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COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL'S STATEMENT ON CLOSING RIKERS

I firmly believe that we need to close Rikers, but this plan misses the mark. I cannot approve spending \$8.7 billion on new jails, without a plan that would match that investment dollar for dollar in at-risk communities like the one I represent. I am voting no because I was elected to ensure that young people in my district don't end up in prison. This plan addresses how people are incarcerated, but it doesn't address why people are incarcerated. We can do better.