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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 401, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 13, 2001
10:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCIO
COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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1 INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

3 I note that the hour has come and that quorum of
4 this Council is present. The Council will come to
5 order. Members will take their seats, and visitors
6 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Henry Floyd Johnson,
9 Pastor of Mount Tabor Baptist Church. He is here
10 today as the guest of Councilwoman Tasco.

11 All members and guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND FLOYD: Let us pray. Our
13 Father, we approach thy throne this morning as dear
14 children. You told us that you are father and that
15 you knew how to give good gifts if we ask for them,
16 so we ask all good things from you. Grant us wisdom
17 and grant us knowledge and grant us peace. Grant us
18 the conviction of our hearts and our minds to do the
19 right thing at all times. We come to you because we
20 know no other source of power to look to except thee
21 and thee alone that would help us through every
22 situation. We pray for peace and for wisdom in this
23 country and all over the world and know that you are
24 able to grant it. Pray for those who are less
25 fortunate than we are when we have plenty food and

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2 plenty clothing. If you will lead us, we will
3 always be thankful and we will return to you to give
4 thanksgiving for your mighty hand of guidance.
5 Through our Lord who died to save us. Amen.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 thanks Reverend Johnson for his inspiring
8 invocation.

9 Council will be at ease.

10 (Council at ease.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
12 of business is the approval of the journal of the
13 meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2000. And the
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the Journal of the
17 Meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2001 stand
18 approved.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
20 second?

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
24 Meeting of Thursday, December 6, 2001, stand
25 approved.

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2 All in favor will indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
8 it. The motion carries the Journal of the meeting
9 of Thursday, December 6, 2001 stands approved.

10 The next order of business is requests
11 for leaves of absence. The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. There are know requests for leaves
15 of absence today on the part of the majority.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks the Councilwoman.

18 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
21 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests for
22 leave of absence.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
24 The Chair will dispense with the regular order of
25 business to recognize the guests and visitors

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2 joining us in Chambers this morning.

3 On behalf of all members of City
4 Council, I welcome you to our Council session. We
5 appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
6 attend to the legislative affairs of our City. We
7 certainly invite you to come again.

8 It gives me great pleasure to present a group of 60
9 students from John Bartram High School. These young
10 people are studying law and they are accompanied by
11 there teacher Dr. MaryJo Lackey. I would ask that
12 Dr. Lackey and the students please rise so we can
13 recognize them.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We welcome
16 you.

17 At this time the Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Tasco who will make a presentation
19 honoring Lincoln University and Dr. Ivory Nelson.
20 Will Dr. Nelson and those accompanying him please
21 join the Councilwoman at the podium.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President,
23 Members of Council and guests, this morning we have
24 the distinct honor and privilege of recognizing one
25 of our areas regional treasures. I am referring

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2 none other than Lincoln University and its
3 president, Dr. Ivory Nelson. For the record, we
4 should note that Lincoln University is the alma
5 mater of the late Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall,
6 Port Langston, Philadelphia's own Sheriff John
7 Green, Judges Jackie Allen, Gregory Smith and Laban
8 Gordon, and the list goes on. So this morning I am
9 pleased to have Dr. Nelson and members of the
10 Lincoln University family in our presence. And I
11 will read the resolution honoring Lincoln University
12 and its president, Dr. Ivory Nelson.

13 Whereas, Lincoln University was founded
14 in 1854 in Chester County, and since that year the
15 university has continued to grow in size,
16 reputation, academic offerings and tradition. It
17 was America's first historically black university
18 and today it ranks second among all colleges and
19 university in this entire country and graduating
20 African-Americans with baccalaureate degrees in the
21 physical sciences; and

22 Whereas, this national distinction,
23 especially commendable since the university's
24 enrollment is only 1,850 students, represents
25 Lincoln's commitment to excellence in teaching,

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2 scholarly activity and learning. The university has
3 displayed determination to teach honesty, to
4 preserve and expand knowledge, and to remain an
5 intellectual and cultural resource for the region.
6 Thus, it has come to be counted among our regional
7 treasures and is held in highest esteem throughout
8 the economic community; and

9 Whereas, in August 1999, Lincoln gained
10 additional luster with the appointment of Dr. Ivory
11 V. Nelson as its president. A trained chemist, Dr.
12 Nelson is among the world's top scientists. His
13 career includes a lectureship at the presidency of
14 Central Washington University. While remaining true
15 to the university's mission, Dr. Nelson has taken
16 dramatic steps to move the university forward and
17 community outreach and economic achievement. In
18 addition, Dr. Nelson has also successfully lobbied
19 for and obtained a \$29.4 million state appropriation
20 for Lincoln University; and

21 Whereas, Lincoln University has
22 especially distinguished itself in the physical and
23 computer sciences ranking in the very top of
24 colleges and universities throughout the nation and
25 graduating minorities with baccalaureate degrees in

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2 computer and information sciences, as well
3 biological and life sciences. We note with great
4 pride that Lincoln is the only university in
5 Pennsylvania and one of only 20 universities
6 nationwide where 40 percent of its physics graduates
7 are women.

8 Now therefore, resolved by the Council
9 of the City of Philadelphia that we do hereby honor
10 the Lincoln University family and commend as
11 president Dr. Ivory V. Nelson. Together they have
12 made this Commonwealth, our country, an individuals
13 all walks of life stronger, smarter, and more
14 humanitarian, and we are grateful for there
15 contributions.

16 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
17 of this resolution be presented to Dr. Ivory Nelson
18 as evidence of the deep respect and sincere
19 admiration of this legislative body.

20 Certification that is a true and copy of
21 the original resolution adopted by the Council of
22 the City of Philadelphia on the 15th day of
23 November, 2001.

24 It is signed by President Verna,
25 introduced by Marian Tasco and supported by all

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2 Members of City Council. Thank you very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Dr. Nelson for remarks.

6 MR. NELSON: Good morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

8 MR. NELSON: Madam President, Honorable
9 Councilpersons, Councilwoman Tasco, and especially a
10 member of Councilwoman Tasco's staff, Ms. Sherelle
11 Parker, a distinguished Lincoln alumnus, I want to
12 personally thank you for taking the time and a
13 moment of your very precious time and your very busy
14 day to honor Lincoln University. It is really a
15 tribute and an honor to be president of an
16 institution that was founded in 1854 to provide for
17 quality education to African-Americans. Although we
18 are 50 miles away, I think you would be quite
19 surprised that 600 of our 1400 undergraduate
20 students are Philadelphians. We are indeed and
21 truly a part of Philadelphia.

22 As a representative of the university, I
23 get to stand here and receive the limelight and the
24 public honors. But I want to tell you, ladies and
25 gentlemen, that success that has occurred at this

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2 university is because of a lot of hard work by its
3 fine faculty, a lot of hard work by its alumni, a
4 lot of hard work by supporters of this university.

