I've asked for  
16 the NYPD to consider bringing that back to ensure  
17 that we are communicating directly to these vendors  
18 that are immigrants. It's important because the  
19 changes that we are talking about today are supposed  
20 to be positive but we understand that when  
21 communication breaks down, bad things happen.

22 I understand that - the Mayor's Office told me  
23 that they are considering this and supportive of it  
24 but I think we should get it in writing. So, because  
25 of all of this and we weren't really being able to

2 talk about this in conference because our conferences  
3 are divided; and which you should all ask Jason to  
4 get us all back into a room as soon as possible. And  
5 as the Chair of the Immigration Committee, I'm going  
6 to be voting no on this bill, so that we can continue  
7 to really ensure that the immigrant voices are heard  
8 [BELL RINGS] and that we can ensure that language  
9 access is maximized as we make changes that are going  
10 to impact immigrants. These issues are often  
11 forgotten in these conversations -

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Council Member Menchaca,  
13 can you please bring your comments to a close please.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: When they need to be at  
15 the front of the conversation. So, I'll be voting no  
16 on 1811, which I'll vote on next. Thank you.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
18 Menchaca. We have now extended the list to add  
19 Council Member Yeger followed by Council Member  
20 Brooks-Powers.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Thank you Mr. President.  
22 Uhm, I rise on Introduction 1622 extensively bearing  
23 the name that it is designed to combat deceptive  
24 business practices and I think if anything uh, it's  
25 the title of the bill that is deceptive. What this

2 bill really does is it raises fines on small  
3 businesses. Now, you don't have to believe me, just  
4 look at the bill. There are fines in there were \$50  
5 are going to be \$350. There are fines in there that  
6 are \$350 that are going to be \$2,500 as much as.

7 Now, obviously, we don't want our city's  
8 businesses to engage in deceptive business practices  
9 but passing this bill requires trust. It requires us  
10 to trust the Department of Consumer Affairs won't  
11 weaponize our statute. It won't monetize our statute  
12 to terrorize the small businesses of New York. If  
13 you believe that as things are today, the Department  
14 of Consumer Affairs doesn't treat small businesses  
15 like a piggybank. Like an ATM machine and run around  
16 with their quota warriors and their ticket books  
17 issuing summonses right and left because something is  
18 not in the right place or the right thing is in the  
19 wrong place or the wrong thing is in the right place  
20 or there is a sign that may be isn't there or is  
21 there or shouldn't be there or should be there.  
22 Then, you're not living in the same city I am because  
23 that's what I see.

24 I see it every single day. The Department of  
25 Consumer Affairs terrorizes the small business of New

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2   York City.  This bill will give them the ammunition  
3   to continue doing it in a terrible way.  So, I urge  
4   you to please vote no on this bill.  Now, I want to  
5   say that this bill includes some good things, which  
6   is why Albany has developed a term for a bill like  
7   this.  It's called the Big Ugly.  It's when we throw  
8   in some good stuff into a terrible bill and then you  
9   want to feel bad about voting no on this bill because  
10  well, it has some good things and we don't want to  
11  vote no on it.

12           We can bring the good things up in a separate  
13  bill and we ought to.  There ought to be a regulatory  
14  scheme for laundries.  Of course.  There ought to be  
15  clean-ups of previous bills, of course but raising  
16  the fines on small businesses [BELL RINGS] in this  
17  environment is the wrong thing to do and I urge  
18  everybody to please vote no.  Thank you very much Mr.  
19  President.

20           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Thank you so much  
21  Council Member Yeger.  Council Member Brooks-Powers.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS:  Thank you.  Today,  
23  we will be voting on the B67 Street Rezoning LU 827.  
24  A Land Use project in my district.  The rezoning will  
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2   accommodate a proposed affordable independent  
3   residence for seniors and a new Charter school.

4           Both of these developments serve an important  
5   purpose in meeting the pressing needs of our city and  
6   we welcome them to the community. After listening to  
7   public input from my constituent, the projects  
8   applicants have also agreed to remove the nearby  
9   nursing home from consideration for rezoning. The  
10   nursing home has been a valuable member of the  
11   community for quite some time and we look forward to  
12   continue working with them to provide vital care for  
13   our seniors. I am glad that the applicants share  
14   this view and have agreed to leave the nursing homes  
15   zoning status as is. And I also want to thank Pastor  
16   Al Cockfield, who is present here today for his  
17   vision on this project and for helping make it a  
18   reality.

