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B E F O R E: Corey Johnson
Speaker

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Justin L. Brannan
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Barry S. Grodenchik
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3 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon
4 and welcome to the stated meeting of September 23,
5 2021. I am Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and I'd like
6 to thank you for joining us. If you would like to
7 follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
8 posted on our website.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Please join us for the
10 Pledge of Allegiance.

11 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

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

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron. Borelli.
24 Brannan.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Here.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Cornegy.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Present.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Present.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: Present.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Present.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Dromm.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Gibson.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Present.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Here.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Holden.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Kallos.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Lander.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN:
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine. Louis. Maisel.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Menchaca.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Present.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Miller. Moya.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins. Powers.
24 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Here.
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Reynoso. Riley.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.
4 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Rodriguez.
6 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Present.
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Rose.
8 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Rosenthal.
10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Salamanca.
12 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger.
14 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Ulrich.
16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Here.
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.
18 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Van Bramer.
20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Yeger.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Matteo. Cumbo.
24 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.
25 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Madam Majority Leader, we
3 have a quorum.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We have a quorum.
5 Thank you so much. We will now have today's
6 invocation, which will be delivered by Father James
7 O'Shea, spiritual leader at the Passionists, which is
8 located 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard in Jamaica, Queens.

9 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise.

10 FATHER O'SHEA: So today we pray.
11 Creator of our ever-emerging universe, by many names
12 we call upon you. Attend to the needs of each one of
13 us this day as we join together to serve our city in
14 the midst of all that can attract or distract our
15 energies. We ask that you settle our anxieties and
16 our fears in order that we might be most attentive to
17 the cries of our struggling sisters and brothers and
18 the cries of our suffering earth. May this deep
19 listening lead us to take those actions most in
20 accord with your vision for both the just and
21 compassionate human community as well as a healthy
22 and life-giving planet. Amen.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you
24 so much, and I thank you so much for being here
25 today. I would now like to ask Speaker, excuse,

2 Council Member Jim Gennaro to spread the invocation
3 onto the record.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Thank you, Madam
5 Majority Leader. It is an honor and a privilege to
6 tell you about my good friend, Father James O'Shea.
7 Father Jim is currently the provincial of the
8 Passionists in the eastern United States, Canada,
9 Puerto Rico, and other parts of the Caribbean. The
10 pastors were founded by St. Paul of the Cross 300
11 years ago. This year is their tricentennial year.
12 Their mission is rooted in ministry and service to
13 the poor and suffering. They are well known for
14 their missionary work in Haiti, where they care for
15 the sick and suffering, and build and staff medical
16 facilities. When the AIDS crisis first manifested
17 and Haiti was devastated, Passionists missionaries
18 answered the call and cared for those afflicted and
19 they do so to this day. Father Jim began a parish
20 ministry in Bedford Stuyvesant, where he focuses
21 energy on the development of community-based
22 organizations, speaking to urgent community needs.
23 In 2002 he became the founding director of Churches
24 United Corporation, which was a coalition of 15
25 Catholic Churches in North Brooklyn that successfully

2 advocated for the creation of hundreds of units of
3 affordable housing, including the agreement reached
4 in the Brooklyn waterfront rezoning in 2005. Father
5 Jim also led the process from feasibility study to
6 opening of a Cristo Rey network high school in
7 Brooklyn, serving low-income families. In 2010
8 Father Jim founded Reconnect Brooklyn, with a mission
9 of engaging young people through entrepreneurship,
10 education, and services, and he certainly, and
11 service. He currently serves as the director of
12 Reconnect. Reconnect offers entry-level development
13 through social enterprise that leads to further
14 employment and education for young men looking for
15 change. This project, through social enterprises,
16 which are local businesses that are supported by
17 Reconnect, has employed over 250 young people.

18 Father Jim is now developing his latest project, the
19 Thomas Berry Place in my district in Queens and that
20 will be a spiritual center which joins social justice
21 and care of the earth. On a personal note, Jim and I
22 have been friends for 30 years. In 1991 on a gray,
23 rainy July day he performed the wedding ceremony of
24 me to my wife, my late sainted wife, Joanne. Despite
25 the rain it was an unforgettably beautiful day. With

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2 that, I thank James O'Shea for gracing us with his
3 presence today and I make a motion for unanimous
4 consent to spread the invocation in full upon the
5 record. Thank you, Madam Majority Leader.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
7 much, Council Member Gennaro, for your very moving
8 spreading of the invocation, and I thank you so much,
9 Father Shea, for being here today and for sharing
10 your spiritual guidance with us all. We will now
11 move into the adoption of minutes by Council Member
12 Oswald Feliz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. Ah, I
14 make a motion to adopt the minutes of the Stated
15 Meeting of [inaudible]. Testing. Thank you. I make
16 a motion to adopt the minutes of the Stated Meeting
17 held on August 26, 2021, and that the minutes be
18 adopted as printed.

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
20 much.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you, and
23 we'll now move into messages and papers from the
24 mayor.
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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M329,
3 Mayor's Management Report.

4 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Received, ordered,
5 printed, and filed.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Communication
7 from city, county, and borough offices.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M330
9 through Preconsidered M332, various appointments.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Rules, privileges, and
11 elections.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: PACs.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

14 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Land use call-
15 ups.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: M333 through M338.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on a call-up
18 vote, and I would ask the clerk take a roll call vote
19 on today's land use call-ups. Again, colleagues,
20 we're just voting on land use call-ups.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Adams
24 votes aye. Ampry-Samuel.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel votes aye.
3 Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala votes aye.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Borelli.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: A motion to, a
8 motion for unanimous consent to vote on all land use
9 and general order items.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
11 granted.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Thank you. Ah,
13 I will be voting no on M326, preconsidered M330, 331,
14 332, intros 1846-A, 2271-A, 2272-A, 2288-A, 2289-A,
15 2294-A, 2296-A, 2298-A, 2397-A, 2399, 2403, and for
16 the benefit of our clerk I will leave him this paper.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Brannan
20 votes aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers votes aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera votes aye. Chin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Chin votes
5 aye. Cornegy.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: [inaudible].

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: I vote aye.
10 [inaudible].

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And General
12 Orders?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: And General
14 Orders.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cornegy
19 has voted aye on all land use call-ups and all
20 general order matters. Darma Diaz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: [inaudible].

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz votes aye on
3 all. Council Member Dromm.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Can I have
5 permanent to vote on all land use items and General
6 Orders before the council?