5 So I get to share the limelight, but they are a lot
6 of folks around who have made this university a
7 success.

8 We are indeed a part of this state. You
9 need to know that we are a part of this state. You
10 need to know that we have touched significant lives
11 in this state. You need to know that many of our
12 alumni reside in this state. And so when you hear
13 the Governor talk about technology and you want to
14 find African-Americans with technology, you look to
15 Lincoln University. And you need to know that. We
16 are here, we are an indigenous part of this great
17 state, and we need your support. We need your
18 support.

19 So on behalf of the faculty, the staff,
20 the board of trustees, and our 1800 plus students
21 and our 13,000 alumni who have graduated from this
22 great university in this past 147 years, I want to
23 thank the Council and especially you, Councilwoman
24 Tasco, for this resolution recognizing and singling
25 out the success that this university has had. And

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2 we will be looking to you as we move forward to
3 continue what we have done in the past because we
4 are indeed needy, to promote, to assist, and to
5 provide quality education for our young
6 African-American students and all other students who
7 choose to attend Lincoln University. So I want to
8 thank you this morning and God bless.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. NELSON: I have with me this morning
11 Mr. Michael Hill, Vice President for Development and
12 External Affairs; Dr. Julia Thomas, our Dean of
13 Social Science, Dr. Gladys Willis, our Dean of
14 Humanities, Mr. Ray Bond, who is President of our
15 Philadelphia alumni chapter, and Mr. Sam Presley who
16 is Director of our Marketing and Communications.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
19 Council will be at ease.

20 (Council at ease.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At this time
22 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski who will
23 present a resolution honoring the crew of the USS
24 Cole. Will Lieutenant Lex Walker and those
25 accompanying him please join the Councilwoman at the

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2 podium.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Is this
4 beautiful or is this beautiful?

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: This indeed is
7 a privilege to stand here to honor a crew of
8 gentlemen and ladies. Believe me, I'm very, very
9 proud.

10 A resolution honoring and commending the
11 officers and crew of the USS Cole for their heroic
12 acts of bravery and remembering those who gave their
13 lives in the service of our country on board the USS
14 Cole on October 12, 2000.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the USS
16 Cole was certified and deployed from Norfolk,
17 Virginia on August 8, 2000; and

18 Whereas, the ship was sent to conduct
19 operations in the Mediterranean Sea which lasted
20 until October 2000 and then was ordered to travel to
21 Suez Canal in order to conduct maritime operations
22 in the north on the Arabian Gulf in support of the
23 enforcement of the United Nations Security Council
24 Resolution; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, on

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2 October 12, 2000, the USS Cole while making a brief
3 refueling stop in the Port Yemen was rammed by a
4 boat filled with explosives, a deed perpetrated by
5 nameless, faceless cowards; and

6 Whereas, due to this gutless and
7 spineless act of terrorism, 17 crew members lost
8 their lives and an additional 39 seaman were
9 severely injured; and

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, in the face
11 of this enormous tragedy, the officers and crew of
12 the USS Cole continually manned the ship, doing a
13 significant job in stabilizing the conditions on
14 board, moving the injured to safety, saving the ship
15 from sinking in the ensuing aftermath, and finally
16 making preparations for returning the ship to the
17 continental United States for repair; and whereas

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Since that faithful
19 October day, the officers and members of the Cole
20 have received numerous awards, including 54 purple
21 hearts and over 100 other decorations for their
22 heroic acts on; and

23 Whereas, on September 14, 2001, in a
24 symbolic message to the rest of the world about this
25 nation's resolve, the USS Cole was relaunched to

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2 defend our country against the terrorism that it
3 tried to sink the ship less than one year before.

4 Now, therefore, be it

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by the
6 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
7 honor and commend the officers and crew of the USS
8 Cole for their heroic acts of bravery and also
9 remember those who gave their lives in the service
10 of our country on board the USS Cole on October 12,
11 2000.

12 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
13 of this resolution be presented to the crew of the
14 USS Cole as further evidence of the sincere
15 admiration of this legislative body. This is a true
16 and correct copy. Signed by the President of City
17 Council and adopted Council of City of Philadelphia
18 on the 29th of November 2001. Signed by the
19 President of City Council, Anna C. Verna, and
20 sponsored by all members of City Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Lieutenant Walker for remarks.

24 LIEUTENANT WALKER: Thank you. Over 14
25 months, our nation was called to task and rallied

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2 greatly around the crew of the Cole. We had an
3 unfortunate situation and everyone showed their
4 strength, the unity of this nation, and the pride
5 behind us and our resolve. Standing with me today
6 are but a small cross-section of our crew, some of
7 which were there on that 12th day of October, 2000.

8 This past September, the nation was
9 again called to task and again responded with great
10 courage, morals, support, and strength. We showed
11 our resolve and we will return Cole to sea just like
12 our nation will return to its prominence throughout
13 the world. We thank you very much for your
14 hospitality, Philadelphia, for gratuitousness and,
15 again, thank you for having us here.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
18 much. Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Kenney who will make our next
22 presentation, a resolution honoring the United
23 States Postal Service. Will Leonard Thomas, our
24 City Hall postal carrier and those accompanying him
25 please join the Councilman at the podium.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
4 President. It is right and proper that since 9/11
5 we are honoring members of the military, our armed
6 services, public safety workers, police officers and
7 fire fighters who we have often taken for granted
8 every day until 9/11 and witnessed firsthand their
9 valor and integrity and courage. There's also
10 another group of workers that often are
11 unrecognized, taken for granted, and sometimes
12 maligned unfairly, and these are the people who are
13 standing behind us. Since 9/11 there's been a
14 terrible situation on continued terrorism through
15 our mail system. And despite those terroristic acts
16 and the loss of life and the fear that they must
17 encounter every day, they push on valiantly and
18 bravely. So in our neighborhoods when we see that
19 blue uniform, we should remember their work everyday
20 through rain, snow, sleet, dark of night, and
21 anthrax they come through.

22 This is a resolution honoring the US
23 Postal Service and its mail carriers and inspectors
24 both locally and nationally for their service to our
25 region and country.

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2 Whereas, the United States Postal
3 Service as 12,000 full-time employees and another
4 2,000 part-time employees in the City of
5 Philadelphia, thus serving as a critical engine for
6 our region's economy providing essential middle
7 class jobs for our residents; and

8 Whereas, in the last two months, the
9 postal service and the rest of the country has been
10 struggling to adjust to the national anthrax
11 outbreak tragedy which has resulted in numerous
12 injuries and several fatalities so far, including
13 two postal workers.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, this
15 anthrax outbreak has caused a decrease in the amount
16 of mail being sent by Americans and has disrupted
17 the postal service in many ways, including 320
18 postal facilities that have been evacuated for
19 varying amounts of time largely because of 7,000
20 hoaxes, threats, and suspicious mailings; and

21 Whereas, thus far, the regional
22 processing and distribution facility at 30th and
23 Market Streets has experienced no major disruption,
24 and has, in fact, seen an increased in activity
25 because of mail being rerouted from the Belmawr, New

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2 Jersey, processing facility where several anthrax
3 outbreaks have been traced to; and

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the postal
5 workers nationally and especially in our region have
6 performed their duties admirably in the face of much
7 public fear and very real concern for their own
8 personal health implementing tighter security
9 measures and more inspections without an increase in
10 absence or a disruption in service because all of
11 our country's postal employees are committed to
12 making sure that the nation's mail is delivered on
13 time.