19           I also want to express my gratitude to Council  
20   Member Moya, as well as the Land Use Committee staff  
21   John Douglas and Amy Leviton(SP?) for their guidance  
22   in ushering this project through to ensure that the  
23   voice of my community waws heard. Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
3 Brooks-Powers. We've also added now Council Member  
4 Gjonaj to the list, Council Member Gjonaj.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Thank you Majority  
6 Leader. I just want to echo some of the comments  
7 that were made by my colleague Council Member Yeger  
8 in reference to 1622. We've just gone through a long  
9 extensive, an exhaustive process of reducing fines in  
10 New York City for small business. Given an option to  
11 small businesses time to comply before we fine them  
12 with a penalty. And this was a milestone in the City  
13 of New York. We just did an amnesty bill to reduce  
14 these fines during COVID and older violations that  
15 were not paid to give our businesses a chance.

16 For some of the points that were already  
17 mentioned, this is regressing. An increase in fines  
18 without giving our small businesses the ability to  
19 cure is not an answer or a solution. And coupling it  
20 with the responsibility of having to provide  
21 contracts in up to ten languages, if the language was  
22 marketed in any other language but English is going  
23 to be a nightmare for our small businesses. 80  
24 percent of small businesses in New York City employ  
25 less than 20 employees. They do not have the wear

2   with all or the ability to comply with these  
3   regulations. Here we are sending another mixed  
4   message. We are here to help and support but  
5   ultimately, this body is the cause of most of the  
6   issues that our small businesses are facing with and  
7   why it's so difficult to operate New York City.

8           So, I want to ask my colleagues to consider  
9   amending this bill. Allowing for a provision of cure  
10   before fining. Thank you and with that, I'll be  
11   voting no on 1622.

12           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
13   Gjonaj. We will move to a Report on Special  
14   Committees. The meeting will stand at ease please.  
15   Report on Standing Committees. I'm sorry, Report on  
16   Special Committees?

17           COUNCIL CLERK: None.

18           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Report on Standing  
19   Committees.

20           COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
21   Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing Intro. 1622-A  
22   deceptive trade practices?

23           SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
24   Orders.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
3 Criminal Justice Intro. 1209-A Doula Services?

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
5 Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
7 Environmental Protection Intro. 2283 Greenhouse Gas  
8 Emissions?

9 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
10 Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
12 Finance. Preconsidered Reso. 1726 Transparency  
13 Resolution?

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 822 and Reso.  
16 1729 Tax Exemption?

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
19 General Welfare Intro.'s 1483-A and 1484-A Pets and  
20 Homeless Shelters?

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
22 Orders.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 2284-A Survivor Resources  
24 for Gender-Based Harassment and Assault?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land  
5 Use LU 813 and Reso. 1730 and LU 814 and Reso. 1731  
6 Various UDAAP's?

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 820 and Reso. 1732 and LU 821  
9 and Reso. 1733 Landmark Designations?

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 823 and Reso.  
12 1734, 133 Beach 116<sup>th</sup> Street Rezoning?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU's 824 and 825  
15 Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street Rezoning?

16 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with modifications and  
17 refer to the City Planning Commission pursuant to  
18 Section 197D of the New York City Charter.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on Small  
20 Business, Intro. 1897-A licensing of third party food  
21 delivery services?

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
23 Orders.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Intro. 2390 fees  
25 charged by third party food delivery services?

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2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee on  
4 Transportation Intro. 1811-A theatre district zone?

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and Coupled on General  
6 Orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: General Orders Calendar,  
8 Preconsidered LU 824 and Reso. 1735 and Preconsidered  
9 LU 825 and Reso. 1736 Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street Rezoning?

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing various  
12 persons, commission of deeds?

13 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on General Orders and  
14 at this time, I'm asking the Clerk to take a roll  
15 call vote on all of the items coupled on today's  
16 General Order Calendar.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Thank you. I'm voting no  
19 on 1622, no on 1897, and no on Preconsidered 2390 and  
20 yes on the rest.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Matteo, I'm sorry,  
22 could you repeat that? I'm sorry.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: No on 1622, no on 1897,  
24 and no on Preconsidered 2390.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you sir.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes on the rest.

3 COUNCIL CLERK: Louis?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Uhm, sorry, abstaining on  
5 1622 and aye on all. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye. Sorry, give  
8 me one second. I make a motion for unanimous consent  
9 to vote on all Land Use Call-Ups and General Orders.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Okay, thank you for that.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: How do you vote?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera votes aye.  
14 Adams?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Permission to explain my  
16 vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you very much. I am  
19 voting aye on all with the exception of Intro. 1622-  
20 A, I do abstain and I do vote aye as well with  
21 explanation on Intro. 1209, to which I draw attention  
22 to. My concern of the growing staffing shortage at  
23 Rikers Island and the jails of New York City. Intro.  
24 1209 is a wonderful bill. It has to do with women's  
25 health and the utilization of doula services. I

2 implore this body to pay close attention to the  
3 timeframe that it takes for medical care to get to  
4 the detainees at Rikers Island. The shortage of  
5 staff has impacted medical care and my concern is  
6 that it will impact this legislation in the delivery  
7 of services. The situation must be rectified if this  
8 great legislation is to be successful. Which we want  
9 it to be and for which it is intended.