7 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
8 granted.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Thank you. I vote
10 aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Dromm
12 votes aye on all.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: [inaudible]

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Eugene
19 votes aye on all land use call-ups and General Orders
20 matters.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye on all.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz votes aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro. Gibson.
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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you. Madam
3 Majority Leader, with permission can I vote aye on
4 all on all land use call items and general orders
5 calendar items as well?

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
7 granted.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you so
9 much. I vote aye.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Ah, Madam Majority
11 Leader, we, we can't have more people continue to,
12 ah, vote on everything because we have to keep our
13 quorum here today. So we have to make sure that
14 folks stick around for the entirety of the Stated
15 Meeting.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: And just to add
17 to that, Speaker Johnson, if we could clear that, ah,
18 with Jason Goldman prior to the actual Stated Meeting
19 in the future beginning that would assist us greatly
20 in keeping quorum and making sure that we have the
21 adequate and appropriate votes needed, um, for a
22 quorum.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Holden.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Speaker, ah, I
25 did clear it with Jason. I vote aye on all land use

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2 call-ups and I make a motion for unanimous consent to
3 vote on all items on the general order calendar,
4 sorry. What do you think?

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
6 granted.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: OK. I vote aye
8 on all except preconsidered M330 and accompanying
9 Reso 1747, of which I vote no. Thank you.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Madam Majority Leader,
11 I want to, before Council Member Holden leaves, I
12 want to congratulate him on a happy anniversary, 48
13 years with his wife [applause], ah, which is amazing,
14 so I want to congratulate Bob and Amy on 48 years
15 together. Bob and Amy, happy 48 years.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Salamanca.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you. I
18 vote aye on all land use call-ups and I make a motion
19 for a unanimous consent to vote on all items on the
20 general order calendar.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I see no objections.

22 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
23 granted.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Thank you,
25 thank you.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye [inaudible].

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj votes aye.

5 Grodenchik.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: I vote aye

7 [inaudible] [laughter].

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: We always love to

9 have you.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Grodenchik votes aye.

11 Council Member Kallos.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye [inaudible].

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Kallos

14 votes aye. Council Member Koo.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koo votes

17 aye. Council Member Koslowitz

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koslowitz

20 votes aye. Lander.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lander

23 votes aye. Levin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levin
3 votes aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Levine. Louis. Maisel.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel
7 votes yes. Council Member Menchaca.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menchaca
10 votes aye. Miller. Moya.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Moya votes
13 aye. Perkins. Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Powers
16 votes aye. Reynoso. Riley.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley
19 votes aye. Rivera.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rivera
22 votes aye. Rodriguez.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [inaudible] I
24 vote aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rodriguez
3 votes aye. Rose.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I vote aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose votes
6 aye. Rosenthal.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rosenthal
9 votes aye. Treyger.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger
12 votes aye. Ulrich.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Ulrich
15 votes aye. Council Member Vallone.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vallone
18 votes aye. Van Bramer.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Van Bramer
21 votes aye. Yeger.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Yeger
24 votes aye. Matteo.

25 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Matteo
3 votes aye. Cumbo.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Cumbo
6 votes aye. Gennaro. Speaker Johnson.

7 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Today's land use
9 call-ups have a vote of 42 in the affirmative and
10 zero negative. We will now have communication from
11 Speaker Corey Johnson.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
13 Majority Leader. Good afternoon and welcome to
14 today's Stated Meeting. Before we get started, I
15 want to remind all members that masks are required to
16 be worn throughout Stated, even when speaking. As we
17 continue to battle this pandemic let's do our best to
18 protect each other and all New Yorkers. First, I
19 want to acknowledge Hispanic Heritage Month, which
20 began on September 15 and runs until October 15.
21 This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many
22 contributions of Hispanic leaders, not only in our
23 city but across the nation. I also want to thank, I
24 also want to wish all those who celebrate the joyous
25 holiday of Sukkoth, ah, and I was lucky enough to be

2 with Council Member Yeger in the sukkah outside of
3 City Hall, ah, earlier today. I want to thank him
4 for arranging that, and I want to say that I hope
5 everyone had a meaningful fast who celebrated for Yom
6 Kippur. Ah, we're really proud of, ah, the Jewish
7 community in New York City. Ah, today we're voting
8 on 10 bills to strengthen our city, including six to
9 protect deliveristas. We are the first major city to
10 set minimum standards for this industry, the first,
11 the first in the country. This body is once again
12 making, this body is, once again, leading the nation
13 and doing the most good for the people who need it
14 the most, and this is no small industry, either.
15 There are estimated to be 65,000 delivery workers in
16 New York City, 65,000 delivery workers in our city.
17 At the height of the pandemic deliveristas risked
18 their lives every day to bring food to our home so we
19 could stay safe, and sadly people were not protecting
20 them. But today's package changes that. These bills
21 will give delivery workers the rights they deserve,
22 including the right to use bathrooms in restaurants
23 where they're picking up deliveries, and, as always,
24 I'm proud of the council members tackling some of our
25 city's biggest challenges and for standing up for

2 deliveristas. As I do at every Stated, I want to
3 acknowledge some 9/11-related deaths that we've seen,
4 sadly. On September 6 we lost retired firefighter
5 Dennis McLean. He was 71 years old. I also would
6 like to acknowledge those New Yorkers who died on the
7 job. Kuldeep Singh, a 21-year-old ride-sharing
8 driver, was killed by a stray bullet in Harlem. He
9 died of his injuries on September 8. We also mourn
10 the death of delivery worker Noway Amadur Leconta,
11 Lecona. He died when his scooter collided with a car
12 on September 10. He was 31 years old. And we also
13 lost Michael Melfy, an iron worker. He died on
14 September 14. He was 33 years old. I am also
15 heartbroken by the passing of Doris Diether, who was
16 a long-time community activist in my district and
17 Margaret Chin's district in Greenwich Village. She
18 has been a critical part of the fabric of the village
19 and the entire part of lower Manhattan. Although I'm
20 saddened by her death, I'm hopeful because I know her
21 legacy will live on. Doris was a Community Board 2
22 member since 1964, on the community board since 1964,
23 making her one of the longest-serving community board
24 members in the city, if not the longest-ever serving
25 community board member in the city, and the impact of

2 her activism will endure. She organized with Jane
3 Jacobs. She defeated Robert Moses, and she was a
4 treasure. Doris died on September 16. She was 92
5 years old. As of September 23, 34,122 New Yorkers
6 have died from COVID-19. 34,122 New Yorkers. We are
7 still suffering. But New Yorkers are resilient and
8 we will recover. Let us pause for a moment of
9 silence and people may rise for those New Yorkers who
10 have died from COVID-19, from 9/11-related illnesses,
11 who have died on the job, and for Doris Diether.