14 Now, therefore, it be

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Resolved by the
16 Council of the City of Philadelphia that the Council
17 honor the US Postal Service and its mail carriers
18 and inspectors both locally and nationally for their
19 service to our region and our country. And we truly
20 from our bottom of our hearts thank you for your
21 work. Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Mr. Thomas for remarks.

25 MR. THOMAS: On behalf of the

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2 Philadelphia Postal Service and all its employees,
3 I'd like to thank you for our recognition. It is
4 appreciated. I do have to say the last few months
5 has been very stressful, especially for my letter
6 carriers. I'd also like to ask that if you see your
7 carrier in the next two weeks, please wish him a
8 happy holiday. And thank you again.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SININ: Good morning. I'm John
11 Sinin (ph), the assistant postal inspector in charge
12 here in Philadelphia. And thank you, Councilman
13 Kenney and the rest of the Councilmembers for
14 honoring heros in uniform this morning. And I want
15 to take this opportunity to thank the City of
16 Philadelphia. Your hazmat crews and your city
17 police did a commendable, outstanding job through
18 this whole effort. Postal inspectors over the past
19 few months have responded to over 2,000 calls from
20 concerned citizens in the City of Philadelphia about
21 suspected anthrax mailings. None of those mailings
22 contained anthrax, but there were 54 hoax mailings.
23 It caused a lot of panic. A Home Depot was closed
24 down for four days. 19 post offices were evacuated
25 and 50 Planned Parenthood clinics here in

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2 Philadelphia received suspect anthrax mailings. But
3 thanks to the dedicated tips, leads, and work from
4 these men and women in uniform, the postal carriers,
5 the clerks and supervisors, we were able to working
6 with the FBI and the police from the City of
7 Philadelphia arrest those five individuals
8 responsible. And thank you, Councilman Kenney.
9 Again, I would like to again give a hand of applause
10 to these men and women who help restore calm to the
11 City of Philadelphia.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
14 be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Next order of
17 business is communications. The Chair requests that
18 the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
19 Mayor to the Clerk.

20 The Clerk will please read the messages
21 from the Mayor.

22 THE CLERK: Madam President, I have no
23 messages today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The Clerk will please read any other communications

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2 in her possession.

3 THE CLERK: I have no other
4 communications, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
6 The next order of business is the introduction of
7 bills and resolutions. And the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
11 be suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
12 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
15 moved and presently seconded that immediate
16 consideration of resolutions at the time of
17 introduction be made.

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
23 it, and the motion carries.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. This morning I introduce one
7 resolution sponsored by myself and Donna Miller
8 dealing with dogs, and another Action Voting Rights
9 Act sponsored by Councilman Clarke, Councilwoman
10 Blondell Reynolds-Brown, and Councilman Rick Mariano
11 as well as myself.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
13 please read the title of the first bill.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Excuse me,
15 Madam President. Both were signed by all Members of
16 Council.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
18 The Clerk will please read the first resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing a
20 joint hearing before the Committee on Public Safety
21 and the Committee on License of Inspection regarding
22 the City's enforcement procedures and practices with
23 respect to the registration of dogs and the City's
24 leash law and the coordination of efforts from the
25 Health Department and the Department of License and

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2 Inspections.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
6 President, I move for the adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
9 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
10 adopted.

11 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
16 it. And the resolution has been adopted.

17 The Clerk will please read the title of
18 the second resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution urging United
20 States Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum to
21 support Senate Bill No. 565 and House Bill No. 1170
22 entitled, "The Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act
23 of 2001," sponsored by US Representative John
24 Connors of Michigan and US Senator Christopher Dodd
25 of Connecticut.

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2 THE COURT: The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
15 it. The resolution has been adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
18 have no bills or resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 thanks the Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr. President,
24 I 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 have no bills or resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
10 please read the title of the resolution.

11 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring
12 December 14, 2001, as Read for 2002 United We Read
13 Day in Philadelphia.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
3 it. The motion carries.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I offer one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
8 please read the title of the resolution.

9 THE CLERK: A resolution calling upon
10 Mayor John F. Street to publicly release to the
11 citizens, taxpayers, and parents of the City his
12 long-term educational and financial reform plan for
13 improving the quality performance and fiscal
14 management of the public school system and to share
15 with the public his expectations and reasons for
16 entering into a memorandum of understanding with
17 both Governor Ridge and Governor Schweiker which
18 authorized a state takeover of the public school
19 system.

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

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
23 move the adoption of the 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 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
9 it. The resolution has been adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
20 President. No bills or resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer one privileged resolution
25 co-sponsored by all Members of City Council.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Clerk will please read the title of the
4 resolution.

5 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Police
6 Commissioner John Timoney for his leadership and
7 dedication to the City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the
11 adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
14 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
15 adopted.

16 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
21 it, and the motion carries.

22 Councilman Ortiz, your light is on. Did
23 you want to be recognized?

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I have one bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
10 please read the title of the bill.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
12 Highway Tabernacle Church, owner of the property
13 located 1801 Spring Garden Street to construct, use,
14 and maintain encroachments on and over the north
15 footway of Spring Garden Street between 18th and
16 19th Streets.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will
18 be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No bills or
22 resolutions, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
24 sir.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, one
4 resolution today.

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

7 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring the
8 City Employees Combined Campaign Choir.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
12 adoption of this resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
22 it. The resolution has been adopted.

23 The next order of business is reports
24 from committees. And the Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the Finance

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2 Committee.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. The Committee on Finance reports
5 out one bill with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
7 please read the report.

8 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
9 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia. The
10 Committee on Finance to which was referred Bill No.
11 010694 entitled, an ordinance authorizing and
12 approving the execution and delivery of the service
13 agreement between the City of Philadelphia and the
14 Redevelopment Authority relating to comprehensive
15 neighborhood transformation program for
16 revitalization, renewal, redevelopment, and
17 transformation of blighted areas within the City of
18 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
19 conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
24 be suspended so as to permit first reading today of
25 Bill No. 010694.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
4 moved and properly that the Rules of Council be
5 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
6 Bill No. 010694.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
12 it and Bill No. 010694 will be placed on today's
13 First Reading Calendar.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney
15 for a report from the Committee on Public Property
16 and Public Works.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 President. The Committee on Public Property and
19 Public Works reports four bills out with favorable
20 recommendations.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
22 please read the report.

23 THE CLERK: The Committee on Public
24 Property and Public Works to which was referred Bill
25 No. 010543 entitled, an ordinance amending Chapter

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2 16-400 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Vacate
3 and Surplus Properties," by adding a subsection to
4 the Philadelphia Association of Community
5 Development Corporations.

