

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, December 1, 2025
1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON,
VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

BILL: 251027

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COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the hearing Committee on Appropriations today, Monday, December 1st. I know for the hour. A quorum of the committee is present. To my left, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Bass, myself, and Councilmember Lozada. This is a public hearing on the Committee on Appropriations regarding Bill No. 251027.

Mr. McMonagle, will you please read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: Good afternoon. Bill No. 251027, authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Water Residual Fund, the Grants Revenue Fund, the Aviation Fund , and the Transportation Fund, all from certain or all City

1 offices, departments, boards and
2 commissions; to: the General Fund,
3 the Water Fund, the Water Residual
4 Fund, the Aviation Fund and the
5 Transportation Fund, all to certain
6 or all City offices, departments,
7 boards and commissions.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Thank you. Mr. McMonagle, can you
10 please call the first person to
11 testify. Take roll.

12 THE CLERK: I already
13 did. Can we please have Sabrina
14 Maynard.

15 (Witness approached
16 witness table.)

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
18 Sabrina, when you're ready, just
19 state your name for the record and
20 proceed with your testimony.

21 MS. MAYNARD: Good
22 afternoon. Sabrina Maynard, Budget
23 Director. Good afternoon, Chair
24 Squilla and members of the

1 Appropriations Committee. I'm
2 Sabrina Maynard, Budget Director.
3 I'm here to testify in support of
4 the Fiscal Year 2025 year-end
5 transfer ordinance. You have also
6 received written testimony from
7 each department with a request in
8 the transfer ordinance and
9 representatives of those offices
10 are also in attendance today.

11 The annual year-end
12 ordinance is a routine ordinance
13 that we transmit every year during
14 the fall. It's necessary for our
15 financial statements and is
16 intended to make sure that our
17 final appropriations for last
18 fiscal year, the one that ended in
19 June, align with that year's
20 obligations, what we actually
21 spent.

22 Most of the items in the
23 ordinance are for departments that
24 went slightly over their FY25

1 personnel budgets and Class 100.
2 The FY25 year-end transfer
3 ordinance bill proposes
4 transferring appropriations within
5 and between the General Fund, the
6 Water Fund, the Grants Revenue
7 Fund, the Aviation Fund, the
8 Transportation Fund and the Water
9 Residual Fund.

10 The areas to be
11 addressed by this ordinance are
12 outlined in the testimony we've
13 submitted and I'm happy to take any
14 questions from the committee at
15 this time.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
17 Thank you for your testimony. If
18 there are questions or concerns or
19 any challenges with this, what is
20 the latest that this ordinance
21 would need to be passed out in
22 order to be effective?

23 MS. MAYNARD: Yeah. So
24 there are numerous steps in the

1 process between closing out our
2 fiscal year and getting to the end
3 of February when we issue our
4 audited financial statements.
5 There are a lot of steps we go
6 through with the Controller's
7 Office. This is one of the
8 critical steps that happens around
9 this time to make sure that we're
10 able to get documents over to the
11 Controller's Office and close out
12 our books so that we can get our
13 audit completed by the end of
14 February.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 So what is the ramifications if
17 this was not to be passed out?

18 MS. MAYNARD: It would be
19 a technical default on our bonds if
20 we were not able to close our
21 books.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
23 Okay. Thank you.

24 Any questions from the

1 committee?

2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
3 afternoon --

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
5 Councilmember Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
7 Thank you. Thank you,
8 Mr. Chairman.

9 Good afternoon. I just
10 have a question as to how so many
11 departments are so far over budget
12 when it comes to personnel?

13 MS. MAYNARD: So one of
14 the -- actually I think it's a
15 success story that we've seen kind
16 of in the last year. We've started
17 to see departments that have really
18 turned around their hiring. So we
19 have a number of departments who've
20 netted more positions than they've
21 had before.

22 And we've actually --
23 since Mayor Parker took office,
24 we've added about 1600 General Fund

1 positions. So we're really
2 starting to see that turn around.
3 It's something we'll be looking at
4 as part of this budget to make sure
5 there's alignment between where we
6 have the Class 100 and where we're
7 filling positions. It's been an
8 area where we've had some
9 challenges for the last couple of
10 years.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

12 Well, it's great that we're able to
13 hire up and find the talent that
14 we're looking for. But I guess I
15 just don't understand how it is
16 that when we go through the budget
17 process in the spring, you know,
18 when it comes to Class 100, it's
19 all laid out in a lot of detail in
20 terms of this number of positions,
21 these are the salaries, the salary
22 range, this is the amount.

23 So, for example, your
24 department may have, I don't know,

1 \$2 million. So if you spend
2 \$2.5 million, I don't understand
3 how that happens. I know that here
4 in Council we cannot go over our
5 budgets for staffing. So as much
6 as we'd like to hire as many people
7 as we could, talented folks and
8 have them on board and be able to
9 provide more services, it would be
10 a great thing but we just can't go
11 over budgets, I still don't
12 understand how that happened.

13 MS. MAYNARD: Yeah.

14 There are some areas where some of
15 these are driven by higher overtime
16 than we had anticipated, which is
17 part of what some of the drivers
18 are, particularly in kind of public
19 safety departments. So we had some
20 events last year that drove
21 overtime above what we'd had
22 expected. So that includes -- we
23 had the parade back last winter.
24 We had the plane crash. We had the

1 enhanced Code Blue. So there are
2 areas where it's not just salaries,
3 it's also some overtime that drives
4 some of these.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: If
6 you could get information to the
7 Chairman in terms of what
8 departments are seeing this kind of
9 an increase over budget as a result
10 of unexpected overtime, that would
11 be great.

12 MS. MAYNARD: Sure.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
14 Thank you.

15 MS. MAYNARD: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
17 Thank you, Madam Chair. For the
18 record, I'd like to recognize
19 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
20 being present for the hearing.

21 Is there any other
22 questions from members of this
23 committee?

24 (No response.)

1 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

2 Seeing none, thank you for your
3 testimony.

4 MS. MAYNARD: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Hold on. Hold on one second.

7 Councilmember Gilmore
8 Richardson.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you
11 very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you
12 all so much for being here. My
13 apologies for the tardiness.

14 I wanted to just ask a
15 couple questions in my preparation
16 for this hearing in reviewing a few
17 of the documents that you all
18 submitted to us. And if you could
19 just provide a brief explanation
20 for the following: If you could
21 just explain the increase in
22 spending in OHS Class 100?