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS: All rise. [moment of
13 silence]

14 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you. Before
15 moving on to our agenda, I want to wish the best of
16 luck to Cecilia Mogalansky, a human resource
17 associate who is departing this legislative body.
18 Cecilia worked at the city council for more than 30
19 years. She served this city, this council, and its
20 speakers with grace and professionalism.
21 Congratulations, Cecilia, and best wishes on your
22 next endeavors [applause]. Yes, I want to thank
23 Cecilia, where is she? Is she here? I want to thank
24 her. Now onto our agenda. Today we're considering
25 the following nominees: Simona Kwon to the New York

2 City Board of Health; ah, Jenny Low to the New York
3 City Board of Elections; Julio Medina to the New York
4 City Board of Correction; Herman Merrit to the New
5 York City Civilian Complaint Review Board; and
6 Patricia Marthone to the New York City Health and
7 Hospitals Board of Directors. We're also voting on
8 the following finance items. First, the transparency
9 resolution approving the new designation and changes
10 in the designation of certain organizations to
11 receive funding in the expense budget. Second, we're
12 voting on the Little Italy restoration apartments in
13 Council Member Margaret Chin's district, which will
14 receive a partial 40-year Article 11 tax exemption to
15 preserve 152 units of rental housing. The last
16 finance item is Manhattan Beach Housing in Council
17 District 48, which will receive a partial 40-year
18 Article 11 tax exemption to preserve 150 units of
19 affordable rental housing. We'll be working, we'll
20 be voting on the following land use items: 840
21 Atlantic Avenue as modified will facilitate the
22 development of an 18-story mixed use building with
23 320 units, 54 of which will be deeply affordable, in
24 Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's district, and also
25 three landmark designations, the New York Public

2 Library Harlem branch in Council Member's Bill
3 Perkins's district, an important civic space for the
4 south central Harlem community for the past 112
5 years. The Kimlau War Memorial in Council Member
6 Margaret Chin's district is the first New York City
7 landmark that specifically recognizes Chinese
8 American history and culture. It pays tribute to
9 Chinese American soldiers who died in action during
10 World War II, and has served as an important
11 community monument for nearly 60 years. And I
12 apologize if I mispronounce this, Aakawaxung
13 Munahanung archeological site, a 20-acre site
14 containing the region's best-preserved known cultural
15 and archeological site associated with 8000 years of
16 occupation by indigenous people in Council Member Joe
17 Borelli's district. Delving into our legislative
18 agenda, we have Introduction 2403 from Committee on
19 Housing and Buildings, sponsored by Council Member
20 Brad Lander. This bill would temporarily extend the
21 Certificate of No Harassment pilot, created by Local
22 Law 1 of 2018, which is slated to expire on September
23 27, 2021. The existing pilot would be extended to
24 October 31, 2021, while the council works to expand
25 the buildings and neighborhoods covered by a

2 forthcoming multiyear CONH program. Next up, we're
3 voting on Introduction number 2397-A from the
4 Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing,
5 sponsored by Council Member Francisco Moya. The bill
6 would require severance pay for hotel service
7 employees in the event of number one, the closure of
8 a hotel to the public provided the hotel has not by
9 October 11, 2021, recalled at least 25% of employees
10 and reopened to the public by November 1, 2021, or,
11 two, a mass layoff of at least 75% of employees.

12 Employees eligible for severance pay would be owed
13 \$500 per week for up to 30 weeks. This requirement
14 would not apply to hotel that is closed permanently
15 and has or is in the process of converting to
16 alternative use, provided that employees are offered
17 severance of at least 20 days per pay year of service
18 and provided that the severance is specifically tied
19 to the conversion. The obligation to provide
20 severance would end when an employee is recalled or
21 for a closed hotel when the hotel reopens and the
22 public, to the public and recalls 25% of its
23 employees. This week we are celebrating Climate Week
24 NYC, an annual initiative focusing on the commitments
25 made by businesses and governments as we battle the

2 climate crisis. Today we're voting on two bills to
3 help us protect the environment as we continue to
4 increase the city's purchasing of environmentally
5 preferable product. Today we're voting on

6 Introduction number 2271-A, sponsored by Council
7 Member Ben Kallos, from the Committee on Contracts.

8 This legislation will amend the environmentally

9 preferable purchasing laws to update certain

10 standards and approve oversight and accessibility in
11 administering them. In 2005 the City Council passed

12 five local laws, which together created a

13 multifaceted procurement program to increase the

14 city's purchasing of environmentally preferable

15 products. The bills advance the city's green

16 procurement practices and authorize the Mayor's

17 Office of Contract Services to exercise authority

18 over the implementation of those practices.

19 Unfortunately, the standards created by those laws

20 have not kept pace with technological developments

21 and there have not been consistent updates to the

22 standards. This bill will clarify definitions of

23 existing environmentally preferable purchasing laws,

24 specifically applicability of EPP laws, identifying

25 specific exceptions, updating some codified standards

2 relating to energy consumption, and requiring some
3 new standards for furniture. It will require
4 contracting services to submit a report to the
5 Mayor's Office of Contract Services director whenever
6 including an EPP specification in the solicitation
7 that would be inconsistent with the agency's ability
8 to procure the highest quality product at the lowest
9 possible price. It will require MOCS director to
10 promulgate rules, directives, and guidance to promote
11 more urgent environmental objectives. It will
12 require the director of MOCS to post on the MOCS
13 website its annual environmental procurement report,
14 which would include a list of solicitations the
15 tourniquet was deflated include environmentally
16 preferable purchasing eligible products in which
17 standards are applicable to such solicitations. Any
18 contracts that are not compliant with EPP standards
19 and a summary of the revisions to EPP standards that
20 have been made during the proceeding two years. One
21 explanation of why such updates have not been made if
22 no updates were made. And it requires city agencies
23 to calibrate their office equipment to achieve energy
24 savings. I want to thank from staff Nick Cannell,
25 Jessica Steinberg Alban, Leah Scripiak, Alex