6 And Bill No. 010633 --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
10 move the Rules of Council be suspended so as to
11 permit first reading this day of Bills No. 010543,
12 010633, 010696 and 010712.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
15 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
16 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
17 this day of Bill Nos. 010543, 010633, 010696 and
18 010712.

19 All in favor will indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
25 it and the bills just read will be placed on today's

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2 First Reading Calendar.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman DiCicco for a report from the
5 Committee on Streets and Services.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
7 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
8 reports 13 bills our --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
10 Councilman. We failed to read other bills from the
11 committee.

12 THE CLERK: The Committee on Public
13 Property and Public Works to which was referred
14 Bill No. 010633 entitled, an ordinance authorizing
15 the Commission of Public Property on behalf of the
16 City of Philadelphia to accept a quit claim deed
17 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is
18 commonly known as the Pennsylvania Hall parcel.

19 And Bill No. 010696, an ordinance
20 authorizing Commissioner on Public Property and
21 Director of Commerce on behalf of the City of
22 Philadelphia to accept from the School District of
23 Philadelphia all or any portion of a certain real
24 estate in the vicinity of Red Lion Road and
25 Roosevelt Boulevard.

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2 And Bill No. 010712 entitled, an
3 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
4 Industrial Development to purchase a certain tract
5 of land situate 2114 to 60 North American Street,
6 all under certain terms and conditions, respectfully
7 reports it has considered the same and returns the
8 attached bills to Council with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A motion was
11 previously made regarding the bills just read by the
12 clerk. They will be placed on today's First
13 Reading Calendar.

14 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco for a report from the Committee on Streets
16 and Services.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
19 reports out 13 bills with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
22 please read the report.

23 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
24 of Council of the City of Philadelphia. The
25 Committee on Streets and Services to which was

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2 referred Bill No. 010335 entitled, an ordinance
3 revising parking regulations on Pine Street, south
4 side, from 42nd Street to 43rd Street.

5 And Bill No. 010341 entitled, an
6 ordinance establishing a regulation on 7100 block of
7 North Uber Street.

8 And Bill No. 010496 entitled, an
9 ordinance authorizing Richard Lay to construct, own,
10 and maintain a private pole, electrical
11 appurtenances, and area wire, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

13 And Bill No. 010559 entitled, an
14 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
15 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by placing
16 on the City Plan Marvin Street from Brown Street to
17 Parrish Street.

18 And Bill No. 010603 entitled, an
19 ordinance granting permission Nick Manginni, owner
20 of the newsstand located on the north footway of
21 Oregon Avenue for purposes of supplying electrical
22 and phone service to his newsstand.

23 And Bill No. 010606 entitled, an
24 ordinance establishing a no truck parking and tow
25 away zone regulation on Vine Street from 54th Street

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2 to 63rd Street, both sides.

3 And Bill No. 010616 entitled, an
4 ordinance authorizing Ben Franklin Foods to
5 construct, use, and maintain two one-story building
6 additions, all under certain terms and conditions.

7 And Bill No. 010618 entitled, an
8 ordinance establishing a no truck parking and tow
9 away zone regulation on Haverford Avenue from 68th
10 Street to Brockton Road, both sides.

11 And Bill No. 010619 entitled, an
12 ordinance amending Section 9-403 of the Philadelphia
13 Code entitled "Motor Buses," by adding a provision
14 which prohibits the loading and unloading of
15 passengers at the off street locations on City
16 Avenue.

17 And Bill No. 010620 entitled, an
18 ordinance amending Section 10-722 of the
19 Philadelphia Code entitled "Use of Dumpsters," by
20 adding a subsection providing for hours of
21 collection on City Avenue from 47th Street to
22 Belmont Avenue, east side.

23 And Bill No. 010659 entitled, an
24 ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of the
25 Philadelphia Code concerning refuse and littering by

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2 adding a new section entitled residential
3 eligibility for municipal collection.

4 And Bill No. 010661 entitled, an
5 ordinance authorizing National Railroad Passenger
6 Corporation to construct, own, and maintain a
7 pedestrian bridge and vertical transportation
8 structure, all under certain terms and conditions.

9 And Bill No. 010667 entitled, an
10 ordinance authorizing the revision of City Plan No.
11 19S by relocating a certain right-of-way for
12 drainage purposes, water main purposes and gas main
13 purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I move that the
17 rules of suspended permitting first reading these 12
18 bills just read into the record.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
20 second?

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 Bill Nos.
25 010335, 010341, 010496, 010559, 010603, 010606,

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2 010616, 010618, 010619, 010620, and 010661, also
3 010669.

4 All in favor -- yes?

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The last bill
6 should be 010667.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay. So the
8 last bill --

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: The one other bill
10 that was introduced reported out is not being asked
11 for first reading.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So Bill No.
13 010659 will be placed on the First Reading Calendar
14 for our next Session of Council.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bills read
22 will be placed on our First Reading Calendar for
23 today.

24 The next order of business is
25 consideration of the Calendar. The Clerk will

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2 please read the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

3 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010694, an
4 ordinance authorizing and approving the execution
5 and delivery of the service agreement between the
6 City of Philadelphia and the Redevelopment Authority
7 relating to comprehensive neighborhood
8 transformation program for revitalization, renewal,
9 redevelopment, and transformation of blighted areas
10 within the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010543, an
14 ordinance amending Chapter 16-400 of the
15 Philadelphia Code entitled, "Vacate and Surplus
16 Properties," by amending Section 16-404, the Vacant
17 Property Review Committee, by adding a subsection to
18 the Philadelphia Association of Community
19 Development Corporations.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 agrees.

22 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010633, an
23 ordinance authorizing the Commission of Public
24 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to
25 accept a quit claim deed from the Commonwealth of

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2 Pennsylvania for a certain parcel of land that is
3 part of the site of the former Philadelphia Civic
4 Center and that is commonly known as the
5 Pennsylvania Hall parcel.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010696, an
9 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner on Public
10 Property and the Director of Commerce on behalf of
11 the City of Philadelphia to accept from the School
12 District of Philadelphia all or any portion of a
13 certain real estate in the vicinity of Red Lion Road
14 and Roosevelt Boulevard.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010712, an
18 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
19 Industrial Development to purchase a certain tract
20 of land situate 2114 to 60 North American Street,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010335, an
25 ordinance revising parking regulations on Pine

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2 Street, south side, from 42nd Street to 43rd Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010341, an
6 ordinance establishing a regulation on 7100 block of
7 North Uber Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010496, an
11 ordinance authorizing Richard Lay to construct, own,
12 and maintain a private pole, electrical
13 appurtenances, and area wire for supplying
14 electrical service to his vending truck, all under
15 certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010559, an
19 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by placing
21 on the City Plan Marvin Street from Brown Street to
22 Parrish Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 agrees.

