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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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BILL 090573 - Rev. lines/grades, City Plan 42...

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BILL 090574 - Rev. lines/grades, City Plan 197...

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BILL 090575 - Vacating of Edom Street...

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BILL 090583 - Rev. lines/grades, City Plan 97...

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BILL 090589 - Rev. lines/grades, City Plan 118...

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BILL 090668 - Rev. lines/grades, City Plan 271...

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BILL 090702 - Signs, planters, Civic Center Blvd.

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BILL 090703 - Farmers Market, Wadsworth Avenue.

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BILL 090709 - Pat's Steaks sidewalk encroachment.

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BILL 090710 - Sidewalk café, 2448 E. Huntingdon.

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BILL 090711 - Sidewalk café, 1148-1150 S. 11th.

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BILL 090712 - Specs for publishers' boxes...

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BILLS 090691, 090714 - Towing of vehicles...

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank DiCicco, Chair

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William K. Greenlee

Bill Green

Curtis Jones, Jr.

Donna Reed Miller

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(Also Present: Councilman Darrell L. Clarke)

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good
3 afternoon, everyone. The delayed hearing
4 on the Committee of Streets and Services
5 is now in session.

6 We have a quorum: Councilman
7 Greenlee to my left, Councilwoman Donna
8 Reed Miller to my right, Councilman Jones
9 and Councilman Clarke.

10 I will ask Mr. Abernathy to
11 read the title of the first bill.

12 MR. ABERNATHY: I'll read all
13 the bills.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: All?
15 Okay, all the bills that are
16 non-controversial or whatever.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. ABERNATHY: Bill No.
19 090573, an ordinance authorizing the
20 revision of lines and grades on a portion
21 of City Plan No. 42 by placing on the
22 City Plan a right-of-way for drainage
23 purposes extending from 33rd Street to
24 32nd Street northeast of South Street,
25 under certain terms and conditions.

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2 And Bill No. 090574, an
3 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
4 ordinance (Bill No. 070504) approved July
5 3, 2007, entitled "An Ordinance
6 authorizing and directing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 197 by striking from the City
9 Plan and vacating the legally open
10 portions of Casper Street from Tioga
11 Street to Russell Street, striking from
12 the City Plan Russell Street from Casper
13 Street southeastwardly approximately 310
14 feet to a dead end, and striking from the
15 City Plan and abandoning a certain
16 drainage right-of-way, and by reserving
17 and placing on the City Plan
18 rights-of-way for water main purposes,
19 drainage purposes, and public utility
20 purposes within the beds of the streets
21 being stricken by authority of this
22 ordinance, if necessary, under certain
23 circumstances," by extending the period
24 of compliance with the terms and
25 conditions stated therein.

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2 And bill No. 090575, an
3 ordinance authorizing the vacating of
4 Edom Street (also known as Eadom Street)
5 from Arendell Avenue to Linden Avenue,
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 And Bill No. 090583, an
8 ordinance authorizing the revision of
9 lines and grades on a portion of City
10 Plan No. 97 by striking from the City
11 Plan Marshall Street from Bainbridge
12 Street to Kater Street and reserving and
13 placing on the City Plan a right-of-way
14 for various utility purposes within the
15 line of Marshall Street being stricken
16 and authorizing acceptance of the grant
17 to the City of the said right-of-way,
18 under certain terms and conditions.

19 And Bill No. 090589, an
20 ordinance authorizing the revision of
21 lines and grades on a portion of City
22 Plan No. 118 by striking from the City
23 Plan the southerly 20-foot-wide portion
24 of Diamond Street from Tenth Street to
25 Alder Street, under certain terms and

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2 conditions.

3 And Bill No. 090668, an
4 ordinance authorizing the revision of
5 lines and grades on a portion of City
6 Plan No. 271 by placing on the City Plan
7 a cutback area at the northwest corner of
8 Second Street and Germantown Avenue and
9 by relocating portions of curblines at
10 and near the intersection of Second
11 Street and Germantown Avenue, under
12 certain terms and conditions, including
13 the dedication to the City of the bed of
14 the said cutback area.

15 And Bill No. 090702, an
16 ordinance granting permission to the
17 Trustees of the University of
18 Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania
19 Health System, 3624 Market Street, Suite
20 575, West Philadelphia, PA, 19104, for
21 the installation of information signs and
22 planters on the public sidewalk located
23 on the 3400 block of Civic Center
24 Boulevard, under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 And Bill No. 090709, an
3 ordinance authorizing Frank and Ritamarie
4 Oliveri, owners of the property Pat's
5 King of Steaks, 901-03 Wharton Street, to
6 legalize various existing sidewalk
7 encroachments located on the island
8 parcel bounded by Wharton Street, Ninth
9 Street, and Passyunk Avenue, under
10 certain terms and conditions.

11 And Bill No. 090710, an
12 ordinance authorizing John Kile to
13 construct, own, and maintain an open-air
14 sidewalk café at 2448 East Huntingdon
15 Street, under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 And Bill No. 090711, an
18 ordinance authorizing Mick Halle to
19 construct, own, and maintain an open-air
20 sidewalk café at 1148-1150 South 11th
21 Street, under certain terms and
22 conditions.

23 And Bill No. 090703, an
24 ordinance amending Section 9-213 of the
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers

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2 Markets," by adding as a permissible
3 location the west side of Wadsworth
4 Avenue between Bayard Street and
5 Pickering Streets, all under certain
6 terms and conditions.

7 And Bill No. 090712, an
8 ordinance amending Section 9-211 of the
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Boxes for
10 the Distribution of News and Printed
11 Material," by amending certain
12 specifications for publishers' boxes,
13 increasing licensing fees, amending
14 permissible locations, and increasing
15 fees, all under certain terms and
16 conditions.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

18 Will the witnesses on the bills
19 that have been read into the record
20 please come up to the witness table.

21 (Witnesses come forward.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The
23 formality we're going to go through is
24 just for you to tell us that the
25 testimony has been submitted to the

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2 record.

3 MS. GOLDBERG: Yes. My name is
4 Nancy Goldberg. I'm with the Center City
5 District. Joining me is Blake Layman,
6 who is our public space manager.

7 I'm here to testify on behalf
8 of Bill No. 090172 and just submit for
9 the record written testimony provided
10 previously by our president and CEO, Paul
11 Levy, who is out of the country today, or
12 he would be here. We are very much in
13 favor of this legislation.

14 We've been working with the
15 City L&I on working to regulate and help
16 bring order to the honor boxes on the
17 street, and we think this legislation
18 will help do that, and we are fully
19 supportive of it.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

21 Any questions for these
22 witnesses from the committee?

23 (No questions or comments.)

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

25 Thank you for your patience.

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2 Mr. Morelli and Mr. Erickson,
3 do you just want to come on up.

4 (Witnesses come forward.)

5 MR. MORELLI: Good afternoon,
6 Chairman and members of the committee.

7 I requested Bill No. 090583 be
8 held. Currently, there's not an
9 agreement with all of the abutting
10 property owners, and we're waiting for
11 that to be reached.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Okay. And
13 you have testimony that's been submitted
14 on the --

15 MR. MORELLI: Yes.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: -- bills
17 that have been read into the record.

18 MR. MORELLI: Yes.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any
20 questions for this witness?

21 (No questions.)

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Seeing
23 none.

24 The other testimony has been
25 submitted by the Administration, and it's

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2 all a part of the record. And that will
3 so be noted.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090714, an
5 ordinance amending Section 9-605 of the
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," and
7 Chapter 12-2400 of the Philadelphia Code,
8 entitled "Towing and Immobilizing of
9 Parked or Abandoned Vehicles," by
10 reducing the amount towing companies can
11 charge owners of recovered, stolen, or
12 illegally used vehicles.

13 And Bill No. 090691, an
14 ordinance amending Section 9-605 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," and
16 Section 12-2405, entitled "Removal or
17 Immobilization of Parked Vehicles
18 Notice," to prohibit the towing of
19 vehicles identified as reported stolen
20 unless an attempt has been made by the
21 police to give the vehicle owner an
22 opportunity to recover the vehicle before
23 the vehicle was towed, and adding section
24 10-839 to require the reporting of stolen
25 vehicles to the police, all under certain

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2 terms and conditions.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
4 Clarke, do you have a statement you
5 wanted to make?