2 Polinoff, and Wesley Jones. The second bill, again
3 by Council Member Kallos is Introduction 2272-A. In
4 2005, again, the council codified environmentally
5 preferable purchasing, ah, standards directing city
6 agencies to purchase goods and services that take
7 into account environmental impact. Although
8 conventional textiles leave a significant negative
9 footprint on the environment, in spite of the
10 availability of superior innovative alternatives in
11 the emerging marketplace, the city has not
12 implemented EPP laws for textiles, including for
13 uniforms of thousands of city employees. The
14 proposed legislation would address this issue in two
15 stages. First, the city would be required to report
16 on background information about textile purchasing,
17 use, and disposable habits of city agencies over the
18 previous four years, and second, a task force would
19 be established industry experts and others to develop
20 and recommend guidelines for environmentally
21 preferable purchasing of textiles. From the staff I
22 want to thank Nick Cannell, Leah Scripiak, Mel Eck,
23 Nassar Hadeen, and Wesley Jones. Now onto our
24 groundbreaking deliveristas package, which is
25 composed of six bills from the Committee on Consumer

2 Affairs and Business Licensing. The first bill is
3 Introduction number 2288-A, sponsored by Council
4 Member Justin Brannan. This bill addresses the
5 practice of food worker, food delivery workers who
6 often make a low wage, being charged by food delivery
7 apps to get an insulated bags. These bags are
8 essential for successfully complete, to successfully
9 complete a food delivery, especially in cold weather,
10 but they can cost \$50 or more. This bill will
11 require food delivery apps and couriers, like Relay,
12 to make available insulated bags to any delivery
13 worker who has completed at least six deliveries for
14 the company. Next, we're voting on Introduction
15 number 2296-A, sponsored by Council Member Carlos
16 Menchaca, who has been working on this a long time.
17 I want to congratulate Carlos and Justin and Carlina
18 and the rest of the folks that were involved in this
19 package. Um, his bill will prohibit food delivery
20 apps and couriers from charging delivery workers for
21 the payment of their wages. It would also require
22 the food apps and couriers pay their delivery workers
23 for their work at least once per week. This
24 legislation addresses the problem of food delivery
25 apps and couriers like Relay charging delivery

2 workers to receive pay for their work, which can
3 further reduce the often low wage collected by these
4 workers. I was personally appalled when I read the
5 stories of deliveristas who sometimes waited hours to
6 be able to relieve themselves because they couldn't
7 use a bathroom during their workday. It's surreal
8 and unacceptable and we are fixing that problem today
9 with Introduction number 2298-A, sponsored by Council
10 Member Carlina Rivera, which will make bathrooms in
11 restaurants more accessible for delivery workers.

12 This bill will mandate that apps include a provision
13 in their contracts with restaurants, requiring them
14 to make their bathrooms available for delivery
15 workers when they're picking up an order. The fourth
16 bill in the package deals with gratuity policies for
17 delivery workers, who do not always receive the tips
18 that customers leave. Introduction number 1846-A,
19 sponsored by Council Member Margaret Chin, will make
20 the process of providing gratuities to deliveries
21 more transparent. Additionally, it also ensure food
22 delivery customers in New York City are better
23 informed about whether and how their gratuities are
24 provided to the individual hired to deliver their
25 order. The next bill is Introduction number 2289-A,

2 sponsored by Council Member Justin Brannan, again,
3 his second bill. Deliveristas face risks every
4 single day from extreme weather to robberies and
5 assaults, and traffic violence. This bill offers
6 delivery workers the ability to better control what
7 trips they accept, without being unduly pressured by
8 the withholding of a trip offered by the app, lower
9 wages or negative performance reviews affecting their
10 ability to receive future delivery opportunities.
11 This bill would require food apps and couriers to
12 provide workers with the opportunity to set the
13 following trip parameters - maximum distance per trip
14 from a location selected by a worker that they will
15 travel, and that such worker will not accept trips
16 over any bridges or tunnels, or over particular
17 bridges or tunnels. Apps and couriers would be
18 obligated to allow their delivery workers to change
19 these parameters at any time. Once these parameters
20 are set, the app or courier would be permitted to
21 offer a delivery worker a trip inconsistent with the
22 parameters and could not penalize the delivery worker
23 in any way for selecting or changing their
24 parameters. Apps and couriers would also be required
25 to provide the following information before the

2 worker decides whether to accept the trip - the
3 address where the food, beverage, or other goods must
4 be picked up; the estimated time and distance for the
5 trip; the amount of any gratuity if specified by the
6 consumer; and the amount of compensation to be paid
7 by the food, paid to the food delivery worker,
8 excluding gratuity. In addition, the bill would set
9 forth various definitions, obligations on the
10 consumer and worker protection, ah, the Department of
11 Consumers and Worker Protection, the food delivery
12 apps and the couriers, and enforcement options,
13 including those available to the city and to delivery
14 workers themselves. That would apply to all bills
15 relating to food delivery workers. And the last bill
16 in this package addresses worker pay. Deliveristas
17 work in incredible difficult conditions and often
18 make below minimum wage. A study released just last
19 week showed that workers made an average of \$7.87 an
20 hour before tips. That is completely unacceptable.
21 Introduction number 2294-A, sponsored by Council
22 Member Brad Lander, will require the Department of
23 Consumer and Worker Protection to conduct a study to
24 determine how much delivery workers must be paid for
25 their work. DCWP would conduct a study of delivery

2 workers working conditions and would be required to
3 promulgate rules establishing minimum payments for
4 delivery workers by January 1, 2023. And I want to
5 thank the staff who worked on really hard on this
6 entire package of bills. It's been complicated and
7 difficult. Stephanie Jones, Leah Scripiak, and Noah
8 Mexler. That concludes today's legislative agenda.
9 And I now turn it back to you, Madam Majority Leader.

