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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Julie Menin
Speaker

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Justin Sanchez
Kayla Santosuosso
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Althea V. Stevens
Shanel Thomas-Henry
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Nantasha M. Williams
Carl Wilson
Julie Won
Phil Wong
Susan Zhuang

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

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ladies and gentlemen, at this time, please place all electronic devices—all electronic devices to vibrate. Mr. Majority Leader, it's all yours.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [gavel] Good afternoon and welcome to the Stated Meeting of June 30th, 2026. I am Majority Leader Sean Abreu, and I'd like to thank you for joining us. As a reminder, decorum must be respected at all times. If you would like to follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is posted on our website. On behalf of the body, I welcome the members of the public who have joined us today. During Stated Meetings, only members of the Council may speak. Members of the public shall remain silent. If you wish to express your support of any remarks, you may make the silent approval gesture. Thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Please join us for the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Roll call.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Aldebol?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola? Aviles?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Caban?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: De La Rosa.

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Encarnacion.

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACION: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Farias?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Felder? Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Present.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutierrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Presente.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hankerson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maloney?

COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy? Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Here.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Osse?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler?

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Justin Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER J. SANCHEZ: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Pierina Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aquí.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Santosuosso?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: I'm here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Still here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thomas-Henry?

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wilson?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wong?

COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Zhuang? Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Here.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Menin?

SPEAKER MENIN: Here.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: There's no invocation today, so I'd like to ask Council Member Feliz for the adoption of minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Thank you. I would like to make a motion that the minutes of the Stated Meeting dated June 11th, 2026 be adopted as printed.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Messages and papers from the Mayor?

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

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

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M80 through Preconsidered M82.

SPEAKER MENIN: Referred to finance.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Petitions and communications?

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Land use call-ups?

COMMITTEE CLERK: M83.

SPEAKER MENIN: Thank you. I'd like to ask the clerk to take a roll call vote on today's Land Use call-up.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Excuse me. Aldebol?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Aviles?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers? Caban?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dinowitz?

COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Encarnacion?

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACION: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACION: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Farias?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Feliz?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gutierrez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanif?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hankerson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Joseph?

COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Maloney?

COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Marte?

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Morano?

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Osse?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Paladino.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Restler.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Justin Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER J. SANCHEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Perina Sanchez.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Santosuosso?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Sorry, aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thomas-Henry.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vernikov?

COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Wilson?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Wong?

COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Carr?

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Menin?

SPEAKER MENIN: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Today's Land Use call-ups are adopted by a vote of 51 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Thank you. We'll now have communication from Speaker Julie Menin.

SPEAKER MENIN: Good afternoon or now good evening, everyone. Happy Budget Day. So first of all, I want to thank the— our incredible finance team who have been here night after night after night for their amazing work during the budget process. And I particularly want to thank all the council members, particularly our Finance Chair, Linda Lee, members of the budget negotiating team, and council leadership. I want to thank our Finance Director, Nathan Toth [sp?]. Thank you so much for your incredible work. I want to thank my whole senior team, Miguelina Camilo [sp?], for her amazing work, Jonathan Szott [sp?], Simone Jones [sp?], Bhav Tibrewal [sp?], John Tritt [sp?]. Special shout out to Paul Scimone [sp?] and Olivia DeLuca [sp?]. Thank you so much. This is a budget that secures the most ever capital and expense

funding for the City Council in its history, while also demonstrating at the same time prudent fiscal responsibility. I want to briefly highlight a few transformative investments that we are doing in this budget that meaningfully tackle the affordability crisis. With a substantial investment to sensibly expand housing vouchers, we are helping to keep thousands more families in their homes and out of shelters. In addition to the investment, we reached a truly historic agreement on CityFHEPs with the administration, and I just want to take a moment to talk about it. They have agreed something we've asked for since January, and I particularly want to thank Council Member Pierina Sanchez for her leadership on this. Thank you so much. So, we were able to get the administration to drop the lawsuit against the Council, which is something that we were insisting on since January, and at the same time engage in a settlement where we will be voting today on a new bill sponsored by Council Member Sanchez that will create a new cost-containing structure for housing vouchers so that we ensure that we are housing vulnerable New Yorkers, but we're doing it in a way that is truly sustainable. And that is historic. We

also held the line on this expansion of the vouchers, and I want to thank all the council members who joined in holding the line on that. We also expanded eligibility for Fair Fares to residents earning up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, making public transportation more affordable for nearly 1.3 million working New Yorkers, whether they're taking the subway, the bus, or paratransit. This is the largest expansion of Fair Fares in City Council history. The Council is also enhancing NYC Kids Rise to provide a college savings account with \$1,000 for every single public school kindergartner in New York City. This is the largest college savings program that any city has ever done. It can be used for vocational school, it can be used for a two-year community college, it can be used for a four-year college, and it is truly transformative because studies show that low-income children who have a college savings account are three times more likely to go to ongoing education. And just as importantly, they are likely to earn almost double the wages, double the wages during the course of their lifetime as someone who does not have that college savings account. If we truly want to tackle income

inequality, this is one of the single best ways we can do so. We also fought for programs that support mental health, swim safety, home-delivered meals. We fought for our children to bolster their opportunities at a good education. We fought for our seniors to help them age in place with dignity. And we fought to fully fund our libraries to the highest ever levels. I just want to repeat that. This budget funds the libraries at our insistence to the highest levels ever. And it also funds HPD's capital increase to build on our pro- that project that we put out a couple of weeks ago to build 100 percent affordable housing on some public libraries throughout the city. Because our city is also the world's cultural capital, we're investing \$20 million more in cultural institutions. And to provide more people with a path to justice, we fully restored funding for a range of legal service providers, including immigrant legal service providers, which is so critically important, particularly at this time. To support the management of clean parks, we are restoring \$14.4 million in baseline funding, and to support Black homeownership, we've secured more than \$5 million in funding for deed theft prevention programs and legal counseling.

Even with these life-changing investments, we ensured that our city is on a firm financial footing and were able to push for more funds for the rainy day fund, something that we've been doing since day one of this budget negotiation. And so I'm thrilled to say that an additional \$350 million has been set aside for the rainy day fund. Because it is our duty to the people of our city to deliver a balanced and responsible budget, not just for next year, but for many years to come. To further the spirit of good governance, our adopted budget includes a record 75 Council terms and conditions that advance transparency by mandating agency reporting associated with spending. Of the 11 brand new Council terms and conditions, we've covered important topics like child care vouchers, Fair Fares, PACT, PHPT conversions, OTI citywide contracts and clubhouses, and many other items. This budget is truly a win for New Yorkers who deserve affordability, stability, an opportunity, and a government devoted to delivering all three. So I just want to say congratulations to all the Council Members, to all our staff at the City Council on this historic win. We have a few more things to celebrate. I want to wish an early happy birthday to Council

Member Linda Lee, whose birthday is on the 3rd of July. I know she forgot— she's working so hard, she forgot it was her birthday. And to Council Member Amanda Farias, whose birthday is on the 9th. And we have one more birthday to acknowledge. This Saturday— oh, Simcha's very excited about the birthday. Okay, thank you, Simcha. Thank you. So we have one more birthday to acknowledge, our nation's birthday. This Saturday will mark 250 years since the Second Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence. I hope that as we spend a day off with our families, we also think about the meaning of this milestone, and that's up to us to decide where our nation will go from here. This past weekend, I was proud to join many Council Members as we participated in the Pride March. We marched right past the Stonewall Inn, where 57 years ago, LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers firmly defended their right to love. The Council stands with the queer community, and we will continue to protect the civil rights of all. Ahead of tomorrow, July is Disability Pride Month, where we recognize the countless contributions that disabled residents past and present have made to our city. As New Yorkers, we truly know that diversity is our

strength, including diversity of ability. Finally, I'd like to welcome the Government Advocacy Fellows from the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation, I think who are here. Hello, fellows. Thank you so much for joining us. There's no better way to learn about city government than to see it up close and personal for yourself. So thank you to Council Member Dinowitz for providing this opportunity. Now let's move on to our stated agenda. First, we're going to vote on a \$125.8 billion budget for fiscal year 2027. Next, we will vote on the following finance items: Preconsidered Resolutions sponsored by Council Member Lee approving the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations to receive funding in the expense budget. Preconsidered Resolutions also sponsored by Council Member Lee to establish that the interest rate be six percent per annum for fiscal year 2027 for nonpayment of taxes on properties with an assessed value of up to \$250,000, nine percent for properties with an assessed value of more than \$250,000 but less than or equal to \$450,000, and 16 percent for properties with an assessed value of more than \$450,000. A Preconsidered Resolution sponsored also by Council Member Lee to establish that the

interest rate be 2.5 percent per annum for fiscal year 2027 for certain properties for which owner has entered into an installment payment agreement with the Department of Finance or payment of delinquent property taxes, assessments, or other charges. Today we will also vote on the following pieces of legislation: Resolution 69, sponsored by Council Member Tiffany Caban, would oppose President Trump's Executive Order restricting protections for transgender students and call on the New York State Department of Education to ensure that all schools in New York City continue to uphold policies that protect the rights and dignity of transgender and gender nonconforming students regardless of federal directives. Thank you to staff Elizabeth Arzt [sp?]. Resolution 143-A, sponsored by Council Member Kevin Riley, would call on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign legislation that would create unlimited transfers within the two-hour period of paying the MTA subway or bus fare for pay-per-ride users. Thank you to Sierra Townsend, Theodore Miller, Kevin Kotowski [sp?], and John Basile [sp?]. To celebrate the amazing 2026 champion New York Knicks, we are passing three resolutions.

Yay. Thank you. We've got— this side of the room is a much better cheering section than this side of the room. I will just say, okay. Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by myself would celebrate Knicks in five, as the New York Knicks won the 2026 NBA championship. Yay. Okay. Okay. Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member Virginia Maloney would declare June 13th as New York Knicks Day in the city to celebrate the contributions of the world-class basketball team to the city's culture and civic—

SERGEANT AT ARMS: [interposing] Please keep it down in the chambers.

SPEAKER MENIN: identity. Thank you to Regina Paul. And then Preconsidered Resolutions sponsored by our Deputy Speaker, Dr. Nantasha Williams, would call for famed New York City locations to be ceremonially named for one year in honor of our Knicks. Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, as Knicks in Five Fifth Avenue. Broadway, Manhattan, as Brunson Way. Victory Boulevard on Staten Island as Captain Clutch Boulevard. Knickerbocker Avenue in Brooklyn as Alvarado Avenue. Times Square, Manhattan, as Town Square. Queens Boulevard in Queens as Hart Boulevard. And the Brooklyn Bridge as Bridges Bridge.

The Manhattan Bridge as Ananobi Bridge. The Williamsburg Bridge as Coach Brown Bridge. And lastly, the Bronx River as Breen River. Thank you to Kristopher Sartori [sp?] and Patrick Mulvihill [sp?]. In honor of the United States of America's 250th anniversary, we will also pass a slate of resolutions. Preconsidered Resolutions sponsored by Council Member Jim Gennaro would commemorate the pivotal political and military role of New York City in the birth of the United States 250 years ago. Thank you to Regina Paul. Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member Christopher Marte would celebrate the historical documents that contributed to the birth of the United States of America and are on display at the New York Public Library as part of the nation's 250th anniversary events. Thank you to Regina Paul. Preconsidered Resolution sponsored by Council Member Rita Joseph would call on the New York State Legislature to pass and the governor to sign legislation to amend the education law to require instruction on the history, contributions, and experiences of people of African descent in public schools. Thank you to Chloe Rivera. Resolution 15, sponsored by Council Member Joann Ariola, would

1 declare July 2nd annually in the City of New York as
2 Freedom Day to commemorate the anniversary of the
3 vote of the Second Continental Congress to declare
4 independence from Great Britain in 1776. Thank you to
5 Regina Paul. And Resolution 5, sponsored by myself
6 and Minority Leader David Carr, would commemorate the
7 250th anniversary of the United States of America.
8 Thank you to Regina Paul. Preconsidered Introductions
9 sponsored by Majority Leader Sean Abreu would rename
10 103 thoroughfares and public places in our city.
11 Thank you to Kris Sartori [sp?], Patrick Mulvihill,
12 Michael Sherman [sp?], and Owen Kotowski.
13 Introduction 859-A, sponsored by Council Member Gale
14 Brewer, would specify the process to be used by the
15 Department of Records and Information Services to
16 comply with existing law requiring the posting of
17 biographical information for the subjects of name
18 changes of streets and parks when no biographical
19 information can be found in the legislative record.
20 Thank you to Kris Sartori, Patrick Mulvihill,
21 Michael Sherman, and Owen Kotowski. Introduction
92A, also sponsored by Council Member Brewer, would
permit DOT and the Department of Sanitation and any
department designated by DSNY to place a sticker no

larger than 8.5 by 11 inches, to be specific, on the window of any motor vehicle as a method of enforcing alternate side parking rules. Thank you to Morganne Barrett [sp?]. Introduction 580A, sponsored by Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez, would create an Office of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to work with the Mayor in planning and implementing childcare for any child who resides in the city at no cost to parent, stepparent, guardian, or relative.

Thank you to Julia Goldsmith-Pinkham [sp?].