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. Thank
7 you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, thank
8 you for the opportunity to speak before
9 we hear the bill.

10 This was a bill that was
11 cosponsored by a few members of Council
12 that was attempting to do a couple of
13 things.

14 I believe approximately five
15 years ago, Councilwoman Joan Krajewski
16 attempted to resolve a problem that was
17 prevalent in the City of Philadelphia.
18 Unfortunately, we are averaging
19 approximately 4500 vehicles -- stolen
20 vehicles per year, and a number of
21 individuals have had the unfortunate
22 situation whereas, on the recovery of
23 their stolen vehicle, they've had to pay
24 a fee.

25 In the City of Philadelphia,

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2 the demographics reflect that most people
3 who own vehicles do not have full
4 coverage. A vehicle that is covered with
5 full coverage, you get reimbursed for the
6 fee associated with the reclamation of
7 your stolen vehicle. But, unfortunately,
8 we have a lot of people that do not have
9 that provision within their insurance.

10 We felt, as Councilwoman
11 Krajewski did at the time, that it,
12 frankly speaking, simply wasn't fair for
13 an individual who already had to suffer
14 the burden of having their vehicle stolen
15 and sometimes vandalized that there would
16 be an additional fee imposed by the
17 government through a towing service
18 company to reclaim a vehicle.

19 And this particular fee is
20 maximized by the fact that on a daily
21 basis, it can be -- I believe that the
22 storage fee is approximately \$25. And
23 so, if that person doesn't have that
24 amount of money to pay initially or can't
25 get to that vehicle in a timely fashion,

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2 that money can obviously accrue
3 relatively rapidly.

4 What we attempted to do
5 initially was to not have a fee, or waive
6 the fee, for an individual based on
7 certain administrative functions and the
8 fact that the City of Philadelphia,
9 unlike some other municipalities, does
10 not have the ability, or the willingness,
11 to tow those vehicles in-house, so they
12 must contract out for that particular
13 service, therefore requiring a fee
14 associated with that tow.

15 So what we tried to do to
16 alleviate the problem, as best possible,
17 is to, one, give that individual whose
18 vehicle has stolen an opportunity to
19 reclaim the vehicle. We believe that
20 with an hour's time from the time that
21 they're notified, which I'm told by the
22 police department that they do do upon --
23 when they find out that the vehicle has
24 been stolen, give that person an hour's
25 time to come and reclaim their vehicle,

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2 so therefore there would be no fee
3 associated with them reclaiming their
4 vehicle.

5 The second thing that we did
6 three years ago, because this issue,
7 again, came to us, we wanted -- we tried
8 to reduce the fee associated with that.
9 Upon our investigation, we realized that
10 the City of Philadelphia actually had
11 approximately \$60 of the \$150 fee
12 associated with the reclamation of that
13 vehicle. Our concern is that there was
14 no basis for the \$60 administrative fee
15 that the City was collecting.

16 And so, with the support, the
17 bill was signed into law, that we reduced
18 the City's administrative fee to \$15.

19 It was our belief at the
20 time -- and I'll take responsibility for
21 not following up on that -- that the
22 total fee would subsequently be reduced
23 to reflect the \$45 reduction in
24 administrative fees from the City's
25 behalf, but that did not happen. The fee

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2 continued to be \$150; so therefore, the
3 tow companies experienced a windfall
4 associated with that particular towing
5 fee.

6 So one bill will hopefully give
7 enough time to the person to reclaim
8 their vehicle so there will be no fee in
9 the event that they choose to. The
10 second bill would reduce the fee to
11 reflect the earlier administrative fee
12 for the City of Philadelphia.

13 We have talked to numbers of
14 individuals who have been involved --
15 actually, we have one individual who,
16 unfortunately, was a victim of this
17 particular situation.

18 We've talked to the police
19 department. I've talked to my good
20 friend Sergeant Bee, who I think all of
21 us know of his years of service to the
22 government.

23 And we understand that there is
24 a concern about having police officers
25 taken off the street to, quote/unquote,

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2 babysit vehicles. That is a challenge.

3 We by no way want that to happen in a way
4 that it will impact negatively on their
5 ability to service our communities.

6 But we do believe that there is
7 a way that the individual can be notified
8 and that person be given enough time to
9 come and get their vehicle without the
10 police officer having to sit on that
11 vehicle during that period that they have
12 been authorized to reclaim their own
13 vehicle.

14 So as they say, let's have the
15 discussion. Hopefully, we'll be in a
16 position to move these bills.

17 I do have one amendment on one
18 of the bills, a technical amendment on
19 one of the bills, so I will be asking a
20 member of the committee to introduce the
21 amendment.

22 Thank you. Thank you,
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Councilman.

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2 Just let the record reflect
3 that Councilman Greenlee, who's a member
4 of this committee, is also present, and
5 that L&I had submitted testimony in
6 relationship to these bills, and that
7 will be submitted as part of the record.

8 Sergeant Bee, do you have
9 testimony?

10 Mr. Haver?

11 (Witnesses come forward.)

12 SERGEANT BEE: Good afternoon,
13 Chairman DiCicco and members of the
14 Committee on Streets and Services. My
15 name is Sergeant Christopher Bee, and I'm
16 here on behalf of Commissioner Ramsey and
17 the Philadelphia Police Department to
18 testify regarding Bill No. 090061 as it
19 relates to recovered stolen vehicles in
20 Philadelphia.

21 First, thank you for allowing
22 the Police Department the opportunity to
23 voice its opinion on this very important
24 piece of legislation that directly
25 impacts the day-to-day operations of the

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2 Philadelphia Police Department, the
3 safety of its officers, and the ability
4 to protect the public.

5 While the Police Department can
6 appreciate the intent behind this bill,
7 which is to protect crime victims from
8 paying towing and storage fees for
9 recovered stolen vehicle under certain
10 circumstance, this legislation conflicts
11 with a very effective City policy and
12 will undermine both the police officer's
13 safety and public safety

14 For these reasons, the
15 Philadelphia Police Department must
16 formally object to this bill.

17 Please allow me to provide an
18 overview of the existing recovered stolen
19 vehicle program in Philadelphia developed
20 in 2001.

21 Prior to the implementation of
22 this program, when a police officer
23 recovered a stolen vehicle, there was no
24 mechanism in place to prevent a vehicle
25 from being restolen or vandalized once an

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2 officer left the scene of the recovery to
3 return to the district to notify the
4 owner of the recovery. Once notified,
5 the owners would show up on location, and
6 in and many times in less desirable
7 areas, only to find the vehicles missing
8 again, vandalized, or completely
9 stripped.

10 Officers would attempt to
11 disable the recovered stolen vehicles by
12 flattening tires or pulling coil wires,
13 but the vehicles could still be
14 vandalized or stripped.

15 Since no good deed goes
16 unpunished, often, we would receive
17 complaints against the officers for
18 additionally damaging the vehicles they
19 attempted to disable. It was a no-win
20 situation for both the officers on the
21 street as well as the owners of recovered
22 stolen vehicles.

23 In response, the City developed
24 the recovered stolen vehicle program.
25 Briefly, this program contracts with

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2 private tow companies that must satisfy a
3 long list of requirements to be eligible
4 for the program, including, but not
5 limited to, insuring the recovered stolen
6 vehicle is secured in a fenced area and
7 proper assurance is maintained to protect
8 the vehicles once in their possession

9 Consequentially, the days of
10 stolen, vandalized, or stripped recovered
11 stolen vehicles no longer exists.

12 Now, when our officers find a
13 stolen car, they contact police radio,
14 who immediately dispatches one of the
15 contracted towing companies that must
16 respond to the recovered stolen vehicle
17 within thirty minutes. The operations
18 room supervisor in the district of
19 recovery is responsible to immediately
20 notify the owner by telephone of the
21 recovery.

