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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, September 24, 2009
8 10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
16 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
17 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
18 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
19 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
20 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
21 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
22 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
23 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
24 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
25 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
3 morning. I note that the hour has come
4 and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present.

6 Council will please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats,
8 and visitors will retire to the seats
9 outside the rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Father Tom
12 Higgins of Holy Innocents Church. He is
13 here today as the guest of Councilwoman
14 Sanchez.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 FATHER HIGGINS: Thank you,
19 President Verna. Thank you, City
20 Council. Thank you, Maria, Councilwoman
21 Maria Quinones-Sanchez, for this
22 opportunity.

23 So we pray. I'd like to offer
24 as part of my prayer several verses of
25 Psalm 90 from the Old Testament.

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2 Make us know the shortness of
3 our life that we may gain wisdom of
4 heart. Lord, relent as your anger
5 forever, show pity to your servants. In
6 the morning, fill us with your love. We
7 shall exalt and rejoice all our days.
8 Give us joy to balance our affliction for
9 the years when we knew misfortune. Show
10 forth your work to your servants. Let
11 your glory shine on their children. Let
12 the favor of the Lord be upon us. Give
13 success to the work of our hands. Give
14 success to the work of our hands.

15 Lord God, you inspire us this
16 day with your holy word and we are
17 reminded that in our city there are many
18 issues, many complicated problems. These
19 issues, these problems that our City
20 Council faces each day can only be
21 rectified ultimately through wisdom of
22 heart that you grant to them. We pray
23 that they receive that wisdom this day.

24 And, Lord, as members of this
25 City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly

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2 Affection, we pray that you fill us with
3 your love, that we may reflect that love
4 to all whom we encounter this day and
5 each day. And we pray especially, Lord,
6 that you show forth your work to your
7 servants and that your favor be upon all
8 gathered here this day, and that we
9 receive the success through the work of
10 our hands, through the work that City
11 Council does and through the work that
12 all of us are called to do. May we be
13 successful each day.

14 And we pray in the name of our
15 almighty Lord and God.

16 Amen.

17 (Amen.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair thanks Father Higgins for his
20 invocation.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 next order of business is the approval of
25 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

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2 September 17th, 2009, and the Chair

3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

5 Madam President. I move that the Journal

6 of the meeting of Thursday, September

7 17th, 2009 stand approved.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: It

10 has been moved and properly seconded that

11 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

12 September 17th, 2009 stand approved.

13 All in favor will please

14 indicate by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Those

17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The

20 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

21 The next order of business is

22 requests for leave of absence, and the

23 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman

24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. On behalf of the
3 majority, there are no requests for leave
4 of absence.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, on behalf of the republicans,
11 there is no request for leave of absence.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair will dispense with
15 the regular order of business to
16 recognize the guests and visitors joining
17 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
18 of all members of City Council, I welcome
19 you to our Council session. We
20 appreciate your taking the time to join
21 us as we attend to the legislative
22 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
23 you to come again.

24 I think I saw former Mayor John
25 Street in the audience. He's still with

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2 us?

3 I would like you to stand so
4 that we will recognize you. Welcome.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Welcome.

8 At this time, the Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Rizzo, who will
10 present a resolution honoring The First
11 African Baptist Church on the occasion of
12 its 200th anniversary.

13 Will Reverend Terrance Griffith
14 and those accompanying him please join
15 the Councilman at the podium. And I see
16 that the Councilman is being joined by
17 Councilman Green and Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good
19 morning, everyone.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 Today we're here to honor The
22 First African Baptist Church of
23 Philadelphia on the occasion of its 200th
24 anniversary, and with us today is Pastor
25 Griffith, who is going to be accepting

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2 this resolution, and I thank Councilman
3 Bill Green and Councilman Clarke for
4 assisting me with this.

5 Whereas, The First African
6 Baptist Church of Philadelphia was
7 established in June of 1809 with 13
8 members, ten women and three men; and

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
10 The First African Baptist Church of
11 Philadelphia is the oldest African
12 American-founded Baptist congregation in
13 the City of Philadelphia and the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and one of
15 the oldest African American-founded
16 Baptist congregations in the United
17 States of America; and

18 Whereas, two freeman, John and
19 Samuel Bivens, sold themselves into
20 slavery so that James Burrows of
21 Northampton County, Virginia could become
22 the third pastor; and

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, The
24 First African Baptist Church of
25 Philadelphia has been instrumental in the

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2 birth of many notable organizations,
3 including the Christian Street YMCA and
4 the Downingtown Industrial School; and

5 Whereas, The First African
6 Baptist Church of Philadelphia has given
7 birth to many other churches, including
8 Tasker Street Missionary Baptist Church,
9 Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Germantown,
10 Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church of Camden,
11 New Jersey, Shiloh Baptist Church and
12 Miller Memorial Baptist Church; and

13 Whereas, on the occasion of the
14 100th anniversary of The First African
15 Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the
16 esteemed Dr. Booker T. Washington, the
17 keynote speaker, stated, "It is not
18 enough for us to succeed as individuals;
19 we must succeed as groups, organizations,
20 as churches, in every aspect standing
21 together and continue to go forward in
22 grand eloquent success"; and

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, on
24 Friday, June the 19th, 2009, The First
25 African Baptist Church of Philadelphia

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2 celebrated its 200th anniversary and 200
3 years of African American Baptist works
4 in the City of Philadelphia as well as
5 throughout the Commonwealth of
6 Pennsylvania.

