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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, March 14, 2002

10:27 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, PA

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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1 3/14/02 STATED - GREETING/INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present. Council will
5 come to order, members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will retire to the seats outside the
7 rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning, the
9 Chair welcomes Father Joseph C. McLoone, Pastor of
10 St. Therese of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic
11 Church. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilmember Mariano. All members and guests will
13 please rise.

14 REVEREND MCLOONE: I've been a priest for
15 14 years, and I've been in about six places in this
16 city, so the Councilwoman... (inaudible due to
17 sound system failure)

18 ... and it's a great honor for me to lead
19 you new prayer today.

20 God, our Almighty Father, we once again
21 call upon Your name. Be with all of us as we go
22 about our day, fill us with Your light and love
23 and, bring us all safely to the close of our day.

24 Bless these chosen lawmakers with the
25 courage they need to lead, the wisdom they will

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2 need to do it, and the patience they will need to
3 accomplish all of their goals and plans.

4 We also ask Your blessing upon all
5 Philadelphians, the young and the old, the rich and
6 the poor, the weak and the strong.

7 We are thankful for all of the gifts we
8 have received, especially here in these United
9 States of America, as we remember our service men
10 and women serving abroad, as we pray for their
11 safety and for peace in our world.

12 Loving God, these are our spoken words of
13 prayer today along with all of the desires of our
14 own hearts. We ask You to grant them according to
15 our needs.

16 Amen.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

18 REVEREND MCLOONE: St. Patrick, pray for
19 us.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

21 The Chair thanks Father McLoone for his
22 very inspiring invocation.

23 (Council stands at ease.)

24 (Proceedings resume.)

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1 3/14/02 STATED - APPROVAL OF 3/7/02 JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our next order
3 of business is the approval of the Journal of
4 Thursday, March 7, 2002, and the Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting
8 of Thursday March 7, 2002 stand approved.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
10 second?

11 (Duly seconded)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
13 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
14 meeting of Thursday, March 7, 2002 stand approved.

15 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.
16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 The Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
19 March the 7th, 2002 stands approved.

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1 3/14/02 LEAVES OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
3 of business is requests for leaves of absence and
4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
6 President. There are no requests for leaves on the
7 part of the Majority.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair thanks
9 the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
12 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests
13 for leaves of absence.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair will
3 dispense with the regular order of business to
4 recognize guests and visitors joining us in
5 chambers this morning. On behalf of all members of
6 City Council, I welcome you to our Council session.
7 We appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
8 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
9 certainly invite you to come again.

10 Today, we are pleased and honored to have
11 among us a delegation of elected and appointed
12 officials from Providence, Rhode Island. I
13 understand there are Councilmembers, Council
14 support staff, and members of the Internal
15 Auditor's staff joining us today to observe our
16 government and experience our city. It gives me
17 great pleasure to welcome them, and I would ask if
18 they would rise at this time so that we can
19 recognize you.

20 Please stand. Welcome.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.

23 At this time, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Ortiz who will make a presentation
25 recognizing Mr. Juan "Johnnie" Santiago. Will

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2 Mr. Santiago and those accompanying him please join
3 the Councilman at the podium.

4 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: We have just a short
7 thing that the Sixers have produced about the
8 league.

9 (Video presentation played for
10 Council.)

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 Saturday, from 9 to 4 at Edison High
17 School, the championship teams from La Liga del
18 Barrio will be playing suburban teams all day long,
19 from Montgomery County, North Wales. So if anybody
20 wants to see some good basketball between the City
21 game and the suburban game, come down to Edison
22 High.

23 This thing began when Pat Croce gave me a
24 call and he had seen the Puerto Rican Day Parade,
25 and he said to me "Angel, I didn't know there were

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2 so many Puerto Ricans in Philadelphia," and he
3 said, "Why don't we have lunch?" And Dave Koski
4 (ph) and him and I met, and he says, "How can I get
5 the Latino community involved with the 76ers?" I
6 said, "Why don't we begin a league that is tied
7 into education, beginning at 6, be coed, and is
8 totally tied in and sponsored by the Sixers. It's
9 never been done, let's try it." And he said,
10 "Let's do it, put the group together."
11 And I went out and I started talking to
12 some folks. Marilyn (indiscernible) was the
13 cluster leader of the Edison project, and she took
14 me to Juan, or "Johnnie," as we call him. And
15 Johnnie said, "I'll only come in if we bring prayer
16 into the game, reflection, and discipline." And I
17 said, "Let's do it."
18 And we put a team together and right now,
19 we have over 300 kids in the league. This year,
20 they took part in NBA Jam, they played at the
21 Convention Center, and they played at the First
22 Union Center. And now the NBA wants to take the
23 concept, right David? Now the NBA wants to take
24 the concept and run with it to Miami and San
25 Francisco and L.A. and get Liga Del Barrio all over

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2 the place. And we said, "Only if we franchise it
3 through Liga Del Barrio, and they pay some
4 royalties to La Liga Del Barrio."

5 But this is -- and we have with us here
6 today Dave Koski, who has made it possible; Laura
7 White, vice president; (indiscernible), who is an
8 incredible individual, he's Puerto Rican, actually,
9 you know, hip hop.

10 The man who never saw a ball he could not
11 shoot and never passed it in his history,
12 (indiscernible), the greatest --

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: He passed it once to
15 Dr. J, but he used to throw that rainbow.

16 Recognizing Mr. Juan "Johnnie" Santiago
17 for his dedication and contribution to the
18 successful development of La Liga Del Barrio
19 Basketball League.