22 The officer stays with the
23 vehicle and safeguards it until the
24 arrival of the authorized tow truck. If
25 the owner arrives on the scene at any

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2 time before the car is towed, the vehicle
3 is released to the owner.

4 This is the existing policy.

5 And, most importantly, this program has
6 been a win/win for the Police Department
7 as well as owners of recovered stolen
8 vehicle.

9 Given our progress in this
10 area, this bill here today will seriously
11 compromise the gains that we've made over
12 the years. Namely, the additional notice
13 amendments found in 12-2405 will require
14 officers to contact an owner and wait
15 thirty minutes prior to determining if
16 the owner will appear prior to having the
17 vehicle towed.

18 If the owner doesn't appear,
19 the officer will then contact police
20 radio, who will, in turn, contact an
21 authorized recovered stolen vehicle
22 program tower to respond to the location
23 to recover the vehicle.

24 Hence, if this bill is passed,
25 it would effectively increase the time

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2 officers are out of service, handling
3 recovered stolen vehicles, by one hundred
4 percent. This is time the police
5 officers are out of service and not
6 available to answer 9-1-1 calls or back
7 up fellow officers

8 In the last COMPSTAT period for
9 2009, 3,006 stolen vehicles were
10 recovered. As such, our officers were
11 already out of service for 1,503 hours
12 handling these recoveries.

13 It is important to note that
14 when the recovered stolen vehicle program
15 was in 2001, officer and public safety
16 were critical concerns to the Police
17 Department. The thirty-minute time frame
18 was not an arbitrary period of time but
19 it was determined to be the maximum
20 amount of time the Police Department
21 could afford to keep officers out of
22 service.

23 It should be noted that towers
24 who wanted to participate in this program
25 had to agree that they could respond in

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2 this time frame; otherwise, they were not
3 eligible for the program.

4 As mentioned, while it may not
5 be the intent of this bill, the potential
6 consequences are clear: Our officers
7 will be out of service one hundred
8 percent longer than they already are.

9 Thirty minutes was the maximum
10 we could afford in 2001. With less
11 resources and manpower in the Police
12 Department today, any law, policy, or
13 regulation that expands the time frame,
14 either intentionally or unintentionally,
15 is just not in the best interest of
16 public safety.

17 If law was passed at the
18 beginning of 2009, our officers would
19 have been out of service for over 3,000
20 hours. This is completely unacceptable.

21 While we must protect private
22 property, our first responsibility is
23 public safety. This bill will take
24 officers away from their primary
25 responsibilities for an unreasonable and

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2 unacceptable period of time.

3 With the negative impact on
4 public safety -- I'm sorry. While the
5 negative impact on public safety is our
6 primary objection to this bill, the
7 Police Department has also some technical
8 objections as well: Specifically, the
9 amendments proposed in 9-60511(d) of the
10 City Code, which deals with towing from
11 private property, are duplicative and
12 unnecessary

13 The apparent intent of this
14 amendment to this section is to ensure
15 that stolen vehicles do not inadvertently
16 end up on a towing company's lot as an
17 illegally parked car.

18 We have no objection to the
19 intent; however, the Code, as written,
20 already has provisions requiring police
21 notification prior to any towing.

22 The purpose of this
23 notification is to determine if the
24 vehicle was stolen. Thus, upon
25 notification, the police radio of an

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2 impending tow from private property, if
3 it's determined by police radio that the
4 vehicle has been reported stolen, the
5 vehicle is not towed. Rather, a police
6 officer is dispatched, and the recovered
7 stolen vehicle program procedures take
8 place.

9 The amendments in this
10 provision are, therefore, unnecessary and
11 overly complicate the issue.

12 Our last issue is regarding the
13 amendments made to 10-800 requiring
14 mandatory reporting of lost or stolen
15 vehicles and the maintenance of a lost
16 and stolen vehicle database by the
17 Philadelphia Police Department.

18 It appears the intent of these
19 amendments are to work in conjunction
20 with those proposed in 9-605 and 12-2405
21 mentioned above. Nevertheless, if the
22 above-mentioned amendments are passed,
23 there is no need for these provisions.

24 First, there have never been
25 any problems with people failing to

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2 report a lost or stolen vehicle. Second,
3 the police already inputs stolen car
4 information into the National Crime
5 Information System, which captures all
6 relevant information on lost or stolen
7 vehicles, including owner contact
8 information.

9 The system is more efficient to
10 identify the owners of reported stolen
11 vehicles.

12 While these articulated issues
13 are only minor technical problems
14 identified by the Police Department, I
15 must reiterate our primary objection to
16 this legislation is the negative impact
17 it will have on both public and officer
18 safety For these reasons alone, the
19 Philadelphia Police Department must again
20 respectfully object to the passage of
21 this legislation

22 This concludes my testimony.
23 Thank you for your time. I'll be happy
24 to answer any questions.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

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2 Sergeant.

3 Mr. Haver?

4 MR. HAVER: Good afternoon,

5 Mr. Chairman and members of Council. My

6 name is Lance Haver, Director of Consumer

7 Affairs for the City of Philadelphia.

8 I'd like to begin my testimony

9 by pointing out that this problem's been

10 created by the state Insurance

11 Department, which does not require

12 insurance companies to cover the cost of

13 recovering a stolen car. If the

14 Insurance Department was to do so, this

15 problem would be far less vexing than it

16 is today. Because of the inaction of the

17 Insurance Department, the City of

18 Philadelphia and Philadelphia consumers

19 face a very real dilemma.

20 As you've heard from the Police

21 Department, they have another dilemma.

22 When a stolen car is recovered, towed to

23 safety, and stored, there are real costs

24 incurred. Higher-end insurance policies

25 often cover the cost of towing and

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2 storage after a theft, but less expensive
3 coverage, the type many Philadelphia
4 consumers carry, does not. So the real
5 cost of towing and storing your car are
6 paid by the consumer.

7 This bill simply keeps the cost
8 as low as possible, attempting to make
9 sure that no one makes a profit from the
10 recovery of a stolen car and gives
11 consumers an opportunity to recover their
12 car before the costs are incurred.

13 We should not make consumers
14 suffer more after their car is stolen.
15 They should have an opportunity to
16 recover the car before towing and storage
17 charges add to their loss. And if they
18 cannot recover their car within a short
19 period of time, we should make sure that
20 the towing and storage charges are as low
21 as possible.

22 And I would suggest that
23 perhaps there would be some ways of
24 cutting the baby in half that might be
25 more palatable. Perhaps we could have

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2 the towing companies, which are already
3 bonded, sit for half an hour and give
4 consumers the chance to get their car.
5 They're given the contracts, they're
6 making money. This might be a way to
7 address the issues the Police Department
8 have and still protect consumers.

9 The second thing would be to
10 try and do what Councilman Clarke is very
11 successful with doing, limiting tort
12 options in the state, and that is to have
13 a legal challenge to the state Insurance
14 Department saying that they have to cover
15 the cost -- not the actual value of the
16 car but the costs that are incurred after
17 a car is stolen.

18 With that, I'd be happy to
19 answer any of your questions.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.
23 Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to ask a
24 question.

25 Mr. Chairman, we have a victim

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2 who has been here since a quarter to 2.

3 Would it be okay if she could come and
4 testify.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm sorry.

6 I didn't know. I saw her name but I
7 didn't know it was a victim. Is it
8 Lottie Webbi-Bruno?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thanks,
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 (Witness comes forward.)

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm
13 awfully sorry. I didn't realize -- I
14 thought you were one of the government
15 witnesses.

16 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: I wanted to
17 go to Macy's shopping, actually.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Are you a
19 City employee?

20 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Philadelphia
21 school system.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Good.
23 Show your ID. You get a discount today,
24 in case you haven't heard.

25 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: For the

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2 record, Madam President, Honorable

3 Councilmembers, I am Lottie Webbi-Bruno.

4 I will agree -- and I'm here to

5 support Councilman Clarke. I could also

6 understand what the officer, the

7 Sergeant, is saying. And I somewhat

8 agree with him as well.