23 MS. MAYNARD: Yes. OHS
24 netted a number of positions over

1 the last year. They had been down
2 positions for quite a while. And I
3 think I have to double check the
4 number, but I think they netted 27
5 positions. So they're one of the
6 success stories that's been able to
7 hire.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

9 RICHARDSON: Okay. You said 27
10 positions?

11 MS. MAYNARD: I believe.
12 I'll double check that number, but
13 I think it's 27.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

15 RICHARDSON: Okay. All FTEs?

16 MS. MAYNARD: Yes.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

18 RICHARDSON: Okay. Great. And
19 while you're checking, I recognize
20 that the spending is going to be
21 partially offset by an internal
22 transfer, correct?

23 MS. MAYNARD: Yes.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

1 RICHARDSON: That'll be from three
2 of the different classes, I
3 believe?

4 MS. MAYNARD: Yep. When
5 there are transfers, it'll be from
6 200, 300, 400. Those are typically
7 where they pull from.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

9 RICHARDSON: Okay. Could you just
10 explain the underspending in each
11 of the classes, I think it's
12 \$60,447 from Class 200; \$9,234 from
13 Class 300; and \$37,421 from Class
14 500.

15 MS. MAYNARD: I'm sorry.
16 In one department or --

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

18 RICHARDSON: We're still in OHS.

19 MS. MAYNARD: Still in
20 OHS.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Mm-hmm. I believe the
23 total of the transfer is \$102,102.
24 But the breakdown in the three

1 classes was 200, 300 and 500.

2 MS. MAYNARD: Yeah. So
3 there was underspend in FY25 in
4 those other classes. I'd have to
5 follow up with the department to
6 get the backup for what the
7 specifics were for those underspend
8 items.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Okay. And I'm only
11 asking because based on the
12 testimony, it states that it's a
13 partial offset by the internal
14 transfer.

15 MS. MAYNARD: Yep. So
16 the amount that 100 was over by
17 there was less to pull from other
18 places. So we can get you the
19 breakout of how that breaks out by
20 class.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Okay. And for Health,
23 is there entirely offsetting your
24 PayGo contribution with Class 200

1 underspend, if you could explain
2 the underspend in Class 200?

3 MS. MAYNARD: So there
4 were a number of areas for Public
5 Health where their projections came
6 in just below what they had
7 appropriations for. And so, those
8 funds are being reallocated to the
9 health center projects.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Okay. And I think I
12 heard you around OHR when I came in
13 regarding the increase in their
14 payroll costs; is that correct?

15 MS. MAYNARD: That's
16 another department that's seen
17 success in hiring and retaining
18 folks.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

20 RICHARDSON: Okay. Same for
21 Revenue?

22 MS. MAYNARD: For
23 Revenue, I think theirs was in --
24 one of the other funds was in --

1 their Water Fund, so I think that
2 was again higher payroll than
3 anticipated in the Water Fund
4 positions.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

6 RICHARDSON: Yes. That one stated
7 also increase in payroll costs.

8 MS. MAYNARD: Yes. I
9 think they hired more folks, but
10 I'll double check on that.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: And then for Fire,
13 they have a Class 100 overspend
14 with internal transfers primarily
15 from Class 300. If you could
16 explain the Class 300 underspend?

17 MS. MAYNARD: Yep.
18 There were some materials and
19 supplies costs that have been
20 anticipated that didn't come
21 through, but we can follow up with
22 the details.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

24 RICHARDSON: You said materials and

1 supplies and equipment?

2 MS. MAYNARD: Yep.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

4 RICHARDSON: Is that related to the
5 plane crash? I think I heard you
6 talking about that when I came in.

7 MS. MAYNARD: So their
8 overtime costs were driven by the
9 plane crash.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Okay.

12 MS. MAYNARD: Yeah, that
13 was a piece of their overtime
14 costs.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

16 RICHARDSON: And for Law
17 Department, \$21,102 in Class 100 to
18 fully fund payroll costs. Is that
19 the same as OHR and Revenue?

20 MS. MAYNARD: Yes, Law
21 has also been one of those
22 departments that's seen more folks
23 than they had anticipated and been
24 able to retain those folks. I

1 think that was in the Aviation
2 Fund.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

4 RICHARDSON: Yeah, Aviation Fund I
5 see here \$156,962 in Class 100;
6 Water Fund, 14,989 in Class 100 and
7 General Fund, \$21,102. Is this all
8 related to increased hiring around
9 enforcement? I know we have worked
10 with them in the previous budget
11 regarding additional inspectors for
12 enforcement around the drug
13 paraphernalia stores.

14 MS. MAYNARD: I think
15 the Law folks are here actually.
16 If they want to talk about some of
17 the hiring they've been able to do.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

19 RICHARDSON: Thank you. I'm sorry.
20 I had my eyes dilated so I can't
21 see very well.

22 (Witness approached
23 witness table.)

24 CITY SOLICITOR GARCIA:

1 Good afternoon. Renee Garcia, City
2 Solicitor. This spending is
3 because some of our folks are sort
4 of embedded at the Airport and
5 Water, so this is an exchange for
6 those people's salaries. But we
7 have hired, fully hired everybody
8 for our Code team that was
9 allocated for this fiscal year.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: And then that includes
12 the folks that we worked on around
13 for Law for your enforcement
14 portion of the drug paraphernalia
15 bills?

16 CITY SOLICITOR GARCIA:

17 That's right. That's the Code
18 team. So they are now fully
19 staffed.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

21 RICHARDSON: Okay. The Code team?

22 CITY SOLICITOR GARCIA:

23 The Code --

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

1 RICHARDSON: I'm sorry. I didn't
2 hear you.

3 CITY SOLICITOR GARCIA:
4 The Code team, C-o-d-e.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

6 RICHARDSON: Okay. Excellent. All
7 right. Thank you very, very much.

8 CITY SOLICITOR GARCIA:
9 Thank you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
13 Thank you, Councilmember. I also
14 for the record would like to
15 recognize Councilmember Isaiah
16 Thomas present for the committee.

17 Are there any other
18 questions to this testimony?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
21 Seeing none, Mr. McMonagle, is
22 there anyone else here to testify?

23 THE CLERK: We have no
24 further people to testify -- could

1 we -- District Attorney Larry
2 Krasner.

3 (Witnesses approached
4 witness table.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
6 Thank you, Larry. When you're
7 ready, just state your name for the
8 record and then proceed with your
9 testimony.