25 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010603, an

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2 ordinance granting permission to Nick Manginni,
3 owner of the newsstand located on the north footway
4 of Oregon Avenue, west of Swanson Street, to
5 construct, use, and maintain overhead electrical
6 telecommunication wires, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010606, an
11 ordinance establishing a no truck parking and tow
12 away zone regulation on Vine Street from 54th Street
13 to 63rd Street, both sides.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 agrees.

16 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010616, an
17 ordinance authorizing Ben Franklin Foods, tenant of
18 the property 3801 Salmon Street, to construct, use,
19 and maintain two one-story building additions, all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010618, an
24 ordinance establishing a no truck parking and tow
25 away zone regulation on Haverford Avenue from 68th

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2 Street to Brockton Road, both sides.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010619,
6 an ordinance amending Section 9-403 of the
7 Philadelphia Code entitled "Motor Buses," by adding
8 a provision which prohibits the loading and
9 unloading of passengers at the off street locations
10 on City Avenue.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010620, an
14 ordinance amending Section 10-722 of the
15 Philadelphia Code entitled "Use of Dumpsters," by
16 adding a new section providing for hours of
17 collection on City Avenue from 47th Street to
18 Belmont Avenue, east side.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 agrees.

21 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010661, an
22 ordinance authorizing National Railroad Passenger
23 Corporation to construct, own, and maintain a
24 pedestrian bridge and vertical transportation
25 structure on, over, and below the Arch Street public

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2 right-of-way adjacent to 30th Street Station, under
3 certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010667, an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of City Plan No.
8 19S by relocating a certain right-of-way for
9 drainage purposes, water main purposes and gas main
10 purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 The bills read by the Clerk will be
14 placed on the second reading and final passage
15 calendar for our next session. That concludes the
16 First Reading Calendar.

17 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up the bills on
19 the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
20 considered.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Today bill Nos. 010646, 010 --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
24 What page are you on, Councilwoman?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We are on

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2 page -- I wanted to read those amended last.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Excuse me a
4 moment. Councilman Mariano, are you going to move
5 on Bill No. 657 or are you holding that?

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'm holding that,
7 Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
9 Councilwoman.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'll begin
11 again. Today Bill Nos. 010646, 010647, 010648,
12 010649, 010662, 010663, 010664, and 010689 are being
13 called up for second reading and final passage.

14 Bill Nos. 010493, 010577 and 010690 are
15 to be amended today. All other bills are being
16 held.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The Clerk will please read the title of
19 Bill No. 010493.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
21 Section 20-101 of the Philadelphia Code entitled,
22 "Residence Requirements," by providing that an
23 employee in the civil service need not be a bona
24 fide resident of the City when appointed, but must
25 establish and maintain bona fide residence in the

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2 City within six months after appointment.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I'm offering an amendment to Bill No.
7 010493. That amendment has been circulated. The
8 amendment was made as a friendly suggestion by
9 Councilmember Clarke which I think improves the
10 bill, and I urge the passage of the amendment.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Everyone has a
12 copy of the amendment?

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
15 moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted.

16 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
21 it, and the motion carries.

22 The Clerk will please read the title of
23 Bill No. 010646.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
25 chapter 20-500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 "Councilmanic Districts," by revising the boundaries
3 of the Councilmanic Districts, under certain terms
4 and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
6 having been read on two different days, the question
7 now is shall the bill pass finally?

8 The Clerk will please call the role --

9 Oh, I'm sorry. Councilwoman Blackwell,
10 you have your light on. I'm sorry, I didn't see it.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: May I rise to
12 be recognized on this bill?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, I'm
14 recognizing you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.
16 This morning I would like to speak regarding Bill
17 010646, commonly known as the redistricting bill.
18 As a member of the committee who recommended another
19 bill, a third bill, I rise to request that we work
20 harder in the future to make sure that every member
21 feels included in the process. The two
22 Councilpersons who introduced the second
23 redistricting bill -- because all of us know there
24 are three; we have three prepared maps -- were the
25 last to be included in the process and so felt

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2 compelled to fight to represent their constituents
3 and not just accept whatever 15 other members of
4 Council recommended.

5 Again, it is my hope in the future that
6 we work harder to ensure that all members of this
7 Council feel that they have equal representation and
8 equal inclusion across the board.

9 Having said that, I will be voting to
10 support Bill No. 010646 this morning, the
11 redistricting bill. Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
15 President. Madam President, I circulated an
16 amendment to this bill and I want to speak on the
17 amendment, if possible. I'll speak on the bill,
18 too. Everyone in Council has the amendments.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You can offer
20 your amendment.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I'd like to offer
22 the amendment.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Has it been
24 circulated?

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Yes, it has, Madam

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2 President. And I would like to speak on the
3 amendment.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Point of order.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Is there a second?
8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Amended and
10 seconded, thank you.

11 The amendment to this redistricting bill
12 is based on the compromise that was reached in your
13 office, Madam President, and the charts and
14 materials were circulated by your office on November
15 16th, and it includes the provisions given to
16 Councilwoman Krajewski in the 6th Councilmanic
17 Districts, divisions in the 56th Ward and divides
18 the 23rd Ward by giving six divisions to the 1st
19 District and six divisions to the to 5th District
20 and the remainder in the 7th District.

21 This amendment would create a 43.5
22 percent Latino district, which I thought was one of
23 the numbers that we were going after. I have to
24 agree with Councilwoman Blackwell on this. I
25 personally have tried to worked this out and I was

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2 on the phone from my sick bed yesterday. I seem to
3 have caught the flu over the weekend. And never in
4 the history of City Council has a District
5 Councilperson ever have to give up anything he or
6 she didn't want to give up in a compromise. I'm not
7 willing to give up Frankford in the 23rd Ward, but
8 I'm willing to compromise. I think this amendment
9 would be perfect because it's not a win for me or a
10 defeat for someone else or a win for someone or a
11 defeat for me; it is in the true spirit of
12 compromise that I'm offering this amendment.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I wish to speak on the amendment as
17 well.

18 It's interesting listening to my
19 colleague talk about compromise. From Day One when
20 Council began the process of developing a
21 redistricting plan, I basically sat back and waited
22 and watched. I can't ever recall when I came into
23 the room where the folks were drawing up the plan
24 where I suggested, recommended, or asked for
25 anything. I just sat back and watched the process

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2 as it moved forward because I was basically was
3 satisfied with what I originally had, what I
4 represent today, and there weren't too many changes
5 being requested of me at that time.

6 As the process moved forward and the
7 plan began to develop even further, there was an
8 issue which we all understand regarding the 1st
9 District and the 5th Councilmanic District. On the
10 day that plan was introduced and subsequently
11 supported by a vote of 15 to 2, including the
12 sponsor of the amendment that's being offered today,
13 there was some discussion as to the plan itself.
14 The majority leader, Councilwoman Blackwell spoke
15 very eloquently on the issue of coming together as a
16 Council, we needed to work together, we had to work
17 things out. And it really only boiled down, if I
18 can paraphrase what the Councilwoman said at that
19 time, to three divisions in the 8th Ward. The bill
20 passed by a majority vote 15 to 2 million. It
21 later, as we all know, was vetoed by the Mayor.
22 Some of the folks who original voted for the
23 original plan went with the Mayor on the veto.
24 That's okay. That's the way things happen
25 sometimes.