20 Whereas, Mr. Juan Santiago was born and
21 raised in the City of Philadelphia, has been a
22 spent significant amount of his life volunteering
23 his personal time and expertise through the
24 development of productive youth activities; and

25 Whereas, Mr. Santiago is recognized in the

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2 Latino community for his unmatched devotion to the
3 utilization of sports as a means of fostering
4 healthy minds, discipline, and team skills among
5 youth and people of all ages; and

6 Whereas, in January 2000, La Liga Del
7 Barrio, the neighborhood league, was cofounded by
8 the 76ers organization, and my office. La Liga is
9 a youth basketball league composed of 28 teams of
10 boys and girls 6 to 16 years old; and

11 Whereas, since the league's inception,
12 Mr. Santiago has been the driving force, serving as
13 the organization's mentor and coordinator of the
14 league's activities. Johnnie has been a driving
15 force, ensuring the league's growth and overall
16 success; and

17 Whereas, with the support of volunteers,
18 parents, and corporate sponsors such as Motrin and
19 Old Navy, the biproduct of Mr. Santiago's labor is
20 evidenced by the league's recent achievements. La
21 Liga Del Barrio has earned membership in the Junior
22 NBA and WNBA, and he was chosen as a key
23 participant in the February 2002 All-Star Weekend
24 Jam Session Program; further, one of league's
25 player was awarded an honorable mention to the

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2 recognizes Mr. Santiago for brief remarks.

3 MR. SANTIAGO: Thank you very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

5 MR. SANTIAGO: I want to thank Council and
6 everyone. This is something that I don't expect;
7 it's just something I do from the heart.

8 Sixers and everybody, thank you.

9 I'm sweating. Are you sweating? I'll
10 tell ya.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. SANTIAGO: All I want to know is, do
13 you validate? (Holding up parking lot ticket.)

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. SANTIAGO: Thank you very much,
16 everybody.

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: There are some friends
18 of Johnnie here, Ron Ravelli and his working group
19 at his job, and they're here also. Will you stand
20 up, okay?

21 (Applause.)

22 76ERS REPRESENTATIVE: Johnnie, on behalf
23 of the 76ers, we appreciate everything that you do.
24 We have a strong desire to get back to the
25 community, but we can't do it by ourselves. We

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2 need dedicated people like the Councilman, who
3 helped us get started, and like you, have seen it
4 come through. And I brought -- the Honorary
5 Commissioner of the league is Raja Bell (ph), and
6 Raja took his jersey from last night and has signed
7 it for you.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be
10 at ease.

11 (Council stands at ease.)

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13 (Proceedings resume.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
17 President. This morning on your behalf as well as
18 my own, I would like to ask you to recognize
19 Bartram Human Services mentoring students who are
20 working with the Department of Licenses and
21 Inspections, and Otis Haigler from that department
22 is here with the students.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If you would
24 stand, we would like to recognize you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time,
3 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
4 present the winners of the School District's Black
5 History Month Oratorical Competition.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
7 President. Good morning.

8 Today, we are honored to have in our
9 presence the top 12 finalists of the School
10 District of Philadelphia's 23rd African-American
11 History Oratorical Competition. During the
12 competition, school winners representing the best
13 entries from the lower, middle, and upper-grade
14 levels were selected to compete in the citywide
15 finals by delivering their orations before a
16 diverse panel of judges.

17 This annual event is coordinated by the
18 efforts of Dr. Carolyn Holmes homes and Mrs. Diane
19 Partee (ph) of the School District's African-
20 American Studies Department. For many years, these
21 women have put their hearts and souls into
22 organizing this program, and I'd like to have
23 Dr. Holmes and Miss Partee to please stand and be
24 recognized.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And if you watch the
3 school channel, you will see them on there all the
4 time with this program.

5 In addition, I would like to note that for
6 many years, Mellon Bank was the prime sponsor for
7 this event; however, I am proud to recognize that
8 Citizens Bank has assumed the role of prime sponsor
9 for this very special and historic event. We asked
10 to have them come today, but they couldn't, but we
11 want to thank Citizens Bank and ask you to give
12 them a round of applause.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We want to thank the
15 Citizens Bank. Thank you very, very much for
16 picking up this worthwhile program and offering
17 their support.

18 Before we hear the orations from the three
19 first-place winners, I would like the following
20 participants, their coordinators and families to
21 please stand and be recognized. They are:
22 Elementary level, second-place winner, Kimberly
23 Steward, 6th grade, Beaver Middle School.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Please remain

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2 standing.
3 Third-place winner on the elementary
4 level, Ann Frazier, 6th grade, Sulzberger Middle
5 School.
6 (Applause.)
7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: 4th-place winner,
8 Alexis Dozier, 4th grade, Bryant Elementary.
9 (Applause.)
10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: That's our elementary
11 school place winners. Thank you very much. You
12 may be seated.
13 (Applause.)
14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Representing the
15 winners from the middle school, we have in
16 second-place Joseph Williams, 8th grade, Kenderton
17 Elementary.
18 (Applause.)
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: 3rd-place winner,
20 Carlondra Jointer, 8th grade, Pickett Middle.
21 (Applause.)
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We have two
23 third-place winners, they're tied: Andrea Spivey,
24 7th grade, Sultzberger Middle
25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you very much.

3 The upper level. Second place, Shane

4 Fletcher, 10th grade, Girls High.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Third place, Deonna

7 Reddy, 11th grade, Parkway.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Fourth place,

10 Charlene Brown, 12th grade, Masterman.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We will now hear from

13 the first-place winners in this order. First we'll

14 have Monique Fortune, who will represent the 6th

15 grade of the Amy School.

16 (Miss Fortune comes forward.)

17 (Applause.)

18 MISS FORTUNE: Do you know where your

19 dreams are? Do you know what you want out of life?

20 My oration is entitled "Success, the

21 African-American Dream Come True." It is about

22 famous African-Americans who planned their future

23 and knew what they wanted out of life.

24 Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My

25 name is Monique Fortune, and I'm a 6th-grader at

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2 of Mary McLeod Bethune, who arose from the pain and
3 poverty of the (indiscernible) to become an
4 educator of the highest calibre. It was her dream
5 and purpose to open up her own school. As she put
6 it, "Your knowledge is essentially to rear
7 increasing numbers of strong, purposeful men and
8 women equipped with vision, mental clarity, health,
9 and education."