10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY
11 KRASNER: Good afternoon. Larry
12 Krasner, District Attorney for the
13 City of Philadelphia. And I'm
14 joined by First Assistant Robert
15 Listenbee, also by Chief of Staff
16 Jen Lin, and we have with us, among
17 others, our Chief of External
18 Engagement and Government Affairs.
19 That would be G. Lamar Stewart as
20 well as other key leaders of the
21 DA's office. In the event there
22 are questions, they're all
23 available for those questions.

24 If I may, good afternoon

1 to all of you, Philadelphia Council
2 President Kenyatta Johnson, who of
3 course is here in spirit; Majority
4 Leader Katherine Gilmore,
5 Richardson, Appropriations Chair
6 Councilmember Mark Squilla and
7 Councilmembers Lozada, Thomas,
8 Bass, Gauthier. I think I got them
9 all.

10 I want to start out by
11 telling you that I speak not really
12 in my own capacity, because as you
13 may well know, my salary is set.
14 I'm not here for my money, but I am
15 here for the continued and much
16 appreciated support of 650-plus
17 attorneys, law enforcement members,
18 support staff and victim services
19 professionals who are employed by
20 the DA's office and work very hard
21 every day.

22 I won't get into the
23 specifics, but I'm sure you're well
24 aware of some of the really

1 remarkable achievements that we
2 have all seen together and achieved
3 together in the City of
4 Philadelphia in this last year.

5 And I want to thank City
6 Council for the support that we
7 received in FY2025. I think it is
8 quite clear on the numbers that we
9 have been fiscally responsible with
10 that support. I can certainly
11 answer questions about it. But
12 because we have been so fiscally
13 responsible, because we have kept
14 our word in terms of the
15 tremendous support supplied to us
16 by City Council as well as the
17 Mayor, I'd like to talk a little
18 bit about some requests that we
19 have for FY2026, just allude to
20 them. I know we'll have a longer
21 conversation about it later,
22 because I think they are actually
23 very important to all of your
24 constituents and to all of my

1 constituents in the city of
2 Philadelphia.

3 We will be requesting
4 about \$2.6 million in Class 100
5 midyear appropriation in the
6 General Fund to fully fund payroll
7 costs connected to ongoing and new
8 public safety, violent crime and
9 modern enforcement related
10 initiatives. These items I am
11 confident are very close to many of
12 your hearts because I know you well
13 and I have heard time and time
14 again the issues for which you
15 advocate. So if you'd please just
16 bear with me on that, I would truly
17 appreciate it.

18 Our entire executive
19 team and the DAO staff remain
20 committed to a balanced,
21 comprehensive approach to
22 prioritizing public safety through
23 modern enforcement strategies and
24 by supporting prevention, violence

1 prevention, violence intervention
2 and interruption efforts throughout
3 the city of Philadelphia.

4 In order to achieve
5 these things, our office continues
6 to seek just and effective
7 consequences and accountability for
8 offenders. It continues to try to
9 get innocent people out of jail by
10 exonerating them and continues to
11 fund anti-violence community-based
12 organizations through the DAO's
13 Violence Prevention Grant
14 Initiative.

15 That of course is money
16 that does not come from the city.
17 That's money that comes from drug
18 dealers and it comes from
19 criminals. It's money they either
20 gain through their criminal
21 activity or it's the value of their
22 assets that they use. It has
23 played a role and we are delighted
24 to have been in a position to

1 assist in that regard since that
2 money is not available for other
3 expenses in our office.

4 As you know, this office
5 provides critical trauma support to
6 victims, witnesses and survivors
7 through direct and referral
8 services of the DAO's external
9 Engagement Division, including our
10 CARES Unit, which of course works
11 intensively with the families of
12 homicide victims, our Victim
13 Services Unit, our Community
14 Engagement Unit and Relocations
15 Unit.

16 Our efforts to achieve
17 high quality and fair prosecution
18 are supported daily by the DAO's
19 Assistant DA's Victim Services team
20 support staff as well as the
21 professional women and men of our
22 law enforcement community who are
23 actually assigned to the
24 Philadelphia DA's office as

1 Philadelphia County detectives and
2 also as detailed current
3 Philadelphia Police Department
4 personnel.

5 Our law enforcement
6 staff lead investigations, provide
7 support to witnesses and survivors
8 in relocations, provide
9 transportation support to the
10 Commonwealth's witnesses who are
11 testifying in court in very complex
12 cases and also provide subpoena
13 services ahead of preliminary
14 hearings, trials and other court
15 proceedings.

16 I also want to take this
17 opportunity on record to publicly
18 affirm the professional hard work
19 and the very effective and capable
20 work of our law enforcement in the
21 city of Philadelphia who go to work
22 every day, often put their lives on
23 the line while ensuring the public
24 is safe.

1 It has been my pleasure
2 and my honor to work effectively
3 and collaboratively with our police
4 commissioner, Police Commissioner
5 Bethel, with his executive team,
6 with our sheriff, Sheriff Bilal and
7 her team, and also other local and
8 state law enforcement as well as to
9 work in ways that are very
10 collaborative and very positive
11 with FOP Lodge 5 President
12 Roosevelt Poplar and his executive
13 team.

14 I want to thank you
15 again for the work that each of you
16 do daily. And by you, I mean our
17 law enforcement partners to improve
18 the criminal justice system and
19 ensure the safety of residents of
20 our city. Philadelphia DA's office
21 continues to strengthen its
22 external partnerships with local,
23 state and federal law enforcement
24 and our faith-based partners and

1 government partners. We stand
2 together with Mayor Cherelle Parker
3 in working to make Philadelphia the
4 safest, cleanest and greenest big
5 city in America with economic
6 opportunity for all.

7 In this FY26 midyear
8 transfer, which I understand is not
9 the main topic today, the DAO will
10 be requesting new funding for
11 additional staffing in alignment
12 with the city's priorities. And by
13 the city, I mean Council as well as
14 the Mayor, of continuing to reduce
15 gun violence, particularly
16 involving prolific offenders as
17 well as further dismantling complex
18 drug, sex and labor trafficking
19 operations in the city, all of
20 which of course make us exactly
21 what we want to be, safer, cleaner,
22 greener with economic opportunity.