10 In March of this year, one in five scheduled  
11 doctors visits did not happen. It was a total of  
12 12,914 in all. We want this legislation to be  
13 successful and we must be vigilant and watching the  
14 growing shortage and the impact on healthcare,  
15 particularly to women on Rikers Island. With that, I  
16 do vote aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel vote aye. Ayala?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Barron?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Permission to explain my  
23 vote? Thank you. I vote aye on all with the  
24 exception of LU 813 and the accompanying Resolution  
25 LU 814 and the accompanying Resolution and LU 824.



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2           In terms of the limits that are set, when we call  
3 ourselves producing affordable housing it needs to  
4 meet the income of most of the people in my opinion  
5 in that community. LU 813 and LU 814 do not dud that  
6 because they go up to 120 percent of the AMI as a  
7 need, as the minimum, as the requiring income to  
8 apply for that housing. And in terms of LU 824, it  
9 includes the construction of a charter school and I  
10 think most of you know my position about charter  
11 schools and I don't think that we should be using our  
12 funds for the construction of charter schools. And  
13 there was a project which was brought to me in my  
14 district, which wanted to include a charter school  
15 and I rejected that. So, I certainly cannot approve  
16 this one in another person's district. Thank you  
17 very much.

18           COUNCIL CLERK: Borelli?

19           COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you. I'd like to  
20 vote aye on all except Intro. 1622 1897-A and  
21 Preconsidered 2390. I'd also like to associate  
22 myself with the comments of Council Member Yeger. I  
23 do agree with him that once we give sort of the  
24 clipboard cops the power to punish people, they use

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2   that authority without discretion in the best cases,  
3   as often as possible, so thank you.

4           COUNCIL CLERK:   Brannan?

5           COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN:   Aye.

6           COUNCIL CLERK:   Council Member Brannan votes aye.  
7   Brooks-Powers?

8           COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS:   Permission to  
9   explain my vote?

10          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:   Thank you.

11          COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS:   Uhm, I'd like to  
12   just rise and support for Council Member Rosenthal's  
13   bill Intro. 2284, which is a key step in the work  
14   this Council is doing to eradicate gender-based  
15   violence in New York.  It is especially tragic that  
16   survivors have experienced harassment and assault at  
17   the hands of the leader of a shelter provider.

18          The very person entrusted with the safety of some  
19   of the most vulnerable New Yorkers.  Thanks to the  
20   passage of this bill, the Department of Social  
21   Services will now lead the charge and investing  
22   reports of assault and harassment in city contracted  
23   shelters, ensuring that reports are taken seriously  
24   and handled responsibly.

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2           I want to thank Council Member Rosenthal for  
3 working to protect clients and providers alike from  
4 sexual assault in our city's social service system.  
5 Finally, as I mentioned earlier today in our  
6 Committee on Transportation meeting, I have concerns  
7 about Intro. 1811. Just being someone who is  
8 supportive of ensuring that our low-wage workers are  
9 protected and considered. I want to make sure that  
10 we have a conversation and a space for all  
11 stakeholders to be able to communicate. I have  
12 spoken to Council Member Powers and look forward to  
13 working with him and the key stakeholders to help  
14 ensure that all voices are heard and addressing the  
15 concerns in Time Square and I vote aye on all.

16           COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera?

17           COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Thank you. I vote no on  
18 1622-A and no 1811-A and aye on the rest. Thank you.

19           COUNCIL CLERK: Chin?

20           COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

21           COUNCIL CLERK: Chin vote aye on all. Cornegy?

22           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

23           COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz?

24           COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz votes aye on all.

3 Dromm?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye on all.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dromm votes aye on  
6 all. Eugene?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Eugene votes Aye.  
9 Council Member Feliz?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Good afternoon. I abstain  
11 on 1622-A and vote yes on the rest. Thank you.