10 My message today is (indiscernible) of
11 Mary McLeod Bethune. Today is the day you should
12 prepare for your future. We have to make changes
13 in this society in order to accomplish our dreams.
14 Don't let someone stare you in the face and tell
15 you that you can't become a scientist or you can't
16 become a doctor; you can become anything you put
17 your mind to.

18 Even though we have made mistakes in the
19 past, Dr. Martin Luther King urged us to seek a
20 chance for challenge rather than sadness over our
21 pain. We do not want to grow up being someone on
22 the corner, begging for money or a drug dealer on
23 the streets. We do not want to become victims of
24 shootings, drug overdose, or ignorance.

25 We face the challenge today. Do not let

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2 anything distract you from your success story and
3 becoming an African-American dream come true.

4 I want to become a scientist, I'm going to
5 become a scientist. A successful tomorrow is a
6 reality, but only for those who prepare for it
7 today.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you so much,
11 Monique.

12 Our next winner representing the middle
13 level is Jenne Ayers, 8th grade, Masterman School.

14 (Applause.)

15 MISS AYERS: To my right is the door of
16 education, to my left is the door of employment, in
17 front of me is the door of success, and behind me
18 is the door of justice. And I go around the room
19 and I try to open every door, but the doors won't
20 open. I become frustrated. Why won't these doors
21 open. Then I stand back and I look, and I see
22 every one of my peers open the same doors and go
23 through.

24 So again, I try these doors and they still
25 won't open. Why won't these doors open for me?

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2 Then suddenly, it dawned on me: I need a
3 key.

4 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My
5 name is Jenne Ayers. I am an 8th-grade student at
6 the J.R. Masterman School. The title of my oration
7 is "The Key: It's Already Been Carved."

8 Websters' definition of a key is a means
9 of access, control or possession. For over
10 millions of years, African-Americans have had the
11 key inside of them. The possession of this key
12 gives you the power to unlock every door that is
13 before you. This key gives you access to your
14 God-given gifts. It allows you to gain control of
15 different aspects of your life. The key is the
16 most valuable thing that African-Americans have
17 today.

18 The key has been carved since the
19 beginning of time. It was being carved when the
20 first stone laid in place to build the great
21 pyramids in Egypt and when Egyptians created the
22 first calendar. It was being carved when the great
23 ruler (indiscernible) led the Maui empire.

24 Although it may seem that all was lost
25 during the Middle Passage, our ancestors kept the

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2 key nestled safe in their hearts during that long,
3 treacherous journey across the ocean to a foreign
4 land called America.

5 When our ancestors first set foot on
6 American soil, the carving of this key did not
7 stop. Harriet Tubman continued to carve it when
8 she led over 300 brave slaves to freedom.

9 The carving continued when, in 1884,
10 Frederick Douglas wrote a letter in which he
11 stated, "I am for any movement whenever there is a
12 good cause to promote, a right to assert, a chain
13 to be broken, a burden to be removed, or a wall to
14 be redressed."

15 The carving continued when, in the spring
16 of 1843, Isabelle Balfry left her home in New York
17 City with 25 cents, a new dress and a new name,
18 Sojourner Truth. Sojourner Truth became the first
19 outstanding African-American woman to speak out
20 publicly against slavery.

21 To ensure that the key was never lost, our
22 ancestors passed it onto their children by picking
23 them up, sitting them on their laps, nestled close
24 to bosoms, and singing old Negro spirituals like
25 Amazing Grace; O, Brother, Don't Get Weary; and

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2 Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen. These are the
3 songs that are deep in our soul. In times of
4 despair, we can think of these songs, and they will
5 carry us through the storm and into the light,
6 'cause trouble don't last always.

7 When Rosa Parks did not give up her seat
8 on that bus, she was carving the key that would
9 open the door of determination.

10 When Martin Luther King Jr. marched that
11 day in Selma, Alabama, he was carving the key that
12 would the open door of nonviolence.

13 When James Johnston wrote the Negro
14 National Anthem, he was carving the key that would
15 open the door of unity.

16 When Mary McLeod Bethune founded the
17 Bethune-Cookman College, she was carving the key
18 that would open the door of education.

19 Even though the key was not completely
20 carved for our ancestors, they still managed to get
21 through the door by knocking down discrimination,
22 knocking down segregation, and knocking down
23 injustices.

24 Our history was not lost, as some might
25 think. Our history may not be written in school

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2 textbooks or easily found in libraries, but our
3 history is written in our hearts, and the authors
4 of our history books are our ancestors. Our
5 ancestors gave us the key so that we can open this
6 book and other doors that need to be open in our
7 life.

8 I know that it may be frustrating due to
9 the fact that we cannot trace our history back to
10 Africa on a piece of paper. This was because
11 ancestors were not given the opportunity to record
12 this information. Even though they could not read
13 or write, they were still breaking down racial
14 barriers and other injustices so that we could have
15 physical evidence that our history exists.

16 Through this physical evidence and some
17 written books, we know that our history did not
18 begin with slavery, and no one can take that away
19 from us.

20 Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "It is
21 impossible to create a formula for the future which
22 does not take into account that our society has
23 been doing something special against the Negro for
24 hundreds of years. How, then, can he be absorbed
25 into the mainstream of American life if we do not

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2 do something special for him now in order to
3 balance the equation and equip him to compete on a
4 just and equal basis.

5 In asking for something special, the Negro
6 is not seeking charity; he does not want to
7 languish on welfare rolls anymore than the next
8 man; he does not want to be given a job that he
9 cannot handle; neither, however, does he want to be
10 told that there is no place where he can be trained
11 to handle it.