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2 If you recall, Madam President, I
3 entered your office either that day or the day after
4 and I said to you, "Council President, whatever it
5 takes for you and the Councilman in the 5th District
6 to resolve the issue in the 8th Ward, you can take
7 it from my district anyway you see fit. I want to
8 get it done. I am willing to compromise and make it
9 work."

10 You convened a committee. The committee
11 sat down and dealt with the issue of the 8th Ward
12 and some other issues that were raised on the day
13 the original bill was passed. One of the issues
14 that was raised on that day was again raised by the
15 Councilperson who is sponsoring an amendment today,
16 and that issue not only dealt with the 8th Ward, but
17 also dealt with the Latino issue. The sponsor of
18 the amendment said on the floor of Council that day
19 that Councilman Ortiz basically failed in his
20 responsibility to represent the Latino district in a
21 fair way in the City by accepting only a 40 percent
22 Latino district and he was delinquent in
23 representing his people, as he said. Councilman
24 Ortiz is the only Latino representative on Council,
25 so it's the only person I guess the sponsor of this

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2 amendment meant.

3 So the committee went back to deal with
4 what I understand are two issues: How do you deal
5 with the issue in the 8th Ward and resolve those
6 three divisions? What does the committee do to get
7 a fair representation of the Latino community in the
8 City of Philadelphia.

9 The committee that you convened made up
10 of leadership and other folks and even people on the
11 other side of the aisle, the Republican side, sat
12 down and worked out a compromise bill, a compromise
13 bill. And again, I sat back and I waited and I
14 watched. What was proposed for me now is that not
15 only go into the 45th Ward which no one wanted to
16 share with me, by the way, on the first plan. But
17 now I move further north into the 23rd and the 62nd
18 Ward. I was never in the 23rd Ward on the first
19 bill that the sponsor of the amendment is concerned
20 about.

21 The sponsor of the amendment today was
22 asked by me and a number Members of Council on the
23 first bill, "Are you satisfied with the bill?"

24 He said, "Yes, I am."

25 Councilman DiCicco, the 1st District,

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2 was never considering moving into the 23rd Ward or
3 the 62nd Ward. I watched and I waited and the
4 committee said, "Would you mind moving into the 23rd
5 and the 62nd Ward?" Which ultimately brings me from
6 Oregon Avenue in South Philadelphia to just below
7 the Oxford Circle in the lower northeast. And I
8 said, If this gets us to where we have to get and
9 this is the compromise that is necessary to get a
10 bill that is supported, I will buy in, including the
11 four or five divisions that I gave up in my base in
12 South Philadelphia to the 2nd District so you can
13 resolve the issues with the 5th District
14 Councilperson. And I took it and I said, fine.
15 That became unacceptable to the sponsor of the
16 amendment today because the 23rd ward, as he says,
17 was being taken away. The one I never had in the
18 first place, the one he voted for and subsequently
19 supported the Mayor on the veto which took him out
20 of the 23rd for the most part and put me in it. I
21 did not create the scenario.

22 I don't think there's a District
23 Councilperson in this Chambers who has made the
24 concessions I have made from Day One. And all I'm
25 asking is for my colleagues to understand that it is

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2 time for us to get on with the business of this
3 City. I will represent people in whatever divisions
4 and wards in this City the same way I've been
5 representing the people that I represent today, and
6 so will the rest of us. It's time to move on. I'm
7 asking my colleagues to vote against this amendment
8 and support the bill that came out of your
9 committee. Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. Madam President, as many of you all
14 recall, I was involved in the original,
15 quote/unquote, controversy associated with the
16 redistricting issue. At that time, I had indicated
17 to members that I felt that the process was somewhat
18 unfair. I felt that I did not have an opportunity
19 to have adequate input. As a result of that and
20 other things that happened, a process was set up
21 that was fair that did include members of Council.
22 There was in my mind an attempt to include all
23 interests of all Councilmembers by setting up a
24 committee. That committee in fact met with me
25 first, I do believe, on the issues of the 8th Ward.

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2 I don't characterize my issues solely as
3 the 8 Ward as my friend and colleague Councilman
4 DiCicco represented. My issues always was the
5 number of new residents that I will pick up into the
6 district. That happened as a result of a
7 substantial number of divisions taken out of the 8th
8 Ward, but that was never solely the issue related to
9 my concerns about my district.

10 With respect to the 8th Ward, the
11 changes that were made were not as a result of the
12 39th Ward divisions. Those were simple swaps from
13 divisions that you had given to me under a former
14 plan. You took those back. You gave me divisions
15 back that I formerly represented, so I just want to
16 clear that up.

17 But as it related to that particular
18 process, we sat down in a room and we talked about
19 compromises. I was asked by members and even by
20 yourself to talk to certain members who had some
21 levels of concerns about their districts, and I did
22 that. I did that after a heated discussion in your
23 office and I was dispatched as an envoy. I kind of
24 felt like Colin Powell on that particular day. And
25 I was actually able to get what I thought people to

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2 commit to some things. And it was my impression,
3 and I was subsequently told later on that I didn't
4 hear what I thought I heard, that members agreed to
5 swap divisions and to come up with a compromise.
6 And as a result of that, there was a map that was
7 produced by your staff and I thought also by the
8 Redistricting Committee that I though reflected a
9 reasonable compromise. But now we find ourselves
10 here questioning whether or not what compromise was
11 the accurate compromise.

12 I continue to always hold out hope that
13 we at some point can come to some agreement that's
14 reasonable that reflects the interest of the Latino
15 community, that reflects best case scenario for all
16 Members of Council. So I ask that we consider the
17 interest of everybody. Over the recent weeks and
18 months, there has been a certain level of
19 divisiveness in the Council, and I'm extremely
20 concerned, as I talk to you last night about that
21 issue. We are going to have to work together at a
22 minimum for the next two years.

23 So I ask us to come up with some
24 solution to resolve this issue, Council President.
25 I don't have a solution today. I don't know what we

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2 should do. Members will vote the way they will
3 vote. But I ask for all of the members to truly
4 take to this into consideration and hopefully bring
5 us back together so we can handle the business of
6 today. Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
8 much, Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I'll make this quick and then we'll put
12 it to rest. I was amazed by Councilman DiCicco's
13 theory of history, and what he pretty much was doing
14 was verbatim something that he told the Northeast
15 News Leader. But he left one part out of it which
16 will make a whole lot of sense, I'll put that part
17 into the record. This is from yesterday's Northeast
18 News Leader. It says, Mariano's biggest backer is
19 influential electricians party voice John Dougherty
20 who is also treasurer of Democratic City Committee.
21 DiCicco said that the talk in South Philadelphia is
22 a Dougherty protege will challenge him in the '03
23 Democratic primary. He said he has incentive to
24 help a Dougherty ally like Mariano in the
25 redistricting process, since that would allow

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2 Dougherty to focus more on ousting him in two years.