Introduction 31A, sponsored by Majority Leader Abreu, would expand the categories of establishments that can be designated by DSNY to be subject to requirements regarding separation and disposal of organic waste. It also required DSNY to designate additional covered establishments by December 1st, 2026. Thank you to Morganne Barrett and Audrey Son [sp?]. Introduction 15-A, also sponsored by Majority Leader Abreu, would prohibit DOHMH from requiring a subsequent background check of an individual for the purposes of working in a center-based child care program if DOHMH has already completed a background check unless the individual has not been employed by a childcare provider in the city for more than 180

consecutive days in the past five years, a childcare program requests a background check, or a background check is otherwise required by law or necessary for purposes of safety. Thank you to Julia Goldsmith Pinkham. Introduction 929-A, sponsored by Deputy Whip Elsie Encarnacion, would require the Police Commissioner to publish a transparency report on the New York Police Department's plan to address and contain the risk of physical obstruction, physical injury, intimidation, and interference at entrances to and exits from certain educational facilities in the city, including through the use of security perimeters. Thank you to Rachel Cordero, Jessica Boulet [sp?], and Josh Kingsley. Introduction 553-A, sponsored by Council Member Oswald Feliz. Would require that the Department of Small Business Services, or another agency as designated by the Mayor, establish a small retail business security system program to provide financial assistance to owners of small retail businesses that would reduce the cost of purchasing and installing security system technology. Thank you to Tyler Walls and Rebecca Barilla [sp?]. Introduction 910-8, sponsored by Council Member Althea Stevens, would repeal the

1 requirement originally set in Local Law 75 of 2009,
2 that as of July 2026, all security grills installed
3 in Group B or M buildings permit visibility of at
4 least 70 percent of the area covered by the grill.
5 Thank you to Tyler Walls, Rebecca Barilla, Austin
6 Malone, Claudia Bennett, William Eck [sp?], Dirk
7 Spencer [sp?], and Jose Conde. And lastly, and
8 certainly last but not least, Preconsidered
9 Introduction sponsored by Council Member Pierina
10 Sanchez would establish a new rental assistance
11 voucher program for families and individuals which
12 would be subject to appropriation and operated by
13 HPD. To be eligible for the program, households would
14 have a total income that does not exceed 50 percent
15 of the AMI, as well as meet additional eligibility
16 requirements based on the type of shelter or housing
17 in which they reside. Thank you to Andrea Vasquez
18 [sp?], Smita Deshmukh [sp?], Nicholas Connell [sp?],
19 Jonathan Rosenberg, and Julia Haramis [sp?]. Okay,
20 that was it. Thank you for your attention. I'm going
21 to turn it back over to our Majority Leader.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Speaker
Menin. We will now move into discussion of general

orders, beginning with Council Member Pierina Sanchez, followed by Narcisse.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Thank you, Majority Leader. My apologies. Thank you, Majority Leader. Before I begin, I want to thank my colleagues, especially Speaker Menin, for your leadership holding the line on this historic win for low-income New Yorkers in our city. I want to thank the Progressive Caucus for uplifting this priority to the Council's leadership for holding the line, and the— all the council members, to advocates for never giving up on New Yorkers that they represent, and to the Mayor and his team for staying at the table and getting this to the finish line. I'm going to pull a Tiffany Caban and stand up. Today's settlement— see, she even shows me how— today's settlement, the fiscal year '27 budget, and this legislation represent a historic agreement that will finally expand housing vouchers for New Yorkers facing homelessness. This is a historic win for vulnerable New Yorkers. We're expanding access responsibly, controlling costs, and beginning to shift the Titanic, moving the city away from costly shelter reliance and toward permanent homes. Because the status quo does not work. Our city

1 must stop paying more for worse outcomes. It costs
2 \$54 a day to keep a family housed with a CityFHEPs
3 voucher compared to \$270 a day for a family shelter
4 bed. And behind those numbers are children and
5 families. 70 percent of shelter residents are
6 families with children. Thousands of babies, 20,000
7 babies born in shelter just last year. With \$300
8 million committed across fiscal year '27 and '28, the
9 new program established by Intro 966 will reach New
10 Yorkers excluded from the current CityFHEPS program,
11 including households in non-DHS shelters, meaning
12 runaway and homeless youth, families displaced by
13 fires or vacate orders, and justice-involved New
14 Yorkers. And we'll support eviction prevention for
15 income-eligible tenants in rent-stabilized homes.
16 There will be no work requirement for newly eligible
17 New Yorkers. Homelessness itself is enough of a
18 barrier. And this is responsible governance. Funding
19 will be distributed between shelter exits and
20 eviction prevention administered.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing]

19 Please wrap up.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: We're creating
21 this program because the choice is not between

compassion and physical discipline. The Council can and must do both. That's what we're doing. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council Member. Council Member Narcisse, followed by Hudson.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Speaker Menin, for listening when it comes to CityFHEP and holding the line for real. I truly believe that folks believe— I mean, belong in the apartment, not in shelter. Shelter should be a transitional process. So thank you for that, and thank you for all your leadership, your team that responded. And when I called— because I go crazy when people are calling me and answering— the inequities is very important at the time. It's a challenging time in immigration. I'm happy for that too. And of course, the street co-naming in my district, so important. Those are folks that work all their lives. They need be recognized. John Lender [sp?] ran the legendary Lendi's Pork Store on Avenue N for over 60 years, the same store the father opened back in 1958 and never let the neighbor go without, you know, supporting them, never let anyone go hungry. That's very important. Fred Wilkins spent almost 40 years answering the call as a volunteer in a Flatland

Volunteer Ambulance Corps, training EMTs and saving lives right here in our community. So thank you.

Audrey Dusk taught at PS91 for 32 years and never stopped giving after her retirement. 50 years volunteering at Downstate Medical Center, thousands of hats knit by hands for the kids in the community. And I want to take a moment with the next one because Gianna Gambino [sp?], mom is here, her sisters and her friends are here to support. And I want to say thank you because they took the pain and they transform it into helping the community with folks that going through a cancer process. She was very young, but she never stopped fighting for others. She understood the mission and the vision to help one another. As a registered nurse, seeing people suffering with cancer, seeing that young woman doing that, it is amazing. Never too early to be a leader and a hero— and a shero. So well deserved. And I want to stop right here to say thank you to all my colleagues. We fought hard for this budget with the Speaker and of course Chair Lee. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council Member. Council Member Hudson followed by Banks.

COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you. I would like to take a moment to recognize the four individuals and communities in District 35 that we're honoring in today's co-naming bill: Edith Mott Young, Bishop Carl E. Williams, Reverend Clinton M. Miller, and the Panamanian community of Brooklyn. These co-namings are about more than street signs. They ensure that the people and communities who help shape our neighborhoods are permanently reflected in the places they call home. Edith Mott Young devoted her life to education and uplifting young people, leaving a lasting impact on generations of Brooklyn students and Black women as one of the 22 founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Members of Delta Sigma Theta are with us in the balcony today. Bishop Carl E. Williams was a beloved faith leader whose ministry and community service touched countless lives in my district and beyond. Reverend Clinton M. Miller was a pillar of Clinton Hill whose decades of leadership at Brown Memorial Baptist Church extended far beyond its walls. He was a trusted advocate, mentor, and voice for justice whose legacy continues to shape the community today. And I also want to recognize the designation of Little Panama along Franklin Avenue.

1 For generations, Crown Heights has been home to a
2 thriving Panamanian community whose culture,
3 businesses, and traditions have enriched our borough.
4 This co-naming is a celebration of that enduring
5 legacy and an acknowledgment that their contributions
6 are an essential part of Brooklyn's story. I'd also
7 like to thank Panamanian Consulate General Roosevelt
8 Thayer, who was being— who was here today. Viva
9 Panama! And I'd like to thank the families,
10 advocates, and community members who worked to make
these long-overdue recognitions possible. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member
Banks, followed by Epstein.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Majority
13 Leader, and thank you to the Speaker for her
14 leadership as well. Today we have the opportunity to
15 honor two incredible women whose lives were defined
16 by service, compassion, and unwavering commitment to
others: Adonna Joaquina Jones and Deidre Cheatham. I
17 believe their families are in the balcony today.
18 Donna Joaquina Jones devoted her life to the Pink
19 Houses Community Center as a director of the Louis H.
20 Pink Houses Community Center. She created
21 opportunities for young people, supported families,

and became someone countless residents could depend on. She believed every child deserved a chance to succeed, and she spent her entire life making sure that they had one. Her legacy lives on through the generations of young people she encouraged and mentored and inspired. Now, Deidre Cheatham shared the same heart for service, whether she was serving her New York City—serving in the New York City Council, or working with community organizations, or advocating for survivors of sexual assault, or helping families in need, Deidre always showed up for people. She led with kindness, treated everyone with respect, and made a difference in both big and small ways. So many people remembered not just what she accomplished, but how she made them feel. I had the privilege of working alongside both Donna and Deidre, and I witnessed their commitment firsthand, whether they were raising awareness for autism, advocating educating for public housing residents, or helping advance initiatives that benefited the 42nd Council District. They approached every task with compassion, professionalism, and a genuine desire to help others. When you think about Donna and Deidre, one thing becomes clear: they made their communities better

1 simply by being a part of them. They gave their time,
2 their energy, and their hearts to helping others, and
3 they left behind legacies that will continue to
4 inspire us all.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please wrap up.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Today we prepare to
7 permanently honor them through these street
8 co-namings, and we are ensuring that their future
9 generations will know their names—

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing] Thank
11 you, Council Member.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: and understand the
13 lasting impact they made to our community. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Council Member Epstein, followed by Brewer.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Good evening.
17 Just want to thank the Speaker and the Finance Chair
18 for really this historic moment. We think about what
19 we did around FHEPS and the thousands of families
20 that we're going to protect. For NYCHA to have— to
21 get the 6,000 units that are offline right now, to
get another 1,100 back online, the supportive housing
units, the increased funding in DCWP,
containerization, Fair Fares, Workers' Justice

1 Initiative, pet food pantries, spay/neuter, time and
2 time again, this Council stood up for working New
3 Yorkers, stood up for affordability, and this budget
4 reflects those values. This is an important day in
5 the city to say that we care deeply about this city,
6 we care about people who live here, and this council
7 is fighting for them. This is a really important
8 moment, and I want to thank the Speaker again for her
9 leadership, and to know that a budget like this
10 reflects our values, that we stood up for everyday
New Yorkers and will continue to. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
12 Member. Would like to remind folks that if for
13 whatever reason you can't get your remarks done
14 through general orders, you can do it during your-
15 the time that you vote. So if I cut you off, I'm
16 sorry about that. Just make sure you bring it up
later on if you need to. Council Member Brewer
followed by Council Member Brooks-Powers.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very
18 much. Intro 9-2A, alternate side of the street
19 stickers. In 1987, Sanitation started placing dayglow
20 green stickers on vehicles with repeated alternate
21 side of the street violations. The Council banned

1 them in 2012. I probably voted for that stupid bill.
2 And people make the following calculation: it's
3 cheaper to not move your car for alternate side of
4 the street parking and risk paying the \$65 parking
5 ticket cheaper than a garage. In April of this year,
6 the Sanitation Department estimated 500,000 cars
7 violated street cleaning regulations in 1,200 routes
8 every single week. That meant that 3,000 miles was
9 not cleaned. People need to move their damn car. And
10 so I want to thank Speaker Menin, Sanitation Chair
11 Sanchez for their support, Morganne Barrett [sp?],
12 Joanna Castro, Andrea Velasquez [sp?], Jeff Baker,
13 and from my office, Cynthia Hornig [sp?] and Shula
14 Puder [sp?]. I do want to thank the Sanitation
15 Department also. Number two, 859A. This is— has to
16 do with omnibus street naming. We have a long
17 history, we want to make sure people know about it.
18 And in 2023, the Council passed my Local Law 104
19 requiring the state— the City Department of Records
20 and Information Services, DARS, to create an
21 interactive digital map of these co-namings. But
 between 2002 and 2003— I think some of you were
 alive then— more than 400 streets were co-named for
 first responders killed on 9/11. The Speaker and I
 went to an awful lot of

1 funerals then, and the city lacked their biographical
2 information to update the map. To the credit of
3 DORIS and former Commissioner Pauline Toole [sp?],
4 they found all 400 people, wrote up their bios, and
5 put them through the Council. That's what this law
6 does. It says this— these are 400 people, they're
7 ready to be recorded. I want to thank Counsel Chris-

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing]

8 Please wrap up.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Sartori [sp?] and
10 Senior Legislative Patrick Mulvihill for their work.
11 I just want to also mention Cecile Richards [sp?].
12 Cecile Richards Way is one of the— considering her
13 co-signing at 83rd Street and Central Park West.
14 Head of Planned Parenthood, daughter of Anne
15 Richards, Governor. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you. Council
17 Member Brooks-Powers followed by Maloney.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.
19 I just wanted to take a moment to thank my colleague
20 Council Member Hudson for sponsoring the co-name for
21 my SORA [sic] founder Edith Mott Young, and
recognizing her impactful life, not only to the
Brooklyn community, but really across the world. And

1 so I'm really excited that I get to vote on this
2 street co-name for my sorors in Brooklyn. So thank
3 you for that.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
5 Member Brooks-Powers. Council Member Maloney,
6 followed by Hankerson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: Thank you,
8 Majority Leader. I'm proud to introduce three street
9 co-namings honoring people and institutions that have
10 shaped our East Side community. The first, Jewish
11 Community Relations Council Way, will be at 2nd
12 Avenue and East 47th Street, next to Dag Hammarskjöld
13 Plaza. JCRC New York has built relationships across
14 New York's Jewish community and worked for a more
15 interconnected city for all ethnic and religious
16 groups for 50 years. Its headquarters once sat just
17 south of the plaza, making it the organization's
18 local park and a frequent site of rallies, protests,
19 and press conferences it organized or supported. The
20 second corrects an existing sign at East 67th Street
21 and Lexington Avenue, adding the rank patrolman to
honor Kenneth Keller of the 19th Precinct, an officer
who fell in the line of duty, ensuring that his
service and sacrifice are properly recognized. And

1 third honors Joan Davidson at Lexington and 75th
2 Street, the corner where she last lived. A devoted
3 philanthropist, Davidson chaired the New York State
4 Council on the Arts in the 1970s and served as the
5 State Park Commissioner in the late 1990s, leaving a
6 lasting mark on our state's culture and parks. I'm
7 honored to bring these co-namings forward. And I also
8 want to recognize and congratulate our very first
9 intern, Key [sp?], on graduating both from college
10 and from our office. We're incredibly proud of these
11 milestones and grateful for her contributions. Thank
12 you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
14 Member. Council Member Hankerson, followed by
15 Stevens.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Thank you,
17 Majority Leader. Today is a proud day for our parks,
18 our communities, and every parkie and park advocate
19 who keeps this city thriving. In this budget, we
20 restored and secured additional funding for Green
21 Thumb, tree stump removal, tree planting, urban park
rangers, recreation staff, and our beloved PEP
officers. These are not just line items. These are
the people who open our parks, care for our trees,

1 keep our recreation centers active, support our
2 gardens, protect our public spaces, and make sure New
3 Yorkers can use the parks they love. For the past few
4 years, after every budget dance, the Council parks
5 and advocates have had to leave saying we secured the
6 jobs for another year. Take a rest and get ready to
7 do it all over again. But not this year. This year,
8 we are proud to have accomplished a historic budget
9 resulting in a \$29.1 million baseline, which is so
10 much greater than breathing a temporary sigh of
11 relief. Together as a city, we are building a
12 stronger foundation. So to every parkie, who's ever
13 questioned whether your city cares for you, let this
14 be the marker that demonstrates that we understand
15 you are valuable. Your work is seen, your labor is
16 appreciated, and that your city deems you as
17 essential. I want to thank Speaker Menin, my
18 colleagues, and the administration for their
19 outstanding commitment to our parkies and the
20 communities they serve. This is a major step, but we
21 are not done. We will not let up until we get to the
one percent. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member
Stevens followed by Gutierrez.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Good afternoon.