12 The problem that we are faced with as
13 African-Americans today is that we have the key in
14 our hearts; we just don't use it. It's not that we
15 don't have wisdom or knowledge; our ancestors gave
16 it to us. It's not that we don't have courage,
17 determination, or willpower; our ancestors proved
18 we did when they fought against discrimination.
19 It's not that we have to knock down the door; our
20 ancestors did that for us.

21 My brothers and my sisters, what is the
22 problem? Time is precious. The key is not
23 knowledge, wisdom or, determination itself, but the
24 utilization of these things to bring about a
25 change. Our ancestors went through the difficult

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2 obstacles so that we could have a smooth race, our
3 ancestors endured the hurts and pain so that we
4 could go through life pain-free. Our ancestors
5 died so that we might live.

6 All you have to do is search in your
7 heart, find the key, put it in the hole, rotate it
8 once, and turn the knob, and then the hardest part
9 is over. The last thing you have to do is walk
10 through the door.

11 Our ancestors taught us that once we have
12 had opened the door, we should tell our brothers
13 and sisters about it and use it to help the
14 progression of the African-American community.

15 Only when every African-American has come
16 to this realization can we truly be a free people.
17 The sooner you find the key, the closer we are to
18 becoming completely free of our shackles of
19 ignorance, drugs, and poverty.

20 So I say to you, ask and it will be given
21 to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door
22 will be open to you. For everyone who asks
23 receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who
24 knocks, the door shall be opened.

25 Thank you.

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2 (Standing ovation.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Great job, Jenne and
4 also to Monique.

5 And our final presentation from the upper
6 level will be by Sean Linder, 10th grade, Northeast
7 High School.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. LINDER: My name is Sean Tremain
10 Linder. I am a 10th-grade student at Northeast
11 High School, and the title of my oration is
12 "Internalize Racist Oppression."

13 When you look at me, whom do you see? Do
14 you see a future visionary who will soon change the
15 world? Do you see your ancestors who have
16 flourished the earth? Do you see a future prospect
17 of America? Do you see our ancient theories and
18 philosophies that are continuously being proven to
19 be true? Who do you think I am?

20 African-Americans, especially African-
21 American males, are constantly confronted and
22 threatened by discrimination and racism. This
23 discrimination results in IRO, internalized racist
24 oppression. This form of oppression causes us as
25 African-Americans to believe that we are only able

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2 to fit a small mode of expectations and
3 stereotypes. We also begin to refer to each other
4 using negative language. We stifle our
5 self-esteem, and by being subject to this type of
6 domination, we allow ourselves to become mentally
7 oppressed.

8 What do we need to do? We need to go back
9 to our communities and build libraries. We're
10 told, "If you need to hide anything from a black
11 man, put it in a book." We need to prove this
12 saying not to be true.

13 The high school dropout rate for white
14 students is at 7 percent; while for African-
15 Americans, it's almost doubled, at 16 percent. We
16 need to change these statistics.

17 We need to make sure our children are
18 reading books, we need to make sure our children
19 are reading books. We need to change our economic
20 priorities. We need to teach our children not only
21 of physical dependence but of mental dependence.
22 We need to teach our children not only the value of
23 the buck but the value of the book, which you can
24 buy with the buck that you now know the value of.
25 We as African-Americans need to be the ones reading

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2 and writing books. We need to be the ones teaching
3 our children. Our youth need to be the ones who
4 decide that they're not going to have their minds
5 mishapen.

6 Our youth must be the once to point out
7 the oxymorons like "stupid black kid" and
8 "unintelligent Negro." Our children need to know
9 that they can be all that they can be without
10 enlisting in the Army.

11 We also need not let the Euro-dominated TV
12 wigs lie to us about the crime and disorganization
13 among African-American families. It's "Tell-lie
14 vision," it tells lies to your vision. We're being
15 lied to by statistics.

16 They're telling us that we're responsible
17 for the majority of the crime around the U.S.,
18 they're telling us that we won't succeed so we
19 might as well not try. They're telling us that the
20 black man's home is our jail. We are strong
21 peoples and we need to know that the proportion of
22 African-Americans who are criminals are small, and
23 that of those who are drug-users, only 12 percent
24 are African-American. And although we may become
25 infuriated, we should also know that of those who

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2 are incarcerated for drug-related crimes, 40
3 percent are African-Americans, when only 12 percent
4 of those who use drugs are African-American. We
5 cannot continue to have ourselves be lied to.

6 Now, although poverty has been down since
7 the early '70s, it is still a great problem among
8 African-Americans in the U.S. We are not teaching
9 our children how to grasp the opportunities around
10 us. As a minority, we are already being
11 shortchanged in our resources, but we need to
12 understand that and do something about it.

13 According to the 1990 census, of the
14 people living in non-poverty areas, 6 percent were
15 African-American, only 6 percent. Same census of
16 the same year says, of the people living in these
17 same areas, 87 percent were whites. In the areas
18 where poverty ran rampant, 30 percent were
19 African-American, compared to, in the non-poverty
20 areas, where only 6 percent are African-American.

21 We also have the lowest median household
22 income among whites and minorities.

23 This must change, and it can only change
24 with unity within the community. And many of the
25 problems that we are having as a community are

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2 because of internalized racist oppression.

3 What is it? Well, before we discover what
4 is it, we need to realize that what we're teaching
5 our children is not the right thing. We are
6 teaching our children that they need to get out,
7 they need an education to get out, they need to go
8 to the Army to get out. We are in a struggle as
9 African-Americans. Our children need to be taught
10 that they need to get in the struggle.

11 And one of the struggles that we have is
12 internalized racist oppression. What is it? Well,
13 when we have a new idea and we hear in our minds
14 that it won't succeed, that's internalized racist
15 oppression. When we see a young man on the corner
16 and we assume he's a juvenile delinquent, that's
17 internalized racist oppression. When we see our
18 young children and their pants are hanging off
19 their butts, and we say they'll grow up to be
20 nothing, that's internalized racist oppression.