23 The DAO is committed to
24 the hiring and retention of

1 diverse, frankly, extremely
2 talented attorneys and support
3 staff. I've never seen anything
4 like this crew. They're an amazing
5 bunch of talented people focused on
6 the collective goals of the DA's
7 Office in the city. Building upon
8 successful components of our FY2025
9 retention strategy, we at the DAO
10 are heightening our focus and
11 resources on investigations,
12 prosecution of gun offenses for
13 prolific offenders, organized
14 retail and house theft offenders
15 and carjacking carjackers with
16 additional focus on auto theft
17 crimes.

18 The enormous caseloads
19 handled by our DAs require robust
20 retention practices to keep the
21 talent in the building, with a
22 focus on reasonably compensating
23 our attorneys in alignment with the
24 increased costs of living in the

1 city and recognition of their
2 intensive workload and their
3 voluminous opportunities outside
4 the office.

5 Oh, trust me, other
6 employers are circling all the time
7 and we do not need our team to run
8 over there to work on car crashes.
9 We need our team to be right here,
10 driving down homicide numbers,
11 driving down crime numbers, violent
12 and property crimes across the
13 city.

14 There are ongoing
15 efforts that we have been able to
16 engage in thanks to you.
17 Additional ADAs have been hired
18 within our gun crime strategies and
19 prevention collaborative,
20 specifically in our Major Trials
21 Unit, under the leadership of ADA
22 Angela Brennan, who many of you
23 know -- and if you don't, I hope
24 you get to know her -- to provide

1 prosecutorial support in seeking
2 justice for victims, co-victims,
3 witnesses impacted by violent
4 crime.

5 These ADAs are
6 prosecuting shootings, robberies by
7 gun, home invasions by gun and
8 cases related to felons illegally
9 possessing firearms. Those trials
10 are often jury trials. They are
11 sometimes trials in front of judges
12 and they require the best. And we
13 do provide some of the very finest
14 attorneys I've ever seen frankly.

15 These ADAs also work
16 collaboratively with other units
17 within the gun crime strategies and
18 prevention collaborative, including
19 the DAO's Gun Violence Task Force,
20 our Homicide and Nonfatal Shooting
21 Unit, our Family Violence and
22 Sexual Assault Unit and our
23 Intelligence Unit to share
24 information, intelligence and

1 resources for purposes of
2 strengthening the investigation and
3 prosecution in efforts to ensure
4 successful and just case outcomes.

5 These ADAs work
6 collaboratively with the DAO's
7 Victim Services Unit and
8 Relocations Unit, streamlining
9 timely and critical trauma support
10 and other necessary services for
11 those impacted by violent crime
12 within the city and county of
13 Philadelphia.

14 Support with this
15 specific budget request will ensure
16 that all ADAs is working within the
17 Gun Crime Strategies and Prevention
18 Collaborative are being compensated
19 equitably with other peer
20 colleagues who are prosecuting the
21 most violent offenses and cases
22 within the criminal justice system.

23 The Philadelphia DAO
24 plans to achieve its public safety

1 goals in collaboration with local
2 and very, very friendly and very
3 effective federal justice partners
4 by strengthening the operations of
5 its previously City Council funded
6 earmarked initiatives.

7 And once again, thank
8 you for funding these initiatives,
9 such as organized Retail Inhouse
10 Staff Task Force, Cleaner and
11 Greener Enforcement Unit, which is
12 primarily about dumping, Labor
13 Crimes Enforcement Unit, Carjacking
14 Enforcement Unit and the Gun Crime
15 Strategies Prevention
16 Collaborative.

17 With ongoing funding in
18 support and the support of City
19 Council, we hope to build on these
20 efforts by launching a few new
21 enforcement initiatives before the
22 end of FY26. I won't go much
23 longer, but I do want to name those
24 initiatives for you because as I

1 said, I know some of them are near
2 and dear to many of you.

3 There are three. Number
4 one, Dangerous Drug Offender
5 Division. The DAO will expand our
6 existing unit into a division to
7 develop and foster more robust
8 short-term and long-term narcotics
9 investigations. We are not talking
10 about little stuff on the street
11 corners. We're talking about the
12 big stuff. We're talking about
13 taking down the whole corner,
14 shutting down the family that owned
15 it for two decades. That's what
16 we're talking about here.

17 We're talking about
18 really effective, serious
19 investigations through this
20 expansion, which will mirror in
21 ways the best of federal law
22 enforcement style investigations,
23 investigations I know well from 25
24 years spent in federal court.

1 DDOD, that would be our
2 Dangerous Drug Offender Division,
3 would operate extensive wiretap
4 surveillance operations and
5 increased focus would be placed on
6 priority corners and drug houses.
7 Yes, I know this may sound familiar
8 to some of you, especially
9 Councilmembers Lozada and Squilla,
10 because we spoke about this in a
11 room full of people when we were
12 focusing on Kensington.

13 Well, we meant it then.
14 We meant it now. We would love to
15 do more work on priority corners
16 drug houses, also known as trap
17 houses, throughout the city of
18 Philadelphia. That's Item 1.

19 Item 2, strengthening
20 the operations of the DAO's Gun
21 Violence Task Force, which has been
22 a tremendous engine for taking down
23 shooting groups, reducing gun
24 violence in the city, in

1 collaboration with all of our
2 partners.

3 And I know that this is
4 an issue that may be very close to,
5 among others, Councilmember Bass
6 and also Councilmember Katherine
7 Gilmore Richardson, both of whom
8 have spoken to me at length and in
9 detail about these issues, and I
10 truly appreciate all of that input.

11 The DA's Office will
12 extend the operations of the Gun
13 Violence Task Force, strengthening
14 prosecution of street group-related
15 shootings and straw purchasing of
16 guns in support of the city's Group
17 Violence Intervention Program.

18 GVI and GVIP, sharing
19 intelligence with law enforcement
20 partners, including forensic and
21 social media intelligence. We
22 provide this support to the FBI.
23 We provide it to the ATF and other
24 federal, state and local law

1 enforcement. In addition to
2 working all the time with PPD, it
3 is vital to the success that we are
4 seeing in the city.

5 Third and final one of
6 these initiatives is DAO's Human
7 Trafficking Task Force, and I know
8 that this is something that's
9 important to every member of
10 Council, but those members include
11 Councilmembers Gauthier and Lozada,
12 with whom I have spoken on this
13 topic in the past.

14 The Philadelphia DA's
15 Office is requesting targeted
16 funding to address cases involving
17 sex and labor trafficking in
18 collaboration with local
19 enforcement and community-based
20 organizations due to the complexity
21 and underlying challenges inherent
22 in charging and prosecuting these
23 cases, which involve compelling,
24 forcing or coercing a person to

1 engage in commercial sex acts or
2 provide labor without proper
3 compensation and protection.