3 That's the point in a nutshell. I'm a
4 big boy. I can play politics. In the spirit
5 compromise, Council President, I will withdraw my
6 amendment and we'll see what happens after we roll
7 the dice. Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. We
9 will move forward with the consideration of the
10 adoption of the ordinance.

11 The Clerk will please call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 15, the nays are 2. This

23 bill passes as a result of a majority of Council

24 voting in the affirmative.

25 The next bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 010557.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title
4 14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to "Zoning and
5 Planning," by amending Chapter 14-1600, entitled
6 "Miscellaneous," by adding a new section 14-1623,
7 entitled "Frankford Special Services District
8 Controls," under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aren't we supposed
12 to have an amendment to this?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Does everyone
14 have a copy of the amendment?

15 Councilman, would you offer your
16 amendment, please?

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: The amendment on
18 Bill 010557 does the following: It places the
19 sunset provision in the bill that would rescind the
20 overlay on December 31, 2005 or at the expiration of
21 the Frankford Special Service District, whichever is
22 latter. It exempts new car dealerships from the
23 provision of the overlay. And that's pretty much
24 it.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

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2 Would you move for the adoption, please?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
4 adoption, Madam President.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
13 it. The motion carries.

14 I'm sorry. I am really ahead of myself
15 today.

16 The Clerk will please read the title of
17 010647.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an
19 ordinance approved June 13, 1997, as amended, which
20 approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban
21 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
23 for the redevelopment of the new Kensington Fishtown
24 Urban Renewal Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 having been read on two different days, the question

3 now is shall the bill pass finally?

4 The Clerk will please call the roll.

5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

20 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The next bill to be called for

19 consideration is Bill No. 010648.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an

21 ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as amended,

22 which approved the redevelopment proposal, the urban

23 renewal plan and the relocation plan of the

24 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia

25 for the redevelopment of the Model Cities Urban

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2 Renewal Area, all as contained in the 28th amendment
3 of the redevelopment proposal and the 20th amendment
4 to the urban renewal plan.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
6 having been read on two different days, the question
7 now is shall the bill pass finally?

8 The Clerk will please call the roll.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

19 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
20 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
21 the affirmative, the bill passes.

22 The next bill to be called for
23 consideration is Bill No. 010649.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending an
25 ordinance approved December 22, 1987 which approved

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2 the redevelopment proposal and urban renewal plan of
3 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
4 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Cecil B.
5 Moore Avenue Urban Renewal Area.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the question
8 now is shall the bill pass finally.

9 The Clerk will please call the roll.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

21 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
22 the affirmative, the bill passes.

23 The next bill being called for

24 consideration is Bill No. 010690.

25 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title

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2 9 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of
3 Businesses, Trades and Professions," to require the
4 sponsors of a "planned event" held at any premises
5 to obtain a permit for such event, all under certain
6 terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I would like to offer an amendment to
11 Bill No. 010690. A copy of the amendment has been
12 circulated to all members of Council. And I further
13 move for the adoption of the amendment.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 The ayes have it, and the motion
23 carries.

24 The next bill to be called for
25 consideration is Bill No. 010662.

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2 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
3 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002
4 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of
5 Finance to the General Fund, the City Representative
6 and the Director of Commerce.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
8 having been read on two different days, the question
9 now is shall the bill pass finally?

10 The Clerk will please call the roll.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

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2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

22 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

23 the affirmative, the bill passes.

24 The next bill being called for

25 consideration is Bill No. 010633.

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2 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
3 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001
4 within the General Fund from certain or all city
5 offices, departments, boards and commissions to
6 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
7 commissions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
9 having been read on two different days, the question
10 now is shall the bill pass finally?

11 The Clerk will please call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

23 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

24 the affirmative, the bill passes.

25 The next bill being called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 010664.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing
4 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001
5 within the Water Fund from certain or all City
6 offices, departments boards and commissions to
7 certain or all City offices, departments, boards and
8 commissions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
10 having been read on two different days, the question
11 now is shall the bill pass finally?

12 The Clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DI CICCIO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

24 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 The last bill to be called for
3 consideration is Bill No. 010689.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
5 City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter into
6 a mutli-year contract with a provider of
7 codification and editing services, all under certain
8 terms and conditions.

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

12 The Clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DI CICC0: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

24 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 This concludes our Calendar.

3 Are there any speeches on the part of
4 the minority?

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you Madam
7 President. Madam President, I'm pleased to report
8 after consultation with you and conversation with
9 the health commissioner, Commissioner Su that
10 covered employees that are associated with the city
11 health plan will be eligible for flu shots. This
12 has been a pretty tough winter with colds and flu,
13 as you know of.

14 The fire fighters have started to
15 receive their flu shots last week; the police
16 department, this week; and City Council staff will
17 be eligible for flu shots right here in the
18 building. So through your office, communication
19 circulated to make those arrangements so I wanted
20 everyone to be aware that the Health Department will
21 be making flu shots available to Council staff.
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
24 much, Councilman. That's wonderful.

25 Are there speeches on the part of the

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2 majority?

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
5 Chair. For a week ago, two weeks ago, we were told
6 that the Edison issue was off the table. Today
7 we're told by the Philadelphia Inquirer that Edison
8 is very much on the table and that a deal with
9 Edison -- and obviously Edison is very much on the
10 table because they have begun putting full-page ads
11 in the Philadelphia newspapers. I imagine TV and
12 radio is forthcoming. This is all taxpayers money,
13 money that should be going towards education, money
14 that should going towards books, recreation, and
15 teachers salaries is being spent really on trying to
16 win the hearts and minds of Philadelphia citizens
17 for Edison.

18 Well, it says that among the deal that
19 the Governor has already entered into, it seems,
20 Edison will cut 500 teaching positions. That means
21 that probably we will have bigger class sizes. They
22 will fire at least half of the principals, over a
23 hundred of them. Who they're going to be bring in,
24 what the leadership is going to be, we don't know
25 because we have not been told; we're not privy to

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2 the negotiations, Madam President.

3 They're also going to begin charging
4 community groups for the use the public schools. I
5 sponsor a league together with the Sixers that has
6 over 300 kids in that league and they play every
7 Saturday, 300 kids from the ages of 6 to 16. We
8 could not afford to have those kids playing every
9 Saturday if we had to pay for the facilities. The
10 volunteers that run the league, that coach, that
11 maintain the whole organization would have to
12 dedicate their time really to begin fund-raising in
13 order to be able to pay for the facilities.

14 I have recommended that we do a task
15 force and that we look at places like Hartford and
16 Chicago where state takeovers have happened and
17 really have not succeeded.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman, on
19 that issue. At your request, I did write a letter
20 to Mayor Street. He was ill on Monday, but he did
21 send Debra Kahn in. A copy of that letter was given
22 to her and indicated that they would get back to us.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Well, we are in a
24 time line obviously that -- and I believe, Madam
25 President, that we've never had a conversation with

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2 the Governor. This Council has never had a
3 conversation with Governor Schweiker. It's as if
4 Governor Schweiker has met with ever community group
5 in the City of Philadelphia. He's been in North
6 Philadelphia, he's been in Germantown, he's been in
7 South Philly. He's been everywhere across the City.
8 He's like the scarlet pimpernel, he's here, he's
9 there, he's everywhere.