9 However, they're asking for

10 thirty minutes for the victim to be

11 contacted and say your car is stolen,

12 it's here, there, and everywhere. It

13 took me thirty minutes to find my way in

14 here. One needs much more time than

15 thirty minutes.

16 You're called, as I was. And

17 the pound, so to speak, or the towing,

18 whatever, was closed; they close at 4:30.

19 Now you have to decide, I'm taking a day

20 off of work tomorrow, whom am I getting

21 to take me. If someone has small

22 children, you have to prepare for that.

23 A half an hour, even an hour,

24 is not enough time to go and to

25 confiscate the car without them smacking

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2 fees onto you. It's the towing fee, it's
3 the day-by-day rental.

4 Now, for instance, the
5 insurance company, at least mine does,
6 and I have very good coverage, does not
7 pay for the full coverage; it pays for
8 part.

9 Now, I called AAA, and I said,
10 Hi, can you go get my car, wherever it
11 is? Now, I'm in tears. They found my
12 Lizzy. Well, you have to find out
13 whether or not it's moveable and whether
14 or not we can go get it, wherever it is.

15 So I proceed -- this is the
16 next morning -- to call the towing area
17 company, whatever they want to call
18 themselves. They were very nasty, cold,
19 and crude. "We can't give you any
20 information." I said, "But I'm going to
21 get AAA to come over get my car."

22 "We can't give you information.
23 You have to come down here." And it has
24 to be cash, okay?

25 I try to call back AAA, and I

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2 get, "Press 1, press 2," singing,
3 dancing, all type of languages, so I hung
4 up from them.

5 So I'm getting in my car with
6 my friend and crying. I proceed to go
7 down where the car was towed.

8 And eventually, after I got
9 through the little, skinny window and
10 paid my fee in cash -- and naturally, I
11 paid for an extra day because they called
12 me, the police officer called me, who was
13 a very nice person, called me when the
14 towing pound, whatever they want to call
15 it, was closed.

16 So there I was the next day.
17 The car comes off the flat bed -- boom.
18 "There's your car, lady."

19 The car doesn't move. I can't
20 get in the car and drive it, my friend
21 can't get in the car and drive it because
22 the car doesn't move.

23 Now I have to get on the phone
24 and either use them to tow it or,
25 luckily, I call AAA. Now I have a half

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2 hour to an hour wait, standing there the.

3 Car's on the property. Are they going to

4 charge me another day because I can't

5 move the car?

6 Luckily, an angel dropped out

7 of heaven, and there was a AAA truck on

8 the other side of the street. I zoom

9 across. "Sir, sir, sir, here's my

10 credentials. Here's my card. Can you

11 come and tow my car?"

12 "Well, I have to phone in."

13 "Do whatever you have to do."

14 And that's how the car got

15 home.

16 Why they can't work out

17 something -- and, again, I can understand

18 what the officer said. Why can't

19 something be worked out like, Well, you

20 know, do you have AAA? Well, get 'em

21 over her in thirty minutes, and come and

22 get your car and we'll put it in front of

23 your house. Then if it's kicked around

24 or it's busted up, you're responsible;

25 it's in front of your house.

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2 Or, is your repairman still
3 there? We can tow it right to the
4 garage.

5 If this is thought out and
6 worked on, I know there could be
7 something that could help. You're
8 already pierced, you're already crushed
9 that your car has been taken.

10 And many people do not have
11 towing on their insurance. Or they
12 cannot afford, or they don't want AAA.
13 There's so much more to it.

14 But it has to definitely --
15 we're a historical city, we're a sports
16 city. This is a disgrace.

17 I know that many of you here,
18 good people of Philadelphia, have been
19 cleaning up the disgraces of
20 Philadelphia, and I so appreciate it.
21 But this is one that has to definitely be
22 addressed.

23 And I jumped at it. When I
24 heard it on KYW, I said, "Oh my,
25 somebody's looking into that."

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2 So I -- I really hope that
3 something could be looked into with that
4 because it's -- it's so much needed. And
5 there are ways that we can get around it.

6 That is an outrageous amount.
7 And it -- it's something -- I mean, there
8 are people that don't have \$100 or \$200
9 or \$300 in their home. They want to use
10 their credit card; they can't use it.

11 You have to -- the next day,
12 you have to allow for your children, run
13 to the bank, run and get somebody to take
14 you over there, and hope that your car
15 moves. And if your car doesn't move,
16 then you have to it retowed. There is a
17 lot to it.

18 And, again, I understand both
19 parts. And I appreciate your time very,
20 very much from my heart.

21 And, again, historical city,
22 sports city. I hope you can clean up
23 this disgrace.

24 And go Phillies.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

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2 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Let me ask
4 you a question, ma'am.

5 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: What time
7 of the day were you notified that your
8 car had been recovered?

9 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: It -- I
10 didn't bring my notes with me 'cause I
11 consider them valuable.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Right.

13 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: It was in the
14 evening. It was after 4, 30 because I
15 remember I was told they close at 4:30.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Who are
17 "they"? When you say "they," who do you
18 --

19 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Yes, you're
20 right. A police officer called me
21 originally.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: But you
23 say, "They were closed."

24 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: The towing --

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The

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2 impoundment?

3 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The lot
5 where your car was towed?

6 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Yes, at 4:30.

7 At 4:30, that was the time they were
8 closed. And it was -- in fact, it was
9 dinnertime. I can remember finishing my
10 last fork of spaghetti.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Do you
12 remember the name of that towing company?
13 I'm curious as to why they would be
14 closed at 4:30.

15 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: At 4:30.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It
17 doesn't --

18 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: I would have
19 to go home and look at my notes. I
20 believe the Councilman might have that
21 name, or will have it. I can't recall at
22 this moment.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: If you
24 could provide it, that would be helpful.

25 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Definitely at

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2 4:30.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The lots,
4 from what I understand, are not supposed
5 to be closed at 4:30 in the afternoon.

6 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Well, mine
7 was. That was two years ago, but I --
8 you know, and then I stated to figure it
9 out. Good, they close 4:30 because then
10 they have another day to charge you.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: This is
12 why it would be helpful if you can supply
13 us with the information on the impounded
14 lot.

15 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: I will.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.

17 Any questions for this witness?

18 (No questions.)

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: For

20 Sergeant Bee.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 ma'am.

23 MS. WEBBI-BRUNO: Thank you,
24 all of you.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Sergeant

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2 Bee?

3 (Witness comes forward.)

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman

5 Greenlee?

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

7 you, Mr. Chairman.

8 Good afternoon, Sergeant Bee.

9 SERGEANT BEE: Good afternoon,
10 Councilman. How are you?

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you.

13 It seems like the main issue
14 raised is -- when you talk about the
15 safety issue is this thirty-minute
16 period, right? Increasing police out of
17 service.

18 (Indiscernible; parties talking
19 over each other.)

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Is there
21 a middle -- I know Councilman Clarke may
22 be bringing this up too, but is there
23 sort of a middle ground here. Do the
24 police have to be, like, sitting right
25 there?

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2 I mean, can't -- I'm
3 visualizing something like over the
4 radio, there's a stolen car at "1234
5 Jabib Street," and the cars in that
6 sector are all aware of that; they try to
7 get by as soon as they can.

8 But, you know, I don't think
9 we're looking to take the police off the
10 street any more time, but just giving
11 people -- I just think if you live in the
12 Northeast and your car was stolen and
13 left in Eastwick, I don't know how you
14 get -- it's very hard to get down there
15 in thirty minutes.

16 An hour's tough, but thirty
17 minutes would really be rough. And, you
18 know, you might get tickets from those
19 red cameras on Roosevelt Boulevard or
20 something.

21 SERGEANT BEE: Councilman,
22 there may be some misunderstanding here.

23 The idea and intent is not to
24 give people thirty minutes to get to the
25 car initially. The way this program is

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2 designed is, the tower will respond
3 within thirty minutes to the officer
4 notifying police radio once the tower's
5 notified by police radio.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

7 SERGEANT BEE: Okay, notifying
8 of the actual owner, as in your
9 situation, is done when the officer
10 brings the paperwork into the district
11 down by the operations room supervisor.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

13 SERGEANT BEE: And if it's
14 right around the corner, there are
15 instances -- or a couple blocks away,
16 where the police will go over, have
17 another car go over and notify an owner,
18 Your car is right here.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Mm-hmm.