7 Now, therefore, resolved by the
8 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
9 it recognizes, honors, celebrates and
10 thanks The First African Baptist Church
11 of Philadelphia on its invaluable
12 contributions to the City of Philadelphia
13 on the joyous occasion of their 200th
14 anniversary.

15 Further resolved, that an
16 engrossed copy of this resolution be
17 presented to The First African Baptist
18 Church of Philadelphia, further
19 evidencing the sincere admiration and
20 gratitude of this legislative body.

21 Congratulations on 200 great
22 years.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Reverend Griffith for

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2 remarks.

3 REVEREND GRIFFITH: Honorable
4 Council President Anna Verna, illustrious
5 members of City Council, it is with
6 gratitude and humility that members of
7 First African Baptist Church and myself
8 as their pastor come today to receive
9 this resolution. We are particularly
10 indebted to Councilman Rizzo for
11 in-person Council to honor the most
12 historic African American Baptist church
13 in the City of Philadelphia and the State
14 of Pennsylvania. Your name will be
15 forever recorded in the pages of our
16 history.

17 It is true that over the past
18 30 years, First African has not been
19 recognized as it should, but there is no
20 doubt that while our great sister
21 churches, Mother Bethel and the African
22 Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, revolve
23 around the historic figures of Richard
24 Allen and Absalom Jones, First African
25 owes its genesis to the collective

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2 desires of three men and ten women to
3 have a church of their own.

4 Two hundred years ago, these
5 pioneers, these trailblazers started this
6 church that would become the centerpiece
7 of the Philadelphia fabric in the 19th
8 and 20th century. While other African
9 churches polarize to a more
10 Christological approach, First African
11 practices sociological Christology,
12 advocating for and creating opportunities
13 for the downtrodden and the dispossessed.
14 We established the first savings and loan
15 for African Americans in the City. We
16 started the first mortgage company
17 assisting blacks to purchase homes. We
18 were instrumental in starting the YMCA
19 and YWCA on Christian Street, and we
20 founded the Downingtown Industrial
21 School. That is why Booker T. Washington
22 came as our centennial speaker. That is
23 why Adam Clayton Powell was a regular
24 guest.

25 But somewhere along the

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2 journey, First African disappeared from
3 the radar. But I stand here today in
4 these hallowed halls to declare to you
5 that we are back.

6 As I take my leave, I wish to
7 draw attention to the movie Coming to
8 America starring Eddie Murphy. In the
9 movie, Murphy, acting as Prince Akeem,
10 stumbles upon two homeless men, Ralph
11 Bellamy, acting as Randolph Duke, and Don
12 Ameche, acting as Mortimer Duke. It was
13 Murphy acting as Billy Ray Valentine in
14 the 1983 movie Trading Places, set here
15 in Philadelphia, who was responsible for
16 the misfortune of the Duke brothers. He
17 hands a large sum of money to Randolph
18 Duke, who wakes up his sleeping brother
19 with the words, "Mortimer, we're back."

20 First African is back. We are
21 back to advocate for the poor. We are
22 back to lift the brokenhearted. We are
23 back to preach deliverance to those who
24 are held captive by drugs, homelessness,
25 poverty and the lack of healthcare. We

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2 are back, and we are here to stay.

3 Thank you again for your
4 recognition, and I pray that God bless
5 you as you go about the business of this
6 city.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At
13 this time, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Jones, who will present a
15 resolution honoring Jon Drummond.

16 Will Mr. Drummond and those
17 accompanying him please join the
18 Councilman at the podium.

19 I see that Councilman Jones is
20 being accompanied by Councilwoman
21 Sanchez, Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: On my way
23 home --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Councilwoman Brown.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: On my way
3 home one afternoon, I stopped to drop one
4 of my employees off. In the middle of
5 her block, there were two pre-teens
6 fighting in the middle of the street.
7 They were quickly joined by 30 other
8 young people from the surrounding area.
9 By the time I pulled over and parked, I
10 was hoping that two adults, hopefully
11 their parents, would come and intercede.
12 They did not.

13 When finally we were able to
14 get the situation under control, I asked
15 the young pre-teens why they were
16 fighting, and their response was, We
17 didn't have anything else better to do.