10 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
11 Speaker Johnson. We will now move into the
12 discussion of General Orders. Mr. Parliamentarian,
13 are there any members who wish to speak at this time?
14 We have on the General Orders calendar, we have
15 Council Members Chin, Kallos, Lander, and Menchaca.
16 And, again, we are speaking now only on the issues
17 related to the discussion of General Orders.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you. I'm
19 really excited today because there's three items that
20 I have on today's agenda. The first one the speaker
21 talked about, the Little Italy Restoration Apartment.
22 Ah, the Article 11 tax exemption that would preserve
23 150 units of low- and moderate-income housing in the
24 Little Italy neighborhood. What is really great
25 about this is that when a couple years back, I think

2 some of my colleagues remember, that we fought for
3 this Haven Green senior housing project, which is
4 right next door to this building, and that project
5 creates 123 units of low-income senior housing, LGBT
6 friendly. But what is most important is that it
7 creates together a large public open space in the
8 community for the residents and for the neighborhood.
9 I know there is a lot, there was a lot of fight back
10 and lawsuit, but I hope that with this tax exemption
11 will help us speed up the building of the senior
12 housing next door. The other project that I'm very
13 excited about is landmarking of the Kimlau War
14 Memorial, ah, in Chinatown. And I really wanted to
15 thank the Landmarks Commission for their support and
16 also the Lieutenant Kimlau Chinese Memorial Post 1291
17 of the American Legion in Chinatown. This
18 significant landmark recognized the contribution and
19 the sacrifice of Chinese Americans during World War
20 II, but it also signify in terms of our history and
21 culture a contribution to this country. And the
22 person who designed this memorial, the architect, Mr.
23 Poi Ji Lee, also was born in Chinatown in 1900, and
24 he was very successful and he designed a lot of
25 buildings for the Chinese American community, and so

2 this landmark is really very memorable in terms of
3 commemorating also his work. Ah, on the tax
4 exemption earlier, I really want to thank the finance
5 staff and the land use staff, ah, on helping to make
6 it happen, ah, and also with HPD, and finally, I
7 think, I'm really proud to be a sponsor of 1846,
8 which is a law with a package of bills that support
9 our hard-working delivery worker. Ah, the bill talks
10 about making sure that they get the tips that they
11 deserve, because the customers were very generous
12 during COVID and we want to make sure that they get
13 every dime that they deserve. Thank you very much
14 for your support.

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
16 Council Member Chin. Council Member Kallos.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: It's Climate
18 Week. It's time to take action to save our planet.
19 New York City is the largest city on the planet to
20 declare a climate emergency and a resolution that we
21 passed two years ago. Now it's time to spend every
22 single dollar from our government to save our planet.
23 When you say show me the money, I'm talking about 18
24 billion dollars with a b. Council Member Ben Kallos,
25 chair of the contracts committee, this Climate Week

2 the New York City Council has an opportunity to pass
3 a modernization of environmental preferable
4 purchasing. This was first put forward by the City
5 Council back in 2005, sponsored by Council Member,
6 ah, Bill de Blasio, cosponsored by our colleague, Jim
7 Gennaro, and, funny enough, Mayor de Blasio, ah,
8 didn't bother following the very law he wrote. Ah,
9 the bill, the, the program hasn't been updated since
10 2011 and in this program we're supposed to be
11 purchasing things like cassette tapes and mini disks.
12 I haven't even seen one of those in a store for
13 years. We're supposed to be buying answering
14 machines. The city can use voice mail. We're going
15 to be banning the purchase of halogen lamps in favors
16 of LEDs, like every other household in America.
17 We're adding furniture and we're the fashion capitol
18 of the world so we're gonna be adding textiles.
19 We're adopting the toughest standards, where we can
20 save our planet, adopting EPP standard for
21 electronics, eliminating reliance on virgin
22 materials, adopting improved outdoor air quality,
23 reducing reliance on hazardous substances, reducing
24 greenhouse gas emissions, reducing the negative
25 effects and generating positive effects for the

2 environmental justice. The legislation will also
3 consider conditions for workers and the ethical
4 sourcing of our textiles. I want to take a moment to
5 thank our legislative counsel, Alex Polinoff, policy
6 analyst Leah Scripiak, finance analyst Frank Sarno,
7 and finance unit head John Russell. I'd also like to
8 thank the bill drafting division, Deputy Director Wes
9 Jones and Assistant Deputy Director Malokneser Dean,
10 senior counsel Nick Connell, and Counsel Jessica
11 Steinberg-Alban. Thank you.

12 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
13 Council Member Kallos. We'll hear from Council
14 Member Lander, followed by Menchaca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you very
16 much, Madam Majority Leader. It should not have
17 taken us a pandemic or a set of flash floods to see
18 the basic humanity of the folks that have been
19 delivering food to us long before this pandemic, that
20 they are workers working out there every single day,
21 simply trying, like others, to put food on the table
22 and pay their rent, and the fact that collectively,
23 not just in New York City, but all across the
24 country, we've allowed a set of multinational
25 billion-dollar app corporations, platform

2 corporations, to exploit a loophole in our country
3 labor laws so that they earn half of our city's
4 minimum wage and don't have any of the basic
5 protections has been appalling. So I am proud to be
6 a part of today's package, and I want to say a
7 special thank you to Council Members Menchaca,
8 Brannan, and Rivera, to the Speaker, to Chair Ayala,
9 ah, to the journalists from the city, ah, Claudia and
10 Josefa, but most especially to the deliveristas
11 themselves, with Los Deliveristas Unidos and the
12 Workers Justice Project for their organizing to
13 demand that they be seen as workers, as human beings,
14 and give credit to this council for stepping up to
15 provide these protections. My bill, Intro 2294-A,
16 will require that they receive minimum per-trip
17 payments that make sure they aren't paid \$7.80 an
18 hour, but that they take home, after taxes and
19 expenses, the \$15.00 that we've said every worker in
20 New York City has a right to. Now, I think they
21 should be treated as workers at state or federal, ah,
22 level, but until that happens we have the power to
23 regulate independent work as we did through the
24 Freelance Isn't Free Act, as we have done for Uber
25 and Lyft drivers, who have now brought home over a

2 billion dollars that's in their pockets rather than
3 stuck on the platforms. I'm proud that we're doing
4 that today for the delivery workers. This is their
5 win through organizing and I'm proud of this council
6 for stepping up to provide supports to them for it.
7 Thank you.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
9 Council Member Lander. Council Member Menchaca.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you. Ah,
11 colleagues, I, I rise today with so much pride for
12 this council and its commitment. It only took a year
13 to make this happen. There have been movements that
14 have been going strong for decades before they see
15 action from any body, and it is our body, our City
16 Council body, that made this happen. I also want to
17 talk about how I got to learn about these issues. It
18 was during the pandemic after a rally in Sunset Park
19 where workers bike, ah, deliveristas on their bikes
20 came to me and said there are some stuff that's
21 happening with these apps that you need to look at,
22 and they brought to us the bathroom issues. They
23 brought to us the pay issue. They brought to us the
24 fact that they had to pay to get access to their
25 check. Could you imagine any one of us having to pay

2 to get our paycheck, and some of us not getting those
3 paychecks for months? Those are the kind of things
4 that brought a sense of dignity and respect that were
5 not happening. What I also want to remind everyone
6 here is that we've actually been working with many of
7 these workers that organized through these packages
8 years ago. This council, not the mayor, this council
9 brought money to day laborer organizations across the
10 entire city. It was the day laborer organizations
11 that connected to these workers and brought stability
12 and, and connection to government. That's us. We've
13 been building through support and resources, ah,
14 community organizing that's been happening. The
15 Workers Justice Project in Sunset Park in Brooklyn
16 were the lynch pin to these organizers and the
17 deliveristas. That's the power of this council.
18 This is what makes us so important that we do the
19 work that we do. These are people who cannot vote
20 for us to come and, and, and, ah, launch legislation
21 for them. They are disconnected, but they have a
22 relationship with us and that is the power of our
23 relationship with them. Thank you so much. 2296,
24 ah, will remove any required payment for their pay
25 and make it happen on a weekly basis. That's gonna

2 transform their lives, their families, and the future
3 because they're not done. This is just phase one.