12 Gennaro?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Gennaro votes yes.  
15 Gibson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Permission to explain?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you Mr. Majority  
19 Leader. I will be voting aye on all of today's  
20 agenda items with the exception of Intro. 1622-A,  
21 similarly for the reasons cited by Council Member  
22 Yeger and Council Member Gjonaj. Certainly, I have a  
23 lot of concerns about this bill and I understand that  
24 you know we have to do everything possible to support  
25 small businesses. And I think it's counter productive

2   if on one hand we are voting on measures that provide  
3   fine reductions and amnesties and then on the other  
4   hand we are supporting measures that actually  
5   increase the fines.

6           We can't talk about the fabric of our communities  
7   and our city being small businesses and then provide  
8   punitive measures. And while I appreciate the intent  
9   of the bill and thank you Council Member Chin for  
10   your leadership, I just cannot certainly do that to  
11   businesses across the City of New York and certainly  
12   not businesses in Bronx county who have really faced  
13   the brunt of this COVID-19 pandemic who have had to  
14   close their doors and struggle to survive and I truly  
15   think that we have to do more as a city to really  
16   help our small businesses.

17           I also want to commend Council Member Helen  
18   Rosenthal for her leadership in today's agenda.  
19   These bills are going to go along way in making sure  
20   that we continue to talk about equity and access and  
21   opportunity and creating safe, working environments  
22   for all New Yorkers, certainly women. Today is  
23   Women's Equality Day and so, I want to raise up all  
24   of our sisters and our women across the City of New  
25   York because this is the day that we pass the 19<sup>th</sup>

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2   Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to affirm women's  
3   right to vote.  And although we've had great  
4   progress, we're going to continue to push and push  
5   until women are paid equally for equal work and we no  
6   longer have to have equality days.

7           And so, with that, thank you Mr. Majority Leader  
8   and congratulations to all my colleagues.  I will be  
9   voting aye on today's agenda with the exception of  
10  1622-A, I will be voting no.  Thank you.

11          COUNCIL CLERK:  Gjonaj?

12          COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ:  Permission to explain my  
13  vote Majority Leader.

14          SPEAKER JOHNSON:  Permission granted.

15          COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ:  Okay, thank you Speaker.

16          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  I'm sorry, permission  
17  granted.

18          COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ:  Thank you Speaker, thank  
19  you Majority Leader.  Uhm, I just want to echo  
20  another concern I have with 1622 and I know that it's  
21  there for money but if we're going to require  
22  businesses to provide written contracts in ten  
23  languages, the very penalties that we're increasing  
24  and the rules and regulations, up to 6,000 rules and  
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2 regulations in the City of New York that impact small  
3 businesses are not in ten languages.

4           So, asking small business to do something that  
5 the public sector, government is not doing, is not  
6 leading by example. So, with that, I vote aye on all  
7 and no on 1622. Thank you.

8           COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik?

9           COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Uh, just permission  
10 to briefly discuss world events today?

11          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

12          COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: You know, as we sit  
13 here in New York City, the most diverse place on the  
14 face of our earth, today we mourn the loss of more  
15 than a few U.S. service members who have been killed  
16 in twin bombings in Afghanistan protecting and  
17 essentially trying to secure the airport in Kabul.  
18 They were on a humanitarian mission and I hope that  
19 you will keep all of them and their families in your  
20 thoughts and prayers today.

21          With that, I vote aye on all.

22          COUNCIL CLERK: Holden?

23          COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: I vote aye on all, except  
24 for 1622-A.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: I'm sorry Council Member, the  
3 microphone didn't turn on.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Not on, okay. I vote aye  
5 on all with the exception of 1622-A of which I vote  
6 no.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Kallos?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye on all.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kallos votes aye  
10 on all. Koslowitz?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koslowitz votes  
13 aye on all. Lander?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lander votes aye.  
16 Levin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Permission to explain my  
18 vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very much Mr.  
21 Majority Leader. I just want to thank the Speaker,  
22 thank Chief of Staff Jason Goldman for the passage  
23 today of Intro.'s 1483-A and 1484-A. Intro. 1483-A  
24 would require Department of Homeless Services to  
25 develop a plan to accommodate pets in shelter and



2 individuals and families with the objective of  
3 allowing homeless pet owners to keep their pets.

4 Such a plan would include for example, the steps  
5 DHS can take to prioritize the acquisition of  
6 facilities that permit homeless pet owners and keep  
7 their pets as well as identifying existing providers  
8 that will permit homeless pet owners to keep their  
9 pets. This plan would also require DHS to submit the  
10 plan to the Speaker of the Council no later than 180  
11 days from the effective date of the bill.

12 Intro. 1484 would require DHS to post information  
13 on its website regarding the process for having a pet  
14 designated as an emotional support animal and then to  
15 report every three months information on how many  
16 individuals and families apply for shelter and  
17 reported that they had a pet as well as the placement  
18 or disposition of pets that belong to people that  
19 enter homeless shelters.