Today I'm proud and honored to have the support of majority of my colleagues in passing of 910A. As a member of Council, it's our responsibility to protect the small businesses that are the backbone of New York City's economy. They create jobs, provide essential services, and help define the creator-characters of our neighborhoods. When the government creates policies that unintentionally place unnecessary burdens on those businesses, it is also our responsibility to correct them. That is exactly what we are doing today. The implementation of Law 75 of 2009 was exactly— was expected to replace an unnecessary financial burden on business owners across the city by requiring many of them to replace security grills that were already safe, secure, or fully functional. For some businesses, those replacements would have cost— exceeded \$10,000. At this time, our small businesses continue to face rising rent costs, inflation increasing operating costs, and government should not be adding unnecessary expenses that threaten their ability to succeed. Intro 910A repels an outdated mandate that, while continuing to allow businesses

1 business owners to maintain safe, secure storefronts.
2 More importantly, it demonstrates that this council
3 is listening to the current concerns of our small
4 businesses, communities, and taking meaningful action
5 to support them. I want to thank my colleague— and
6 special shout out to Shanel Thomas-Henry, who chaired
7 the hearing, my staff, the BIDs, all my colleagues
8 who supported this legislation. Your partnerships
9 made today's vote possible. So every small business
10 across the five boroughs, this vote sends a clear
11 message: this council committed to reducing
12 unnecessary burdens, supporting economic
13 opportunities, and ensuring that New York City
14 remains a place where your business can grow and
15 thrive. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
15 Member. Council Member Gutierrez, followed by Caban.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Thank you so
17 much, Majority Leader. I'm really excited to turn the
18 chapter on a very exciting package of bills. I think
19 this is the last bill part of that original package
20 codifying the Mayor's Office of Child Care to help us
21 as a city get to a true universal child care program
that we can all be proud of. I want to thank every

single person who was a sponsor three times that we reintroduced it, including, Council Member Kevin Riley from the Bronx. I want to thank, of course, Speaker Julie Menin, who has been a partner on all things universal child care since before becoming a Speaker. And this is a really, really exciting opportunity because not only are we going to be able to say- to hold the city accountable when it comes to childcare, childcare deserts, the way that they are, supported, the way that we support providers, but it's going to stand the test of time, right? It doesn't matter who is at City Hall, the Mayor's Office of Childcare will be there to work with every single agency necessary, city and state, to make it happen, to make it accessible for every single New Yorker regardless of immigration status and regardless of income. New York has a real opportunity to lead, and I'm so excited that we get to be a part of that council that is doing that. Very quickly, I wanna thank my whole legislative team, everyone that helped us get here. I want to thank my former chief of staff, Anya Lehr [sp?], who I joked with her, said she was not pregnant when we reintroduced it, and now she's had her baby now that universal child care plan

1 has passed. So congrats to her. Yes. And of course, I
2 want to thank all of my colleagues who have joined us
3 at all the rallies, to all the providers who have
4 come to testify, who are very much leaning on us to
5 help them get to dignified wages and dignified
6 benefits. We are still in that struggle. [speaking
7 Spanish] But I want to thank everyone here who has
8 showed up for working families, and that's it. Thank
9 you so much.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
11 Member. Council Member Caban, followed by Morano.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Thank you. I plan
13 to reserve my comments on the budget for during that
14 vote. Regarding Intro 929, I continue to hold deep
15 reservations that I had for Intro 175B, that this
16 amended bill would silence dissent and add to the
17 federal government's assault on freedom of speech,
18 and that still stands. Also important to note that I
19 think intro 553 duplicates an existing underutilized
20 state program for cameras for small businesses. And I
21 do want to take the moment to thank all of the dozens
and dozens of staffers that make a budget possible.
And thank you to my team as well.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Councilmember
Morano followed by Mealy.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: Thank you,
Majority Leader. I know I don't often spend much time
talking about street namings, especially on a day
when we're considering so many important pieces of
legislation, but I hope you'll indulge me for just a
moment because today's package, Intro 859A, includes
two street namings that mean an extraordinary amount
to me and to the community that I represent. One
honors Dorothy Day, a woman whose compassion, faith,
and commitment to serving others changed countless
lives. It's fitting that her image hangs here in City
Hall overlooking the staircase that so many of us
walk each day. It's a quiet reminder that public
service is ultimately about serving others. And the
other honors, a young man gone far too soon, John
Hudson Dilgin, a remarkable young man who lived with
an unimaginable pain because of epidermolysis
bullosa, yet never allowed his -condition to define
him. Instead, he dedicated his life to giving hope to
others, advancing research, and showing all of us
what courage and resilience truly look like. These
two Staten Islanders lived a century apart, and they

1 led very different lives, but they shared something
2 profound. They made our borough, our city, and our
3 world better simply by the way they lived. If
4 sainthood is ultimately for the church to decide, I
5 can certainly say that in the eyes of so many Staten
6 Islanders, these are two people whose lives reflected
7 extraordinary grace, compassion, and selflessness. I
8 want to sincerely thank all of my colleagues for
9 supporting these street namings and helping make sure
10 their legacies will live on for generations to come.
11 Long after we're all gone, New Yorkers will pass
12 these signs, ask who these people were, and learn
13 their stories, and that's a powerful thing. Today,
14 we're forever memorializing not just names, but lives
15 of service, compassion, courage, and hope. It's a
16 privilege to have played a small part in that, and
17 I'm deeply grateful to all of you for making that
18 possible. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member
17 Mealy, followed by Aviles.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you. I want
19 to thank the Speaker and then for her leadership with
20 this budget. I want to thank all the budget team for
21 doing such a great job, and I just want to thank all

my community for our old street naming we just had last Saturday. The co-naming of the southeast corner of Rochester Avenue and Lincoln Place as H.L. Apostolic Mecca Way. I want to thank, Apostle Huey L. Rogers, Reverend Herbert Dautry, Teamster president, President Ford, District Leader Anthony T. Jones for coming out that day. This co-naming is for more than 80 years, the Greater Bible Way Temple has been a cornerstone of Crown Heights, located on Rochester Avenue. For over three decades, this church has been more than just a place of worship. It has been a place of refuge, service, and community care. The church has consistently met the real needs of the community. Its Bible Way Learning Center also educated local children for decades, helping to shape professionals who continue to come back every year. This institution has uplifted generations through both faith and action, offering spiritual guidance alongside practical support. The co-naming of R.L. Apostolic Mecca Way reflects its legacy as a gathering place and a beacon of hope for the community it has served so faithfully. And I want to thank you, for co-naming Reverend Clinton M. Miller Way. He has been a pillar of the community. I know

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2 it's not in my district. He has really did so much
3 for us, and I want to thank, Elam [sp?]. They renamed
4 his borough of Brooklyn Apostolic McKenzie Way, and
5 he has been a—

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing] Thank
7 you, Council Member.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: a leader in our
9 community. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member
11 Aviles, followed by Thomas-Henry.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Thank you,
13 colleagues. Today I'm proud to bring for— to bring
14 four street co-namings to vote that honor the leaders
15 in history of District 38. First, we honor Maria
16 Interlandi-Reno, the beloved principal from PS 124,
17 and her commitment to inclusive education. We also
18 celebrate the life and work of Josephine
19 Messicotte-Brown, the Executive Director of the New
20 York Memory Center, who led the nation's first early
21 intervention and support program for people diagnosed
22 with Alzheimer's and dementia. We also honor Paolo
23 Pesce, an Italian immigrant and proud Bensonhurst
24 resident who opened La Bella Marketplace, a
25 family-owned market that is the hub for the

community. Finally, on the Battle of Brooklyn's 250th anniversary, we celebrate Red Hook's history by honoring Fort Defiance, a key site in the American Revolutionary War and the terminus for the Lenape Trail later known as Red Hook Lane. I want to thank the family and friends and community members that led the charge to honor our district's history and community leaders. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member Thomas-Henry followed by Osse.

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: Thank you. Today I am honored to recognize three individuals whose names will live on through District 21. The Honorable Jimmy Smith was an Army veteran, retired transit worker, former district leader, and community leader who served as a member of the East Elmhurst Corona Civic Association, the Chair of Elmcourt Youth and Adult Activities, and also served as chair of Community Board Three and its Budget Committee, where he served until his passing at the ripe age of 95. Grace V. Lawrence was a pillar throughout District 21, not only serving on numerous boards throughout the district, but rather as a founding member of so many institutions throughout my district, including

1 the Langston Hughes Library Action Committee,
2 Neighborhood Housing Services of Northern Queens, the
3 Jerome Hardiman Senior Daycare Center, and the Louis
4 Armstrong House Museum. She tirelessly worked
5 throughout the community until passing just days
6 before her 99th birthday. And last but certainly,
7 like, not least, I would like to honor the life of a
8 young soul taken far too early by a drunk driver.
9 Donica Cook was taken from us exactly 10 years ago
10 today. She was a young woman whose life was just
11 beginning, and she brought so much to so many. And
12 since her passing, her mom, Julianne, started a
13 foundation to raise awareness regarding reckless
14 driving. So she took that tragedy and turned it into
15 a fight to fight for others so they would not have to
16 suffer such a tragedy. So today, in honor of the
17 10-year anniversary of her passing, I want to say to
18 her mom, the fight has been long, but it has come in
19 time, and she will always be remembered throughout
20 our community. Thank you.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council
19 Member. Councilmember Osse, followed by Feliz.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: Thank you, Majority
21 Leader. I want to speak about a street co-naming

that's actually not in my district. It's in Council Member Joseph's district for Theodore Teddy Van.

Teddy Van was a Grammy Award-winning writer, producer, and humanitarian. He wrote the 1960s hit "Loop-de-Loop" for Johnny Thunder and would win a Grammy for his song "The Power of Love/Love Power," a hit for Luther Vandross in 1991. He had over 140 songs registered at Broadcast Music Incorporated, and he participated in a number of music projects, including Tales of the Dixie Drifter, which featured Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Sam Cooke, and Bob Dylan. I really want to shout out Council Member Joseph for this street co-naming. I was surprised to see it on this agenda because this is my grandfather. So thank you very much, Council Member Joseph.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Anyone else signed up to speak for general orders? Did I miss anyone for general orders? Alright. I see Council Member Feliz may have stepped out, so he'll get to his remarks later. Report of special committees.

COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Reports of standing committees.

2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
3 on Education, Intro 15A, background checks.

4 SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled on
5 general orders.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 580A, Office of
7 Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

8 SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee
10 on Finance, Preconsidered Reso 529, transparency
11 resolution.

12 SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on general orders.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 530
14 through Preconsidered Reso 533, interest rate for
15 nonpayment of taxes.

16 SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Reso 534
18 and Preconsidered Reso 535, base percentage and base
19 proportion.

20 SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: M69, Preconsidered Resos
539 and 540, expense revenue contract budget, fiscal
year 2027.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M70 and Preconsidered Resolutions 541 and 542, Executive Capital Budget fiscal year 2027.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: M74 and Preconsidered Resolution 543, community development program.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M80 and Preconsidered Resolution 544, and Preconsidered M81 and Preconsidered Resolution 545, budget modifications.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered M82 and Preconsidered Resolution 546, fixing the tax rate.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 966, rental assistance voucher program.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on general orders with a message of necessity.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Land Use, LU 67 to 69 and LU 71 through 77, various applications.

SPEAKER MENIN: Approved with modifications. And referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 197-D of the New York City Charter.

COMMITTEE CLERK: LU 70, Monitor Point.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled to be filed pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, Intro 859-A, Street Name Biographical Information.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Preconsidered Intro 956, Naming of 103 thoroughfares and public places.

SPEAKER MENIN: Coupled on General Orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Public Safety, Intro 929A, NYPD security perimeters.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled on general orders.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management, Intro 31A, commercial organic waste.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 92A, alternate side parking enforcement.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee on Small Business, Intros 553A and 910A, small business security systems.

SPEAKER MENIN: Amended and coupled. I'd now ask the clerk to take a roll call vote on all the items coupled on today's general orders calendar.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Colleagues, please remember to disclose any conflicts before you begin voting. Your disclosure forms are on the blue sheets on your desk.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Justin Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER J. SANCHEZ: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Aldebol?

COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: I'm disclosing on the record of the council proceedings that the New York City Police Department is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my business associate is associated with that entity. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER ALDEBOL: First, I want to thank Mayor Mamdani and Speaker Menin, along with Chair Lee and OMB staff, the City Council finance team, for all their hard work in reaching this budget agreement. In my first year as a City Council Member, I am proud to support a budget that puts the needs of everyday New Yorkers first. While there's room for continued progress, this budget is a step forward in our efforts to make New York City more affordable for working families. I will always fight for the East Bronx to get our fair share. During the budget process, we stood firm with my City Council colleagues to ensure we passed a balanced budget without additional tax increases on hardworking Bronx families and homeowners. I advocated for funding initiatives to combat food insecurity, support older adults, increase opportunities for young people, and protect our immigrant communities. We prioritize funding much-needed capital improvements to our public schools, libraries, and parks. In the East Bronx communities I represent, housing insecurity is a top concern. That's why I'm particularly excited that we have secured a historic agreement to expand housing voucher access for New Yorkers facing

1 eviction and homelessness. We are also putting
2 additional investment towards supporting homeowners
3 facing rising costs and struggling to keep their
4 homes. I must say, however, that a commitment for pay
5 parity for EMT workers and pay increases for DOE
6 paraprofessionals is not apparent in this budget. As
7 Chair of the Civil Service and Labor Committee, I
8 remain committed to advocate for pay parity
9 improvements for these vital New York City workers.
10 Today I am proud to vote for a budget that takes
11 strides towards addressing the needs and priorities
12 of hardworking Bronx families and New York City
13 families. I look forward to continuing to work with
14 Speaker Menin, my City Council colleagues, and the
15 administration to build on the strong foundation of
16 this budget in the years to come. I vote aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ariola?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I'm disclosing on
19 the record of the Council proceedings that the New
20 York City Department of Sanitation is funded in the
21 budget and we are— that we are adopting, and my son
is associated with that entity. Permission to explain
my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: There are a lot of good things in this budget, and it's a shame that this was tainted by the Mayor's betrayal and ideological demands, demands which put all New Yorkers in harm's way and will only lead the city down a path to ruin. His refusal to fund the 5th firefighter in our engine companies, to adequately man our police force, and to raise the pay of our EMS workers, among so many other things, while overfunding his self-serving, politically-motivated agencies, projects— agencies and projects is unacceptable. And to be completely honest, downright dangerous. Not surprisingly, the Mayor put ideology over reality in this budget, and for those reasons, I will vote no on Intro 31A, 92A, Reso 529, Reso 530, 531, 532, Preconsidered Resos 534 and 535. Preconsidered Resos 539, 540, and M69, Preconsidered Reso 543, M74, Preconsidered Reso 544 and M80, Preconsidered Reso 545 and M81, as well as Preconsidered Reso 546 and M82, and aye on all the rest.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Clerks, you get that?

COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Aviles?

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council that, Uprose and the New York City Department of Education and Parks and Recreation are funded in this budget that we are adopting, and I or my child is respectively— and sibling are associated with these entities.

Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVILES: Since being elected to the City Council, I have championed the idea of budget justice, that by turning away from the status quo and austerity budgeting, we can actually fund the services poor and working New Yorkers need by focusing on dismantling economic inequities and shifting funding away from ineffective and harmful programs. I've been proud to work with the Progressive Caucus in efforts to center New York's the most vulnerable, from our Crisis to Care public safety priorities to funding to protect affordable housing and home ownership to protecting immigrant legal service funding. I'm proud to continue supporting local service providers such as Mi Esteca,

Center for Family Life, Red Hook Initiative, among so many more. Thank you all for the work you do of loving and serving our district every single day. It is great to see that Parks funding is baselined among so many other initiatives, and I'm taking— I'm— and taken out of the yearly budget dance. We need to get to one percent. I'm reassured that this final budget kept the NYPD headcount flat and instead invested more resources in the services that New Yorkers need towards sustainable, data-driven public safety measures, such as mental health treatment teams, including access for EMS workers, and will move New York City closer to our vision of true public safety. While I am thrilled that a settlement was reached in CityFHEP's case and funding was allocated to expand the program, I am disappointed that the Progressive Caucus' Rentals Within Reach program campaign to reduce existing NYCHA and supportive housing vacancies did not see the meaningful investments it should have, nor have we addressed EMT pay parity. Rest assured, we will continue to unapologetically fight for the working people of New York City. Thank you. And lastly, I am voting no on Intro 553A and Intro 929A, and aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Banks?

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Juvenile Justice are funded in this budget, and- that we are adopting, and my brothers are associated with these entities. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Thank you, Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker, to the leadership team, and to the Finance Division. Thank you for your tireless work. To Mark, my colleagues, thank you for your tremendous work on this year's budget. This year's budget, as stated by the Speaker earlier, delivered the largest package of investments secured in the City Council history, both capital and expense. It makes critical investments in addressing the ongoing affordability crisis here in New York City while expanding opportunity and improving the quality of life of all New Yorkers. We expanded mental health services, strengthened affordable- affordable- for- strengthened affordable and supportive housing, and invested in preparing vacant NYCHA units for occupancy, and increased support for

1 older adults across our city. And while these
2 investments move our city forward, including steps to
3 bring more NYCHA units back online, we must be honest
4 that they do not yet meet the full scale of the need
5 facing public housing residents. As we recognize this
6 progress, we must also confront where our city is
7 still falling short. For me, that begins with public
8 housing. For decades, NYCHA has suffered from chronic
9 under- disinvestment. But you- let me be clear, the
10 answers to disinvestment is not privatization. The
11 answer is investment. Public housing deserves public
12 investment, and public land must remain for public
13 use. This is why I will continue calling for an
14 immediate moratorium on new RAD/PACT conversions
15 until we fully evaluate their long-term impact on
16 residents and their rights. And instead, we must
17 prioritize direct investment in traditional Section 9
18 housing by expanding comprehensive modernization
19 program. This is how we will repair and rehabilitate
20 and modernize NYCHA while keeping it permanently
21 public. And when it's a community's future is at
stake, residents deserve more than-

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing]

Please wrap up.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: a presentation.

They deserve a voice. Every NYCHA resident should have the right in a formal democratic process to vote on whether or not they want to go RAD/PACT.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please tell us your vote, Council Member. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Majority Leader. I vote aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Appreciate you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Save Section 8.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: There was no sass in that, I promise.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Brewer?

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I also teach at Hunter, so I am saying that I am adopting the fact that is true and I am associated with that entity. I want to say about the budget to thank the Mayor and his staff, Speaker Mennin and her staff. And I think in every community we have mental health issues that are hopefully being addressed, housing issues, FHEPS, NYCHA supportive units, all in the budget to a certain extent. And certainly, Department of Consumer Worker Protection has improved its ability hopefully

1 to do outreach, legal services, cultural. I really
2 want to thank you, Madam Speaker, for the support
3 there. Seniors need the home delivery. CUNY needs the
4 OmniCard- that's exciting, as well as all the other
5 programs, libraries, and parks. I also want to thank
6 everyone for helping with the 9/11 to see if there
7 really were toxic discussions that took place. We
8 need to know it so that those can hopefully be
9 addressed in the future if there are any such issues.
10 I finally want to just state that this budget, so
11 what's the only thing missing? We have to keep paying
12 attention is the oversight agencies, be it, COIB, be
13 it DOI, which did get more money, or any other agency
like that does oversight of our governance. Thank you
very much. I vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Brooks-Powers?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I am
16 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
17 meetings that the Queens Alumni Chapter of Delta
18 Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is funded in the
19 budget we are adopting, and I am associated with this
20 nonprofit, and that the New York City Department of
21 Education is funded in the budget we are adopting,
and my sibling is associated with this nonprofit.

Also, Edge School of the Arts is funded in the budget, and we are adopting, and my child is associated with this nonprofit. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Today I rise in support of this year's budget, but I do so with reservations. This is my 6th budget in the City Council, having served under three mayoral administrations. This is the first administration during my tenure where the Mayor's Executive Capital budget includes no capital investments for the 31st Council District at a time when my community faces longstanding health and infrastructure challenges. Just four days ago, the Mayor said healthcare is a human right and we will do everything in our power to defend it. But those words ring hollow for my community today. The absence of capital funding in this budget for the 31st district sends a clear message that your zip code does determine your right to healthcare. A budget reflects our values, and every community deserves to see itself in that vision. In the weeks ahead, the mayor must affirm his commitment to District 31 by sharing his vision for

1 our community. I will not stop fighting to ensure our
2 district is not left behind under this
3 administration. That being said, I want to thank
4 Speaker Mennon for her leadership in negotiating a
5 budget that reflects many of the council's
6 priorities, from raising Fair Fares eligibility to
7 200% of the federal poverty level, to the expansion
8 of CityFHEPs, to a historic investment in affordable
9 housing preservation and new homeownership
10 construction. This budget brings us closer to
11 delivering a trauma center to the Rockaway Peninsula
12 by including \$10 million for this critical project
13 thanks to this Council. This budget also provides an
14 additional \$5 million for our long-awaited Brookville
15 Park Recreation Center that will create new
16 opportunities for families and young people
17 throughout Southeast Queens. I am supporting this
18 budget because of what the Council fought to deliver
19 for working families across New York City, but much
20 more work lies ahead. Thank you, and I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Caban?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Permission to
20 explain my vote?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: Thank you, colleagues, Speaker, Finance Chair, and to the Council Finance staff for your tireless work on this budget. When first elected to the City Council, I made a promise to my constituents and to myself to always fight for the most vulnerable New Yorkers no matter what. I believe then, as I do now, that we can build a city where parents can raise families, where people can grow old, where we can remain in our communities free from the fear of displacement, and where our government works for all of us. But for too long, municipal budgets have prioritized the interests of the wealthy and well-connected. There are elements of this budget that, like those previous budgets, fall short of what working-class New Yorkers need. For example, it fails to fund Rentals Within Reach, which would have provided the housing of 20,000 of the most vulnerable New Yorkers through investments in NYCHA and supportive housing. And I will say, despite these shortcomings, this budget makes crucial changes that will improve the lives of people across the city. When corporations commit wage theft or impose extortionate fees on New Yorkers, DCWP rarely has the resources to hold them

accountable, and this budget increases their funding to ensure that they can enforce worker and consumer rights laws. When New Yorkers fear being attacked or discriminated against because of their identity, they too often are directed to a reactive police response that does little to prevent or help heal. Today, we're investing \$26 million in NYC Against Hate, which will promote proven community-based hate violence prevention. Too many New Yorkers struggling with mental illness have been left to fend for themselves, or worse, criminalized for it. We worked with advocates to baseline over \$80 million from mental health programs to deliver care. Every day, working-class New Yorkers face eviction. I'm proud of the Progressive Caucus, the Speaker, the Mayor, to reach a deal to expand FEPPS. But it does fall short. We can do more. And I'm proud to have worked closely with the Mayor and public safety advocates to ensure there was no increase to the NYPD's headcount. I've said it many times before, and I'll say it again, we cannot police, punish, and incarcerate our way to safety. And every dollar we spend there is money we can't spend on housing, mental health care, substance abuse—

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please wrap up.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: And so on. Just as I promised when I first met— entered the Council, we'll continue to fight for the New York we all deserve.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please tell us your vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABAN: For these reasons, I vote aye on the budget, no on Intro 553A and Intro 929A, and aye on all the rest. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. De La Rosa?

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: I am disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the New York City Department of Education is funded in this budget we are adopting, and my child is associated with that entity. I request permission to explain my vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Thank you, Majority Leader. I want to start by thanking Mayor Mamdani and his team, Speaker Menin and her team, Chair Lee, the BNT, and the staff for their work over the last several months. I want to thank my colleagues, particularly those in the Progressive

Caucus, as well as the coalitions and community advocates who fought tirelessly to protect critical services. We worked for a budget that prioritizes affordable housing, social justice amid a deep affordability crisis. This budget includes important wins for supportive housing, Fair Fares, libraries, immigrant legal services, parks, CityFHEPS, Crisis to Care. Still more work lies ahead to close the urgent housing gaps including NYCHA vacancy repairs and stronger investments to address deed theft. We all share responsibility for one another, but I especially want to commend Council Member Pierina Sanchez for her tireless advocacy on CityFHEPS and for reminding us all of a collective duty to care for our fellow New Yorkers. Our communities are confronting rising costs, growing mental health needs, fear and uncertainty in immigrant communities, and escalating consequences of climate change. Meeting these challenges will require truly progressive taxation that is equitable without reservation. New Yorkers have made themselves clear. We need an affordable city. While the rent freeze on one- and two-year leases offers some relief, our work is far from over. I am proud to vote yes on the

1 budget today with a continued commitment to uplift
2 the voices of District 10 and to fight for a city
3 that is rooted in affordability, safety, and dignity
4 for all. With that being said, I want to vote aye on
5 all except for Intro 929A and Intro 92A, for which I
6 vote no. Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Dinowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I'm disclosing
9 on the record of the Council proceedings that City
10 University of New York is funded in the budget we are
11 adopting, and I am associated with that entity.

12 Permission to explain my vote?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Thank you so
15 much, Majority Leader. Good evening. Good evening.
16 Thank you, sir. I have to— well, may I rise to
17 explain my vote? It's my time.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Your time is count—
19 your time has started.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: I'll do what I
21 want with that time. I'm okay. I'm okay. No, I— it's
not just this why I love my job. I think our job is
very special. Like, every day we get to help people,
and the people who come into our office are very

often coming in at their worst, right? People who are at their wit's end, struggling just to get to their job on the bus. People on the verge of eviction and parents who are anxious and desperate about the success of their children and families who want their parks to be safe and clean. And for those families, for those neighbors of ours, we demand the best from our government. And today we are delivering the best in our government. So for those workers that come into our office just trying to get to their job and do better for the city, we hear you, and we're delivering an expansion of Fair Fares. For the families on the brink of eviction, we hear you, and we are delivering expanded CityFHEPS to keep you housed. And for those parents who simply want their children to do better than they were ever able to do, we hear you, and we are delivering New York City Kids Rise, \$1,000 for every public school, kindergarten, investments in restorative justice, mental health support, student success centers, OmniCards for CUNY students, early childhood seats, teacher training, and so much more. And for those families who want those safe, clean parks, increased and baseline parks funding. The delivery of these services in this

1 budget is due in large part to all of us working
2 together under the leadership of Speaker Menin, and I
3 just want to thank you, Speaker Menin, for standing
4 firm and delivering a budget that delivers for our
5 constituents. To our Finance Chair and to the entire
6 finance staff, thank you so much. I vote aye on this
7 budget and on all the legislation.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Encarnación?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACION: I'm
10 disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings
11 that Community Voices Heard is funded in the budget
12 we are adopting, and I'm associated with that entity.
13 I also like permission to explain my vote.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ENCARNACION: Thank you,
16 Majority Leader. I am proud to vote in support of
17 this budget, my very first as a member of the City
18 Council and my first as a member of the council's
19 leadership team. It has been an incredible learning
20 experience, and I am grateful to everyone whose hard
21 work made this budget possible. This budget reflects
our shared values, from our solidarity behind
CityFHEPS to the incredible expansion of Fair Fares.
And as Chair of Immigration Committee, I am proud

1 that we are reaffirming our commitment to immigration
2 legal services, ensuring that immigrant New Yorkers
3 continue to have access to the legal representation
4 and support they deserve. These are meaningful
5 investments that will make a real difference in
6 people's lives, and they are the result of
7 collaboration, thoughtful negotiations, and a
8 commitment to delivering for New Yorkers. I want to
9 sincerely thank Speaker Menin for her steadfast
10 leadership and for holding the line on one of the
11 Council's most important priorities. I also want to
12 thank Finance Chair Lee for her partnership and
13 dedication throughout this process, the incredible
14 Finance Division for their tireless work, and every
15 member of the budget negotiation team and the Finance
16 Committee. It has truly been an honor to be a part of
17 this process, and I am incredibly proud of what we
18 have accomplished together. With that said, I vote
19 aye on all. Thank you, Majority Leader.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Epstein?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: Permission to
explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER EPSTEIN: I just want to just- I'm going to vote aye on all. I just wanted to talk about one street co-naming. Abdul Saleh was in my neighborhood and about two months ago was shot and killed in gun violence. He ran a store, a bodega in my district, and it was such a really heartbreaking incident. And, you know, we've talked about gun violence a lot in this chamber and focusing on concerns around that, and we're doing a street co-naming in his behalf. But it goes longer than that, and we have a huge problem in our city and in my district around gun violence, you know. And so hopefully with this street co-naming and the work that I know that we're doing across this Council, we can get on- in front of all these issues. And on behalf of Abdu Saleh and his family and all the other victims of gun violence, I encourage us to continue to work for longer-term solutions. I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Farias?

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: There's a new majority leader in this city.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I actually looked up and was confused.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Well, thank you, Interim Majority Leader Krishnan.

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Sounds nice.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: Really, really proud to have reached an on-time and historic budget agreement that delivers meaningful investments for all New Yorkers. A huge thank you to our incredible finance team for their tireless work, to Speaker Menin, Chair Lee, and obviously across City Hall, Mayor Mamdani and his team for partnering with the Council to get this across the finish line. We really had great collaboration this year, and our communities will be better because of it. And with that, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Thank you. Felder?