4 Thank you so much to the speaker, who made this
5 happen, and all the staff. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so
7 much. I see no other members wishing to speak at
8 this time, so we will now move into Report of Special
9 Committees.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: None, excuse me, none.

11 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Reports of
12 Standing Committees.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
14 on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, Intro
15 1846-A through Intro 2298-A, on page 4, food delivery
16 workers.

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

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro 2397-A, hotel
20 service employees.

21 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Amended and coupled on
22 general orders with a message of necessity.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 2399,
24 food delivery workers.

2 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
3 orders with a message of necessity.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
5 on Contracts, Intros 2271-A and 2272-A,
6 environmentally preferable purchasing.

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

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
10 on Finance, preconsidered Reso 1739, transparency
11 Reso.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
13 orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 845 and
15 Reso 1740, and preconsidered LU 846 and Reso 1741,
16 tax exemptions.

17 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
18 orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
20 on Housing and Buildings, preconsidered Intro 2403,
21 certification of no harassment pilot.

22 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
23 orders.

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1 STATED MEETING

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Land Use, LU 826 and 827, 840 Atlantic Avenue
4 rezoning.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Approved with
6 modifications and referred to the City Planning
7 Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York
8 City Charter.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Excuse me. LU 829 and
10 Reso 1742 through LU 831 and Reso 1744, landmark
11 designation.

12 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
13 orders.

14 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the Committee
15 on Rules, Privileges and Elections, M326 and Reso
16 1745, approving the appointment of Dr. Simona Chung
17 Kwon, Board of Health.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
19 orders.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: M327 and Reso 1746,
21 approving the appointment of Jenny Low, New York
22 County Commissioner of Elections.

23 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
24 orders.

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1 STATED MEETING

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M330 and
3 Reso 1747, approving the appointment of Julio Medina,
4 Board of Correction.

5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
6 orders.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M331 and
8 Resol 1748, approving the appointment of Herman
9 Merrit, Civilian Complaint Review Board.

10 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
11 orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered M332 and
13 Reso 1749, approving the appointment of Patricia
14 Marthone, Health and Hospitals Board of Directors.

15 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
16 orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: On the General Orders
18 calendar, LU 826 and Reso 1750, and LU 827 and Reso
19 1751, 840 Atlantic Avenue rezoning.

20 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Coupled on general
21 orders. And at this time I'll ask the clerk to take
22 a roll call vote on all of the items coupled on
23 today's General Orders calendar.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Adams.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I just wanted to
3 congratulate Los Deliveristas Unidos on your victory
4 today, and to all of my colleagues on this amazing
5 legislation to help the delivery workers of New York
6 City. With that, I enthusiastically vote aye on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Ampry-Samuel.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Ampry-Samuel votes aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Ayala votes aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron. Brannan.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Brannan votes aye.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Brooks-Powers.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Permission
18 to explain my vote?

19 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
20 granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I would
22 like to express my support for Jenny Low's
23 appointment to the City Board of Elections and Herman
24 Merrit's appointment to the City Civilian Complaint
25 Review Board. I know that both of them will bring

2 integrity and sound judgment to the new roles that
3 they have been nominated for, and with that I vote
4 aye on all. Thank you.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Cabrera votes aye. Chin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Chin votes aye on all.

11 Darma Diaz.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER D. DIAZ: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Darma Diaz votes aye on

14 all. Ruben Diaz.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER R. DIAZ: Si en todo.

16 COUNCIL CLERK: Ruben Diaz votes si en

17 todo. Dinowitz.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Dinowitz votes aye on

20 all. Feliz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Feliz votes aye.

23 Gennaro.

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1 STATED MEETING

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Madam Majority
3 Leader, ah, before I vote I request unanimous consent
4 to vote on the land use call-ups.

5 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Seeing no
6 objection, then the motion passes.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I vote yes, and
8 I vote yes on all, on all the items on the calendar.

9 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gjonaj.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Permission to
12 explain my vote?

13 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
14 granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I abstain on
16 M330, Resolution 1747, and after consultation with
17 Jason Goldman I am a strong yes on Intro 2397-A,
18 very, very strong yes.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Grodenchik.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Grodenchik
22 votes aye. Kallos.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Permission to
24 explain my vote?

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2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
3 granted.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I, ah, took the
5 opportunity to, ah, meet with Jenny Low, the
6 applicant for the Board of Election. In our
7 conversation she agreed that long lines are a problem
8 at the Board of Elections and that she had to wait
9 online herself, that we need to fix these broken
10 machines, make it easier to register to vote,
11 particularly for those facing language barriers and
12 ensure that absentee voting works. We talked about
13 expanding the number of early and Election Day voting
14 sites to reduce long lines, ah, making sure that we
15 register as many people and with the new
16 constitutional amendment reduce that number from 25
17 to 10 to zero on Election Day registration, if
18 possible. We talked about the fact that this council
19 passed a law for online voter registration that the
20 state still continues to block, but as soon as it
21 allowed she will be implementing it. We talked about
22 making sure that there's quality control and training
23 to prevent future mishaps that might add 100,000
24 votes to an election. Ah, she believes in a belt and
25 suspenders for voting and believes in paper ballots.

2 Ah, she'll work with local elected officials to hire
3 poll workers and translators for additional language
4 not served, such as Russian or Urdu and dialects
5 within the specific language groups. There are a
6 number of commitments she made and for those reasons
7 I vote aye on all.