20 SERGEANT BEE: But given your
21 instance, it's not made to give people
22 thirty minutes to respond. The
23 thirty-minute window is the time tower
24 has to come and pick up the car.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

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2 But I think this bill would give an hour
3 notification.

4 Am I right, Councilman Clarke?

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The
6 amendment would.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: The
8 amendment would, yeah.

9 And what I'm saying is -- and I
10 think your concern was that sixty minutes
11 would take a car totally off the street
12 to just sit there -- and I think you used
13 the words "babysit the car."

14 SERGEANT BEE: That was
15 Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Oh, okay.
17 Councilman Clarke said "babysit the car."

18 Couldn't it be given that sixty
19 minutes and just have the police in the
20 district aware of that? Do they have to
21 sit right there? I mean --

22 SERGEANT BEE: Well, to
23 safeguard the car, yes, so it doesn't
24 incur any -- our position is so it
25 doesn't incur any further damage, any

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2 type of vandalism, being restolen again.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

4 SERGEANT BEE: In a perfect

5 world, and given we could control things,

6 that would be great. But, as you well

7 know, priorities jump up immediately, not

8 just in districts, but all over the City

9 where the police have to respond to. So

10 there may not be anybody available in

11 that area to go back and take care of

12 this car.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Mm-hmm.

14 SERGEANT BEE: And as you well

15 know, even with the Parking Authority,

16 when the Parking Authority does Live

17 Stop, police are on location, they stay

18 there until the Parking Authority hooks

19 the car and takes it to safeguard the

20 vehicle as well as, you know, the people

21 from the Parking Authority.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: I

23 understand, but I think --

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Point of

25 order, point of order.

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2 Sergeant Bee, in all due
3 respect, Live Stop is based on a person
4 having the illegal operation of the car.
5 And to compare that to somebody whose car
6 was stolen, I don't think it's fair.

7 SERGEANT BEE: I was just
8 giving an example of safeguarding the
9 vehicle.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's not a
11 good example.

12 SERGEANT BEE: Okay.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And the
14 reality is, the police officer is on
15 location to make sure that that person
16 whose car is taken at Live Stop does not
17 respond to the Parking Authority officer
18 who's towing the car.

19 SERGEANT BEE: Or for the car
20 to be damaged in any way.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Sergeant,
22 you and I are long good friends.

23 SERGEANT BEE: Okay.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I know that
25 those police officers are called to that

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2 site because when somebody's vehicle is
3 taken, there's a strong likelihood that
4 there could potentially be a problem.

5 And the police officer is there to ensure
6 that there's not a problem with that
7 person's car being taken.

8 SERGEANT BEE: Well, plus the
9 officer initiates the contact as well.

10 That's correct.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: But i
13 guess what we're trying to find -- and
14 I'm sure is the intent behind the bill --
15 is give a reasonable time for the person
16 to be able to get their car back and not
17 have to pay any money and be victimized
18 twice.

19 When this first came up -- and,
20 you know, I'm not saying it doesn't work
21 in lot of areas. I know I've heard
22 complaints from a number of people
23 saying, "I got my car stolen. And now I
24 got to pay to get it back, and I didn't
25 even get a chance to give it."

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2 You know, I think this gives
3 what seems to me -- is why I cosponsored
4 the bill -- a reasonable time frame.

5 And, again, I'm not thinking
6 about the police just sitting there; you
7 know, I don't want that either.

8 But it just seems to me that to
9 give the people -- the victim some chance
10 to get their car back, without having to
11 incur any costs -- or at least towing
12 costs, there might be other costs
13 involved -- is, you know, a reasonable
14 approach to this.

15 I mean, I understand what
16 you're saying. It just seems to me that
17 this is -- like I said, find like a
18 middle ground to give a person some time
19 to get their car back.

20 Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
22 Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Mr. Chair.

25 I guess I'm trying to

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2 understand the term "process."

3 SERGEANT BEE: Okay.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So forget

5 the bill for a second.

6 The current process is, the
7 police find a stolen car parked on the
8 street somewhere or in a lot or whatever.

9 They immediately inform a tow company.

10 The law is, the tow company must get
11 there within a half an hour.

12 SERGEANT BEE: That's correct.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So there's
14 no involvement -- the current state of
15 the law is, the person whose car was
16 stolen is not notified at all prior to it
17 being towed.

18 SERGEANT BEE: In the majority
19 of the cases, that's absolutely correct.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. So
21 what Councilman Clarke is suggesting is
22 that the person whose car is stolen be
23 notified and be given an hour to come and
24 recover it. That's what this amendment
25 does.

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2 SERGEANT BEE: Right.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. So
4 what legal requirement is there? \-if
5 the police have not removed the car and
6 just found the car, I'm not sure I
7 understand how the City of Philadelphia
8 or the Police Department becomes
9 responsible for the car itself, parked
10 wherever the robber left it.

11 Like you gave testimony, but
12 you didn't say, Here's the Pennsylvania
13 law that makes us responsible, here's the
14 Philadelphia law that makes us
15 responsible.

16 Where is the law that makes the
17 Philadelphia Police Department
18 responsible for leaving that car there
19 for an hour?

20 SERGEANT BEE: This was a
21 program that was set up. I'm not saying
22 there's a law that says we are
23 responsible. This is a program that was
24 designed and set up for people to get a
25 whole car back, I will say --

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No, I

3 understand.

4 SERGEANT BEE: Okay.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So it was

6 designed -- do we have any statistics

7 prior to the program being set up,

8 probably at the request of the towing

9 company lobby, do we have any statistics

10 that would say of the thousand -- 4500

11 cars you recover a year, whatever it is,

12 between the time, you know, a police

13 officer discovered it and then the person

14 picked it up, one percent were further

15 vandalized or missing when the person

16 arrived, or two percent were.

17 Because it seems to me that if

18 you do a cost-benefit analysis, just

19 having the police stay there for even

20 half an hour makes no sense --

21 SERGEANT BEE: Well --

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: --

23 because -- you know what I mean? Like

24 there's -- what did you say, there would

25 be 1500 hours so far this year?

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2 SERGEANT BEE: Sure.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So like --

4 okay, in that half hour, how likely is it
5 that, really, anything's going to happen?

6 I mean, the whole -- the
7 existing program is not logical. I'm not
8 sure, you know, if this amendment is a
9 good step in the right direction, but I'm
10 not sure this whole existing program just
11 doesn't need to be blown up and you
12 inform, you know, a lot -- you inform the
13 people where their car is, and it's their
14 problem. Why do we tow it at all?

15 SERGEANT BEE: Well, the only
16 thing I can address there is, number one,
17 when the police do recover it, they are
18 responsible for the actual recovery and
19 taking it out of the system.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: If you
21 recover it, if you take possession of it
22 by having a towing company, yes. But if
23 you just inform the citizen where it is
24 in the street, why is that --

25 SERGEANT BEE: Well, the car is

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2 reported in NCIC, National Crime
3 Information Center.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Right.

5 SERGEANT BEE: Okay? We have
6 to take the car out of stolen status.
7 So, therefore, the officer has to be
8 there to investigate and take it out of
9 status.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: You're
11 saying that as soon as the police find
12 the car, federal law -- prior to it
13 coming into police possession, federal
14 law requires them to take it out of NCIC.

15 SERGEANT BEE: It's got to be
16 taken out. It's absolutely has to be
17 taken out.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: When? What
19 is the law?

20 SERGEANT BEE: As soon as we
21 contact --

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: If you could
23 point me to a --

24 SERGEANT BEE: An NCIC --

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: -- federal

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2 statute --

3 SERGEANT BEE: NCIC, National
4 Crime Information Systems and Center,
5 yes.

6 If we leave the call in stolen
7 car, if it's your car and we notify,
8 Here's your car at 18th and Pine," for
9 example, all right?

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Right.