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I'm disclosing on the record of the council proceedings that Touro College, the Stroke and Brain Injury Assistance organization and Yellow to Yellow [sic], the

1 childhood center funded in the budget that we are
2 adopting, and I, my spouse, and a sibling
3 respectively are associated with that entity. I also
4 want to vote no on Reso 530, 531, 532, 533. It's in
5 order. So it should be easier. 534 and 535. And I
6 abstain on Intro 956. Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
8 Member. Feliz?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: I am disclosing on
10 the record that CUNY is funded in the budget we're
11 adopting. I serve proudly as an adjunct lecturer in
12 the CUNY system. Also, my parent is associated with
13 Volunteers of America, which is also being funded in
14 this budget. With that said, permission to explain my
15 vote?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Permission
17 granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: And I see everybody
19 standing up for their statements. So I'll do the
20 same. I want to start by congratulating our wonderful
21 speaker, Julie Menin, also our Finance Chair, Linda
Lee, and all of my colleagues on fighting for a
budget that helps resolve the issues of our time,
including the issue of housing affordability,

1 expanding the CityFHEPS program so that rather than
2 living in a temporary shelter, our most vulnerable
3 families can live in a stable home with the dignity
4 that they deserve. Also public transit affordability,
5 expanding the Fair Fares program so that costs
6 related to travel do not become an obstacle when
7 residents are in search of opportunity. Housing
8 affordability, public transit affordability, and so
9 much more. We fought to properly fund our libraries,
our parks.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please keep it down
11 in the chambers.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Our Kids' Rights
13 program to ensure that we're truly preparing our
14 youth for the future. So many big wins. For the
15 hardworking people of this city, this is a budget
16 that we should all be proud of. I'm also proud and
17 thankful that we're finally voting to approve Intro
18 553, the Small Business Protection Program— or Small
19 Business Protection Act. Small businesses are the
20 heart of our economy. They create local jobs, they
21 make communities vibrant, they do so much, and it is
crucial that we listen to them and help them resolve
the challenges that they face including challenges

1 related to safety. Some of our businesses continue to
2 face challenges related to safety, problems that are
3 affecting their ability to stay afloat. My bill will
4 ensure that businesses have the tools to help prevent
5 safety issues by equipping them with technology,
6 including cameras, plexiglass for the bodegas, and
7 more to help deter. This is an important step that
8 we're taking to protect small business owners and
9 their hard work. We're also sending a very crystal
10 clear message that when it comes to the safety issues
11 that they've consistently raised, this City Council
12 is listening. So with that said, I want to thank you,
13 Speaker Mannin, for helping get that bill to the
14 finish line. I want to congratulate everybody. I vote
15 aye on all. Thank you so much. Perfect timing.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gennaro?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I am disclosing
18 on the record of the Council proceedings that the
19 Queens Centers for Progress is funded in the budget,
20 and we are— and the budget we are adopting, and my
21 spouse is associated with that entity. My spouse is
Wendy, and she's watching, and so there you go. I
request permission to explain my vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: I am really delighted that this budget includes a new initiative, Heat Pumps for All, a pilot program of cost-free heat pumps for low-income and two-fam- for low-income one- and two-family homeowners in environmental justice communities. I am proud to have introduced this initiative in this year's budget process with support from Finance Chair Linda Lee, Council Member Aviles, Council Member Nurse, Council Member Marte, the BNT, and of course Speaker Menin and all of her terrific staff. Special shout out to Nathan Toth. We have created a heat pumps coalition including the Central Labor Council, New York Communities for Change, Steamfitters Local 638, Climate Jobs New York, Food and Water Watch, and NYPERG. It was great working side by side with environmental advocates and labor in common cause to create a city with clean air and clean energy union jobs. This is the formula for a more sustainable city. This pilot will help to normalize the heat pump technology that we badly need to meet our clean air and climate challenges and will generate data on the efficacy of this technology. I again want to thank Speaker Menin for her great environmental leadership to advance this- to advance

1 this effort, and for recognizing the importance of
2 expanding access to clean, affordable heating and
3 cooling for working families and the creation of
4 green union jobs. This funding is an important first
5 step towards ensuring that working families have the
6 same opportunity to modernize their homes, lower
7 their energy bills, and contribute to a cleaner, more
8 resilient New York City. And last but not least, I
9 thank my terrific Legislative Director sitting right
10 behind me, Josh Gachette [sp?]. With that said, I
vote aye on all.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Gutierrez?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: I am disclosing
13 on the record of the Council proceedings that the New
14 York City Department of Social Services and Education
15 and Maimonides Medical Center are funded in the
16 budget we are adopting, and my spouse, child, and
17 sibling respectively are associated with those
18 entities. Permission to explain my vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GUTIERREZ: Thank you. I
21 want to first start off by giving all the thank-yous.
I want to double down on thanking the entire finance
staff, Speaker Menin, the Mamdani administration, all

the staff. This has been quite the experience, and I'm really excited that in a few hours it will be behind us. I want to give a special shout out to the Progressive Caucus, to our champions, the Progressive Caucus leadership, Councilmembers Nurse Caban, Avilés, Santosuosso, NPC member Pierina Sanchez, that have been incredible partners in not just getting these critical, critical investments to our budget, but really helping to prioritize all the needs for working-class New Yorkers, for the most vulnerable New Yorkers. I am really excited that the administration is funding the early childcare workforce development at CUNY. We had a hearing a couple months ago now. And while I am obviously in support of the expansion and the rollout of all things universal childcare, I've been concerned about our ability to match the number of seats and expansion with workforce, AKA filling the classrooms with educators to do that work. CUNY has been doing this work for a very long time. They are up for the challenge to expand. And so I am super, super excited to see the \$2.5 million investment to support this growing workforce so that anybody who's looking to pursue a profession in early childcare education can

1 be trained and prepared to take this on. I, of
2 course, am very grateful that we were able to secure
3 the funding for expanding CityFHEPS. You've heard
4 from so many of my colleagues. You've heard from
5 Speaker Menin just how important it has been to
6 invest in expanding this voucher because creating
7 this program allows every New Yorker who is facing
8 eviction or homelessness an opportunity, an option.
9 And for many of us here, before we were members, we
10 were one paycheck away from that as well. So it's—
11 oh, that's it? That's my whole time? Oh my God, okay.
12 I vote aye except for Intro 929 and I abstain from
13 Intro 553. Thank you so much.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hanif?

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

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER HANIF: I vote yes on the
19 budget. Thanks to the leadership of Democratic
20 Socialist Mayor Mamdani, the budget before us is not
21 a budget of austerity. It is a budget that shows what
is possible when we choose to invest in poor and
working people and care. Fair Fares is baselined and
expanded so more New Yorkers can get around our city.

Longtime priorities of the Progressive Caucus, mental health responders, crisis respite centers, and initiatives that hire peer specialist staff are baselined. Promise NYC, which provides free childcare for newly arrived immigrant families is baselined. And importantly, there is no increase in NYPD headcount, an issue I strongly advocated for during negotiations. This council also secured a historic agreement on CityFHEPS. At a time when too many families remain trapped in shelter, this investment creates a pathway to permanent housing, stability, community, and opportunity. These victories are significant, but our work is not done. I look forward to continuing the fight to fully invest in NYCHA so vacant apartments can be repaired and returned to families faster. I will also continue advocating for full funding of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, the disability justice arm of our city government. And let me be clear, New Yorkers deserve even more. We must tax the rich. Alongside the Progressive Caucus and my socialist colleagues, I will continue fighting every year for the resources we need to deliver housing, transit, schools, healthcare, and public services that every New Yorker

deserves. Thank you, Speaker Menin and the budget negotiating team. Today I am proud to be a Democratic Socialist. I vote aye on all except for 929.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hankerson?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKERSON: I'll be very brief because I spoke already, but I just want to thank Speaker Menin again for her advocacy on parks as well as the entire finance team, Nathan and his team, for the hard work that they did over these past few months. I want to thank the Speaker's office for the capital funding for Baisley Pond Park. It is something that my constituents have been waiting and looking for, and so thank you for that. I also want to thank the Mayor and his team for baselining street sweeping funding for the first time ever for Liberty Avenue, as well as negotiating a deal for the good folks at Rochdale Village to forgive their interest on their water bill. Thank you so much. I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Hanks?

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Today I'm proud to vote yes on the FY27 budget. It delivers real investments for you New Yorkers. This is a budget that makes life more affordable, strengthens neighborhoods, and protects essential services. I want to thank Speaker Menin, Finance Chair Linda Lee, and the Council's finance staff, and everyone who worked through this process to deliver a responsible budget that meets this moment. This budget makes meaningful investments in Fair Fares, homeowners, our cultural institutions, and it also proves an important point. We can invest our communities without raising property taxes, raiding reserves, or cutting essential services. I'm especially proud of the expansion of NYC Kids Rise. Every New York City public school kindergartner will now have a stronger financial foundation from the very beginning. And that is how we help families build wealth, expand opportunity, and invest in their future. Invest in the next generation. But I also want to be clear, throughout this process, we fought for our first

1 responders. We fought for the additional resources
2 for our police officers and firefighters to keep New
3 Yorkers safe. Public safety must always remain a
4 priority, and we will continue that fight. As a
5 member of this body and representative of District
6 49, my commitment remains the same— to support
7 responsible investments that strengthen our
8 neighborhoods, improve lives, and deliver for the
9 people we serve. Speaker Menin, you made us proud
10 with a budget that reflects our values, and I am
11 proud to support a budget that meets this moment for
12 New Yorkers, and I vote aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Hudson?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: I'm disclosing on
14 the record of the Council proceedings that the
15 Brooklyn Museum, Botanical Garden, Academy of Music,
16 Museum of the City of New York, New York City
17 Commission on Gender Equity, and Unlocal are funded
18 in the budget we are adopting, and I, my spouse, and
19 my business associate respectively are associated
20 with those entities. Permission to explain my vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Thank you. One of
21 the most challenging but crucial roles of this body

is our charter mandate to approve the city's budget. And while no budget is perfect and there's never enough money to fully fund every item, there's always something to be grateful for. And this budget includes meaningful wins. It properly budgets HRA programs like cash assistance, add SNAP eligibility specialists, invest \$78 million to expand fair fares to 200 percent of the federal poverty line, and for the first time fund SNAP educators to help New Yorkers access benefits after the Trump administration eliminated federal support for this work. And the Progressive Caucus's fiscal year '26 campaign Crisis to Care is now baselined while this budget secures tens of millions of dollars to fill supportive housing and NYCHA vacancies as demanded by the Progressive Caucus's fiscal year '27 Rentals Within Reach campaign. I also want to call out this budget's commitment to CityFHEPS, \$170 million— \$175 million in additional funds to stabilize the program and get us closer toward the expansion this council has fought for since 2023, which would not have happened without the leadership of the Progressive Caucus and tireless advocacy of social service providers and impacted New Yorkers. We will not stop

1 fighting for additional funding to implement these
2 laws, and I'm committed to continuing my advocacy for
3 budget priorities that meet the urgency this moment
4 demands, including funding— including allowing people
5 to remain in their homes by funding the tools they
6 need to combat deed theft. Lastly, I want to thank
7 Council Finance staff as well as those at OMB for
8 getting us to this point, quite literally. I wanna
9 especially thank Julia Haramis [sp?], Elizabeth
10 Childers-Garcia [sp?], and Phariha Rahman [sp?] for
11 the— from the General Welfare team. And thank you to
12 the Speaker and Mayor for their leadership. I vote
aye with the exception of Intro 929A, for which I
abstain.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Joseph?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you. I'm
15 disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding
16 that my child is associated with New York City Public
17 Schools that we are funding in this district— in this
18 budget. And also my child is associated with BOCES
and Moving Mountains. Permission to explain my vote?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH: Thank you,
Majority Leader. Today we're finalizing new
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investments in people of New York City which reflect our commitment to opportunity, safety, economic mobility, and stronger communities. As the Chair of Committee on Higher Education, I'm especially proud that this budget delivers historic investments in CUNY. Because when we invest in CUNY, we invest in New York City's future. CUNY is the economic engine of our city. It is where first-generation students, working parents, immigrants, veterans, and lifelong learners gain the education and skills that strengthen our workforce, our neighborhood. It is one of the greatest pathways to middle class, and this budget recognizes that. This year, we secured \$700,000 for pilot program providing free OmniCards for CUNY students, helping remove one of the biggest barriers to college success, transportation. No student should have to choose between getting to class and paying for groceries or rent. We are investing in the programs that we know change lives, expanding support for CUNY Reconnect, strengthening CUNY ACE, CUNY ASAP, enhancing CUNY Disability Services, and growing early childhood workforce development at CUNY to build the next generation of education our city urgently needs. As the Chair of

the Higher Education Committee, I'm also equally proud that this budget continues to invest in our youngest learners, strengthening our public schools, and support the educators and families who make our education system work every day. I'm also thrilled that we're bringing home critical investments for residents of District 40. This budget delivers meaningful resources for our neighborhoods, schools, our parks, our cultural institutions, and community organization that make Central Brooklyn such a vibrant place to live. These investments will improve the quality of life, expand opportunities for our young people, and strengthen neighborhoods we proudly call home. Today, we'll also hear more— there's more work ahead. However, this budget is an example when we accomplish, when we work together and put New Yorkers first. I want to thank the Mayor, the Speaker, and all of the staff and countless students, educators, labor partners, and community organizations for their partnership in delivering these important investments. Together we have produced a budget that invests in our students, supports working families, strengthens public safety

and advances our neighborhoods, and builds a more equitable future for all New Yorkers. And I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Krishnan?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I am disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the New York State Department of Education, CommonPoint New York City, the YMCA, and CUNY Queens College are funded in in the budget we are adopting, and my children are associated with those entities. Our City Council, under the leadership of Speaker Menin and Finance Chair Lee, have secured the largest package of capital and expense investments secured by any City Council in New York City history. I'm thankful for the leadership of our Council and Mayor Mamdani for delivering a budget for working families. This budget fights for all of us. It funds our parks, turns the pages on former Mayor Adams' corruption, and strengthens the council's work to protect and support workers. We've delivered a massive victory for our Parks Department. The budget we are signing into law makes sure that parks workers don't get handed a pink slip on July 1st, now or ever. We've created the first-ever swim safety initiatives, giving us the staff, resources, and educational

materials to prevent drownings. And we also expanded Wavemakers, the program that Speaker and I worked on several years ago that gives second graders free swim lessons across the city. For the first time in years, the Department of Investigations saw an increase in their funding that goes beyond the Adams year's cuts and slashes. That means we can hold bad landlords, big corporations, and government agencies who are letting us down accountable. And with the \$4 million increase in funding, with the work of our Speaker, Council Member Brewer and I, we will be able to give the brave men and women who risked their lives during and after 9/11 answers on what our city knew about the air quality. This budget is also a workers' rights budget. I'm proud that we were able to deliver \$2.1 million in funding for the first-ever non-traditional worker organizing and education initiative. This initiative carries on the historic work we've done in the council to support workers' rights, from decriminalizing street vending to passing the largest workers' rights legislation for Uber and Lyft drivers, putting an end to their unfair firings, and giving them notice and due process. We'll make sure workers understand their rights and

1 know our city has their back. Today we are voting on
2 a budget that moves us beyond corruption and the
3 prioritization of billionaires to a budget that
4 supports our families, parks, and workers. A budget
5 that funds CityFHEPS to keep families in their homes
6 and gives their kids a chance to go to college
7 through New York City Kids Rise. I am proud to vote
8 aye today on a budget that delivers for working
9 families in Queens and across New York City, and to
vote aye on all the rest too. Thank you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lee.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Thank you. So I'm
12 disclosing for the record of the Council proceeding
13 that the New York City Department of Education is
14 funded in the budget we are adopting, and my children
15 are associated with that entity, and that Korean
16 Community Services is funded in this budget we are
adopting, and my husband is associated with that
entity. Permission to explain my vote?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Thank you. So I just
19 want to say thank you so much to our speaker for
20 fighting so hard and negotiating such a strong budget
21 that includes so many wins that are historic, many of