8 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Koo.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Koo votes
12 aye. Koslowitz.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I vote aye on
14 all.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Koslowitz votes aye on
16 all. Lander.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Lander
19 votes aye on all. Levin. Levine. Louis. Maisel.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Maisel
22 votes yes. Menchaca.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Menchaca
25 votes aye on all. Miller. Moya.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Thank you. Thank
3 you, Madam Majority Leader. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
4 Um, we all know how challenging this pandemic, ah,
5 and our path to recovery has been, ah, and it's been
6 even more challenging for workers in the hospitality
7 and the street, who are part of the hotel workforce.
8 These workers have been in the hardest-hit, ah, in
9 the hardest-hit areas, ah, by COVID. They represent
10 our immigrant, Latino, Asian, and black communities.
11 This bill, Intro 2397, creates an opportunity to
12 those, ah, to put thousands back to work and provide
13 a much-needed economic lifeline to those struggling
14 to make ends meet. It also creates an opportunity to
15 incentivize and revitalize, ah, New York City's hotel
16 industry. These workers are not only the backbone of
17 New York City's, ah, tourism economy, they are
18 ambassadors to our great city. We cannot leave them
19 and their families behind. Ah, so I thank all of
20 you, my colleagues, in joining me in voting, ah, yes
21 to pass Intro 2397. We have an opportunity to
22 protect workers, ah, and their families and mobilize
23 our local economy. Thank you, and Madam Majority
24 Leader, ah, I will be voting aye.

25 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Perkins. Powers.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Powers
5 votes aye. Reynoso. Riley.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Riley
8 votes aye on all. Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Thank you so
10 much. I must disclose for the council record that
11 the NYPD is being funded in today's transparency
12 resolution and my mother is an NYPD civilian employee
13 for the past 41 years. Madam Majority Leader,
14 permission to explain my vote?

15 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
16 granted.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: For nearly two
18 years while New York City battled the COVID-19
19 pandemic and fought for a just recovery, delivery
20 workers have put their lives and livelihoods at risk
21 to keep New Yorkers fed and our beloved restaurants
22 afloat. Delivery workers are vital to our city's
23 survival, but the third-party apps that employ them
24 and many of the restaurants that rely on their
25 services have historically not treated them with the

2 respect that they so rightfully deserve. We know
3 many deliveristas work for at least 12 hours a day,
4 seven days a week, with a median hourly pay less than
5 half of minimum wage. New York City is capable of
6 far greater for our essential workers than what
7 deliveristas receive. Our responsibility as a
8 council is clear and if the growth of this movement
9 is any evidence, the entire city knows it, too.
10 Deliveristas deserve basic human dignity in doing
11 their essential work and that's exactly why we have
12 been fighting to pass this package of legislation and
13 why we are here today to make history. It's a
14 testament to the fierce organizing power and
15 determination of our city's delivery workers, so I
16 want to thank the Workers Justice Project, Los
17 Deliveristas Unidos, of course all of my colleagues
18 who have spoke today, and I want to thank all of you
19 for voting aye on these bills. Finally, this fight
20 does not start in the council, nor does it end here.
21 Our work continues and I call on our city agencies to
22 step up and do their part to ensure deliveristas are
23 regarded with dignity and respect and provide a safe,
24 supportive environment to work. Thank you, Mr.
25 Speaker, to the mayor, Jay, to a lot of you who were

2 instrumental in getting this done. New York City
3 thanks you. We are better for it. I vote aye.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Levin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye on all.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Levin
8 votes aye on all. Rodriguez.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rodriguez
11 votes aye. Council Member Rose.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Rose votes
14 aye. Rosenthal.

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

17 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission
18 granted.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: [inaudible]

20 OK, thank you. I want to disclose for the record,

21 ah, that I was formerly a board member of the

22 Alliance Against Sexual Assault should there be any

23 funding for that in this transparency resolution.

24 Um, I want to concur with, ah, Council Member Brooks-

25 Powers that it's just so terrific that we're able to

2 put to especially qualified people, Jenny Low and
3 Herman Merrit onto these boards. They are amazing
4 public servants and we're very lucky to have them,
5 and with that I vote aye on all. Thank you.

6 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Treyger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Treyger
10 votes aye. Ulrich.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye on
12 all, with the exception of Reso 1747 and
13 accompanying, um, M33. I vote no on those, but aye
14 on all others. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you.

16 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Vallone
20 votes aye on all. Van Bramer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Council Member Van Bramer
23 votes aye on all. Council Member Yeger.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: [inaudible]

2 COUNCIL CLERK: Hang on, Council Member,
3 please. One moment.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: [inaudible] very
5 much. Thank you. Ah, aye on all with the exception
6 of, are you ready? OK. 1846, 2288, 2289, 2294,
7 2397, 2399, 2272, and I abstain on M330, Reso 1747.
8 I'm not going to expand my remarks except to state
9 for the record that earlier this morning at the, ah,
10 committee I explained why I was going to be voting no
11 on the, ah, matters that came out of the Consumer
12 Affairs Committee and for those who review this
13 transcript later, like the courts, I refer you to
14 those remarks. Thank you very much.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you, Council
16 Member. Matteo.

17 MINORITY LEADER MATTEO: I'm voting no on
18 2271, 2272, 2397, preconsidered 2403, 1846, 2288,
19 2289, 2294, 2296, 2298, 2399, M332, M326, M330, M331,
20 and accompanying resolutions, and aye on what's left.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Council
22 Member Cumbo.

23 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Johnson.

25 SPEAKER JOHNSON: I vote aye.

2 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: All items on
3 today's General Orders calendar are adopted by a vote
4 of 43 in the affirmative, 0 negative, and 0
5 abstentions, with the exception of Intro 1846-A,
6 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,
7 3 negative, and 0 abstentions. And Intro 2217-A,
8 which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative,
9 2 negative, and 0 abstentions. And Intro 2272-A,
10 which was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative,
11 0 negative, and 0 abstentions. Three negative, my
12 apologies. Intro 220, excuse me, Intro 2272-A, which
13 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3
14 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2288-a, which was
15 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3
16 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2289-A, which was
17 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3
18 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2294-A, which was
19 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3
20 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2296-A, which was
21 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 2
22 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2298-A, which was
23 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 2
24 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2397-A, which was
25 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3

2 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2399, which was
3 adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, 3
4 negative, and 0 abstentions. Intro 2403, which was
5 adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 2
6 negative, and 0 abstentions. M326 and Resolution
7 1745, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the
8 affirmative, 2 negative, and 0 abstentions. M30 and
9 Reso 1747, which was adopted by a vote of 37 in the
10 affirmative, 4 negative, and 2 abstentions. M331 and
11 Resolution 1748, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in
12 the affirmative, 2 negative, and 0 abstentions. And
13 M332 and Resolution 1749, which was adopted by a vote
14 of 41 in the affirmative, 2 negative, and 0
15 abstentions. And the revised land use call-up vote
16 is 43 in the affirmative and 0 negative. We will now
17 go into the introduction and reading of bills.

