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Mayor Michael Bloomberg
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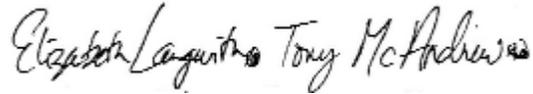
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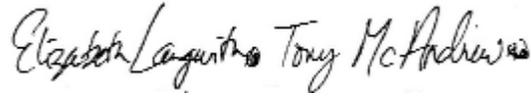
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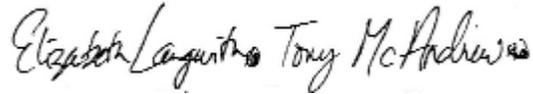
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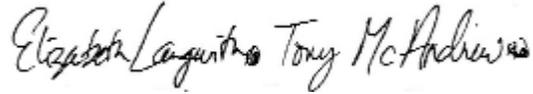
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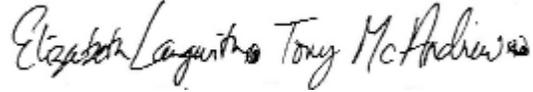
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Hon. Carolyn Maloney
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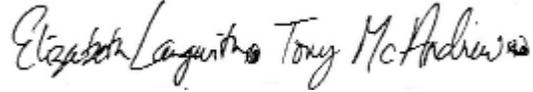
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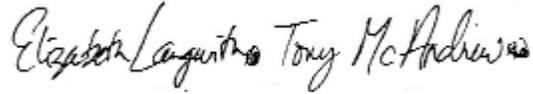
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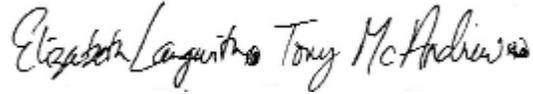
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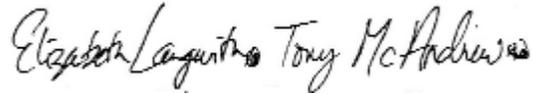
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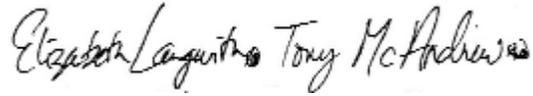
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Hon. Alan Gerson
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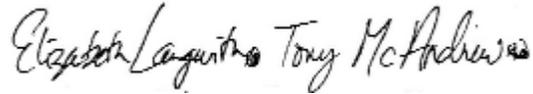
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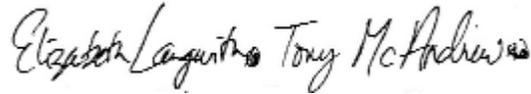
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Hon. Deborah J. Glick
Assemblymember, 66th A.D.
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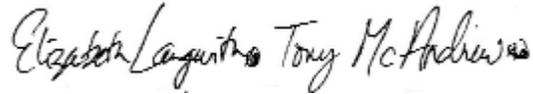
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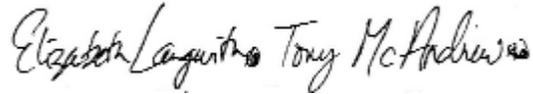
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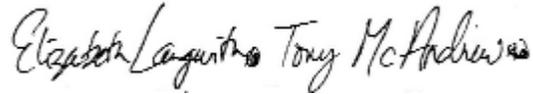
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