4 The DAO aims to assign
5 these cases at the early stages to
6 seasoned attorneys from the offices
7 family violence and sexual assault
8 unit as well as to DA county
9 detectives to help ensure greater
10 collaboration from the very
11 beginning of a case referral
12 through the later stages of
13 conviction and sentencing with
14 other cities, state and federal
15 agencies, who are all equally
16 committed to combating the
17 exploitation and criminal acts of
18 assailants who prey on minors, prey
19 on women, prey on immigrants and
20 prey on other diverse and
21 vulnerable populations.

22 Once again I want to
23 thank you for your patience. I
24 understand some of this. There's a

1 little bit of a trailer for the
2 movie coming later. I understand
3 that, but you are appreciated and I
4 always enjoy the opportunity to
5 speak to you. And we stand in
6 frankly a somewhat unique position,
7 at least during my career which
8 dates back in criminal justice in
9 1987, when we can look back and we
10 can say, yeah, we did some things
11 right, we did, and we need to keep
12 that going. We need to do that.

13 I'm extremely grateful
14 for all of your support and I am
15 very hopeful that we can meet,
16 talk, discuss, exchange ideas and
17 work together moving forward, so
18 that Philadelphia can go from being
19 claimed to be chronically violent
20 to being known for being
21 consistently safe. Thank you.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
23 Larry, thanks so much for your
24 testimony.

1 Councilmember Gauthier.

2 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

3 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 Good afternoon, District
5 Attorney Krasner, and good
6 afternoon to your team as well. I
7 wanted to express support for a
8 number of items that you brought
9 up, but particularly the drug
10 piece. And I know you referenced
11 the work with Councilmembers Lozada
12 and Squilla, and certainly that's
13 been a big issue in their districts
14 but in mine as well.

15 My office is currently
16 deeply ingrained in efforts on
17 three blocks now to disrupt drug
18 activity and sometimes it feels
19 like Whack-a-Mole, right. You find
20 one trap house and then they move
21 it to another trap house or you
22 continually cite businesses that
23 are connected to the drug activity,
24 and it seems like sometimes they

1 move faster than we do. So
2 definitely wanted to express
3 support for strengthening this
4 aspect of our enforcement all over
5 the city where it's needed. Thank
6 you so much.

7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

8 KRASNER: Thank you so much,
9 Councilmember.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Thank you, Councilmember.

12 Also, it's good to have
13 a preview of the request coming in
14 the future, but it also gives us
15 time to look at maybe other things
16 that we would even be requesting to
17 maybe look at maybe different
18 opportunities also, as this moves
19 forward and in the future.

20 Do you have obviously
21 specifics that you want to do, but
22 is there -- you didn't mention
23 this, but the Retail Theft Task
24 Force that you had, do you see that

1 continuing into next year and would
2 that be something that you wanted
3 to further?

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

5 KRASNER: Councilmember, thank you
6 for that. Yes, we absolutely would
7 like to continue that. We've seen
8 a lot of success with that. As I'm
9 sure you're aware, the numbers as
10 of today for retail theft show that
11 it's down close to 10% at the
12 moment, and that's a reflection of
13 a whole lot of good work by other
14 people and some good work by us as
15 well.

16 It's our hope that all
17 of these initiatives everywhere
18 where we have seen success, that
19 we're able to keep funding going,
20 we're able to keep working on that.
21 That's an extremely important
22 priority for small businesses and
23 large businesses as well. So we
24 are 100% in support of that.

1 And I also want to say
2 we are entirely open to ideas
3 coming from Council about their
4 priorities. We have our own way of
5 thinking about this. We have our
6 own opinions. We've come before
7 you in the past with eight or nine
8 initiatives. That's not
9 necessarily helpful because it
10 means you have to sort through nine
11 to figure out the ones that you're
12 prepared and able to support.

13 I read three because
14 we're trying to learn from -- we're
15 trying to do better every day. But
16 if there are priorities for you --
17 since we do have the advantage that
18 we're not at the deadline yet, if
19 there are priorities for any of you
20 in Council, we'd love to hear about
21 it and we'd love to think about it
22 with you.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
24 Thank you. Thank you for that.

1 Councilmember Lozada.

2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 Thank you for being with
5 us this afternoon. Can you talk to
6 us a little bit more about the
7 Dangerous Drug Task Force that you
8 are looking to fund. Specifically,
9 how would it impact or how would it
10 contribute to the work that we have
11 already started doing as it relates
12 to substance abuse disorder in the
13 Kensington community?

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

15 KRASNER: Well, I can tell you
16 this, if we look back at what has
17 occurred during this DA's
18 administration, we had what I think
19 is a really good example of what
20 could come of this funding. It was
21 in 2019. It was an intensive
22 investigation of a multi-
23 generationally owned corner, Kip
24 and Cambria, where the drug dealing

1 was so dug-in that it was a father-
2 son operation, that there were over
3 60 professional drug dealers.

4 We're not speaking of people
5 suffering from addiction on the
6 corner with a few bags in their
7 hand. We're talking about
8 professional drug dealers. This is
9 what they did. And over 60 of them
10 were arrested in an investigation
11 that went on a few months.

12 That is a model that
13 does not actually exist in federal
14 court or in state court. And I say
15 that based on almost 40 years of
16 doing this. Federal court tends to
17 do that kind of work but over a
18 period of years and in great
19 detail. It goes on for a very long
20 time before the trap is snapped,
21 before the arrest is made.

22 State court
23 traditionally has been much more
24 involved in shorter-term, quick

1 investigations that don't
2 necessarily get the head of the
3 octopus. They don't necessarily
4 get the people who actually own the
5 corner, because the people who own
6 the corner protect themselves that
7 way.

8 Kip and Cambria was a
9 hybrid. It fell right in the
10 middle. It was a few months. It
11 wasn't a few years. And it was
12 done with all the tactics the Feds
13 use, wiretaps, for example,
14 warrants, things of that sort. It
15 had a very significant impact. I
16 can't tell you whether or not the
17 impact continues to this day. But
18 every time I've asked about it,
19 I've been informed it had a very
20 serious impact that went on for
21 years in that community.