21 Now what do you think I am?

22 (Mr. Linder removes top layer
23 of conservative clothing and now
24 appears in casual wear.)

25 Now who do you think I am? Do I look like

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2 a thug who you can't trust? Do I look like a
3 future inmate who tells his story through a plastic
4 glass? Do I remind you of the scum of the earth?

5 I'm the same man who stood before you
6 today with his collared shirt and his neatly-
7 pressed pants. Now I have on a dew rag, baggy
8 jeans, and a T-shirt.

9 I am the same man. But now who do you
10 think I am?

11 Thank you.

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Let's give all of our
14 winners another round of applause.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We are always excited
17 to have the winners come to City Council to make
18 their presentations. We thank them for taking the
19 time to participate in the process. We thank them
20 for their commitment, and we wish them well as they
21 grow and develop and become the outstanding
22 citizens we know they will become.

23 I want to again thank Dr. Carolyn Holmes
24 for her leadership, along with Miss Partee for
25 continuing to make sure that this program stays as

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2 a part of our school programs. And they have had a
3 struggle sometimes, but we thank you for your
4 commitment. This is a worthwhile project that we
5 support, and I want to again thank Citizens Bank.
6 I invite our Council colleagues to come to lunch at
7 the Crowne Plaza at 12:30.

8 Again, thank you, Madam President for the
9 time that we have here in City Council to present
10 these outstanding students.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Let's give them
13 another round of applause. Please stand.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And we certainly want
16 to thank the parents because it's because of the
17 parents that these students are where they are.

18 We want to thank the supporters of each
19 school, the teachers and support staff that work
20 with these students, and we are just grateful for
21 everybody. This is what we can do in our public
22 schools, and we appreciate it.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be
25 at ease.

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2 (Council stands at ease.)

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4 (Proceedings resume.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is communications. The Chair requests
4 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from
5 the Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will please read
6 the messages from the Mayor.

7 THE CLERK: To the President and members
8 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
9 pleased to advise you that on March 13, 2002, I
10 signed the following bill that was passed by
11 Council at its session on February 28, 2002, Bill
12 No. 020036.

13 And I am transmitting herewith for the
14 introduction and consideration of your honorable
15 body an ordinance authorizing the Managing Director
16 or her designee to enter into an agreement on
17 behalf of the City of Philadelphia with the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through its
19 Department of Public Health, for the City to
20 administer a managed-care program under the name
21 "Health Choice Behavioral Health."

22 And an ordinance amending Title 9 of the
23 Philadelphia Code by amending Section 9-203
24 relating to street vendors and Section 9-205
25 relating to sidewalk sales, by prohibiting street

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2 and sidewalk vending on certain portions of
3 Callowhill Street and 16th Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
5 will be printed in the Journal. The clerk will
6 please read any other communications in her
7 possession.

8 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is the introduction of bills and
4 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for a motion.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
9 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
14 consideration of resolutions at the time of
15 introduction.

16 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney, if
20 he's in the room.

21 (Councilman Kenney not present
22 at this time.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. This morning, I introduce one
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
5 clerk will please read the title.

6 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
7 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
8 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
9 of Philadelphia deeds located in the 3rd and 6th
10 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
18 adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it and the motion carries

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks

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2 gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
5 offer one bill, one privileged resolution, and
6 another resolution, which also requires a vote.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
8 clerk will please read the title of the bill.

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 17
10 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contract and
11 Procurement," by adding Chapter 17-1100, entitled
12 "Ban on Purchase of Motor Vehicle Fuels containing
13 MTVE," prohibiting the City from entering into
14 contracts for the purchase of motor vehicle fuel
15 containing methyl tertiary butyl ether, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
18 referred to the appropriate committee.

19 The clerk will please read the title of
20 the first resolution.

21 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
22 City Council Committee on Law and Government to
23 conduct a full and comprehensive investigation of
24 allegations that biological and chemical research
25 was forced upon people incarcerated in the

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2 Philadelphia prisons during the years 1949 to 1974.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

4 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I move

6 the adoption of the resolution and seek to be

7 heard.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

10 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

12 President.

13 In this room today are a number of people
14 who are survivors of a bizarre episode -- we at
15 least hope it was bizarre in that it occurred only
16 once -- of a strange experimentation in which human
17 beings who were prisoners in the Philadelphia
18 prisons complex were used as human experiments for
19 chemical and biological research conducted largely,
20 as the prisoners understood it, by the University
21 Pennsylvania. They were promised a few extra
22 dollars for spending money. They were assured that
23 there would be no evil consequences occurring, that
24 these were kinds of routine tests that were being
25 made.

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2 What happened was that thousands of
3 Philadelphians, who were prisoners, most of whom
4 returned to civil life and have lived an exemplary
5 life since their periods of incarceration, were
6 subjected to experimentation which caused them
7 severe injuries. We fear that many deaths were
8 caused. And today, many years after the
9 experiments which began in 1949 and continued for
10 25 years through 1974, many of the victims of that
11 experimentation are now suffering from all kinds of
12 physical ailments and dangers to their lives.

13 The purpose of this resolution is to shed
14 light on what I referred to originally as "a
15 bizarre occurrence." Philadelphia is a place known
16 for its dedication to liberty and freedom, not to
17 its subjection of human beings to experimentation
18 as if they were nothing other than animals.

19 And, therefore, I'm urging upon my
20 colleagues a unanimous vote of support. I am
21 pleased to announce that over a dozen
22 Councilmembers have already sponsored this
23 resolution.