20 This is a major issue for people who are living  
21 on the street and a major impediment for them coming  
22 in from the street into shelter. People rely on  
23 their pets, especially when they are in unstable  
24 housing as a means of emotional support. And very  
25 often pets are like their children and for those of

2 you that are pet owners and animal lovers, you  
3 understand how difficult it would be to part with  
4 your pets if that meant going into shelter. And so,  
5 uhm, we think that this bill will create a path  
6 forward for the city to actually create a system  
7 where we can accommodate pets in shelter.

8 So, first I just want to thank Detrick  
9 Cheatham(SP?) from my staff for spearheading this  
10 legislation for a number of years. Detrick we  
11 greatly appreciate your work as well as Elizabeth  
12 Adams, Aminta Kilawan, Crystal Pond and Natalie Omari  
13 from Committee Staff. And again, thanks to Speaker  
14 and Jason Goldman and Jeff Baker for the passage of  
15 this legislation today. Thank you and with that, I  
16 vote aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you Council Member.  
18 Levine?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on all.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Maisel?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel votes yes  
23 on all. Menchaca?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: No on 1811, aye on the  
25 rest.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Moya?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Permission to explain my  
4 vote?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Uh, I just  
7 wanted to talk about Intro. 2390. As we know this  
8 pandemic has been a rollercoaster with how we tackle  
9 public safety while keeping our mom and pop shops  
10 afloat and I'm proud to be part of a body that is  
11 steadfast in the responsibility to protect the  
12 restaurant industry and it's workers. This means  
13 ensuring that mom and pop shops have a real  
14 opportunity to not only recover from this pandemic  
15 but thrive. It means the opportunity to retain and  
16 hire staff to keep their businesses running. It  
17 means mobilizing our local economy. We are not here  
18 to enable billion dollar companies and their  
19 investors to get rich at the expense of restaurants.  
20 You and our New York City restaurants urge us to save  
21 you by permanently capping the third party delivery  
22 fees and we're going to do just that.

23 With this bill, we are limiting without  
24 expiration the fees charged to food service  
25 establishments by third party food delivery services.

2   This bill would also require a report to be submitted  
3   to the Mayor and the Speaker of the City Council  
4   every two years, recommending the maintenance or  
5   adjustment of the bills cap on fees, by looking at  
6   factors such as the effect of the cap on the third  
7   party food industry services and the food service  
8   establishments, whether the cap effects delivery  
9   workers wages and workers conditions. The products  
10  they provide by the third party food delivery  
11  services for listing, processing and marketing and  
12  figures such as the number of complaints and  
13  violations that total the number of penalties that  
14  are required at these businesses.

15           Businesses also should not be pressured into  
16  accepting exorbitant fees in order to remain viable  
17  and competitive. This bill is one example of how we  
18  stand with businesses and its workers in one of the  
19  greatest city's in the world and I want to take this  
20  opportunity to thank the Speaker, Jason Goldman, the  
21  Small Business Committee Chair Mark Gjonaj, the  
22  Legislative Counsel Stephanie Jones, my Chief of  
23  Staff Meghan Tadio and all my colleagues for  
24  supporting this bill and I vote aye on all. Thank  
25  you.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Riley?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley votes aye.

5 Powers?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Powers votes aye.

8 Reynoso?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye with the exception  
10 of -

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member, we need you to  
12 use the microphone, one moment.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on all with  
14 the exception of 1811-A, in which I will abstain.  
15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Rodriguez?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to explain  
18 my vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: So, I will be voting  
21 aye on all the items but I would like to speak a  
22 little bit about Intro. 1811-A, that will create a  
23 theatre district zone in the district of Council  
24 Member Powers and Council Member Speaker Johnson. I  
25 feel that you know, definitely this is an important

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2   area for the whole City of New York, for the theatre  
3   community, for the hotels, for Time Square. At the  
4   same time, also we need to put everything in place to  
5   protect the workers.

6           A few years ago, we brought an initial bill of  
7   this that limited the area, the space where they  
8   should be located in that area. Unfortunately, as  
9   soon as the other failed to the agreement, I can say  
10   in the last 24 hours, we've been having good  
11   conversation with City Hall and the Time Square  
12   Alliance as a result of those conversations, there is  
13   a reaching agreement. Whereas, we passing this bill  
14   at Time Square Alliance and the stakeholder, our  
15   Committee that for now own hotels in that area, they  
16   will be indicating the tourists. They take any - for  
17   of any of those character, it is expected that they  
18   should give a tip. They also will be connecting with  
19   City Hall with all the resources that they need from  
20   the immigrants right point of view. So, I feel that  
21   at the end, we were able to get what we needed to  
22   protect the workers and I know that this was  
23   important also for Council Member Powers, Council  
24   Member and Speaker Johnson.