11 SERGEANT BEE: It's not taken
12 -- if we don't take it out of stolen
13 status immediately, you come and get your
14 car or you send somebody to get your car,
15 you're still driving a car that's on
16 stolen status.

17 Therefore, you'll get stopped.
18 And if it's not you or it's someone else,
19 well, now you may enter into the -- not
20 you per se, but someone you sent to get
21 the car could end up in the judicial
22 system for driving a stolen car if you
23 take it into the district because the car
24 is still on stolen status.

25 MR. HAVER: I recognize where

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2 you're going with this, but part of the
3 problem is he'd have the same complaints
4 from me again: You found my car and you
5 didn't do anything.

6 SERGEANT BEE: Right.

7 MR. HAVER: I'd be injured
8 twice now -- by the first person who
9 stole the car --

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Yeah, but
11 that's what we do, we make choices
12 with -- we have limited resources. And,
13 you know, governing is choosing between
14 competing ideas for good.

15 And it seems to me that you
16 can't -- this just doesn't make -- this
17 current system doesn't make a lot of
18 sense.

19 MR. HAVER: And that part I
20 would agree with you, but I'm just
21 suggesting that leaving it there,
22 oftentimes, it's in -- the way the police
23 recover it, and correct me if I'm wrong,
24 but --

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm not

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2 suggesting that we leave it there for ten
3 days.

4 MR. HAVER: Okay.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: What I'm
6 saying is, how much -- how many times
7 statistically has what your fear is
8 actually occurred? Why did we put this
9 system in place?

10 SERGEANT BEE: Well,
11 statistically, I can tell you, depending
12 on the value of these cars, they lay on
13 the street and do become stripped if the
14 owners don't want to go get them or they
15 become eyesores, they become --

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: How long
17 though?

18 SERGEANT BEE: I can't give you
19 that. I'd have to --

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So if we
21 were to --

22 SERGEANT BEE: It could be a
23 period of over ten days, it could be a
24 period of over five days.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So if we

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2 were to say you have -- the police are
3 not going to stand be that car. Two
4 hours from the time you discover it,
5 you're going to take it out of NCIS. And
6 the person has two hours to come and get
7 it.

8 In other words, in that
9 two-hour window, what is the statistical
10 probability that someone's going to mess
11 with that car, in that two-hour window?
12 Especially if the police are coming by
13 once in a while, as Councilman Greenlee
14 suggested.

15 SERGEANT BEE: And everybody's
16 assuming the police are going to be able
17 to come by. And given our resources --

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: But even if
19 they can't --

20 SERGEANT BEE: What --

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: It's two
22 hours.

23 SERGEANT BEE: Anything can
24 happen, things can happen.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Sure, but --

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2 SERGEANT BEE: Things can
3 happen in five minutes.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Sure, but
5 there's a lot of other cars on that
6 street and every other street.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think
8 what I'm hearing -- and correct me if I'm
9 wrong, Councilman Green -- is, I think
10 you did say it, is that the police maybe
11 should just report the car as having been
12 found or located.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Right.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Call it
15 in. Every attempt is made to reach the
16 owner to let him know that that the car
17 is now at 11th and Federal. And then
18 it's over. Don't worry about a tow
19 company coming in to remove it.

20 I think the problem is -- and I
21 believe it may have been in your
22 testimony -- is that there's criticism to
23 the Police Department at that point. You
24 found my car, you left it here. I come
25 to pick it up, it's no longer here or

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2 it's been stripped. The cops didn't do
3 their job.

4 SERGEANT BEE: Well,
5 Councilman, that's the problem --

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I mean, I
7 know they have to make decisions on
8 priorities, but I think that -- it's a
9 no-win situation no matter what you do.

10 SERGEANT BEE: That's another
11 problem you just said. We take the car.
12 We've recovered the car, we take it --

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Take it
14 off the --

15 SERGEANT BEE: You know, we
16 take it out of NCIC. The person comes to
17 get the car --

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's gone.

19 SERGEANT BEE: -- and the car's
20 not there.

21 (Indiscernible; parties talking
22 over each other.)

23 SERGEANT BEE: Now it's
24 actually entered back in --

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: But, I mean,

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2 what I -- we have accepted responsibility
3 and now made it our fault, rather than
4 saying to the citizen, We have located
5 your car, this is where it is, you
6 arrange for a tow company of your choice
7 to come get it. And if you don't within
8 three hours, four hours, we are going to
9 remove it.

10 So you give them the
11 opportunity and a real amount of time to
12 do it. And you're not leaving it there
13 for days.

14 And we're not -- and we don't
15 pretend -- we say we are not responsible,
16 we are not sitting by this car. There's
17 other crime in this city. We have found
18 your car. Act quickly or it will end up
19 in one of our impound lots. Or someone
20 could take it.

21 I mean, the system is designed
22 to keep towing companies fed.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think
24 that's kind of a rational approach, but I
25 can almost hear the person on the other

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2 line saying, Look at this. They steal my
3 car. And now they're telling me, you
4 know, if you don't give it off the
5 street, it's your -- you got another
6 problem. It's like the City's putting
7 another burden on them.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I agree.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No matter
10 what you do, you're going to get
11 criticized for it.

12 SERGEANT BEE: One thing, if I
13 may, to all address this.

14 This program has seemed to get
15 more of a whole car back to, A, the
16 owners, who don't have full coverage with
17 less damage; and, B, it gets back to the
18 insurance company. The cars that are
19 fully insured, insurance companies aren't
20 putting out as much money to get these
21 cars repaired.

22 And that's been something
23 that's been looked at.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Excuse
25 me, Mr. Chair.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

3 Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
5 you.

6 You know, I was sitting here
7 thinking that the citizen should have the
8 ability to be involved in a decision,
9 they should make the choice.

10 You call, you say, Hey, we
11 found your car. And, you know, you have
12 a hour to come, or two hours, whatever,
13 to get the car. You can come and get the
14 car. Or if you can't do that, then we
15 can have it towed.

16 So that gives them the choice.
17 And then they understand, you know, what
18 their needs are and what the reality is
19 financially, whether they can come and
20 get the car. Or if they can get someone
21 that they know to come and tow it.

22 But do you -- when someone
23 steals a car, when you recover the car,
24 do you dust for fingerprints or anything
25 like that? Is that like a crime scene?

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2 SERGEANT BEE: Councilwoman

3 Miller, not in this particular instance.

4 If it's a guard-for-print car, the Police

5 Department handles the whole thing from

6 soup to nuts.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

8 SERGEANT BEE: We don't call

9 one of the private contractors telling

10 people out, as of right now, to get that

11 car.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. So

13 if the car is just stolen, there's no

14 crime scene and there's no dusting.

15 SERGEANT BEE: Right.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: But if it

17 was involved in a crime, then all that

18 goes on.

19 SERGEANT BEE: Then that's a

20 whole different situation.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. So

22 when you talk about removing, you said

23 that the cost of immobilizing the car

24 was -- what is immobilizing other than

25 having a police officer actually sit

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2 there until the tow truck comes?

3 SERGEANT BEE: I didn't address
4 about immobilizing; we don't really do
5 anything with immobilizing.

6 All we do is have the officer
7 stand by the vehicle until some towing
8 company comes.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think
10 from your testimony, you did say that
11 there was a practice of immobilizing
12 them.

13 MR. HAVER: That was prior, to
14 prior to --

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: As I said,
16 there --

17 (Indiscernible; parties talking
18 over each other.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

20 SERGEANT BEE: Prior to the
21 practice, what we basically did is, we
22 tried to disable the vehicle by
23 flattening a front or rear tire or also
24 pulling out a coil wire.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. So

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2 --

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And then
4 that got the police in trouble because
5 people said you --

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: You
7 flattened my tires. Now I got to buy
8 some new tires, right.

9 SERGEANT BEE: Or bring an air
10 tank with you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All
12 right. Thank you.

13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman
15 Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 From the time -- or the cost of
19 the towing, from the time it is
20 discovered and stored and that
21 reoccurring charge in order for the
22 victim to get it back, that's the
23 victim's burden.