1 which my colleagues have already highlighted, um,
2 around CityFEP. Special shout out to Councilmember
3 Pierina Sanchez, as well as, a lot of our colleagues
4 who fought so hard, to get that into the budget and
5 negotiate it. Uh, we still have a lot more work to
6 do, but very thankful for Homebound Meals for our
7 seniors, as well as a lot of the mental health
8 programming that we know is important and keeps New
9 Yorkers safe. But I just really wanted to spend most
10 of my time- well, before I get to that, um, and
11 special shout out to all the advocates and providers
12 who participated in all the roundtables, the rallies,
13 the conversations with all of us members to really
14 fight for and advocate a lot of their asks and needs
15 and to guide us in that process. But I wanted to
16 really dedicate my time to recognizing some key
17 people from our finance team that really did such an
18 amazing, amazing job negotiating this budget and
19 putting everything together. So, I'm just going to
20 read all your names. So Finance Chair Nathan Toth,
21 Managing Director Jonathan Rosenberg, Deputy
Directors Emre Edev [sp?], Chima Obichere [sp?],
Paul Scimone, and Aisha Wright [sp?], Chief
Economist and Assistant Director Dilara Dimnaku
[sp?], who

1 always schools us on property taxes, Supervising
2 Economists Paul Sturm and Andrew Wilbur, Assistant
3 Directors Alia Ali, Julia Haramis, Florentine Kabore
4 [sp?], Dan Krupp [sp?], Kaitlyn O'Hagan [sp?], James
5 Reyes, and Jack Storey, Chief Counsel Nicholas
6 Connell, Senior Counsel Nadia Jean-Francois [sp?],
7 Council Committee, who always is my ride or die, who
8 sits next to me and shares all his snacks during
9 hearings, Brian Sarfo my Senior Advisor Athena Tse,
10 and many of the finance analysts, economists, and
11 support staff who've worked behind the scenes. And
12 shout out to my district staff as well for holding
13 the fort down. And with that, I vote aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Louis.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Disclosing for the
16 record of the City Council proceeding that New York
17 City Parks Department and the MTA are funded in the
18 budget we are adopting, and myself and my sibling are
19 respectfully associated with these entities.

20 Permission to explain my vote?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU Permission granted.
Thank you so much.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Today I'm proud to
vote yes on this historic budget. This is a fiscally

1 responsible budget that invests in essential
2 services, advances our affordability agenda, and
3 strengthens our city's fiscal future. And it does all
4 that— all of that without cutting the services our
5 communities depend on. For far too long, libraries,
6 parks, cultural organizations, and CUNY have fought
7 every single budget cycle just to keep their doors
8 open. In. This budget changes that permanently,
9 baselining funding for our parks, cultural
10 institutions, and CUNY. For homeowners, this budget
11 invests in the Homeowner Help Desk, providing
12 technical support, financial and legal counseling to
13 keep families in their homes. And for our neighbors
14 struggling to make the rent, this budget gives
15 crucial investments and expands CityFEPs. I want to
16 commend Speaker Menin and Chair Lee for being
17 historic history makers with this budget, Council
18 Member P. Sanchez for her advocacy and hard work, the
19 entire finance team for taking each and every one of
20 my annoying phone calls. and for the speaker staff,
21 for your leadership and hard work. And with all that,
I vote aye. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Maloney.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: First, I want to
2 disclose on the record of the council proceedings
3 that the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens is
4 funded in this budget that we're adopting, and my
5 sister serves on the board. And I also want to
6 disclose that City University of New York, the
7 Floating Hospital, 92NY, the Metropolitan Opera
8 Association are funded in the budget, and my mother
9 is associated with those entities. Permission to
explain my vote?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MALONEY: A budget is a
12 reflection of values, and this one makes a long-term
13 commitment to our parks, to our libraries, to our
14 cultural institutions by restoring and baselining
15 funding for these services that New Yorkers rely on
16 every day. It creates more opportunities for the next
17 generation by increasing New York City Kids Rise
18 college savings accounts. Expanding housing vouchers
19 to help more New Yorkers find stable and affordable
20 homes. And I'm proud to share that we have a \$25
21 million commitment to expand psychiatric care at
Bellevue Hospital, located in my district. This
delivers library renovations for Hunter College, ADA

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upgrades at the Met and CUNY Graduate Center, and funding for Stuytown Tenants Association, all in my district. The nation's largest tenants' association dedicated to preserving affordability. And we did all of this while strengthening our city's fiscal footing, adding \$300 million to the rainy day fund, bringing that to \$400 million this year. So congratulations to Speaker Menin, to Finance Chair Lee, to Mayor Mamdani, and to all of my colleagues in the New York City Council for delivering a budget that protects essential services, strengthens our neighborhoods, and invests in New York families. For all these reasons, I'm proud to vote yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Marte.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I am disclosing on the record of the council's proceedings that Asphalt Green, Fortune Society, and Combody Productions are funded in a pro- budget we are adopting, and I and my sibling are associated with those entities. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: Thank you. initially I was goi vote no on this budget, but with

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the work and the commitment that the Speaker has done for workers and working-class families across our city, and because of chair of our Housing Committee, Perina Sanchez, and her dedication on holding the line, it's gotten to a point where, you know, this is not all that we wanted, but we got to a place where we have the commitments, we deliver on some, and we have to keep on fighting. And some of those fights are, you know, fighting against privatization of public housing, making sure that workers actually get paid for the hours that they work, making sure that people don't have to give their lives just to have a roof above their heads, and that we choose keeping in people— keeping people in their homes instead of putting them in shelter. Putting them in a path of horrible outcomes. And so I want to thank this council. There's a lot more work that needs to be done. There's a lot more commitments that need to be made. And I look forward in the upcoming weeks that we can deliver, especially for workers in this city who continue to be blindsided by the administration. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTE: I vote aye on all.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Councilman.

4 Thank you. Mealy?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: May I have
6 permission to not explain my vote and just vote?7 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted
8 to speak.9 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Thank you. Alright,
10 I vote aye on all, no on LU-81 and Reso 514.11 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: keep it down in the
12 Chambers, please. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: LU82, Reso-

14 Council Member [interposing] Councilor
15 Felder, please keep it down, please. Thank you. Do I
16 get my time? No, I'm sorry, Reso 515 and Intro 92A.
17 Thank you. Happy Fourth. Great budget.18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council
19 Member. Morano?20 COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: I'm disclosing on
21 the record of the council proceedings that the New
York City Department of Education, Lou's Helping
Hand, Victory for the Voiceless, Prospect Heights
Open Street Inc., Columbia University, City

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University of New York, YMCA, and the Italian Club of Staten Island are funded in the budget we're adopting, and my child, spouse, siblings, and I respectively are associated with those entities. permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER MORANO: First, I want to express my profound gratitude to our Speaker, our Finance Chair, and the entire budget negotiating team. Because of their fierce advocacy, this budget delivers incredible historic capital investments for Staten Island, investments that will benefit our borough for generations. This team stood tall, and it's precisely because of their exceptional leadership that I'm enthusiastically voting yes on the capital budget today. I also want to praise my progressive colleagues in this chamber. We don't always see eye to eye, but during these high-stakes negotiations, nobody blinked. My colleagues refused the temptation to be divided or picked off by the other side of City Hall. They stood united as honest brokers for what they felt was right, and that's true

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public service, and I respect all of them for it. Unfortunately, I can't say the same for the executive branch, and that's why I must vote no on the expense budget. Yesterday, on the very eve of this vote, we learned that funding for 580 additional NYPD officers was quietly stripped. Just weeks ago, the Police Commissioner and the Budget Director testified right here in this room that these officers were fully funded and critical to keeping violent crime down. To pull the rug out at the 11th hour after formal negotiations concluded and when it was too late to negotiate an alternative, it's a slap in the face to this body and an insult to the public trust. I can't understand how city government can find the time, the money, and the focus to name a bunch of stuff for a basketball team and change it all back, but we can't find a way to hire 580 more cops? Mayor Mamadani has proven himself to be a totally dishonest broker. Good government requires transparency and baseline integrity, not governing by surprise behind closed doors. As proud as I am of our Speaker, I can't support an expense budget handed down by an administration that negotiates in bad faith and

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compromises the safety of our streets. With that, I vote aye on all with the exception of Intro 31A, Intro 92A, Reso 529, Resos 530, 531, 532, Preconsidered Resolutions 534 and 535, Preconsidered Resolutions 539 and 540 and M69, Preconsidered resolutions 543 and M74, Preconsidered resolution 544 and M80, Preconsidered resolution 545 and M82. Preconsidered resolution 546 and M82. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Councilman. Narcisse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding that New York University, Brookdale Hospital, Haitian Americans United for Progress, Inc. are funded in the budget we are adopting, and my partner and child respectively are associated with those entities. And permission to expand my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: There is no perfect budget, and we still in a work in progress. So to start, I have to say thank you to Speaker Menin and the leadership, and of course the Mayor that shake their hands, but there's a lot more to work on.

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3 And I have to say thank you to Jonathan and all the
4 finance team. You've been amazing to me. Thank you
5 for not ignoring me when I talk, because there's
6 needs in the community. Michela, Michalen [sp?], and
7 Nicole in the office, I want to say thank you. And to
8 all the Speakers' team, thank you. I'm looking
9 forward to work on getting a rec center, but it's not
10 possible as yet. My children for the summer don't
11 have no swimming pool, so I'm wondering- they cannot
12 swim in a bucket, so I'm saying it, I'm putting it on
13 the floor that we need to have a rec center in the
14 community, for the children. Thank you again. The
15 Speaker worked very hard, and all of us and all the
16 team and all my colleagues. CityFHEPS that we talk so
17 much about, 175. So thank you, Speaker Menin.

18 Businesses, we have a space for you. Speaker Menin
19 understand that mental health is very important. Now
20 so many baseline- parks. Deed theft [sic] is a
21 problem in our community. Thank you. Libraries,
veterans, we address all those in this budget. Fair,
Fares, right? I have participated in so many people
come out to say thank you all the time that we able
to suppor- provide the support. Seniors are not left

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out in this budget. We covers people's needs.
Healthcare was present in that budget. So all I'm
saying is not perfect. We have a lot more work to do,
but I want to say thank you to all the leadership
that come up from the Speaker's aspect and the
Mayor's part. Thank you for all the name- the street
co-naming in my district. And Molly [sic], thank you
for our advocacy to bring it to my attention. So to
all, Chair, thank you so much.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Your vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Sorry, I vote
aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I just want to
remind folks that we need to maintain quorum
throughout the evening. I understand members are
attempting to leave, but we need to keep quorum
between now, especially during the resolutions. So
please stay. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Nurse?

COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: Permission to
explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.
I just want to first of all thank Council Member

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Hudson for the street co-naming of Little Panama. And I see my extended family up there, Miss Onita and Gregorio Myers. So thank you for your work and all of your efforts to continue our traditions. Viva Panama. And thank you to everybody, all the staff who worked on this budget. I also want to thank Gabriela Mendoza, our intern who's here today. She did fabulous work this year for our office. I vote aye on all except intro 929A. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Osse?

COUNCIL MEMBER OSSE: I vote aye on all with the exception of Intro 929, in which I'm a no, and Intro 553, in which I abstain.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Paladino?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I've been a member of the City Council for nearly five years, and until now, I voted yes on every city budget. None of these budgets were perfect. Each of them contained many things I disagreed with. But this isn't about demanding perfection. It's about making responsible

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decisions and choices that lay in front of us. Unfortunately, this year is different. This year, I have to vote no. Even by the standards of our dysfunctional city government, this budget represents a complete departure from the fiscal reality. It spends more money than New York City has ever spent at precisely the moment that we could least afford it. This is the largest single-year increase in spending history. It depends on new taxes from Albany, pension deferrals, a budget at bailouts from the Governor, and even the revenue projections are optimistic. This isn't a balanced budget. This is budgeted by a bailout. It's a ticking time bomb and the beginning of a fiscal death spiral that our current leadership will not be able to pull us out of because we lack both the experience and the seriousness in which to do so. What will we do next year and then the year after that? The only sustainable way to support a higher spending is through sustained economic growth by retaining the supporting businesses, encouraging private investment, and expanding our tax base. Instead, we are doing the exact opposite. We are actively chasing

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out the very people we need most with political stunts and threats that alienate entire sectors of our economy while we nickel and dime the working class people. The middle class, the financial sector, the businesses of all sizes are choosing to go elsewhere and they are being replaced with low-income foreigners and transplants that require significant subsidies—

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing]

Please wrap up.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: just to survive.

No, we waited five hours.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: No, Councilmember—

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I'm sorry, let me just finish up my one thing. One thing, let me get this out, okay?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member, your time is up. Please [inaudible].

COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: My tax— my time is up. We waited five hours to speak today.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please, please mute her mic. Please mute her mic. Thank you.

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Let me just say
4 this. We need a simple thing. Sorry. Okay.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I've been
6 consistent with everyone tonight, very consistent.
7 Please keep it down in the gallery. If not, you have
8 to be removed. Keep— please keep it down in the
9 chambers, please. Council Member Paladino, how are
10 you voting? Council Member? Council Member Paladino,
11 how are you voting?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Oh no, and I
13 want to vote no on— thank you, Frank [sic]. Intro
14 31A, Intro 92A, Reso 529, Resos 530, 531, 532,
15 Preconsidered Resos 535, 535, Preconsidered Resos
16 539, 540, M69, Preconsidered Resos 543, M74,
17 Preconsidered Reso 544, M80, Preconsidered Resos 545,
18 M81, Preconsidered Resos 546 and M82.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Council
20 Member Restler?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Great, thank you.
I will take the opportunity to engage from there. I
actually think that this Mayor deserves credit for an
honest accounting of our financial obligations. When
he came into office after years of corruption and

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cronyism, he gave a real analysis of the actual costs that we're facing as a city and presented an honest budget, and then went up to Albany and actually secured the billions of dollars that were needed to present a balanced executive budget. It was an impressive— an impressive performance. I'm grateful to the Mayor and the Speaker and our Finance Chair and, of course, the Council finance staff and the OMB staff for all the hard work that went into this adopted budget. And, you know, there are many good things in here for us to celebrate. As always, there's more money for parks, and more money for CUNY, and more money for libraries, and more money for cultural and lots of things like Fair Fares, that I'm really proud to see us investing in. But most notably, our accomplishment on FHEPS, led by Council Member Pierina Sanchez and supported by our Speaker in this body and many great advocates, was a remarkable achievement that will help tens of thousands of families afford to live in New York City. We didn't get everywhere we wanted to on NYCHA vacant units, where there are more than 6,000 of them today, and they're going to be a similar number a

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year from now. We didn't get everywhere we wanted to go on vacant supportive housing. There's still going to be too many a year from now, but there were many good investments in this budget, and for which I am proud to vote aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member, your disclosures, please.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: And on my disclosures, the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget is funded in this budget, and I'm very proud of my wife who works there. The Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York and the Brooklyn Heights Association are funded in this budget, and I'm proud of my mom who serves on the board of both of those organizations. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Council Member Riley?