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2           So, I want to thank the tone from the Time Square  
3 Alliance and all the stakeholders for putting a lot  
4 of things in writing that I hope now we will be able  
5 to make a win-win situation good for the city and  
6 good for everyone including the workers. With that,  
7 I vote aye.

8           COUNCIL CLERK:   Rose?

9           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE:   Aye on all.

10          COUNCIL CLERK:   Council Member Rose votes aye on  
11 all. Rosenthal?

12          COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL:   With permission  
13 presiding officer to explain my vote?

14          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:   Permission granted.

15          COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL:   Thank you. First, I'd  
16 like to disclose on the record that I recently joined  
17 the Board of the New York City Alliance Against  
18 Sexual Assault. But I want to talk about as Council  
19 Member Gibson mentioned, today is Women's Equality  
20 Day. And by increasing critical maternal health  
21 services for women incarcerated on Rikers Island,  
22 we're chipping away at the enormous health equity  
23 issues faced by women, especially women of color.

24          Intro. 1209-A will be one of the first local laws  
25 in the U.S. to mandate free comprehensive and ongoing

2 doula services in a correctional system. And, the  
3 doula's will be paid, paid for by local government.

4 My bill is part of an ongoing effort by this City  
5 Council to combat maternal mortality and morbidity in  
6 New York City, especially among communities of color.  
7 Intro. 1209-A will require that the services of two  
8 doula's be provided to people being held at Rikers  
9 Island.

10 Incarcerated people who are pregnant or have  
11 recently given birth are highly vulnerable and often  
12 lack access to proper medical and mental healthcare.  
13 If you are incarcerated and Black or Latinx, you are  
14 even more at risk. Despite growing public attention,  
15 Black women in New York City are still 8 to 12 times  
16 more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than  
17 White women.

18 Countless scientific trials have shown that  
19 doula's have a positive impact on the well-being of  
20 the entire family. Remarkably improving physical and  
21 psychological outcomes for both mother and child. And  
22 we know from doula providers who have worked on  
23 Rikers Island previously, that the benefits of their  
24 services really do radiate outward, reaching the  
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2   extended family by providing [BELL RINGS].  If I may  
3   for just a half a minute?

4           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Yes ma'am.

5           COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL:  Thank you.  By  
6   providing support for incarcerated parents through  
7   this legislation, we are supporting the entire  
8   community.  I want to add that there is a troubling  
9   lack of data regarding maternal health among women in  
10  prison in jails across the United States.  My bill  
11  also helps address this issue in New York City  
12  through its reporting requirements.  I want to thank  
13  the doula providers who are heroically leading the  
14  fight for their clients every day.  Ancient Song  
15  Doula Services work with incarcerated people on  
16  Rikers and that was a huge inspiration for this bill,  
17  however, they were volunteering.

18          I also want to acknowledge the tremendous work of  
19  the Brooklyn Perinatal Network as well as Agatha  
20  Mavropoulos in the New York City Council legislative  
21  division as well as my staff, Madhuri Shukla  
22  Legislative Director, Sarah Crean Communications  
23  Director, Cindy Cardinal Chief of Staff, of course  
24  the Speakers office and Speaker Corey Johnson.  And I  
25  want to thank Council Member Brooks-Powers for her

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2   kind words.  I know she is going to carry on working  
3   to support women in this city.  Thank you very much.

4           COUNCIL CLERK:  Thank you.  Council Member  
5   Treyger.

6           COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER:  I vote aye.

7           COUNCIL CLERK:  Ulrich?

8           COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH:  I vote aye on all.

9           COUNCIL CLERK:  Thank you.  Just for the record,  
10   Council Member Treyger has voted aye on all.  Yeger.

11          COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER:  Mr. President, may I be  
12   excused to explain my vote?

13          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Permission granted.

14          COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER:  Thank you Mr. Speaker.

15   Uhm, I'm not going to repeat you know when I'm at the  
16   end of the roster.  I was in class long enough to  
17   know that wise last and the votes are cast and this  
18   is the way it's going to be.  Uhm, but you know, we  
19   do this all the time here in the Council.  We've been  
20   doing this for the last three and a half years that  
21   I've been here.  We've been doing it for years and  
22   years before.  You know, the Administration wants  
23   something done and you know, they present it to us  
24   and you know, we are New York City's largest rubber  
25   stamp and so, then we do it.