24 SERGEANT BEE: That's correct.

25 Councilman Jones, what happens,

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2 the owners are notified as soon as the
3 car is recovered, when the paperwork is
4 taken in, which is immediately, to the
5 district after the vehicle is recovered.
6 That's the first time they're notified,
7 by the operations supervisor.

8 There's a unit, the recovered
9 stolen vehicle unit, which is down at
10 4000 North American, which is a
11 centralized location, that also receives
12 all of these recovered stolen autos.

13 If there's no response by the
14 owner, they send out -- they make a
15 second phone call to the owner, all
16 right? If there's no response, they send
17 out a certified letter to the owner
18 stating, Your car has been recovered, and
19 informing them that they have to come the
20 4000 North American with all of their
21 paperwork, being a valid driver's
22 license, current registration, and proof
23 insurance. They're issued a release.

24 Once they're issued a release,
25 then they take that release to the tow

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2 company.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: In the case
4 where you apprehend the car thief, is the
5 car towed at that point? Or is the
6 notification process similar to when it's
7 just abandoned?

8 SERGEANT BEE: Once again, if
9 it's a recovered stolen vehicle and it is
10 not a guard-for-fingerprint car --

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: No, I mean
12 if someone -- if you Live Stop someone
13 and they are found in the car and the car
14 is stolen, what happens to the car?

15 SERGEANT BEE: That follows the
16 recovered stolen vehicle program where
17 the officer on location will call.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: So it's a
19 similar process.

20 SERGEANT BEE: It's the same.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: And at that
22 point that you found someone in the car
23 that stole the car, is the burden of all
24 of the tow, is that somehow assessed to
25 them as a fine if they're found guilty?

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2 SERGEANT BEE: Not to my
3 knowledge, no. It's still the burden of
4 the owner of the vehicle.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: So the
6 criminal has no responsibility for his --

7 SERGEANT BEE: I guess -- I
8 would say no, not if the way this program
9 goes, unless the courts would order it as
10 a part of restitution, which, of course,
11 could be done.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I have
14 another (indiscernible) for
15 clarification. A stolen car gets
16 recovered, the officer calls that into
17 the district or the --

18 SERGEANT BEE: The car is
19 recovered. Once the tow company's on
20 location --

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No, no.

22 SERGEANT BEE: I'm sorry.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You're
24 driving, you're a police officer, you see
25 a car, you realize it's a stolen vehicle,

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2 what do you, the first thing you do?

3 SERGEANT BEE: The car's ran
4 through the computer that it is a stolen
5 vehicle, you notify the police radio.
6 The police radio then, in turn,
7 dispatches one of the -- if it's not a
8 guard-for-print vehicle, dispatches one
9 of the contracted towers.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'll stop
11 you right there.

12 How soon after that tow truck,
13 or tow company, is notified, how soon
14 after that is an attempt made to find the
15 owner of the vehicle?

16 SERGEANT BEE: Once that
17 vehicle is up and being towed en route to
18 wherever it's going, the officer
19 immediately goes into the police district
20 and hands the paperwork over to the
21 operations room supervisor, who makes the
22 notification.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: There's no
24 way that at the time that the vehicle is
25 recovered that the call could be made, or

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2 attempted call to the owner, either at
3 the same time that the tow company's
4 being notified or before the tow
5 company's notified so that you got that
6 thirty-minute period. Do you know what
7 I'm saying?

8 It's kind of like you're
9 getting the car towed before you find the
10 owner. If there's a way of notifying the
11 owner, Your car is at 12th and Federal,
12 we've located it, we're going to be
13 calling a tow company. Unless you have
14 your own company to tow it, you got
15 thirty minutes to make that decision.

16 I don't want to complicate it
17 for you, but I think that the perception
18 is that it's all for the tow companies
19 and not necessarily respecting the
20 property owner. I think that that could
21 be the interpretation out there.

22 SERGEANT BEE: You know, I'm
23 sure that in these days of cellphones
24 right now, anything is possible, sure. I
25 mean, that's without a doubt. I'm not

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2 going to tell you no. I mean, that would
3 be incumbent upon the officer to use his
4 only private cell phone to do that.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The
6 officer finds the car -- it could be at
7 the far end of the district, the Third
8 District, it could be at South Street.
9 Third District is at Wharton Street,
10 right?

11 Finds the car, calls it in, the
12 tow truck is dispatched, got to get there
13 in thirty minutes. You're on your way
14 back to the district to turn the papers
15 in. On a good day, you're there in five
16 minutes or less. Say five minutes.
17 Five, maybe ten, minutes from the time it
18 was found has already passed.

19 Now you got to bring the
20 paperwork in, somebody's got to look it
21 over. I don't know how they physically
22 do all this stuff, but look it over, try
23 to find the owner and notify the owner,
24 Well, we found your car, it's at 13th and
25 South. You got thirty minutes. But

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2 really you have less than 30 'cause it's
3 already been called into the tow truck
4 operator.

5 SERGEANT BEE: Right.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I'm just
7 trying to kind of give the owner-operator
8 a little bit more time to get there
9 without tying you up.

10 See, I disagree with part of
11 this intent that may cause police have to
12 be onsite longer than that period of
13 time. And I'm, for one, on the record as
14 being opposed to that.

15 SERGEANT BEE: The only problem
16 being, what happens, the tow operator is
17 given by the police a copy of a form that
18 has to be taken with him to tow the
19 vehicle.

20 These people -- the towers --

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So you got
22 to be there --

23 SERGEANT BEE: The towers can't
24 just pick the vehicle up 'cause the
25 police told them to.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Could they
3 go to the district and get the paper?

4 SERGEANT BEE: Sure. I'm sure
5 they could.

6 But then once again, we're --
7 you know, as Councilman Green said, we're
8 leaving the vehicle, which, if we're
9 going to make a --

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yeah.
11 See, at the end of the day, I don't
12 know --

13 (Indiscernible; parties talking
14 over each other.)

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I said
16 this earlier: I don't think there's any
17 perfect solution to this. I think, you
18 know, I can be told the car is there.
19 And, you know, if it takes an hour -- if
20 you say, Well, we're going to give you
21 sixty minutes as opposed to thirty, you
22 may not get there in sixty minutes, and
23 you may be under the false impression
24 that when you get there, an officer's
25 going to be there, and that officer could

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2 be gone because you didn't make it in an
3 hour.

4 I don't know if we really
5 accomplish anything.

6 MR. HAVER: Just the fact that
7 you contact the car owner and give the
8 car owner the right to ask the tow truck
9 company to drive it to their property and
10 pay for it with a credit card would be a
11 tremendous advantage.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yeah. I
13 don't know why they won't accept a credit
14 card. I understand maybe why they won't
15 take a check, but unless the credit
16 card -- unless the tow operator doesn't
17 have the ability to swipe the card --

18 MR. HAVER: But you could make
19 that a part of the contract. We contract
20 with these towing companies, and we could
21 require them --

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Well, I'm
23 not saying you can't, but currently I
24 would suspect they don't have it, but I
25 could be wrong. AAA may have it but, you

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2 know...

3 Councilman Jones?

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm going to
5 yield to the sponsor of the bill.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I hate not
7 being on the committee.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: I know you
9 do.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I never get
11 to ask the questions.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You were
13 on it. You got yourself off of it.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're
15 right. I take that back. It was my
16 fault.

17 Actually, you all, members of
18 the committee, actually pretty much asked
19 every question that I was going to ask.

20 And as I say, Sergeant, you and
21 I are good friends and I know you
22 genuinely believe what you're saying.

23 And I like what Councilwoman
24 Miller said. And I know, Councilman, you
25 said you were going to mention that,

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2 Councilman Jones, that I genuinely
3 believe -- first of all, I got to say
4 that I actually thought that you -- was
5 led to believe that the police did call
6 the property owner at the same time that
7 they called the tow company.

8 Now I'm hearing that they don't
9 even do that, which leads me to believe
10 we need to do something even more so.

11 And I agree with what
12 Councilwoman Miller is suggesting, that
13 that person should be given a choice.
14 Simply call the person.

15 And now Mr. Haver has added
16 another solution, and as we have these
17 kinds of discussions, it seems like good
18 ideas continue to come.