24 Would those who are here who were in the
25 prisons at the time please stand. I see they're

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2 standing with placards talking a little about the
3 circumstances to which they were subjected
4 Thank you, Madam President.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
6 A motion was made and seconded that the
7 resolution be adopted.
8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
9 Those opposed?
10 The ayes have it, and the resolution will
11 be referred to the appropriate committee.
12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 the second resolution.
14 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring HIAS,
15 the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of the Council of
16 Migration Services of Philadelphia on their 120th
17 anniversary.
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Cohen.
20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I move
21 the adoption of the resolution.
22 (Duly seconded.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
24 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
25 adopted.

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2 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
3 Those opposed?
4 The ayes have it and the resolution has
5 been adopted.
6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President,
9 I offer one bill.
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
11 clerk will please read the title of the bill.
12 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 4
13 of the Philadelphia Code, the Philadelphia Building
14 Construction, and Occupancy Code, by adding section
15 PM, entitled "Penalties," to include provisions for
16 the issuance of a code violation notice in a
17 specific amount to persons who are licensed under
18 this section and fail to notify the Department of
19 changes.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
21 referred to the appropriate committee.
22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.
23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
24 have no bills or resolutions.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
4 offer two resolutions and one bill.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
6 please read the title of the bill.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
8 Managing Director, or her designees, to enter into
9 an agreement on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
10 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting
11 through its Department of Public Welfare, for the
12 City to administer a managed-care program under the
13 name "Health Choices Behavioral Health."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
15 referred to the appropriate committee.

16 The clerk will please read the title of
17 the first resolution

18 THE CLERK: And a resolution recognizing
19 May 9, 2002 as "Women's Way Day" in the City of
20 Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
24 move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
4 adopted.

5 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the second resolution.

10 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
11 City Council Committee on Law and Government to
12 conduct a full and comprehensive investigation of
13 the desirability of offering mile-based insurance
14 to drivers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and
15 directing the committee to communicate its findings
16 to the Mayor's Task Force on Automobile Insurance.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
20 move for the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
25 would like to speak on the resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

5 In an effort to crack down on the illegal
6 drivers, the City of Philadelphia will begin
7 citywide enforcement of its Live Stop Program in
8 June. Although I'm supportive of the Live Stop
9 Program and its intent, I also know that the
10 largest barrier that many Philadelphians face in
11 trying to comply with the law is the unconscionably
12 high cost of automobile insurance.

13 And I know that as a Council, we have
14 adopted several resolutions decrying the pricing
15 practices of insurance carriers which charge
16 Philadelphia drivers more than twice the rate
17 charged to residents of the surrounding four
18 counties.

19 However, today, I have introduced this
20 resolution calling for Council to investigate the
21 possibility of offering an unconventional type of
22 car insurance called "mile-based insurance" to
23 drivers in the City of Philadelphia and
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

25 The State of Texas was the first state in

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2 the nation to approve the selling of mile-based
3 insurance, which allows drivers to purchase car
4 insurance by the mile versus the traditional
5 dollar-per-year coverage.

6 I must say that I agree with Texas State
7 Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemeo (ph), who
8 stated, and I quote, "Anything that may lower auto
9 insurance rates as well as make a dent in the
10 number of uninsured drivers on the road is good for
11 Texas."

12 And I think that the mile-based insurance
13 is a measure worth investigating for possible use
14 in Philadelphia and in the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania. I do know that in 1992, Congressman
16 Chaka Fattah, who was then a state senator, along
17 with former State Representative Andrew Carn,
18 attempted to address this issue in the legislature.

19 Well, with the Live Stop Program in mind,
20 I think it is fitting that our legislative body
21 review this issue for the benefit of our respective
22 constituencies. After our public hearing, we will
23 forward our findings to the Pennsylvania General
24 Assembly and to the Mayor's Task Force on
25 Automobile Insurance, chaired by my colleague

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2 Councilman Darrell Clarke. I think it's an idea
3 worth exploring, and I look forward to a healthy
4 discussion around this mile-based insurance.

5 Thank you, Madam President. I ask my
6 colleagues to support it.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 A motion was made and it was seconded that
9 the resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the resolution will
13 be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I have no bills or resolutions
25 this morning.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
9 President. No bills or resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I offer three bills an four
14 resolutions, one resolution honoring the --
15 commemorating the 30th anniversary of Women in
16 Transition, and it was signed by all members of
17 City Council.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
19 clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
21 Neighborhood Improvement District in the area
22 bounded generally by the eastern side of Tulip
23 Street and the northern side of Allegheny Avenue.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
25 referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
3 801 Market Street Holdings, owners of the property
4 801 Market Street, to construct, use, own, and
5 maintain two private pedestrian light posts with
6 underground appurtenances and conduit on and under
7 the west footway of Eighth Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
9 also be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
11 801 Market Street Holdings, owners of the property
12 801 Market Street, to construct, own, and maintain
13 four concrete planters and three steel pipe
14 bollards on the west footway of Eighth Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
16 referred to the appropriate committee.

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 the first resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution initiating action
20 to establish a Neighborhood Improvement District in
21 an area bounded generally on eastern side of Tulip
22 Street, the northern side of Allegheny Avenue, and
23 the western side of Amber Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
7 adopted.

8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and -- Councilman, is
11 this to be referred to a committee?

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: (Shakes head.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No? The
14 resolution has been adopted.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 the second resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A resolution approving the
18 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement
19 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
21 renewal of a portion of the Whitman Urban Renewal
22 area.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I move for the adoption of the
3 resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
7 adopted.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the resolution has
11 been adopted.

12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 the next resolution.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
16 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
17 of Philadelphia deeds located in 5th, 25th, and
18 31st Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I move for the adoption of the
23 resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted

4 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, and the motion carries.

7 The clerk will please read the final
8 resolution.

9 THE CLERK: A resolution commemorating the
10 30th anniversary of Women in Transition and
11 applauding the successful history of empowering
12 women and applauding their successful history of
13 empowering women in the greater Philadelphia region

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madame
17 President. I move the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been moved
20 and properly seconded that the resolution be
21 adopted.