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceeding that the Bronx Public Administrator's Office, the New York City Department of Education, Girl Scouts of Greater New York, the YMCA, the New York City Administration for Children's Services, and MCNY are

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funded in the budget we are adopting, and my spouse, children, business associate, parent, sibling, and I respectfully are associated with those entities.

Majority Leader, may I explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER RILEY: Thank you. Today I'm proud to vote to support this budget. Throughout this process, I've been proud to work with Speaker Menin, Finance Chair Linda Lee, my council colleagues, Mayor Mamdani and his administration, and most importantly, our finance team. We delivered a fiscally responsible budget that lowers the cost of living, expands opportunity, and strengthens the essential services New Yorkers rely on each and every single day. This budget reflects our shared commitment to invest in people and create pathways to opportunity, from helping families build generational wealth through expanding college savings account for the public school students to making critical investment that strengthens housing stability and supports communities across our city. Budgets are a reflection of our values, and this agreement demonstrates what is possible when we work together

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with purpose. I'm proud to support this budget that invests in working families while laying a stronger foundation for a more affordable, equitable, and prosperous New York City tomorrow. And with that being said, I vote aye on all with the exception of 92A, which I'm a no. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Salaam?

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I'm disclosing on the record the Council proceedings that the YMCA is funded in this budget that we are adopting and that my family and I are associated with that not-for-profit. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: Thank you for the opportunity to share the pride that I feel for the efforts of my colleagues. I want to thank the Mayor, and I also want to thank our Chair of Finance, Linda Lee, and the entire council team. But I want to especially thank our Speaker, Julie Menin. Their hard work and dedication delivered a budget that puts New Yorkers first. Their leadership helped secure a historic agreement to expand CityFHEPS, ending years of litigation and creating a stronger, more

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sustainable program that will help keep more New Yorkers safely housed for years to come. This budget also includes the largest— the largest, in fact, expansion of Fair Fares in the program's history, including increasing, as has been said, eligibility to 200 percent of the federal poverty level and providing an additional 340,000 New Yorkers with access to half-price subway and bus fares. These accomplishments reflect the Council's leadership's ability to negotiate thoughtfully and responsibly, reaching agreements that are truly in the best interest of our city while delivering meaningful results for working-class families. Again, congratulations to our Speaker Julie Menin, Chair Linda Lee, and every single person involved in making this budget a success. Thank you. And I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Councilman.
Pierina Sanchez?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the City University of New York and Neighborhood Defender Services is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my sibling and business associate respectively are

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associated with those entities. Majority Leader,
permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I want to take a
moment to thank everyone involved in the suit, the
budget on this CityFHEPS win for low-income and
working-class New Yorkers. First, the plaintiffs:
Mary Vincent, Caroline Tejada, Mary Cronin, and Susan
Axe. The Speaker's team: Miguelina Camilo [sp?], my
fellow Dominicana, Jonathan Szott [sp?], and Tr- and
Bhav Tibrewal [sp?], Simone Jones, the whole comms
team, you all have gone in, Julia Agos, Ben Fang,
Henry Robbins, the Progressive Caucus who really held
me down and held us together, especially the
leadership, Council Members Caban, Nurse, Aviles, and
Santosuosso, OGC, those that fought this case and won
in that- won in the courts, Nwamaka Ejebe [sp?], our
general counsel, Amanda Delgrosso [sp?], Jeff Campana
was up many nights, thank you. The Leg Division,
Andrea Vasquez, Smita Deshmukh [sp?], Jeff Baker, the
finance team, especially Jonathan Rosenberg, Nick
Connell, and Julia Haramis. The Legal Aid Society,
our co-counsel Judith Goldner, Robert Desir at

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Josephson. The Coalition, Vocal New York, WIN, the Homes Can't Wait Coalition, Vocal New York, WIN Coalition for the Homeless, Volunteers of America, Safety Net Project, Community Service Society, and my team, especially my Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Ben Ratner, and Deputy Chief for Communications and Public Engagement, Kim Castellano [sp?], but also Gerard, Dylan, Maria José, Soraya [sp?], Oriana, Maria [sp?], our chief— there's two of them, two Marias— our interns Mia, Marcus, and Ari. And finally, my family, my husband Devin and Yaya and Lalo. Thank you for sharing your mommy with New York City. Thank you to my mom and dad, my brother, Tio Cao [sp?], Tia Kaki [sp?], the Matthews, our neighbors. Thank you for helping with childcare, over the many weekends and late nights that we had to work. I'm thrilled about what we accomplished today. I'm thrilled about many other parts of the budget. The historic street vending reforms have money in this budget to be implemented in the next year.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please wrap up. Can you please tell me how you're voting?

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Yes. Okay. Thank
4 you. Just shout out to the PC. I vote aye on all with
5 the exception of Intro 929 and 553 on which I
6 abstain. Thank you.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: My apologies, Council
8 Member, no or abstain?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Abstain.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Oh, thank you. My— thank
11 you. Santosuosso?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: Permission to
13 explain my vote?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABRREU: Permission
15 granted.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANTOSUOSSO: I want to
17 thank the mayor and speaker and definitely their
18 respective staffs for landing the plane today. And in
19 particular, I'm grateful that our FHEPS lawsuit is
20 dropped and that we're on a path to preventing
21 thousands more evictions. I'm hopeful that in budgets
to come that number expands, and I'm grateful to the
Progressive Caucus and Council Member Pierina Sanchez
for the leadership and commitment to FHEPS. At the
same time, I'm disappointed that other Progressive

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Caucus priorities did not make it to the levels of funding that they should have today, and in particular funding to fill NYCHA vacancies and funding for expanding supportive housing. Which constituents in my district would have benefited enormously from. I'm saddened that we're missing out on the urgent and important opportunity we had to house people faster. And so for those in my district facing eviction but unable to apply for CityFHEPS, on a NYCHA waitlist, or in need of supportive housing, we have not forgotten you and we will continue fighting for you. In positive news, I'm excited for the baselining of parks workers and hopeful that this puts us on a path to securing a baseline one percent of the budget for parks. I'm also thrilled at the funding for libraries, childcare, and immigration legal services. This budget will also fund big projects in our district, from new school gymnasiums and science labs to improvements to the beloved Coney Island Aquarium. Additionally, we secured millions of dollars in funding for nonprofits to continue their critical work across the district. I have been inspired time and time again by the clarity,

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intelligence, and courage displayed by my colleagues throughout this process, especially the Progressive Caucus. We have a long road ahead of us to create a more affordable, equitable, and just city, but we also have leaders of conviction and integrity to lead the way. So I vote aye on the budget. On legislation, I proudly vote aye on 910A that will prevent thousands of New York City small business owners from having to pay upwards of \$10,000 to replace their roll-down security gates. That's important to me as a small business owner. Thank you to Council Member Althea Stevens for your swift action with this legislation. I'm voting no on 553 simply because there's already a state program that covers this that is underutilized. And I'm I'm voting no on 929 because at a time when protest is being punished by this presidential administration, I don't want to ascribe my name to something that even hints at the possibility of curtailing First Amendment rights, though I'm grateful for all of the amendments to this legislation, and aye on the remainder. Thank you all. Congratulations on the budget.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Schulman?

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the office of the mayor of the City of New York is funded in the budget we are adopting. My sibling is associated with that entity. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you, Majority Leader. Today I am proudly voting for one of the most robust and comprehensive budgets this council has passed in quite a while. I want to thank and congratulate Speaker Julie Menin for spearheading a budget that reflects what we value as a city. This budget makes important investments in our communities by providing housing for those who are homeless, tackling food insecurity, enhancing our parks and libraries, supporting older adults, improving health and quality of life by keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean, and continuing to strengthen the programs New Yorkers rely on every day. As Chair of the Committee on Health, I'm especially pleased that this

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budget includes investments in the spay/neuter pilot initiative I introduced last year and provides for a much-needed pet pantry program. I also want to thank the Speaker for the \$10 million— \$10 million investment in the Far Rockaway Trauma Center, something that sorely needed. It— we need— we need a lot more, but this is a great start and it hasn't been done before, so I want to thank her for that. This year I am privileged to have more than \$2.2 million in discretionary funding to support local organizations in my district and more than \$10 million in capital funding for— to benefit my constituents. More details to follow on that, so stay tuned. Thank you again to Speaker Menin and special thanks to the Speaker's negotiating team, Magdalena [sp?], Jonathan, and Nathan, Finance Chair Linda Lee, the City Council Finance Division, my colleagues and my wonderful staff led by my Chief of Staff Jonathan Boucher [sp?], and Kevin McAleer [sp?], my budget director, for their hard work throughout this budget process. I also want to mention that I am— that I have a street name, co-naming for Spider-Man Way in Forest Hills. I— for nearly 65 years Spider-Man has

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represented the very best of Queens. And actually, believe it or not there is a Parker family that did live at 20 Ingram Street. So I'm very much looking forward to that. And with that, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: I would like to disclose on the record of these Council proceedings that Columbia Presbyterian and the YMCA are funded in the budget and we're adopting, and my child and sibling are represent— respectively are associated with those entities. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Our budget is more than numbers on a spreadsheet. It's a moral document. It reflects who we value, who we prioritize, and whether we are willing to invest in communities that have been asked to do more for less for generations. I represent District 16 in the Bronx, one of the poorest districts in our city. Yet our district allocations were more than disappointing, and for the first time we got little to no investments. Given the level of investments is

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just inadequate for the community facing deep challenges in housing, youth services, public safety, education, economic opportunities. The amount feels like crumbs. Equality cannot simply mean a slogan. Equality means people who need more should get more. More. If we truly believe in fairness, the community carrying the greatest burden should be the ones not left fighting over the smallest resources. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, our America will often have been taking necessities from the masses to give luxury to the classes. God never intended for one group of people to live with wealth while others lived in poverty. Those words still challenge us today. When I ran for office, it was not for a title, it was to ensure that our voice will be heard and that- who are often overlooked for families, young people, seniors, and working-class residents who deserve more than just symbolic support. It saddens me that I cannot tell my constituents that this budget fully meets the urgency of their needs. And while I respect the hard work of the negotiations, I must be honest where District 16 stands. So today I will be voting no on this budget, not because I've

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given up on my community, but because I believe we deserve better. And let's be clear, the Sweet 16, we're resilient. We will continue to organize, advocate, raise our voices into our community, receive the investments, dignity, and opportunity we've always deserved. I will also be voting- I will be voting no on Intro 92A, Intro 929A, and Reso 529. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Thomas-Henry?

COUNCIL MEMBER THOMAS-HENRY: I am disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the Learning Tree STEM Art School, Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, and Edge School of the Arts are funded in the budget we are adopting, and my children are associated with those entities. With that being said, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. Ung?

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the YMCA is funded in the budget we are adopting, and I'm

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associated with that entity. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Thank you. The budget we are voting today makes real impactful investments in communities across New York. Under the leadership of Speaker Menin, we negotiated a budget that funds our parks, expands access to housing vouchers to families in need, and an increase in resources for vendor enforcement. I know I speak for parents in my district when I say that I'm particularly excited for the \$53 million investment in New York City RISE secured in this budget. In immigrant communities like the one that I represent, this program gives every child, regardless of their family based income or immigrant status, a fairer chance at college and vocational training. There are many families who might not be familiar with accounts like 529s, but this shows them that they have available options to save for college. I also want to thank Chair Lee, the Speakers' team, and the finance team for your hard work. With that I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Vernikov?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: I vote aye on all with the exception of Intro 31A and 92A and Resos 529, 530, 531, and 532, and Preconsidered Resos 534 and 535, Preconsidered Reso 539, 540 and M69, Preconsidered Reso 543 and M74, Preconsidered Reso 544 and M80, Preconsidered Reso 545 and M81, and Preconsidered Reso 546 and M82, on which I vote no. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Vernikov. Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the Children's Rescue Fund, the City University of New York, and Queens Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated are funded in the budget we are adopting, and my sibling and I respectively are associated with those entities. Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you so much. So today's vote reflects a shared commitment to making strategic investments that strengthen our neighborhoods, support working families, and expand

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opportunity across New York City. This year's budget includes much-needed and historic investments in the cultural sector, our libraries, for homeowners, for those folks who are unhoused, and to also advancing racial equity. Our responsibility doesn't end with passing a budget. It continues with delivering on these investments and ensuring New Yorkers see the impact. And I just wanted to end also with a round of thank yous. I want to thank Speaker Julie Menin for all her hard work, Chair Lee, the administration, and Chair Lee mentioned all of the amazing finance staff that I bother so much, and I don't want to go through the list again, but all the folks that she mentioned, thank you all so very much. Some I have even more conversations with, some I have less, but I just appreciate you all for dealing with me, and for all of your hard work during this year's budget and working so hard behind the scenes to bring everything together. And with that, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Wilson?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: I'm excited to vote yes on this year's budget, my first one. I know I just got here a few weeks ago, so I can't take credit for everything, but I do want to point to some of the bigger wins in the budget. This budget comes at a time when the Trump administration is taking healthcare away from the neediest, violating the rights of transgender New Yorkers, trying to instill fear in our immigrant communities, and doing incredible damage to the cultural, social, and legal, legal fabric of our country. This budget, by contrast, demonstrates our city's values by fighting back and representing a more hopeful and humane alternative. There are aspects of this budget that are a long time coming that are huge wins. The expansion of CityFHEPS is an incredible win for the city, and I want to congratulate Council Member Pierina Sanchez for her tireless work, ah, on this initiative. The expansion of Fair Fares, which is gonna provide access and reliability to transit for thousands of New Yorkers. And we've got big news for New York's cutest, with every New York City public school kindergartner now receiving a college savings

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account, which will help families build wealth, expand opportunity, invest in the next generation. We here at the City Council just welcomed back our coworker Rafael, who was wrongfully detained by ICE for over five months. We fought hard for him and have been outspoken about the atrocities of ICE. In this budget, we made sure to back up our word by providing over \$86 million for our service providers to continue providing legal support for our immigrant neighbors in need. I want to thank Speaker Julie Menin for her leadership in holding firm on the council's priorities, Finance Committee Chair Linda Lee for her expertise, and Mayor Mamdani for his partnership, as well as advocates and all of my colleagues here. While no budget solves every New York problem, I believe we are passing a budget that supports all members of the District Three community and brings us closer to a more equitable, fair, and progressive New York City. And with that, I vote aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Won?

COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I want to disclose on the record that my son attends an early childhood

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education center, 3K, from the Department of Education in my district, and I vote no on Intro 929A, Intro 553A, and aye on the rest.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Wong?