22 We should do more of
23 that. It's just not generally
24 done. So I would love to see

1 support for that. The reality is
2 we could do five Kip and Cambrias a
3 year. I wouldn't be sitting here
4 talking about something that
5 happened a few years ago once we
6 could do it if there were resources
7 for things that are not always done
8 at the state level.

9 If there was more going
10 on with wiretaps, more going on
11 with technology and pole cameras,
12 things of that sort, we have the
13 talent, we have the ability to do
14 it. But what we have currently is
15 a Dangerous Drug Offender Unit that
16 involves a few attorneys and a few
17 detectives.

18 If we could simply
19 expand it, I'm not talking about
20 enormous expansion, I'm not talking
21 about 10 million bucks, but I am
22 talking about expanding it from a
23 unit to a division, I think that we
24 could in close collaboration with

1 DEA, which works closely with us
2 all the time, with PPD which works
3 closely with us, I think we could
4 do a lot of good. And frankly, we
5 could do a lot of damage to
6 professional drug dealers.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA

8 Thank you for that. I really am --
9 I would really like to see the work
10 that this particular task force can
11 do, right, because we have a lot
12 of -- we talk about it all the
13 time. There are multiple billion
14 dollar open-air narcotics
15 operations in the 7th Council
16 District.

17 And I think that if we
18 could get some type of control over
19 this, right, if we could stabilize
20 this open-air drug market in the
21 7th Council District, I think we
22 could use it as a roadmap to be
23 able to respond to other
24 neighborhoods in other parts of the

1 city of Philadelphia, right.

2 But I think that for
3 some of our residents when they
4 hear that there are different city
5 departments that are talking about
6 more money to respond to open-air
7 narcotic sales but we depend so
8 heavily on our federal partners to
9 be able to do some of this work
10 that takes them years, they feel
11 kind of -- they're frustrated,
12 right, because they want to see us
13 respond to the Russell Streets, to
14 the Heart Lanes, to the
15 Clementines, Lippincott, all of
16 those neighborhoods that we know
17 operate and destroy our
18 neighborhoods every day.

19 And so, I'm really
20 excited to hear about this task
21 force, but I really want to see how
22 this 2.6 will really respond to the
23 every day, the on-the-ground
24 nuisance quality of life that is

1 being impacted on the day-to-day by
2 the residents of the city of
3 Philadelphia, particularly in the
4 Kensington community.

5 So I really want to stay
6 as educated as I possibly can and
7 want to support whatever the
8 efforts are to be able to see that
9 happen on the ground every day. So
10 thank you for that.

11 As it relates to the
12 Retail Theft Task Force, are we
13 prepared for 2026 and the influx of
14 people that will be coming into
15 neighborhoods and how some of our
16 organized retail theft
17 professionals will be taking
18 advantage of the fact that there's
19 going to be so much activity. Are
20 we prepared to support some of our
21 retail businesses along our
22 commercial corridors in
23 neighborhoods? Are we ready to
24 partner with some of our city

1 public safety officials to respond
2 to some of the retail theft that
3 we've seen in neighborhoods?

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

5 KRASNER: Well, first of all in a
6 moment I'm going to ask Kim Esack,
7 who is essentially in charge of our
8 retail theft efforts and has become
9 almost a national figure in that
10 regard, I'm going to ask her to
11 give you a few more specifics. But
12 just in relation to some of your
13 other comments, number one, I
14 personally invite any and all of
15 you who would like to be in a
16 discussion about the Dangerous Drug
17 Offender Division and their work
18 and how it might go. Your ideas
19 matter to us.

20 We would like to be able
21 to get granular about this. As you
22 know, Councilmember, we did have
23 discussions of this nature in a
24 different context, but we are

1 delighted to do that. And make no
2 mistake, when you have roughly nine
3 people dying from fatal drug
4 overdoses every three days and you
5 have roughly two people dying of
6 homicide every three days, we have
7 to care about both and we have to
8 care about both deeply and I know
9 that you do care about it.

10 So I'm completely on the
11 same page with you that we need to
12 do what we can to save those lives
13 and get those people the
14 opportunity for treatment and
15 hopefully get as many of them back
16 to a sustainable life as possible.

17 With your permission
18 though I'd like Kim Esack, who has
19 showed up right here, I'd like to
20 give her an opportunity to address
21 your specifics on retail theft in
22 2026.

23 (Witness approached
24 witness table.)

1 MS. ESACK: Good
2 afternoon, Councilmembers.
3 Kimberly Esack. As you know, I am
4 the supervisor of the Economic
5 Crimes Division, which includes the
6 Retail Theft Task Force. And to
7 answer your question,
8 Councilmember, yes, we are fully
9 prepared to continue this on in
10 2026.

11 The only thing that can
12 even slow us down slightly is
13 staffing. And the more staff we
14 have, the more we can do. Whenever
15 we lose staff, the DA works very
16 quickly to refill the staff in the
17 unit because it is one of the
18 priorities there.

19 There are staffing
20 issues everywhere in all DA
21 offices, but we're not letting that
22 stop us from doing the work that
23 needs to be done. We're still
24 engaging in the outreach. We fully

1 engage our community outreach team.
2 They are helping us now with the
3 smaller businesses in the cities
4 that weren't so much coming forward
5 to us to let us know the
6 difficulties that they're having in
7 the communities.

8 The big box stores were
9 on -- we're on a first-name basis
10 with them, but we wanted more of
11 the community outreach. So that
12 has been one of the priorities with
13 G. Lamar and his team, that they
14 have been making sure that everyone
15 out there knows that they can reach
16 out to us. And we're continuing
17 those relationships on a daily
18 communication with the Philadelphia
19 Police Department, with all the
20 detectives that have been
21 specifically assigned there for
22 this task force.

23 And so, long as the PPD
24 keeps that up, we'll be able to

1 keep this going. From what they've
2 told me recently, it's going very
3 well for them with the community,
4 with the app that they created that
5 the store members have really fully
6 engaged that as well as the line
7 patrol officers.

8 So you have the people
9 who are designated specifically for
10 the task force, but then you also
11 have the people who are patrolling
12 the streets and they are actually
13 actively engaging more in this.
14 So there still seems to be a big
15 fire with the business community in
16 supporting this. I've been told
17 they fully support this and they'd
18 be more than happy to come and
19 speak with you about it and to
20 offer their full support. They
21 want this to continue, and we would
22 like to do so as well.