22 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
3 have no bills or resolutions

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, one
7 bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
9 please read the title of the bill.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 9
11 of the Philadelphia Code by amending Section 9-203
12 relating to street vendors and Section 9-205
13 relating to by sidewalk sales by prohibiting street
14 and sidewalk vending on certain portions of
15 Callowhill and 16th Streets and creating a Special
16 Vendor District on certain portions of Callow Hill
17 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
19 referred to the appropriate committee.

20 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Longstreth.

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President, I
23 have no bills or resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
3 bills or resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our next item of
3 business is reports from committees, and the Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report from the
5 Rules Committee.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
7 President. The Rules Committee reports out five
8 bills with favorable recommendations.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
10 please read the report.

11 THE CLERK: To the President and members
12 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
13 Committee on Rules to which was referred:

14 Bill No. 010635, an ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zonings
16 designations of certain areas of land;

17 and Bill No. 020041, an ordinance to amend
18 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
19 designations of certain areas of land;

20 and Bill No. 020050, an ordinance amending
21 Title 14 of Philadelphia Code relating to zoning
22 planning by amending Chapter 14-1600, entitled
23 "Miscellaneous," by amending Section 14-1610,
24 entitled "Old City Residential Area Special
25 District Controls";

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2 and Bill No. 020088, an ordinance to amend
3 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
4 designations of certain areas of land;

5 and Bill No. 020095, an ordinance amending
6 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
7 zoning and planning by amending Section 1401615,
8 entitled "Main Street Manayunk Special District
9 Controls," by amending certain prohibited uses and
10 the Sunset Provision, all under certain terms and
11 conditions

12 respectfully reports it has considered the
13 same and returns attached the bills to Council with
14 a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
18 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
19 to permit first reading this day 010635, 020041,
20 020050, 020088, and 020095.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
25 this day of Bill No.'s 010635, 020041, 020050,

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2 020088, and 020095.

3 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the bills just read
6 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

7 That concludes the reports from
8 committees.

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1 3/14/02 STATED - FIRST-READING BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our next
3 business is the consideration of the calendar. The
4 clerk will please read the bills on the
5 first-reading calendar.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020024, an ordinance
7 amending an ordinance approved April 4, 2001 (Bill
8 No. 010001) relating to the Capital Program for the
9 six fiscal years 2002 through 2007 by increasing and
10 adding projects and amounts in certain departments.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020025, an
14 ordinance amending an ordinance approved April 4,
15 2001, (Bill No. 010002) relating to the Fiscal 2002
16 Capital Budget by increasing and adding projects
17 and amounts in departments

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010635, an
21 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zonings Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations on certain areas
23 of land.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020041, an
3 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
4 changing the zoning designation of certain areas of
5 land located within an area bounded by Gillian
6 Street, Tackawanna Street, Orthodox Street, and
7 Ditman Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020050, an
11 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
12 Code relating to zoning and planning by amending
13 Section 14-1610, entitled "Old City Residential
14 Area Special District Controls, "all under certain
15 terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020088, an
19 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
20 changing the zoning designations of certain areas
21 of land.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020095, an
25 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia

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2 Code relating to zoning and planning by amending
3 Section 14-1615, entitled "Main Street Manayunk
4 Special District Controls, all under certain terms
5 and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 May I see a the clerk a minute, please.
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10 (The clerk and Council
11 President Verna confer off the
12 record.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bills read
14 by the clerk will be placed on the second-reading
15 and final-passage calendar for our next session of
16 Council.

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1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL-READING - BILL 010232

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair at
3 this time recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
4 purpose of calling up bills on the second reading
5 and final-passage calendar to be considered today.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 Today, Bill No.'s 020026, 020027, and 020
9 are being called for second reading and final
10 passage.

11 Bill No. 010232 is being recommitted to
12 committee, and all other bills being held.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The clerk will please read the title of
15 Bill No. 010232.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020026, an ordinance
17 amending an ordinance approved by the Mayor on
18 October 11 -- I'm sorry, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill 010232.

20 THE CLERK: Bill 010232, an ordinance
21 Section 9-204 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
22 "Sidewalk Vendors in Center City," by exempting
23 sidewalk sales by owners and tenants of the
24 properties in the 900, 1000, and the 1100 blocks of
25 Pine Street; and regulating such activity under the

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL-READING - BILL 010232
2 sidewalk sales provisions of Section 9-205 of the
3 Philadelphia Code, all under certain terms and
4 conditions.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 I'm sorry.
9 (Laughter.)
10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I'm sorry.
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It must be a
12 very interesting conversation.
13 I think it's your desire to recommit the
14 bill?
15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's correct, Madam
16 President.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A motion was
18 made to recommit Bill No. 010232. Is there a
19 second?
20 (Duly seconded.)
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All of those in
22 favor will say aye.
23 Those opposed??
24 The ayes have it, and the motion carries.
25 Bill No. 010232 will be recommitted to committee.

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020026

2 The clerk will please read the title of
3 Bill No. 020026.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an
5 ordinance approved by the Mayor on October 11, 2000
6 (Bill No. 000535) authorizing a loan in the amount
7 of \$162,135,000 subject to the approval of the
8 electors at the November 7, 2000 election to reduce
9 the total amount of the loan authorized by said
10 ordinance to \$120,935,000.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
12 been read on two different days, the question now
13 is, shall the bill pass finally?

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020026
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020027

2 majority of all members of City Council having
3 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 The next bill being called for
5 consideration is Bill No. 020027.

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
7 creation of a loan, or loans, to provide funds for
8 and towards various capital municipal purposes,
9 providing for obtaining the consent of the electors
10 to increasing the indebtedness of the City of
11 Philadelphia and fixing a day for holding the
12 election for obtaining such consent, and providing
13 for the arrangements for holding such election.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
15 been read on two different days, the question now
16 is, shall the bill pass finally?

