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**RUSH TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING AND SIGNS
INTROS 519-A, 562-A, 384-A, 655, AND 615-A**

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Okay, we've got a lot of legislation to talk about and sign today. Welcome, everyone, for these hearings.

Before we start out, I'm going to talking about different council members connected to different pieces of legislation, but one is here out of the goodness of his heart because he likes all of the legislation – Council Member Mark Weprin, we're going to welcome you.

And first, we're going to talk about Intros 519-A and 562-A, which build on work we've done to ensure that New York City stays safe and resilient during and after emergencies. This bill is sponsored by Council Member Mark Treyger. This is your first bill, is that right?

Council Member Mark Treyger: That's correct.

Mayor: Congratulations. Council Member Treyger is chair of the Committee on Recovery and Resiliency. Intro 519-A requires OEM to distribute emergency preparedness materials to communities at risk during coastal storms or hurricanes. It includes information on local evacuation zones and resources.

Intro 562-A creates Hurricane Sandy charitable – let me get this right – task force related to charitable organizations and houses of worship that are involved in the recovery effort. After Sandy, charities and houses of worship supplemented city, state, and federal recovery operations. They offered supplies, medical care, other services – often were the first to get to there to help their neighbors and folks and communities, many, many people, many communities, still recovering from the damage – but they haven't been reimbursed for their efforts to the city. We must honor all those who helped their fellow New Yorkers, and the task force will make recommendations on how to streamline the allocation of resources and – of resources and support.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the process leading to this day when we'll sign the legislation. I want to thank some folks who couldn't be with us – our OEM Commissioner Joe Esposito and of course, our Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. And

now I will introduce Bill Goldstein, my senior adviser for recovery, resiliency, and infrastructure.

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Mayor: All right, thank you very much. We appreciate your comments. And now, let's sign the legislation.

[Mayor de Blasio signs Intros 519-A and 562-A]

Mayor: Those bills are now law. Congratulations.

[Applause]

Okay. But wait, there's more – Intros 384-A and 655. These will help ensure transparency in city finances. Intro 384-A requires the parks department to report contributions from conservancies and other non-governmental entities to city parks, sponsored by Mark Levine, council member and chair of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, and also by Council Member Brad Lander. This will provide us all with a better understanding of the conservancies' role in helping the parks department care for parks throughout this city.

We'll also be signing today Intro 655, which makes technical adjustments to legislation I signed earlier this year that reauthorizes the city to sell tax liens. This is sponsored by Council Member Julissa Ferreras, chair of the Committee on Finance.

I want to thank a number of people who helped us to put these two pieces of legislation together – Mitch Silver, our parks commissioner; and Dean Fuleihan, our OMB director; our Finance Commissioner Jacques Jiha; our DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd; and of course, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

And with that, it is my honor to introduce Council Member – and sponsor – Mark Levine.

[Council Member Mark Levine speaks]

Mayor: Thank you. And thank you – councilmember, you've been a great voice for parks equity, and you've certainly helped up to move that agenda forward in a lot of ways. I want to thank you for that.

All right. Do we have any public testimony? We do not have any public testimony. I am flipping the page. And that means, now, we can sign these pieces of legislation.

[Commotion]

[Mayor de Blasio signs Intros 384-A and 655]

Mayor: These bills are now law. All right.

[Applause]

Okay. Last but not least – Intro 615-A allows the Taxi and Limousine Commission to update requirements for trouble lights in licensed vehicles, sponsored by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, chair of the Committee on Transportation.

The trouble light on the front and back of taxis and liveries sends distress signals to law enforcement in the event of criminal activity. Currently, taxis are using outdated technology – this allows the TLC to consider newer and better technologies that are more visible to police passing by, and it will help to keep our drivers safe.

I again want to thank council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for her support, and I now want to introduce one of the hardest-working women in government – the never controversial Taxi and Limousine Commission – TLC Chair Meera Joshi.

[Taxi and Limousine Commissioner Meera Joshi speaks]

Mayor: And now it's my please to welcome the chair of the Transportation Committee, who has made driver safety a real priority, and we appreciate his efforts – Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez.

[Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez speaks]

Mayor: Thank you very much. Do we have any public testimony? No, I'm just going to do a little summary then on all the pieces of legislation in Spanish, before we sign this one.

[Mayor de Blasio speaks in Spanish]

With that, let us sign the final piece of legislation.

[Commotion]

[Mayor de Blasio signs Intro 615-A]

Mayor: The bill is now law. And that concludes this hearing.

[Applause]

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