23 We are still continuing
24 our store -- we don't stop going

1 out to the stores. We're still
2 doing our store walks whenever they
3 need it. And whenever there's a
4 problem, they know that they can
5 call me directly. They have my
6 number, they have my email. And if
7 they can't get to me, they can get
8 to any one of my team members, or
9 they can get to G. Lamar to the
10 community outreach in the office.
11 So I hope that answers your
12 question. We are fully invested
13 and committed and plan to keep this
14 going so long as we have the
15 support of the City and of City
16 Council here.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

18 Thank you. Thank you for that.
19 And then, District Attorney Larry
20 Krasner, how will this 2.6 also
21 help keep programs like AMP
22 supported? I know that AMP is also
23 working alongside Wellness Court.
24 How will this 2.6 also help support

1 both of those programs to ensure
2 that they continue into the future?

3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

4 KRASNER: Well, the short answer is
5 yes, I have always been a very big,
6 very strong supporter of AMP. Like
7 any other program, there are best
8 practices that need to change over
9 time. There are some things in
10 some of these programs that
11 hopefully will be able to improve
12 as we move forward, so it's an even
13 more effective program. But I've
14 always been a huge supporter.

15 I know there's been some
16 confusion about that at times, but
17 that's really only because people
18 don't necessarily remember that the
19 Philadelphia Police Department, I
20 think wisely, started its own
21 prearrest diversion program.

22 So hundreds, if not,
23 thousands of people who in the past
24 would have flowed directly into AMP

1 and into other diversionary
2 programs are actually getting
3 diversionary programs outside of
4 the prearrest, let me put it that
5 way. So I fully support it, always
6 have.

7 To the extent that
8 there's been a decline in some of
9 those programs, it's simply because
10 many of the people who used to
11 enjoy those services are getting
12 different services through PPD
13 before they would even be inside of
14 court. And once again, I applaud
15 the Commissioner for being
16 innovative and doing this not only
17 with adults, not just this
18 Commissioner, but a prior
19 commissioner, but for now doing it
20 with juveniles as well.

21 Nevertheless, we will
22 continue because diversion
23 carefully done is extremely
24 effective. It's extremely

1 pro-public safety. We will
2 continue to support AMP and we will
3 continue to support programs that
4 are rehabilitative, obviously
5 wanting them to be as good as they
6 can with some innovations.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 Thank you.

9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

10 KRASNER: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

14 Thank you.

15 Are there any other
16 questions?

17 Councilmember Gilmore
18 Richardson.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

20 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you
21 so much, Mr. Chair.

22 And thank you, DA
23 Krasner, and to your entire team.
24 We appreciate you all being here

1 and for carefully notating the
2 three specific requests that you
3 would like us to focus on for this
4 particular midyear. In addition, I
5 was encouraged to see the
6 information relative to the
7 Nuisance Task Force and quality of
8 life, specifically in the Dangerous
9 Drug Offender Division and the
10 Public Nuisance Task Force.

11 I wanted to ensure that
12 you receive my communication that
13 aligns with that focus relative to
14 the work that the District
15 Attorneys in Bucks County, Chester
16 County and Montgomery County
17 announced back in late October
18 around their 10-month investigation
19 into smoke shops in the region.
20 They have collectively come
21 together to provide law enforcement
22 strategy and sort of action steps
23 to address really the proliferation
24 of these smoke shops that are

1 selling unregulated substances all
2 over the region, but particularly
3 here in Philadelphia.

4 We've seen an uptick in
5 the amount of stores selling not
6 only unregulated substances, but
7 skirting all of our zoning
8 processes in order to operate these
9 locations. It's something that you
10 know I deeply care about. You all
11 have worked with us, have gone out
12 with us in the community on the
13 tours. G. Lamar Stewart has walked
14 the corridors with us even in the
15 last term with my Council District
16 Council colleagues.

17 But I wanted to know
18 your reaction to that announcement.
19 And if with this potential
20 additional request, particularly
21 for Class 100 in the General Fund
22 around payroll costs, if that would
23 be something that you will be
24 focusing on?

1 And I will tell you that
2 I had the great fortune to meet all
3 of the new Assistant District
4 Attorneys here in City Hall. They
5 came to visit with us on a Council
6 Session day and I had the chance to
7 sneak out for a bit to meet with
8 them and speak with them. Just
9 some of the brightest minds from
10 all across the country. Was very
11 excited to see very many of them
12 who are graduates from Historically
13 Black Colleges and Universities who
14 have chosen to come here to
15 Philadelphia and start their very
16 bright careers.

17 And so, I just wanted to
18 talk about that a little bit more,
19 get your perspective and see what
20 you plan to do in that arena.
21 Because I do anticipate that now
22 that additional enforcement is
23 happening in the collar counties
24 that are directly surrounding

1 Philadelphia County, that we will
2 continue to see an uptick in these
3 locations.

4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

5 KRASNER: Well, first of all thank
6 you for your kind and frankly
7 completely accurate comments about
8 our attorneys who are a spectacular
9 bunch, and they do come from
10 everywhere because they know that
11 Philadelphia is a great American
12 city. And that's what great
13 American cities do. They attract
14 talent from all over.

15 And they are drawn to
16 the work. The kind of work you're
17 describing here is the kind of
18 thing that attracts them. Number
19 one, smoking is bad for you.
20 Number two, all of us who don't
21 smoke end up paying a lot of money
22 for people who smoke. Number
23 three, smoking unregulated
24 substances is a whole lot worse.

1 And number four, we need to
2 discourage that by all legal means.
3 That is a serious priority for me,
4 but I have benefited from your
5 raising the point here.

6 We suffered a recent
7 setback, and this is just a
8 personal comment. An attorney who
9 worked in our office for many, many
10 years doing Public Nuisance Task
11 Force, Clarence Dupree passed away
12 about I guess it was about a week
13 and a half ago unexpectedly --

14 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

15 RICHARDSON: I'm sorry.

16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

17 KRASNER: -- and so, we're in a
18 moment when I think we need to
19 think in new ways. We need to be
20 open to new ideas about what more
21 can be done with that unit under
22 new leadership. And I appreciate
23 you raising that point. I would be
24 happy after this session to have a

1 longer conversation with you or any
2 other Councilmembers who are
3 concerned about that issue to
4 figure out how we can fit into a
5 larger city strategy of
6 discouraging smoke shops that are
7 harming an awful lot of kids,
8 harming their lungs and doing other
9 pretty bad things to the city.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: I'm very sorry for
12 your loss and the loss of all of
13 the colleagues at the District
14 Attorney's Office. And my prayers
15 will certainly be with their family
16 during this time.