COUNCIL MEMBER WONG: I vote yes on all except for Intro 31, Intro 92, and Preconsidered Resolutions 530, 531, 532, 534 and 535. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Zhuang?

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: I'm disclosing on the record of this city of Council proceeding that the New York City Park— New York City Department of Education and the Jewish Community House, Multicultural Centers, Teletroscope [sic] are funding in the budget we are adopting, and my children are associated with those entities. Can I get permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Thank you. When I become a Chair of Committee on Aging, I made the promise our seniors should never be an afterthought. I'm glad to see Meals on Wheels get \$12 million expansion for those who need it most. As a mother of two, I've fought for the parks in my district. I want

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to make sure all the kids have a safe park to go, and I'm very happy to see we will have more PEP officers. These are the backyard of New York city. And I just- also, I'm very happy to see our library is fully funded and our kids have a place for seven Days Reading. For the working families, I want to thank Chair Sanchez. She fights so hard. And also our Speaker holds the line for CityFHEPS, because no one should lose their home in the city they helped to build. I want to shout out to our speaker, Julie Menin, Finance Chair Linda Lee, and the finance team who championed every one of those fights alongside with us, and you guys did a wonderful job. Thank you. And also, I will say, no budget is perfect. No one will be 100 percent satisfied. But I think this is a good budget, and we have more work to do, but we will keep fighting for New York City. Thank you. Oh, and I vote aye on the budget and everything, except I want to abstain Reso 534 and 535. Thank you.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member Carr.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I'm disclosing on the record of the Council proceedings that the

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Italian Club of Staten Island, the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum are funded in the budget we are adopting, and I am associated with those organizations. And New York City Health and Hospitals is funded in the budget we are adopting, and my spouse is associated with that entity. Majority Leader, permission to explain my vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Permission granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you. I want to begin by thanking the folks in this room who are happiest that the budget the process is concluding, and that's the staff. In particular, my team— Peter Spencer, Loren Centineo [sp?], my hardworking budget director, and my Chief of Staff, Giuseppe Deserio, the Speaker's Office, Miguelina and Jonathan, and the Finance Division led by Nathan. I thank Chair Lee for mentioning all the names earlier because they deserve to be said aloud for all the great work and hard hours that they put in. I also really want to thank the Speaker for all of her support in this budget. She set out to really disprove the notion that Staten Island is the forgotten borough. And

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wearing my Staten Island delegation hat for a moment, I have to thank her for the incredible investment that she has made in Staten Island. It's probably the largest single-year investment in recent memory, and she is really having— showing that her intentions turned into action. And I can't thank her enough for everything she's going to be doing to improving the quality of life in Staten Island. There are also huge wins in this borough— in this budget that could not have happened but for her leadership and the advocacy of the Council that are important not only to Staten Island but all boroughs, cultural, libraries and investments in our parks department so that our parkies can better take care of our open spaces and recreation areas, actual money being put away for savings in the rainy day fund. We are light years away from where we were earlier in the year when a rainy day fund was being raided and we were threatened with property tax increases of 9.5 percent. Thanks to the leadership of this council, and in particular our Speaker, that never came to pass. And there are so many things to champion in this budget. All budgets are full of things we love

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and full of things that we do not love. And I talked about some of the ones that I love just now, but one of the things that I do not love about this budget is one in particular that looms large over the this moment is the missing funding for 580 new police officers. Earlier this year, I was pleasantly surprised when the administration indicated that it was promising to expand the NYPD uniform headcount by 580 officers. For someone who's been trying to get us back to peak service levels over the course of my tenure, this was good news, and it was one that I was going to be taking back home to my constituents as a reason for supporting this budget. A budget like everything else contains things that they will love and things that they will not. And consistently what I've seen over the course of my tenure in government, whether it's now as a member or before as a member of staff, is that the NYPD is increasingly asked to do less with less. And I am a fiscal conservative. I always want to see if we could be creative and do more with less, but the standard that is being imposed on the NYPD is unsustainable. They are a cornerstone of our civil service. And the decision at

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the last minute, at the 11th hour, as my South Shore colleague was describing earlier, to pull away this funding, to say that it is not needed, beggars belief. And all the folks on the other side of the building in the mayor's office would need to do to realize that they are wrong about what is needed in terms of service levels at the NYPD is to talk to the rank and file, talk to the labor unions that represent them. This is supposed to be a labor-friendly town where we defer to the expertise of our partners in labor, unless you're on the other side of the building and that labor organization wears a uniform. We need to make sure that the NYPD stops relying not only on overtime, but mandatory overtime that is demoralizing and fatiguing our law enforcement. They do not have enough officers to meet the demands that they have in an ordinary course of a year. Both increasing numbers of protests, with events like FIFA, and unexpected good events like the Knicks celebrations that we experienced, the parade and all the watch parties, and all the other things that happen that we do not anticipate in a year. There are not enough officers to meet our need. In

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Staten Island, we have fewer officers today than we had 30 years ago when we were half the size that we are. That is unsustainable, and that's why I cannot support the budget that is now missing this committed promise from the administration. And considering where we began with this budget process, where the mayor inflated a deficit, and that inflation was laid bare as false by the hard work of our Council leadership, our Speaker, our Chair at the Finance Committee, and now where we are today where they're saying that we don't need the police officers that they promised, this is not the honest and good faith partner that we need in our budget process on the other side of the building. So with that being said, I'll be voting no on Introductions 31A, 92A, Resolution 529, Resolutions 530, 531, and 532, Preconsidered Resolutions 534 and 535, Preconsidered Resolutions 539 and 540 with accompanying message M69, Preconsidered Resolution 543 and M74, Preconsidered Resolution 544 and M80, Preconsidered Resolution 545 and M81, and Preconsidered Resolution 546 and M82, and aye on the rest.

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3 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you. Minority
4 leader, I believe you already made your disclosures?
5 Okay, thank you.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Abreu?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I'd like to
8 recognize Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, who I
9 believe has to make an additional disclosure.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I'd like to
11 also disclose that we are funding the YMCA, a
12 not-for-profit in this budget, and myself and my
13 family are associated to that organization.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I vote aye on all.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mein?

16 SPEAKER MENIN: I'd like to disclose on
17 the record that the 92nd Street Y is funded in the
18 budget we are adopting, and my child is associated
19 with that entity. I vote aye on all. And I just- I
20 know I did a lot of thank-yous this morning in the
21 budget handshake and earlier today in my speech, but
once again, thank you to the hardworking finance
team. You've gotten such little sleep. And we would
not be at this moment without you. And I think it
really bears noting that, you know, our finance team-

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so many of them have been here for many, many years. They work through multiple Speakers, multiple Mayors. It's not about who the Speaker is, who the Mayor is. It is about the work of helping New Yorkers, and we owe you a debt of gratitude for everything you've done. And once again, thank you to my whole team who has just been tremendous. Miguelina [sp?], Jonathan, Simone, John, Bhav, our whole comms team, Henry, Jack, Yoav, who've literally worked— I mean, they've been helping all of the members who— I just really can't thank them all enough. We so deeply appreciate the amazing work that you have done. So thank you. Okay.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Now give us a few minutes to tally the votes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Pardon, Council Member Stevens?

COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Oh yes. No on Intro 92A, no on Intro 929, Reso 529, M69, Reso 539, and Reso 540, M7, Reso 541, Reso 52— I mean, 42, M71, and Reso 543.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you, Council Member. One moment, please.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Shekar, are you stretching?

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: I'm ready, ready to get out of here.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Keep it down in the chambers. We do have a ton of Resolutions that I'm about to read very shortly, don't forget. And we at the moment have six folks signed up for general discussion. Take it up with your colleagues, but please keep it down. Thank you. And a reminder that no one can leave. Alright, keep it down. Tally's coming. All items on today's general order calendar are adopted by a vote of 51 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, with the exception of Intro 31A, which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and 0 abstentions, and Intro 92A, which was adopted by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; Reso 529 which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 6 to negative and 0 abstentions; and Reso 530 which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative and 0 abstentions; and Reso 531 which was adopted by a vote

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of 44 in the affirmative, 7 in the negative; and Reso 532 which was adopted by vote of 44 in affirmative, 7 negative, 0 abstentions; Reso 534, which was adopted by a vote of 43 in affirmative, 7 in negative, 1 abstention; and Reso 535, which was adopted by a vote of 43 affirmative, 7 in the negative, 1 abstention; M69 with Reso 540 and 539, which were adopted by votes of 45 affirmative, 6 negative, and 0 abstentions; M74 and Reso 543, which was adopted by a vote of 45 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and M80 and Reso 544, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and M81 with Reso 545, which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and fi- and- excuse me- and M82 with Reso 546 which was adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, and 0 abstentions; and Intro 553A which was adopted by a vote of 44 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative, and 3 abstentions; and Intro 929A which was adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative, 10 in the negative, and 2 abstentions; and Reso 533 which was adopted by a vote of of 50 in the affirmative, 1 in

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the negative, and 0 abstentions; and Intro 956A, which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstention; and M70 with Reso 541 and 542, which was adopted by a vote of 50 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 1 abstention. I now formally declare that the Executive Expense Revenue Contract Budget, the Executive Capital Budget, and the Community Development Program for Fiscal 2027 have been hereby adopted as modified and in accordance with the Charter of the City of New York as of 8:07 p.m. on this 30th day of June 2026*.

[applause]

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COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Congratulations, council members. Introduction and reading of bills.

SPEAKER MENIN: All bills have been referred to committee as indicated on today's agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you. We'll now move into discussion of resolutions. We have two folks signed up, Council Members Maloney followed by Paladino.

CHAIRPERSON MALONEY: Alright. Thank you, Majority Leader.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Please keep it down. Please keep it down for the Council Member.

CHAIRPERSON MALONEY: One more thing to celebrate. Today I'm introducing a resolution establishing an annual Knicks Day in New York City on June 13th. For 53 years, New Yorkers waited for this moment. Across all five boroughs, neighbors gathered in living rooms, sports bars, and community spaces to watch the game. And once again, the Knicks reminded us that there is nowhere quite like New York. And we'll remember that year after year on annual Knicks Nicks Day. We'll ensure that we celebrate not only a championship but the resilience, determination, and pride that this team inspired across every borough. The Knicks' legacy deserves a permanent place on our city's calendar. So congratulations once again to the 2026 NBA champion New York Knicks. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Thank you, Council Member. I believe Councilman Paladino, you don't want to speak? Alright, see no one else signed up for—keep it down, please. If seeing no one else signed up for resolutions, is that right? We will have a voice vote on today's resolutions. If you wish to vote

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against or abstain from any of today's resolutions, please notify the Legislative Documents Unit by email or by approaching the dais. I will now read today's resolutions into the record. Resolution 5 commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 15 declares July 2nd annually in the City of New York as Freedom Day to commemorate the anniversary of the vote of the Second Continental Congress to declare independence from Great Britain in 1776. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Resolution 69 unequivocally opposes President Trump's Executive Order restricting protections for transgender students and calling on the New York State Department of Education to ensure that all schools in New York City continue to uphold policies that protect the rights and dignity of transgender and gender

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nonconforming students regardless of federal directives. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Nay.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Any abstentions?

The ayes have it. Resolution 143A calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and the New York State Governor to sign legislation which would create unlimited transfers within a two-hour period of paying the MTA subway or bus fare for pay-per-ride users. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered Reso 525 celebrates the Knicks in Five, as the New York Knicks win the 2026 NBA Championship. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Who was that? Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered Reso 527 commemorates the pivotal

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political and military role of the New York City— of
New York City in the birth of the United States of
America 250 years ago. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say
nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
Reso 528 calls on the New York State Legislature to
introduce and pass, and the Governor to sign,
legislation to amend the Education Law in relation to
requiring instruction on the history, contributions,
and experiences of people of African descent in
public schools. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye. All opposed say
nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
Reso 536 declares June 13th as New York Knicks Day in
the City of New York to celebrate the contributions
of the world-class basketball team to the city's
culture and civic identity. All those in favor say
aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say
nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered
Resolution 537 celebrates the historical documents

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that contributed to the birth of the United States of America and are on display at the New York Public Library as part of the nation's 250th anniversary events. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Preconsidered Reso 538, calling for famed New York City locations to be ceremonially named for one year in honor of the 2026 NBA champion New York Knicks. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: All opposed say nay. Any abstentions? The ayes have it. We will now move into general discussion, beginning with Council Member Brewer, followed by Brooks-Powers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Very quickly, I do want to thank Cynthia Hornig [sp?] from my office for all her work on the budget. Number two, we had 15 interns here. They all left. But they will have lunch with me tomorrow. And so I want to thank them. And finally, just quickly, I didn't have a chance when I was talking about Cecile—

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COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: [interposing]

Please keep it down in the chamber. Let the council member speak. Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: When I was talking about Cecile Richards, Cecile Richards Way on 83rd Street, I didn't give her full credit, all the work she did at Planned Parenthood, a civil rights leader, and to thank two people, Deborah Van Arens and Carol Portlock, for their persistence in making this sign possible, and very especially her husband, Kirk Adams for making it also possible. We will miss her tremendously. I knew her mom, and I know she fell in the same category of an amazing woman in our country. Thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Council Member Brooks-Powers, followed by Morano.

COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I will try to make this brief. I wanted to just take a moment to acknowledge my Deputy Chief of Staff, Julian Martin, who will be departing the City Council this Thursday. Julian will be moving to Europe. He has been accepted into a master's program. Julian has been an amazing addition to my team. He has served

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the 31st Council District extremely well. Our constituents are really sad to see him go. I'm really excited about this next chapter that he is going to be embarking on, but we are truly, truly, truly really going to feel a significant gap in our team, just off of his advocacy, his brilliance in terms of legislation as well. So Julian, we wish you well, and I just ask my colleagues and other council staff to join me in saying thank you to Julian Martin.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Alright, Council Member Morano yield back his time. Council Member Nurse, I do not see— she was here earlier for the members of the public. Council Member Mealy, and then Pierina— Council Member Pierina Sanchez, and she is our last speaker.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: I'm so sorry. Okay. I just— I ran out of time and I didn't want to— I didn't want to be disrespectful, Majority Leader, when I ran out of time. I did have one more thank you in my remarks and that was to the mayor's side to— you know, they stayed at the table. I said this in many interviews. You know, they kept picking up the calls, they kept negotiating, and I want to

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acknowledge that, especially Corp Counsel Steve Banks, who created FHEPS a couple of years ago, about a decade ago, Andrew Kaplan in the mayor's office, and some relationships were hurt, but I think we did something monumental here today, and I'm just very proud of that, and thank you for the time. Thank you, colleagues.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: I will now call on Speaker Julie Menin to close today's Stated Meeting.

SPEAKER MENIN: Okay, the Stated Meeting of June 30th, 2026 is hereby closed. Congratulations, colleagues.

[gavel]

*Transcriber's Note:

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