18 SPEAKER JOHNSON: All bills have been
19 referred to committees, as indicated on today's
20 agenda.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. There
22 are no resolutions on today's calendar, so we will
23 now move into general discussion. We have on the
24 agenda Council Member Brooks-Powers.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.
3 I just wanted to be on the record to convey my
4 outrage at the images we have seen out of Texas this
5 week, where federal border agents on horseback chase
6 Haitian migrants, attempting to corral them and
7 brandishing whips and ropes against defenseless
8 people. Many of the Haitian immigrants are seeking
9 refuge in the wake of the devastating earthquake that
10 hit Haiti last month and turning to America for help
11 in a time of desperate need. It is inhumane and
12 unacceptable that our government has responded in
13 this manner. Unfortunately, these images of US
14 agents inflicting violence on people of color are
15 painfully familiar, evocative of the memory of
16 chattel slavery. Our nation's legacy of racial
17 violence is still alive and well today. We are a
18 nation of immigrants and this cannot be how we greet
19 immigrants when they seek asylum at our borders. We
20 lead the free world, but we cannot lead by this
21 example. I condemn these actions as a betrayal of
22 our values and an affront to the people of Haiti. I
23 also share and send my, um, well wishes to our
24 colleague, Council Member Farah Louis, who has

2 traveled to, um, the borders, um, pertaining to this
3 crisis. Thank you.

4 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you,
5 Council Member Brooks-Powers. We will now go to
6 Council Member Steve Levin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very
8 much, Madam Majority Leader. I just want to, ah,
9 call my colleagues' attention to, um, a bill that I
10 am proud to introduce today with Council Member
11 Debbie Rose, chair of the Youth Services Committee,
12 um, which would, ah, which would, um, allow youth
13 that have been in an RHY shelter, a runaway homeless
14 youth shelter, which is run by DYCD, to have that
15 time count towards the time that they need to be in
16 shelter in order to qualify for a housing voucher,
17 otherwise known as a CITYFEPS voucher. Currently
18 what happens is the child, ah, young person, um, when
19 they age out of an RHY shelter has to actually go
20 into a DHS-run shelter for 90 days in order to
21 qualify for a CITYFEPS voucher. That's inhumane. It
22 makes no sense. It is, ah, it's a, it's a backwards
23 policy and, um, the city was supposed to change that,
24 ah, a couple years ago, and they haven't. They've
25 recently instituted a pilot program, um, that's not

2 sufficient. And so, um, ah, I'm, I'm glad to be
3 working with, with Debbie on this legislation so
4 that, um, no young person has to actually go into the
5 shelter system to the Department of Homeless Services
6 shelter system after they've been in an RHY shelter,
7 um, in order to have access to permanent housing. So
8 hopefully, ah, I can get everybody to sign onto Intro
9 2406 and we can get this, this bill passed. I'm
10 sorry, 2405, excuse me, 2405. I'm gonna get this
11 bill passed, ah, before the end of the year. I'm
12 also actual glad to be introducing 2406 with Council
13 Member Helen Rosenthal, and this would require
14 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report on
15 hospital treatment in programs, ah, for sexual
16 assault survivors. So, um, if my colleagues could
17 sign onto those two bills, um, I know it's late in
18 the session, but, ah, they are important issues that
19 we should be addressing before we leave this term.
20 Thank you.

21 MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

22 Seeing as there are no other members, I want to join
23 with Council Member Brooks-Powers, um, and also
24 sharing in my devastation of what we've all seen in
25 terms of the dynamics that are happening in Haiti and

2 abroad. As many of you know, they have been hit by a
3 7.2 earthquake with over 2189 people being killed, on
4 top of a tropical storm, as well as the assassination
5 of its president, as well as the First Lady also
6 being shot. They are also dealing with the
7 ramifications of COVID-19 and in addition to that
8 many people don't really understand what Haiti is
9 dealing with. In 2010 the earthquake there killed
10 over 200,000 people. If you can just imagine, the
11 size of a country like Haiti still dealing with the
12 ramifications of 200,000 people being killed, and on
13 top of that, now as migrants are leaving other
14 countries and coming into America as we have seen the
15 horrific images that bring back the days of slavery
16 and what we have all seen in terms of border patrol
17 in Texas with lassos and whips, further abusing a
18 people that have already received the worst treatment
19 in the entire world, who are dealing with the
20 ramifications of death, of destruction, gangs,
21 warfare, robbery, and a corrupt system that has never
22 allowed them to fully recover. As we are now dealing
23 with and welcoming in New York City the UN General
24 Assembly, I am calling personally on President Biden
25 as well as Vice President Kamala Harris to address

2 the atrocities in Haiti, how it has been handled, how
3 we have repeatedly, ah, disrespected and turned away
4 our Haitian brothers and sisters. We voted in the
5 last election cycle as black people for this
6 particular administration after what was saw in the
7 Trump administration with our Latino brothers and
8 sisters being held in cages. We did not vote in this
9 way to see an exchange of our Haitian brothers and
10 sisters being whipped and turned away at our border.
11 And so as the UN General Assembly is here, it is
12 important that we raise our voices and our energy to
13 make sure that this is the topic of discussion of the
14 United Nations. I cannot understand as to how this
15 issue has not been addressed appropriately and
16 adequately, and I along with many of my colleagues
17 will continue to raise this, because this is the most
18 inhumane treatment that I have seen from the United
19 States, um, it, it, it's just unfathomable to see our
20 brothers and sisters getting whipped and chained, um,
21 when they are actually looking for help, resources,
22 assistance, and a helping hand. Many of them are
23 being deported back to a country that cannot receive
24 these migrants, our people, with all of the death and
25 destruction that they have currently received. So I

2 encourage all of my brothers and sisters to continue
3 to raise our voices, because if this can happen to
4 our brothers and sisters in Haiti it certainly can
5 happen anywhere. And with that I close today's
6 Stated Meeting, and I turn it back over to Speaker
7 Corey Johnson.

8 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam
9 Majority Leader, for those important and powerful
10 words. The Stated Meeting of September 23, 2021, is
11 hereby adjourned. [gavel]

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Date September 23, 2021