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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR ERIC ADAMS HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON A PACKAGE OF BILLS: INTROS. 414-A, 442-A, 459-A, 460-A, 153-A, 154-A, 516-A, 519-A, 552-A, 553-A, and 560-A**

**Mayor Eric Adams:** Good morning, New York City. Today, I hold hearings on 11 bills that will provide support for survivors of domestic violence and gender based violence, strengthen the diversity of the New York City Fire Department, and ensure our city's not plagued by rats.

Everyone deserves to be safe in their relationships and live free of domestic and gender-based violence. Domestic and gender-based violence can happen anywhere in our city and to anyone. This is a public safety issue that impacts us all. We have a sacred duty to protect all New Yorkers and survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. And that is exactly what we are doing with these two bills. Intro. 153-A and Intro. 154-A.

We're also looking at diversifying and ensuring the proper diversity in the FDNY, New York City Fire Department. Our FDNY brothers and sisters are our frontline heroes, and today we are going to ensure that they are reflective of the city and its population. They are here for us from 9/11 to COVID-19 to day-to-day life. FDNY officers are there to protect and serve our city. They answer the higher calling and serve with courage, bravery, and selflessness, and they reflect the communities they serve. And we're going to push further to ensure that they continue to reflect

the communities that they serve. We are introducing these bills and holding a hearing on these bills. Intro. 516-A, 519-A, 552-A, 553-A, and 560-A — it will help build a more diverse and inclusive Fire Department.

Now we want to move on to dealing with what we believe is our theme is, getting stuff done, fighting crime, fighting inequality, and fighting rats. Everyone knows I hate rats. There have been 110 mayors in this city and each mayor had to deal with the rodent issue in this city. We want to continue to move towards a safer and more healthy city. We have four bills and we're making it clear that rats do not run the city, we do. Intro. 414-A, Intro. 442-A, 459-A and 460-A will help build a cleaner and mitigate the rat problems in our city. It's going to create rat mitigation zones and require buildings that receive violations to place their trash in a rodent-proof container.

All of these bills are really our way of continuing to improve the quality of life and protect New Yorkers. I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Members Brewer, Bottcher, Ossé, and Nurse, as well as Councilwoman Cabán, Ariola, Riley, and Williams. Now I invite the public for any comments if there are any at this time.

I see none. I thank you and everyone have a great morning. Thank you all.

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