18 When I talked to Jon Drummond
19 and Shelton Mercer, they had a solution
20 for that, and it doesn't come in an
21 X-box, it doesn't come with a joystick,
22 it doesn't cost \$300 to do. Their
23 solution was simple games, street games,
24 that we used to play when we were kids
25 that engaged young people face to face in

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2 reality, not in cyberspace, and engaged
3 them to do positive things and encouraged
4 them to know good sportsmanship and
5 conflict resolution.

6 So honoring and acknowledging
7 Jon Drummond, Olympic Track and Field
8 champion, for his work with the Jon
9 Drummond Achievement Foundation and his
10 commitment to sustaining the lives and
11 health of today's youth through the
12 Street Game Initiative.

13 Whereas, in today's urban
14 communities, recreation has become a key
15 component in neighborhood anti-violence
16 efforts as well as a tool for promoting
17 education. In the response to this
18 reality, in 2003 Jon Drummond, an Olympic
19 Track and Field champion and member of
20 the Overbrook High School Hall of Fame,
21 along with Shelton Mercer, founded the
22 Jon Drummond Achievement Foundation. As
23 natives of Philadelphians, Jon and
24 Shelton organized the foundation to
25 address some of the most critical

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2 developmental issues facing American
3 youth and their families, such as health,
4 fitness, academic achievement and safety;
5 and

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, in
7 the summer of 2006, the Jon Drummond
8 Foundation established the Street Games
9 Initiative, which is an all-day sporting
10 event that is centered on families,
11 health, wellness and academic
12 achievement, all of which is done through
13 fun, games and sporting events. The
14 festival's activities include dodge ball,
15 volleyball, the 40-yard street dash, as
16 well as free health and physical
17 screenings; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
19 since its inception, Street Games has
20 involved over 2,000 boys and girls ages 6
21 to 18. The Street Games Program has
22 emerged as a national turnkey program
23 that engages youth in the process of
24 taking the lessons of traditional play
25 and turning them into skills that they

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2 can use for a lifetime.

3 And now, therefore

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,

5 by the Council of the City of

6 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor and

7 acknowledge Jon Drummond, Olympic Track

8 and Field champion, for his important

9 work with the Jon Drummond Achievement

10 Foundation and his commitment to

11 sustaining the lives and health of

12 Philadelphia's youth through the Street

13 Games Initiative.

14 Further resolved, that an

15 engrossed copy of this resolution be

16 presented to the founders Jon Drummond

17 and Shelton Mercer as evidence of the

18 sincere sentiments of this legislative

19 body.

20 Introduced by Councilman Curtis

21 Jones and supported and co-sponsored by

22 all members of the Philadelphia City

23 Council.

24 Congratulations.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
3 Chair recognizes Mr. Drummond for
4 remarks.

5 MR. DRUMMOND: I would like to
6 thank Councilman Jones, Councilwoman
7 Brown and the other Councilpersons and
8 all of you for opening up Philadelphia
9 and giving us this great opportunity. We
10 definitely receive this award in respect
11 for the Jon Drummond Achievement
12 Foundation and the hard work those who
13 have worked with the Jon Drummond
14 Achievement Foundation to make this
15 happen. I also would like to thank past
16 Mayor, former Mayor John Street, who
17 opened up the City of Philadelphia in
18 2006 allowing us to start the Street
19 Games here.

20 This initiative is hopefully
21 carrying out throughout the rest of the
22 country. We have other cities who are
23 extremely interested in opening their
24 doors as a result of what happened here
25 in Philadelphia.

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2 At this time, I'm going to ask
3 Mr. Mercer to kind of give you a little
4 bit of information as to what the Street
5 Games is. And I challenged Councilman
6 Jones to a 40-yard dash race. I told him
7 I brought my sneaks, so he'd better pull
8 his Chucks out.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. MERCER: Thank you. We
11 would just want to say thank you to
12 Councilman Jones and Councilwoman
13 Blondell Reynolds Brown and the other
14 members of Council. And as Jon said, we
15 are Philadelphians and we love our city,
16 and so we planned this great event called
17 the Street Games. It is happening in a
18 couple days, Saturday, the 26th of
19 September, right in the Park West Town
20 Center. All of you have received a
21 flyer, and information has been forwarded
22 around. And we did want to especially
23 recognize Councilman Jones and his office
24 for their help and assistance in getting
25 this event done. It's going to be a

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2 great day for children. We hope that all
3 of your constituents will be notified and
4 they can come out for a free day of just
5 fun, health and fitness. And we plan to
6 have Philadelphia as the headquarters for
7 our national Street Games, which we have
8 planned in Los Angeles, Sacramento,
9 Atlanta, Chicago and Lansing, Michigan
10 already for 2010.