2 Uhm, this bill you know was presented to the  
3 members of the Council with a fiscal impact statement  
4 that says that the revenues expected from this bill  
5 are zero in FY22 zero, in FY23. It's just not  
6 truthful. I mean, we know what this bill is going to  
7 do and these - uh, a member of this Council spoke  
8 about you know, the uh, the ticket warriors or as I  
9 call them the quota warriors. You know, that's what  
10 they do. That's their job. To run around the city.  
11 They have no other job other than to issue summonses.  
12 They are not, they are not going out to do a service  
13 for the people of New York. They're running around,  
14 looking for businesses to throw these summonses on.

15 So, look, I'm going to stick with how I've done  
16 things for the last three in a half years. I'm a  
17 hard no on 1622 and consistent with how I voted in  
18 the past on these topics. I'm also no on Intro.  
19 1897. No on 2390. Thank you very much Mr.  
20 President.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye on all.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: All items on today's  
24 General Order Calendar are adopted by a vote of 42 in  
25 the affirmative, zero in the negative with the

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2   exception of Intro. 1622-A, 32 in the affirmative,  
3   seven in the negative and three abstentions and  
4   Intro. 1897, which was adopted by a vote of 39  
5   affirmative, three negative, zero abstentions.

6           Also, Intro. 2390, 39 affirmative, three  
7   negative, zero abstentions. Intro. 1811-A, 39  
8   affirmative, two negative and one abstention. Land  
9   Use items 813, 814 and 824 with accompanying Reso's.  
10   41 in the affirmative and one in the negative.

11           Thank you. There are no Resolutions on today's  
12   calendar, so we will be now moving into general  
13   discussion.

14           SPEAKER JOHNSON: First, Introduction of Reading  
15   of Bills.

16           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Sorry.

17           SPEAKER JOHNSON: That's okay.

18           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Introduction and Reading  
19   of Bills?

20           SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been referred to  
21   Committee's as indicated on today's agenda.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you. There are no  
23   Resolutions on today's calendar, so we will now be  
24   moving into general discussion beginning with Council  
25   Member Darma Diaz.

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2           COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ:   Good afternoon.   As the  
3   Chair of the Committee on Women and Gender and Equity  
4   and a survivor of domestic violence, I was alarmed to  
5   learn that there are no domestic violence shelters  
6   designated for men specifically in New York.

7           I am asking you as my cohorts to please support  
8   my bill which will address the issue that we have.  
9   As we fight for equity and justice, we have to look  
10   out for our men as well.

11          I would like to share with you all and just  
12   simply nearly one in ten men in the United States has  
13   experienced rape, physical violence and stalking by  
14   an intimate partner and reported at least one major  
15   impact related to experiences.   These are other forms  
16   of other violent behavior in their relationships.   If  
17   that's not appalling to you, it's just difficult for  
18   me to go on.

19          Colleagues, I simply am asking you and would love  
20   your support to help out our men.   Thank you.

21          COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:   Thank you Council Member  
22   Diaz.   We will next hear from Council Member Ben  
23   Kallos followed by Council Member Inez Barron  
24   followed by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez.

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1           STATED MEETING OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL   70

2           COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS:  As New Yorkers drift  
3 towards slumber each night, they can expect a rich  
4 echophony of noises that keep them up each night.  
5 From cars blasting bass that shakes windows as they  
6 drive by.  The motorists leaning into their horns out  
7 of anger.  To roving motorcycle gangs revving engines  
8 amplified by straight exhaust pipes as they speed  
9 down our sidewalks.  Even trucks using a jake brake  
10 that makes the home improvement arr, arr, arr as they  
11 slow for a red light.

12           The noise wouldn't be so bad on a highway park or  
13 distant vista but it's happening in neighborhoods  
14 across all five boroughs that have become  
15 destinations or drive thru with buildings that are 6,  
16 12, even 30 stories tall, housing thousands of New  
17 Yorkers.  NYPD's no chase policy has left these  
18 annoyances uncurved.  New Yorkers have had enough and  
19 have come out to meetings with elected officials  
20 demanding they do something about it.

21           Today, we're answering their call with new  
22 legislation for automated noise enforcement using  
23 video cameras, microphone triangulation to catch the  
24 booming vehicles and mailing violations, up to  
25 \$15,000.  Please sign on to Introduction 2385 to take

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2 on unmitigated noise for our constituents and yes,  
3 I've been reading way too many bedtime stories to my  
4 daughter.