17 I would love to follow
18 up with you all, chart a new path
19 forward, particularly in thinking
20 about the opportunity for you to be
21 in collaboration with the other
22 district attorneys to see how they
23 have been able to address this
24 issue in their counties.

1 Obviously, they're
2 working with a number of other
3 cities and townships and towns.
4 But we have a unique opportunity
5 here in Philadelphia being the city
6 of the first class, city and a
7 county to address this issue.

8 And I really wanted to
9 do this, we are inundated ever
10 since the onset of the pandemic,
11 and particularly after New York
12 State took decisive action against
13 these locations and real
14 enforcement, particularly in the
15 city. We have all these folks
16 running here to Philadelphia
17 opening up these locations. And in
18 some instances on some of our
19 corridors, you'll have three, four,
20 five, six of the same store
21 operating in one block. And it's
22 something that we really have to
23 get a handle on.

24 The only way for us to

1 do that is to work together with
2 you and then of course our law
3 enforcement partners. We have been
4 doing this work. But because
5 there's an uptick, we have to
6 ensure that we are meeting that
7 moment as well. And I'm hopeful
8 with this request that we're able
9 to do just that.

10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

11 KRASNER: I believe we would be. I
12 look forward to that. It certainly
13 could be an aspect of our Dangerous
14 Drug Offenders Division, which
15 often works with the Public
16 Nuisance Task Force within our
17 office.

18 So I think that there's
19 a real opportunity. There's also
20 another real opportunity. Once
21 again, a personal comment but we're
22 going to have some new leadership
23 in some of these DA offices around
24 Philly and I'm very optimistic that

1 we will have some good
2 collaboration there.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

4 RICHARDSON: That'll be great.

5 Thank you so much.

6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Thank you, Councilmember.

9 Any other questions?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

12 Thank you very much for your
13 testimony.

14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

15 KRASNER: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Is
17 there anyone else here to testify
18 on Bill No. 251027?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 There being no further questions
22 from members of the committee and
23 no other witnesses to testify, I'll
24 ask if there is anyone present in

1 this hearing whose name we have
2 failed to call that wishes to offer
3 testimony on the bills to be
4 considered today?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

7 Seeing none, that will conclude the
8 hearing and we'll go into a public
9 meeting. I want to thank all the
10 panel's witnesses for their
11 participation today.

12 This hearing will be
13 recessed until Thursday, December
14 4th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

18 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

20 Thank you.

21 (Committee adjourned.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

23 RICHARDSON: Okay. Good morning,
24 everyone. On behalf of

1 Councilmember Squilla and his Vice-
2 Chair of the Committee on
3 Appropriations, we welcome you to
4 this hearing this morning. I note
5 that the hour has come. A quorum
6 of the committee is present.

7 Clerk, will you please
8 call the roll to take attendance
9 for the hearing.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Lozada.

12 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
13 Present.

14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Gilmore Richardson.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
17 RICHARDSON: Present.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman
19 Isaiah Thomas.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
21 Present.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Jamie Gauthier.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

1 Present.

2 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

3 RICHARDSON: A quorum of the
4 committee being present, this
5 hearing is now called to order.
6 This is the public hearing of the
7 Committee on Appropriations
8 regarding Bill No. 251027.

9 This hearing will be
10 recessed until Thursday, December
11 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. That
12 concludes the business of the
13 Appropriations Committee hearing
14 this morning. Thank you.

15 (Committee adjourned.)

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Good morning, everyone. Welcome to
18 the Committee meeting on
19 Appropriations. The hour has come
20 and we have a quorum present;
21 Councilmember Lozada to my left,
22 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson to
23 my left and to my right
24 Councilmember Thomas.

1 A quorum of the
2 committee is present. This meeting
3 is now called to order, the public
4 meeting on Appropriations regarding
5 Bill No. 251021.

6 Mr. McMonagle, please
7 read the title of the bill.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No.
9 251027 --

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Oh.

11 THE CLERK: --

12 authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025
14 from: the General Fund, the Water
15 Fund, the Water Residual Fund, the
16 Grants Revenue Fund, the Aviation
17 Fund , and the Transportation Fund,
18 all from certain or all City
19 offices, departments, boards and
20 commissions; to: the General Fund,
21 the Water Fund, the Water Residual
22 Fund, the Aviation Fund and the
23 Transportation Fund, all to certain
24 or all City offices, departments,

1 boards and commissions.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Thank you. That is Bill No.
4 251027. Since we have no
5 additional witnesses and no
6 additional testimony on Bill No.
7 251027, this will conclude our
8 hearing and we're going to go into
9 a public meeting regarding Bill No.
10 251027. We are now in the public
11 meeting.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
14 for a motion on an amendment to
15 Bill No. 251027.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
17 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 I offer an amendment to
20 Bill No. 251027. A copy of the
21 amendment has been circulated to
22 all members of the committee and I
23 move that the amendment to Bill No.
24 251027 be approved.

1 (Duly seconded.)

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: It
3 has been moved and properly
4 seconded that the amendment to Bill
5 No. 251027 be approved.

6 All those in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The
13 ayes have it and the motion
14 carries.

15 Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
17 for a motion on Bill No. 251027 as
18 amended.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
20 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
21 Mr. Chairman.

22 I move that Bill No.
23 251027 as amended be reported from
24 this committee with a favorable

1 recommendation -- hold on one
2 moment -- and further move that the
3 rules of Council be suspended to
4 permit first reading of this bill
5 at the next session of Council.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: It
8 has been moved and properly
9 seconded that Bill No. 251027 be
10 reported from this committee with a
11 favorable recommendation as amended
12 and in future move that the rules
13 of Council be suspended to permit
14 the first reading of this bill at
15 the next session of Council.

16 All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The
23 ayes have it and the motion
24 carries.

1 This concludes the
2 business before the Committee on
3 Appropriations today. Thank you
4 all very much for your attention.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

6 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 (Committee on
9 Appropriations concluded at
10 9:15 a.m.)

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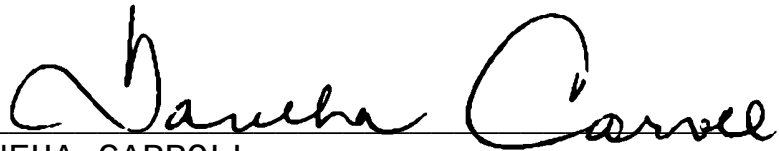
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