11 So, again, thank you so much,
12 and we are grateful for a great Olympic
13 champion and my dear friend and business
14 colleague, Jon Drummond, and for this
15 great achievement and award from you.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA:

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At

21 this time, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell, who will present
23 a citation recognizing September as
24 National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

25 Will Ms. Brandon and those

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2 accompanying her please join the
3 Councilwoman at the podium. And I see
4 that Councilwoman Blackwell is being
5 joined by Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good
7 morning.

8 Recognizing September as
9 National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

10 The Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
12 recognize September as National Sickle
13 Cell Awareness Month and commends the
14 Sickle Cell Disease Association of
15 America, Inc., Philadelphia/Delaware
16 Valley Chapter, for its service to those
17 affected by sickle cell disease.

18 Whereas, September is National
19 Sickle Cell Awareness Month, and the
20 Sickle Cell Disease Association of
21 America, Inc., SCDA, wants the public to
22 reflect on the children and the adults
23 whose lives, education and careers have
24 been affected by this disease; and

25 Whereas, the observance

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2 originated in 1975 when the National
3 Association and its member organizations
4 began conducting month-long events to
5 call attention to sickle cell disease and
6 the need to address the problems at the
7 national and local levels; and

8 Whereas, the effort to have
9 Sickle Cell Month officially recognized
10 at the national level succeeded in 1983
11 when the House of Representatives
12 unanimously passed the resolution
13 introduced by Congressional Black Caucus
14 asking then-President Reagan to designate
15 September as National Sickle Cell
16 Awareness Month. The President signed
17 the resolution in October of 1983;

18 Whereas, the Association and
19 its member organizations sponsor
20 educational programs and fundraising
21 activities during the month, and state
22 and local government officials issue
23 sickle cell month proclamations and are
24 introduced to local poster children. The
25 tradition of selecting a national poster

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2 child from local candidates began in 1976
3 when President Gerald Ford greeted the
4 first winner at the White House.
5 Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and
6 Clinton all have greeted the national
7 poster child; and

8 Whereas, the Sickle Cell
9 Disease Association of America, Inc.,
10 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter,
11 began as a patient therapy support group
12 comprised of 30 members that met monthly
13 at the Pennsylvania Hospital from 1977 to
14 1982; and

15 Whereas, on July 2nd, 1982, the
16 Association was incorporated by the
17 Reverend Walter E. Brandon and Willie J.
18 Hubert, both of whom were affected by
19 sickle cell disease, to provide
20 comprehensive psychosocial and social
21 services to children, adolescents and
22 adults affected by sickle cell disease
23 and the sickle cell trait. In 1995, the
24 Association became a chapter member of
25 the Sickle Cell Disease Association of

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2 America. Willie J. Hubert passed away in
3 1996 after giving great service, love and
4 compassion to individuals with sickle
5 cell disease; and

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
7 on April 2nd, 1998, the Reverend Walter
8 E. Brandon passed away from complications
9 of sickle cell disease, and as a result
10 of his lifelong commitment to advocacy
11 and empowerment of individuals and
12 families living with sickle cell, the
13 Association's annual Sickle Cell
14 Walkathon was named in his memory; and

15 Whereas, the Association has
16 served the sickle cell community for the
17 past 27 years by providing supportive
18 services to those affected in
19 Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks, Chester
20 and Montgomery Counties, including case
21 management services, genetic counseling,
22 transportation, community outreach,
23 education, referrals and support groups.
24 Association programs include the Leroy
25 Simmons Scholarship Fund, the Cooperative

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2 Sickle Cell Blood Donor Program, the
3 Multi-Cultural Initiative and the Sickle
4 Cell Sabbath; and

5 Whereas, during September, in
6 recognition of the National Sickle Cell
7 Awareness Month, the Association
8 facilitates several events, including the
9 annual Walter E. Brandon Sickle Cell
10 Walkathon.

11 Therefore, by virtue of this
12 citation, the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
14 recognize September as National Sickle
15 Cell Awareness Month and commends the
16 Sickle Cell Disease Association of
17 America, Inc., Philadelphia/Delaware
18 Valley Chapter, for its important service
19 to those affected by this disease. We
20 want to thank the Association for their
21 tireless efforts towards improving the
22 lives of those living with sickle cell
23 disease. We extend our sincere hope and
24 the dream that prevention and cure will
25 become a reality. We extend to you the

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2 sincere respect and admiration of this
3 legislative body.

4 This resolution was introduced
5 by Councilmembers Jannie Blackwell and
6 Blondell Reynolds Brown and supported by
7 all members of the Philadelphia City
8 Council.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
11 Chair recognizes Ms. Brandon for remarks.

12 MS. BRANDON: Thank you so
13 much. Also recognizing the President of
14 City Council, Anna Verna, all members of
15 the Council and their staff, community
16 and media. Special thanks and kudos goes
17 to Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell for just
18 being interested in recognizing September
19 as National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.
20 I also bring greetings from our Executive
21 Director, Stanley A. Simpkins, who had a
22 prior commitment that he was unable to
23 reschedule to join us this morning, but
24 we are here representing him.