5 I also want to thank Abi Danski(SP?) from my team  
6 who is headed to Law School at Cardozo and Kala  
7 Shelby who is headed into the private sector. Thank  
8 you.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you Council Member  
10 Kallos. I apologize, I misread the list. We are now  
11 going to hear from Council Member Brad Lander  
12 followed by Council Member Inez Barron, followed by  
13 Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Alright, I'm not going to  
15 be as entertaining as Council Member Kallos but I  
16 would like to invite members to join me and Council  
17 Member Danny Dromm in cosponsoring a bill we're  
18 introducing today Intro. 2389. Which would prohibit  
19 discrimination based on weight or height or body size  
20 by extending the protections of a New York City Human  
21 Rights Law in employment in housing and public  
22 accommodation.

23 Many cities and even states like Michigan have  
24 done this but there is no federal or New York State  
25 protection. So, today in New York, it is perfectly

2   legal for an employer to refuse to hire someone  
3   because of their weight for a business owner to throw  
4   somebody out of their shop because of it or refuse  
5   them service.

6           A remarkable young New Yorker Lydia Green did a  
7   survey of this and its linked.  If you check on my  
8   Twitter, you can see the survey that she did.  It's  
9   really powerful and compelling to hear from just  
10  dozens and dozens of people who have faced this kind  
11  of discrimination and what it has meant in their  
12  lives.  So, I want to thank Lydia Green  
13  Anamessor(SP?) and Steph Stokowski for bringing this  
14  to my attention and putting it together.  A very  
15  simple fix that again, many cities and states around  
16  the country have already passed and I hope it's  
17  something that we can get done here.  Assembly Member  
18  Linda Rosenthal has a similar bill in the New York  
19  State assembly but it's been years that it hasn't  
20  passed.  So, let's get it done.  I hope other members  
21  will sign on.  Thank you.

22           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  Excuse me, Council  
23  Member Lander, did you say that height was included  
24  in that?  If so, you can include me as a cosponsor.



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2           COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER:  It's one of those things  
3 with you know that picture where they have the boxes  
4 so you could see over the fence.  We're going to have  
5 to like dig a hole for you to stand in in the  
6 Council.

7           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:  If you're willing to do  
8 that, I'm willing to cosponsor.  Thank you.  Council  
9 Member Inez Barron.

10          COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON:  Yes, thank you.  First,  
11 legislatively I'd like to invite my colleague to sign  
12 on to Intro. 2375, which calls for additional measure  
13 to be taken to improve safety conditions near  
14 schools.  Everyone knows my love is teaching and I  
15 have several measures which are presented to help  
16 improve the safety near school zones and the  
17 cosponsor, I want to thank my cosponsors Council  
18 Member Treyger and Council Member Rivera.

19          Last month, I called attention to the fact that  
20 my former mother-in-law celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
21 and this month, I'd like to call attention to the  
22 fact that my own mom, Margaret R. Smith celebrated  
23 her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.  So, we're pleased to join her in  
24 that celebration.  And also want to call attention to  
25 the birthday this past August 17<sup>th</sup> of the honorable

2    Marcus Mosiah Garvey who was born August 17, 1887.  
3    Died June 10, 1940. He was born in Jamaica but he  
4    became a nationally recognized figure as a political  
5    activist, as a publisher and organizer and the found  
6    of the UNIA, which stands for the Universal Negro  
7    Improvement Association and African Community League.  
8    He spoke extensively about ending the colonial rule  
9    in Africa and in other parts of the world and he  
10   called for political unification of Africa.

11           He advocated for Blacks financial independence  
12   and he established several entities to achieve that.  
13   He had the Black star line which was both a shipping  
14   and passenger line. There were several hotels that he  
15   owned under the UNAA. There was a Black doll  
16   factory. The Black nurses unit and a millinery  
17   company as well as restaurants and a steam laundry  
18   that was operated by UNAA. He gave us the Black  
19   liberation flag, the red, black and green and his  
20   model was One God, One Aim, One Destiny. And in  
21   conclusion, his organization was worldwide and had  
22   over 200 members of grassroots people and he worked  
23   with Hubert Harrison, another significant figure in  
24   the Black history movement. Thank you very much.

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2           COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY:   Thank you Council Member  
3 Barron and just for the record Majority Leader Laurie  
4 Cumbo is still the Majority Leader.   I preside over  
5 today's Stated Meeting as the Democratic Conference  
6 Chair, just for the record.

7           I will now call on Speaker Corey Johnson to close  
8 today's Stated Meeting.

9           SPEAKER JOHNSON:   The Stated Meeting of August  
10 26, 2021, is hereby adjourned.   Thank you all.

11          [GAVEL].

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