19 And actually, I was going to
20 make a suggestion, 'cause I think that we
21 can get what we need to get without
22 burdening the police officers. 'Cause,
23 you know -- you know, I definitely need
24 police officers out on the street; I
25 actually need them down the corner from

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2 me sometimes.

3 Mr. Chairman and members of
4 the, if at all possible, the one bill,
5 which is the reduction of the fee, which,
6 from my perspective, should be a
7 no-brainer, 'cause the companies have
8 been getting this money inadvertently for
9 three years.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Not to
11 interrupt. My understanding is that they
12 have agreed to that. They've already
13 agreed to that.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah. So
15 I'm saying to move that, pass that in a
16 timely way.

17 And if I can take a page from
18 Councilman DiCicco's book, if we can move
19 this bill that has a level of controversy
20 surrounding it out of committee -- and I
21 will agree to hold it on the calendar
22 until we come up with a consensus.

23 And, you know, you all know me.
24 I will not move it if we can't come up
25 with an agreement. You know, I, more

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2 than anybody else, don't want to take
3 police officers off the street and will
4 not move it in that form.

5 Sergeant, I know you know your
6 business, and I should have been dealing
7 with you from the beginning.

8 SERGEANT BEE: Thank you,
9 Councilman.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Haver,
11 "Mr. Consumer," you know, what I mean, he
12 has good ideas.

13 MR. HAVER: If you're going to
14 allow me to get one last thing in,
15 perhaps when you amend the part of the
16 bill reducing the fees could include that
17 they must take the credit card, which
18 you've done for other towing issues?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's a
20 contractual issue. I mean, we can do
21 that on the calendar. I'm assuming that,
22 'cause that's relating to money, that the
23 Administration would have to -- I guess
24 they don't have to; we can do whatever we
25 want as a part of the contract.

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2 That probably should warrant at
3 least a minimum of discussion with the
4 Administration before we put that
5 amendment in here.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And I
7 think it would give us time to maybe, if
8 we can, Sergeant, get some answers to
9 some of the questions that were raised by
10 Councilman Green, if there's any
11 statistical data out there.

12 SERGEANT BEE: Absolutely.
13 Whatever questions the Councilman has we
14 can certainly look into. And if we can
15 provide 'em, we'd be glad to do that.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
17 Councilman Jones?

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. One
19 other question that I have is, could you
20 provide the Chair with a list of
21 qualifications for the towing companies
22 that are on the list and whether or not
23 any of them are minority- or female-owned
24 and whether they're Philadelphia-based?

25 SERGEANT BEE: I can tell you

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2 that all of them are Philadelphia-based.

3 And, absolutely, we can provide you

4 with -- whatever questions you have we

5 can definitely provide the answers.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO:

7 Councilwoman Miller?

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Probably

9 a copy of the application. You said that

10 they have to meet certain criteria?

11 SERGEANT BEE: Certain criteria

12 that --

13 (Indiscernible; parties talking

14 over each other.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: -- of the

16 application, correct?

17 SERGEANT BEE: We can give you

18 a list of the criteria.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

20 SERGEANT BEE: Whatever --

21 Chairman DiCicco, if he wants to get us

22 all the questions, we can gladly answer

23 them.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

25 And let me ask you one question regarding

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2 towing.

3 Did you change the way towers
4 are selected? Like if it's a -- someone
5 told me at one point, if there was an
6 accident and there was a list of towers
7 and that's who you can call, who was next
8 on the list, I think that changed,
9 though, didn't it?

10 SERGEANT BEE: Yeah. I don't
11 deal per se. That's something that was
12 done between L&I with the -- the crash
13 car program is what we call it when
14 there's an accident on one of the
15 highways and they have to call a car for
16 tow.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Right.
18 Because, you know, a person could have
19 their own personal friend that has a tow
20 company that may not charge them as much
21 as, you know, somebody on the list.

22 And I don't know whether that's
23 been -- I don't know whether that issue
24 -- that rotating list sometimes doesn't
25 work for people, and I know that's not

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2 your problem.

3 SERGEANT BEE: No. It's a big

4 rotating list.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Right.

6 SERGEANT BEE: I know that,

7 that's all I do know.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Right.

9 SERGEANT BEE: It's a very big

10 rotating list.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All

12 right, okay. Thank you.

13 SERGEANT BEE: You're welcome,

14 Councilwoman.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Councilman

16 Clarke, your light is still on.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Oh, I'm

18 sorry.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Any

20 further questions?

21 Councilman Green?

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No? I

24 thought you were going to talk.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm going to

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2 make a statement.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Oh, okay.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you

5 for your testimony.

6 You really did inform us about
7 the current process. And, you know, I
8 certainly learned a lot, being here
9 today, about this particular issue, which
10 I was paying no attention to in the City
11 of Philadelphia before today, I'm sorry
12 to admit.

13 But, you know, the legislative
14 process is ugly to watch, but we really
15 are trying to do our best, and we look
16 forward to working with you to come up
17 with something that will work for our
18 citizens.

19 SERGEANT BEE: Councilman, it's
20 my pleasure. And like I said, if there's
21 any questions that have to be answered,
22 we'll be glad to get the answers for you.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
24 Sergeant.

25 Thank you, Lance.

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2 Being no further questions --

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Mr. Chair,

4 I just want to say that there is one

5 amendment to the bill.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: We'll do

7 it in a public meeting.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I had two

9 but there's one for the other bill.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: This

11 concludes public hearing on the Committee

12 of Streets and Services.

13 We will now go into the public

14 meeting.

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1 10/29/09 RULES COMMITTEE - PUBLIC MEETING

2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Mr. Chair.

6 I move that the following bills
7 be reported out of committee with a
8 favorable recommendation and that the
9 rules of Council be suspended to allow
10 first reading at our next session of
11 Council. Those bills are:

12 090573.

13 090574.

14 090575.

15 090589.

16 090668.

17 090702.

18 090709.

19 090710.

20 090711.

21 090703.

22 090712.

23 I move --

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: You did
25 make the move. Is there a second?

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2 (Motion duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
4 properly moved and seconded that the
5 bills that have just read into the record
6 be reported out of this committee with a
7 favorable recommendation and that the
8 rules of Council be suspended.

9 All those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 Those bills have been approved.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
16 you, Mr. Chairman.

17 I move the amendment, as
18 proposed by Councilman Clarke, be
19 approved for Bill No. 090714.

20 (Motion duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
22 properly moved and seconded that the
23 amendment to Bill No. 090714 be reported
24 out of this committee with a favorable
25 recommendation.

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2 All those in favor will signify
3 by saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The amendment's approved.

6 Councilman Greenlee?

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
8 you, Mr. Chairman.

9 I move that Bill No. 090714, as
10 amended, be reported out of this
11 committee with a favorable recommendation
12 and that the rules of Council be
13 suspended to allow for first reading at
14 our next session of Council.

15 (Motion duly seconded.)

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
17 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
18 090714, as amended, be reported out of
19 this committee with a favorable
20 recommendation and that the rules of
21 Council be suspended.

22 All those in favor will signify
23 by saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The bill is approved.

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2 Councilman Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

4 Councilman Clarke has an amendment for
5 this bill too? For 691?

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah, the
7 amendment actually would have taken it
8 from thirty minutes to sixty minutes, but
9 since we're going to work on a final
10 solution --

11 (Indiscernible; parties talking
12 over each other.)

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

14 Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill No. 090691
15 be reported out of this committee with a
16 favorable recommendation.

17 (Motion duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's been
19 properly moved and seconded that Bill No.
20 090691 be reported out of this committee
21 with a favorable recommendation.

22 All those in favor will signify
23 by saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The bill is approved.

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2 This concludes the public
3 meeting of the Committee on Streets and
4 Services. Thank you all for your
5 attendance.

6 (Proceedings end at 4:46.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings of the City of Philadelphia
Council Committee on Streets and Services are
contained fully and accurately in the
stenographic notes taken by me on Thursday,
October 29, 2009, and that this is a true and
correct statement of same.

JOSEPHINE CARDILLO
Registered Professional Reporter

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