25 This has been a banner year for

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2 sickle cell disease, because on June 19th
3 of this year, sickle cell has been
4 declared World Sickle Cell Disease Day,
5 and the celebration to recognize that was
6 held at the United Nations in New York.
7 So every year on June 19th, sickle cell
8 will be celebrated in parts of the world
9 and all over the country. In 2010, it
10 will be held in Cyprus, Greece. And I
11 say Cyprus, Greece, and you might say,
12 Hmm.

13 Sickle cell is now considered a
14 global disease. Heretofore it has been
15 thought of as a disease that only
16 affected African Americans and was often
17 referred to as a black disease, but I'm
18 here today to let you know that sickle
19 cell not only affects people of African
20 ancestry but people of Caribbean,
21 Hispanic, Asian, Sicilian, Turkish and
22 Greek ancestry. So it is a global
23 disease.

24 I want to thank those
25 Councilmembers that sit here today who

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2 have responded to the call when we
3 reached out to them to provide supportive
4 services to many of our clients that were
5 in need. We want to thank you for that.
6 And you know who you are. For those
7 offices where you have your person that
8 handles constituent services, they have
9 been most responsive to our call.

10 I also want to thank
11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for
12 her continued support of our organization
13 and allowed our organization to be
14 recognized for the work and services that
15 we provided several years ago.

16 I want to also acknowledge this
17 morning that you heard in the resolution
18 that the organization started with 30
19 members that used to meet monthly at
20 Pennsylvania Hospital. Twenty-nine of
21 those members have passed on, but one is
22 here today. I just would like for him to
23 step forward. His name is Joseph
24 Wanamaker, and he is one of the original
25 members of the group that started this

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2 organization.

3 I also want to acknowledge Joan
4 Lambright, who is a retired educator, who
5 also has sickle cell and just turned 70.
6 And we hear about sickle cell people not
7 living long. People are living longer.
8 It does have a life of longevity now of
9 50 and beyond.

10 And in the resolution you also
11 heard about the Leroy Simmons Scholarship
12 Fund. Well, Leroy Simmons is here today,
13 and I'd like for him just to step forward
14 or to raise his hand. He also is an
15 entrepreneur and an activist. He has
16 sickle cell disease, and he and his wife
17 put together their money and started a
18 scholarship fund through the Philadelphia
19 Foundation to assist those students that
20 are interested in pursuing higher
21 education.

22 And then I want to acknowledge
23 Tracy Swift-Merrick, who is our Director
24 of Programs, who is here with me on the
25 podium today, and Khalilah Asbury,

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2 Community Liaison.

3 You also heard mentioned in the
4 resolution about the Walter E. Brandon
5 Sickle Cell Walkathon, and on a personal
6 note, I am the administrator of the
7 organization, but Walter Brandon was my
8 husband for 25 years and he passed away
9 at the age of 59 from complications of
10 sickle cell disease April 2nd of 1998,
11 five months before our first walkathon
12 took place. The 12th Annual Walter E.
13 Brandon Sickle Cell Walkathon will take
14 place this Saturday at North Concourse
15 Drive and Belmont Avenue across from the
16 Please Touch Museum. We have information
17 if anyone is interested.

18 But more than that, we are just
19 grateful that the City of Philadelphia,
20 City Council of Philadelphia has
21 recognized September as Sickle Cell
22 Awareness Month, and we hope that those
23 of you that sit there today,
24 Councilmembers, will remember us when we
25 call to ask for assistance.

1 9/24/09 - STATED - PRESENTATIONS

2 Again, thank you so much,
3 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, for -- I
4 was at an event with her in August and I
5 was just talking to someone about all the
6 activities coming up, and she overheard
7 me talking about September being Sickle
8 Cell Awareness Month. I didn't even go
9 to her to ask her could she do this. She
10 heard me speaking and she just answered
11 the call and said, We're going to do
12 something. We're going to put out a
13 resolution to recognize September as
14 Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

15 So we're grateful, we're
16 thankful, and we feel blessed that sickle
17 cell has now taken its place, rightfully
18 so, in the City of Philadelphia as
19 September being Sickle Cell Awareness
20 Month.