17 The clerk will please call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020027
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020047

2 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all motorcycles having voted in the
6 affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The final bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 020047.

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
10 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "City
11 Funds, Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
12 amending Section 19-201, entitled "City
13 Depositories," by requiring a statement of
14 community reinvestment goals for low- and
15 moderate-income neighborhoods in the City of
16 Philadelphia

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
18 been read on two different days, the question now
19 is, shall the bill pass finally?

20 The clerk will please call the roll.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020047
2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

1 3/14/02 STATED - FINAL READING - BILL 020047

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A

8 majority of all motorcycles having voted in the

9 affirmative, the bill passes

10 That concludes calendar for today.

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1 3/14/02 STATED - SPEECHES

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
3 speeches on the part of the Minority?

4 (No speeches on the part of
5 the Minority.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
7 speeches on the part of the Majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
10 President.

11 Just for a moment, a matter of concern to
12 me. I've been a very strong supporter of the war
13 on terrorism. I thought the President led a
14 tremendous coalition of countries in a very
15 difficult, but very important, struggle.

16 But I must say that I've become very
17 disturbed recently about this nuclear saber-
18 rattling by the President, threatening other
19 countries with nuclear warfare to be initiated by
20 the United States if there are any threats coming
21 from them. I think that that kind of threat is bad
22 because of the huge dangers to the whole world's
23 existence of nuclear weaponry.

24 I think it's one thing to be a leader of
25 the free world coalition of nations; it's something

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2 else to assume the role of being the world
3 policeman and to say, We're going to act no matter
4 what any other countries do.

5 So I'm just suggesting to everybody, let's
6 keep listing, let's keep watching, and let's keep
7 hoping that the United States returns to the policy
8 of being a world leader, not a world bully.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
13 other speeches on the part of the Majority?

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 I'd just like to give my Council
18 colleagues an update. Last year, they were
19 courageous to pass by a unanimous vote Bill 715 on
20 predatory lending, and although our state preempted
21 the bill, the bill has had an impact nationally
22 across this country. Many cities have passed forms
23 of the bill, are working along with the ACORN
24 group. The bills have taken various forms and
25 shapes.

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2 But an interesting story, and I will
3 circulate, and have circulated, an article that
4 appeared in the Philadelphia Weekly that the Mayor
5 of Cleveland, Ohio, in the face of her state
6 passing a law that says local jurisdictions could
7 not pass predatory-lending laws, anti-predatory-
8 lending laws, she and her council unanimously
9 passed a predatory-lending bill to protect the
10 citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, and told the State, if
11 they want to, they could sue them, but they were
12 going to protect their citizens.

13 And I will tell you, it is a national
14 problem.

15 We're real pleased also to report that the
16 predatory-lending issue has become a part of the
17 national policy of the National League of Cities,
18 and you will see it in the policy book, which will
19 probably be sent to you by the National League of
20 Cities.

21 Again, I want to thank my colleagues for
22 that vote and let them know that we may have lost
23 that battle, but we have not lost the war; we are
24 still waging it around the country.

25 And they are recognized -- this Council is

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2 always recognized for the work that we did and the
3 vote that we gave to that issue. So, again, I say
4 thank you very much.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
6 Councilwoman, you are to be credited with that. I
7 think you worked very long and very hard to bring
8 it to the attention of not only the members of this
9 Council but, as you say, it's now being called to
10 the attention of many, many other city councils.

11 So we applaud you for getting so involved.
12 You did a fabulous job.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
15 O'Neill, did you want to be recognized?

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, please, Madam
17 President. I would just like to go on the record
18 as supporting the President and recognizing this
19 country as a world leader, and I don't think it's
20 anything we have to return to. We are clearly a
21 world leader, the world leader.

22 And to the extent that someone may report
23 that the President is using bully tactics, it
24 usually comes from a personal perspective, and I
25 assume that the information the President is using

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2 during a time of war is something that's a little
3 more creditable than anything we have in this room.

4 So I would want to make sure that the
5 record reflects that Councilman Cohen's opinion is
6 not unanimous, and at least one member of this
7 Council disagrees with him.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 Are there any other speeches on the part
11 of the Minority or the Majority?

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
14 would also like to be counted basically on the same
15 position as Councilman O'Neill, that the record
16 shows that there are two members of this Council
17 that support the President.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're very
20 welcome.

21 Councilman Ortiz, I see that your light is
22 on.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
25 Ortiz, do you want to be recognized?

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes.

3 I wasn't going to say anything, but I
4 think my colleague Dave Cohen expressed something
5 that every American and every individual across the
6 world should be concerned about.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: When a country becomes
9 a leader and becomes the most powerful nation in
10 the world, does that mean that it gives them the
11 authority to use that power in whatever way they
12 deem necessary for their own interests, especially
13 when you're talking about nuclear warfare, because
14 just one mistake does not mean the end of Iraq; it
15 could mean just the end of the world as we know it.

16 And those of us who have read and lived
17 through the 13 days of the John Kennedy crisis over
18 the missiles in Cuba would understand what the
19 holocaust of nuclear warfare can mean and what a
20 policy of saber-rattling of the nature that is
21 being done by this administration.

22 And "the President, right or wrong" and
23 "my nation, right or wrong," has never been a
24 correct public policy and a correct national
25 policy. The President is wrong, and it is

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2 something that we need to begin looking at, talking
3 about it, or else, we will be led down a road in
4 which this nation and the people of this nation
5 will have no say in whatever happens to them in the
6 future. Remaining quiet at this point is not
7 something that we can afford to do.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 Are there any other speeches from members
12 of the committee?

13 (No further speeches.)

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1 3/14/02 STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
5 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
6 March 21st, at 10 a.m.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
9 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
10 until March 21, 2002, at 10 a.m.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it the motion carries.

14 Thank you.

15 (Proceedings end at 11:50
16 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing

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