21 Thank you so much. God bless.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

1 9/24/09 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
3 next order of business is communications.
4 The Chair requests that the
5 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
6 the Chief Clerk.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the messages from the Mayor.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
12 that on September 18 and September 23,
13 2009, I signed all of the bills that were
14 passed by Council at its session on
15 September 17, 2009; and

16 I am transmitting herewith for
17 the introduction and consideration of
18 your honorable body an ordinance
19 authorizing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 296
21 in the area laying northwest of Shawmont
22 Avenue and southwest of Eva Street; and

23 An ordinance authorizing the
24 revision of lines and grades on a portion
25 of City Plan No. 271 by placing on the

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2 City Plan a cut-back area at the
3 northwest corner of 2nd Street and
4 Germantown Avenue; and

5 An ordinance authorizing
6 Jeffrey Papa, owner and operator of Tap
7 Room on 19th, to operate and maintain an
8 open-air sidewalk cafe located at 2400
9 South 19th Street; and

10 An ordinance amending Bill No.
11 090213, approved May 27, 2009, entitled
12 "An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2010
13 Capital Budget," by revising and adding
14 certain projects, amounts and sources;
15 and

16 An ordinance amending Bill No.
17 090212, approved May 27, 2009, entitled
18 "An ordinance to adopt a Capital Program
19 for the six Fiscal Years 2010 through
20 2015 inclusive," by revising and adding
21 certain projects, amounts and sources,
22 all under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you. The messages will be printed in the
25 Journal.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read any other communications in his
4 possession.

5 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
6 Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The next order of business is
10 the introduction of bills and
11 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer two bills.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of the first bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
22 Other Businesses," to increase the
23 available off-street options for the
24 parking of motor-driven cycles.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
7 Other Businesses," to increase the
8 application fee and annual renewal fee
9 for a Valet Parking Operator's License.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. This morning I
17 introduce no bills or resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: I beg
19 your pardon?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I have
21 none this morning.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Greenlee.

1 9/24/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I offer one bill,
4 which is co-sponsored by Councilmembers
5 Clarke, Green and Kenney.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the title.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Bill No. 080468-A, approved
12 November 5, 2008, entitled "An ordinance
13 amending Section 9-1103 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Unlawful
15 Employment Practices,' and enacting a new
16 Chapter 9-3200, entitled 'Entitlement to
17 Leave Due to Domestic or Sexual
18 Violence,' to provide that certain
19 employees may take unpaid leave from work
20 to address domestic or sexual violence."

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 bill will be referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you. I have one resolution, Madam
4 President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
11 Philadelphia, without consideration,
12 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
13 title to certain City-owned lots or
14 pieces of ground with the buildings and
15 improvements thereon, situate in the 45th
16 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski
19 for a motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
21 for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the resolution be adopted.

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2 All in favor will please say

3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 ayes have it and the resolution is

10 adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes

12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

14 President, I offer two bills on your

15 behalf, one resolution on your behalf and

16 one resolution on my behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please

20 read the title of the first bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

22 amending Section 19-201 of The

23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City

24 Depositories," by authorizing the City

25 Treasurer to deposit funds in M&T Bank.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing Jeffrey Papa to construct,
7 own and maintain an open-air sidewalk
8 cafe at 2400 South 19th Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
10 bill will also be referred to the
11 appropriate committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 declaring October as "Domestic Violence
14 Awareness Month."

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the resolution be adopted.

23 All in favor will please say
24 aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
12 Philadelphia, without consideration,
13 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
14 title to certain City-owned lots and
15 pieces of ground with the buildings and
16 improvements thereon, situate in the 36th
17 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
19 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: I move for
22 the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
25 has been moved and properly seconded that

1 9/24/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please say

4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

10 ayes have it and the resolution is

11 adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes

13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

15 you, Madam President. Today I offer one

16 resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please

20 read the title.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

22 proclaiming the week of October 4th, 2009

23 as "National Fire Prevention Week."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

25 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

1 9/24/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move

4 for the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

7 has been moved and properly seconded that

8 the resolution be adopted.

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

15 ayes have it and the resolution is

16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes

18 Councilwoman Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

23 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Green.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
3 Madam President. No bills or
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair thanks the gentleman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I have two resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of the first resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 honoring and acknowledging Jon Drummond,
17 Olympic Track and Field champion, for his
18 work with the Jon Drummond Achievement
19 Foundation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
23 the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 ayes have it and the resolution is
11 adopted.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 honoring and celebrating the Delaware
14 Valley Opera Company on its 30th
15 Anniversary.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
17 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move for the adoption
21 of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the resolution be adopted.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer one bill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 read the title.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Chapter 19-200 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
21 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
22 revising the list of City depositories
23 because of non-compliance with certain
24 provisions of that Chapter.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

1 9/24/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
7 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
8 this morning.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer six bills.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of the first bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
22 Activities on Streets," by amending
23 Section 9-211, entitled "Boxes for the
24 Distribution of News and Printed
25 Material."

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending Section 9-204 of The
7 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting vending
8 on both sides of 5th Street, from Market
9 Street to Chestnut Street.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 amending Section 9-205 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
16 Sales," to prohibit vending on both sides
17 of Aramingo Avenue.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
19 bill will also be referred to the
20 appropriate committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Chapter 14-1600 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled
24 "Miscellaneous," by repealing Section
25 14-1626, entitled "Demolition Moratorium

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2 in Old City."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 bill will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 authorizing the revision of lines and
8 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 271
9 by placing on the City Plan a cut-back
10 area at the northwest corner of 2nd
11 Street and Germantown Avenue.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Chapter 6-300 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Food," by
18 amending Section 6-301, entitled "Food
19 Establishments," and amending Chapter
20 12-900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "Parking Regulations and Penalties."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
23 bill will also be referred to the
24 appropriate committee.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

4 President, I have no bills or

5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

7 Chair thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

11 Madam President. I have three bills.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please

15 read the title of the first bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

17 amending Chapter 10-700 of The

18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and

19 Littering," by providing for additional

20 penalties and consequences for short

21 dumping.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

23 bill will be referred to the appropriate

24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Section 17-109 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Local
4 Bidding Preferences," by providing for a
5 local bidding preference for contracts
6 funded by certain federal stimulus
7 moneys.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 bill will be referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 amending Chapter 17-1600 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic
14 Opportunity Plans," by providing that
15 Economic Opportunity Plans be included on
16 all development projects or contracts bid
17 pursuant to federal stimulus funds
18 allocated to the City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
25 President, I have no bills or resolutions

1 9/24/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair thanks the gentleman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
8 President, no bills or resolutions today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

11 As there are no reports from
12 committees, the next order of business is
13 the consideration of the Calendar.

14 There are no bills on the First
15 Reading Calendar today. Therefore, the
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
17 the purpose of calling up bills on the
18 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
19 to be considered today.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. Bill 090123-A is being
22 amended. Bill Nos. 080550 and 080542 are
23 being withdrawn. All other bills are
24 being held.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please

4 read the title of Bill No. 090123-A.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

6 amending the provisions of The

7 Philadelphia Code regulating dumpsters;

8 in particular, repealing and reenacting

9 the provisions of Section 10-722,

10 entitled "Use of Dumpsters."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

12 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

14 Madam President. I am offering an

15 amendment, which has been circulated to

16 the Council. I would like to say that I

17 want to thank Councilman Greenlee, who

18 attended many meetings with his staff and

19 my staff over the summer with the

20 industry, waste haul industry, and I also

21 want to specifically thank Kevin Boyle,

22 Seth Levi and Lauren Vidas from our

23 staffs, who did a terrific job getting us

24 to this point with these amendments over

25 the summer. So I move for the adoption

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2 of the amendments.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the bill

6 be amended.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 ayes have it and the motion carries.

14 The Clerk will now read the
15 title of Resolution No. 080550.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
17 proposing an amendment to Section 7-400
18 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,
19 relating to the preparation of Civil
20 Service Regulations, by prohibiting the
21 Civil Service Commission from imposing
22 any fee to apply for employment with the
23 City.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I move the
4 withdrawal of this resolution and I'd
5 like to be recognized on it.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
8 right. Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you. My remarks will also apply to its
11 accompanying bill that will be read next,
12 080542.

13 The abolishment of the Civil
14 Service Regulations that authored the
15 jobs fee or the job application fees was
16 approved by the Civil Service Commission
17 on January 28th, 2009. The
18 Administrative Board approved the
19 abolition of this fee on February 27th,
20 2009, and the Records Department review
21 period ended April 6th, 2009. The Office
22 of Human Resources cancelled all
23 examinations for an application fee in
24 February 2009. The last date that
25 application fees were collected was

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2 February 24th, 2009. Since that date, a
3 small amount of fees, less than \$500, has
4 been collected from candidates who did
5 not pay the fee during that time that
6 fees were in effect.

7 So we appreciate the
8 Administration working with us, all of
9 you for your wonderful support of this
10 and are very happy to ask that this
11 resolution -- and I will also ask that
12 the accompanying bill -- be withdrawn.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

14 Councilwoman, would you repeat your
15 motion, please.

16 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: I move
17 that Resolution 080550 be withdrawn.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
20 has been moved and seconded that
21 Resolution No. 080550 be withdrawn.

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

1 9/24/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 ayes have it. Resolution No. 080550 has
5 been withdrawn.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of Bill No. 080542.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 providing for the submission to the
10 qualified electors of the City of
11 Philadelphia of an amendment to Section
12 7-400 of the Philadelphia Home Rule
13 Charter set forth in a Council Resolution
14 prohibiting the Civil Service Commission
15 from imposing any fee to apply for
16 employment with the City.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
18 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I again thank my
22 colleagues and move that Bill No. 080542
23 be withdrawn.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

1 9/24/09 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
3 080542 be withdrawn.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 ayes have it and the motion carries.

11 That concludes our Calendar for
12 today.

13 Are there any speeches on the
14 part of the minority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
17 there any speeches on the part of the
18 majority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Briefly, I want to
23 thank Senator Specter for encouraging
24 Vice-President Biden to take a hard look
25 at applying stimulus dollars to the

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2 repair of bridges in the Philadelphia
3 area. We have long been an advocate for
4 such dollars, federal dollars, being
5 applied to repair a lot of the bridges in
6 the City of Philadelphia that are ten
7 years backlogged in repairs, creating
8 some unsafe conditions for those bridges
9 within our community, not to mention
10 eyesores.

11 So we thank Senator Specter for
12 his urging of Vice-President Biden to
13 apply those stimulus dollars to the City
14 of Philadelphia's capital improvement
15 program.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. Today I'm going to
23 hold up an article. The front page of
24 the Philadelphia Tribune says -- Tuesday,
25 September 22nd's article, there is a

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2 photograph and an article, entitled
3 "Limbaugh makes call for return of bus
4 segregation. Radio host made statements
5 following a recent attack on white
6 student."

7 Madam President, I believe it
8 is shameful that the front of a paper
9 could have this article, that this issue
10 after all those who lived, died, who
11 fought for civil rights in this country,
12 Dr. Martin Luther King and all of those
13 who have sacrificed their lives in their
14 fight for civil rights and human rights,
15 everyone, would have this kind of article
16 written because we have an individual who
17 in this country has no more respect for
18 the history we've endured and all the
19 suffering that people have endured to
20 come this far.

21 In my office I have an article
22 with Rosa Parks on it. It has 14th
23 Amendment to one side, her photo, and it
24 says -- the title of that on that
25 photograph says, "No, she said softly."

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2 Underneath her picture it says, "In 1955,
3 Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on
4 the bus and began the historic Montgomery
5 Alabama Bus Boycott. She fought for and
6 won the right to sit any place on the
7 bus, a right which is guaranteed under
8 the, quote, equal protection clause of
9 the 14th Amendment of the U.S.
10 Constitution.

11 So I am proud that we've come
12 this far, and I say shame, shame, shame
13 for those who don't appreciate where we
14 are in this country and what this country
15 represents.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I apologize to my
23 colleagues for making this announcement
24 in Council as well as in caucus, but we
25 don't have a larger audience in caucus.

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2 Tomorrow throughout Center City

3 the Philadelphia Chapter of the Variety

4 Club will be hosting its annual Old

5 Newsboys' Day during which volunteers

6 sell the Happiness Edition paper.

7 Proceeds from the sale of the paper

8 benefit Variety, the children's charity.

9 Variety is a fantastic cause which

10 sponsors a number of programs benefitting

11 children, like camps and after-school

12 programs and autism initiatives. They

13 serve over 10,000 people a year.

14 Old Newsboys' Day begins

15 tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. with a rally in

16 City Hall. The rally will feature a live

17 band and other entertainment. Old

18 Newsboys' Day is celebrating its 52nd

19 year in Philadelphia and represents the

20 largest single-day fundraiser for

21 children with disabilities, regularly

22 raising hundreds of thousands of dollars

23 in just a few hours.

24 Last year there was a Council

25 challenge for Old Newsboys' Day, and

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2 Councilman Rizzo's office won a cup and
3 award from Variety Club for raising the
4 most money last year, but I'm going to
5 get Councilman Rizzo this year.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I would like to remind
13 my Council colleagues that Women's Way
14 will present a special briefing of their
15 report, entitled "A Change of Pace -
16 Accelerating Women's Progress."

17 Founded in Philadelphia in
18 1977, Women's Way is the country's oldest
19 and largest women's funding federation.
20 Their mission is to raise money and
21 public awareness to fight for and achieve
22 women's equality, safety,
23 self-sufficiency and reproductive freedom
24 through women-centered funding, advocacy
25 and education. A Change of Pace is an

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2 assessment of women's socioeconomic
3 status in the region and serves as a call
4 to action through specific
5 recommendations. A Change of Pace
6 examines the continuing gender wage gap,
7 the impact of scarce affordable housing,
8 healthcare and childcare on women's
9 socioeconomic security, continuing
10 threats of violence against women,
11 limitations on reproductive freedom and
12 the gross underrepresentation of women in
13 leadership positions.

14 Since the first release of this
15 report five years ago, A Change of Pace
16 has become a valued resource in our
17 community for stepping up the pace of
18 progress for women, girls and their
19 families in the Philadelphia area.

20 For those of you who can
21 attend, the briefing begins at noon
22 today, and I encourage all Councilmembers
23 and those who are listening to please
24 stop by.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 Are there any other speeches on
5 the part of the majority?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
8 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
10 adjourn.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move that Council
13 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
14 1, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
17 has been moved and properly seconded that
18 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
19 October 1st at 10:00 a.m.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 ayes have it and the motion carries.

3 Thank you.

4 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

5 11:05 a.m.)

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