10 We need to be able to get a real grasp
11 as to what is going on and what is going to happen a
12 week and a half from now. It isn't only the payroll
13 issue that is on the table, it is the governance
14 issue of the City of Philadelphia of the public
15 school system. I think it's time that Governor
16 Schweiker at least held a meeting with this Council.
17 Let us not have anyone brokered or meeting --
18 because he's met with everybody else. Let him come
19 to the table and tell us what is it that he's going
20 to do. At least at that point we will hear it from
21 his mouth. We will be able to decide what we as a
22 body would want to do legislatively, politically,
23 organizationally, and otherwise. We can decide
24 whether we're going to go along with it, oppose it,
25 sit in in schools, be with the parents, do civil

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2 disobedience if necessary to prevent the takeover,
3 because it might come to that.

4 Madam President, I would wish that you
5 would call him up, pick up the phone, say we want to
6 talk. We want to sit down at the table. We want to
7 hear it from you, because we're not hearing it from
8 anybody else. We're hearing it from the
9 Philadelphia Inquirer. And I'm tired of that. I
10 think we should hear it from him and I think we
11 should have that conversation. Thank you, Madam
12 President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I would like to first thank those
17 who have participated in our annual warmth and
18 winter drive and appeal to the generosity of both my
19 colleagues and their staff to help us meet the goal
20 of 2,000 new hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for
21 the children in the homeless shelters. We are as of
22 this hour 700 short, so any support we could get
23 from my colleagues and staff and those in attendance
24 who care about little ones in the homeless shelters,
25 we'd welcome it. Thank you very much. The final

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2 day is Monday, December 17th.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. This morning I rise to say thank
7 you and certainly to Councilwoman Blondell
8 Reynolds-Brown. There will be -- we will be getting
9 about 300 coats but they'll be men's coats from
10 Today's Man, so I don't know if that will help with
11 regard if you're just doing children, but certainly
12 we wanted you to know that.

13 And I wanted to say thank you today to
14 just some of the people, people like Kevin Parker
15 from 3801 Cafe and Simply Delicious Caterers, and
16 Miss Tootsie's and people like Neil Stein from
17 Stripe Bass and Gabe Marabella from Avenue B, people
18 like Giuseppe Sena from La Familia and Penn Mutual
19 Company, just to name a few, people like Power 99
20 and Rob Hess and Lou Sauder from OESS and the police
21 department, the University City District,
22 committeeman, town watch leaders, certainly
23 community groups in West like Spruce Hill, Clark
24 Park, Squirrel Hill Substation, so many people,
25 people from all walks of life who help to feed over

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2 a thousand children two nights ago at 3801. Madam
3 President, they really deserve a thank you. We had
4 people from all walks of life, some wearing suits,
5 some with spiked hair and orange hair who were
6 helping children find there mothers. I will tell
7 you that the food never ran out nor did gifts. I
8 want to thank my staff and all those who for the
9 last week have been wrapping a thousand gifts here
10 at City Hall that made it look like we were looking
11 for Santa and a reindeer ourself.

12 I contend and have always contended that
13 people give if you just give them a forum in which
14 to do so. We believe and it is my philosophy that
15 we are our brother's keeper and that if we do our
16 part to improve life that the quality of life for
17 those at the bottom rung of the ladder, those most
18 in need, that the top rises.

19 So, again, to all of those for people,
20 to people I haven't mentioned, I can only say thank
21 you, thank you, thank you, and God bless you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I will be brief. I would echo the

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2 comments of my colleague Councilman Ortiz, possibly
3 with the exception of the scarlet pimpernel. I have
4 no expertise in that particular area.

5 I do wish to express my continued
6 concern. There was a resolution that was passed
7 this morning. There was a fair amount of activity
8 this morning. I chose not to speak on the
9 resolution at that time. With eight days to go in a
10 deadline for possible school takeover, I don't know
11 whether that deadline will be met or possibly
12 extended, but it is astounding, I guess, at a
13 certain level that we've read about the Edison
14 report, we've read about the Governor's report, we
15 now hear more news about what Edison will be doing,
16 and it seems like they're going to be taken care of.
17 The one group that seems not to know what's going to
18 happen are the citizens, taxpayers, and parents of
19 212,000 school children who continue not to know
20 what will happen to the future of their individual
21 schools and the educational opportunity for their
22 young people.

23 I do not understand why there is no
24 information about what the City proposes to do in
25 that regard. This is not a union contract

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2 negotiation. I understand that you can't negotiate
3 those out in public and there has to be some level
4 of secrecy. But for the issue of public education,
5 with eight days to go, many extensions, documents
6 signed and offered and sent back and forth across
7 the table, for the citizens of this City and
8 especially, again, the parents not to know what's
9 going on I think is inappropriate. I think the
10 Mayor does have obligation to at least let us know,
11 not only what he's against because many of us are
12 against either privatization by private for-profit
13 or even possibly a takeover by the State, but I
14 think leadership also requires that you articulate
15 not only what you're against, but what you're for so
16 that people in this City can rally around something,
17 so we can have a better understanding of the issues
18 of class size and educational outcomes, what our
19 schools will look like.

20 We had two days of hearings about
21 blight. I think if you go into some of our public
22 schools, both the interior as well as the physical
23 plant and outside, some of those buildings are
24 blighted as well and I've not heard about a blight
25 rehabilitation program for our schools. There's an

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2 estimate five years ago that it would take at that
3 time \$700 million to bring our school buildings up
4 to code. We've renovated, created new buildings and
5 facilities that we were told were greatly needed,
6 whether it was sports stadiums or other facilities.
7 Veteran's Stadium was 30 years old. It was no
8 longer good enough for our teams. I agree. But we
9 have over 10 buildings that are a hundred years old
10 in our school system, and the average age of a
11 school building in Philadelphia is over 65 years
12 old. Most of us would not want spend much time in
13 some of those places. Yet we hear nothing about
14 what will happen to those facilities in any kind of
15 blight proposal -- not the one that's on the table
16 with the Mayor's NTI program, but from a School
17 District perspective.

18 And so I think that the public does need
19 to know what's going on, because many of us who have
20 children in the schools or have relatives in the
21 schools are just regular taxpayers.

22 Madam President, I cannot tell you the
23 level of inadequacy that a person might feel if you
24 go to a home and school association meeting, as I
25 have on a couple of occasions, to sit around with

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2 parents who do not know what's going to happen.
3 They care about their schools. All they are left to
4 do is read the newspaper.

5 But I will share in a very personal way,
6 Madam President, the experience of reading over a
7 paper one day and the headlines were about the
8 schools and being asked a question by a person that
9 means a great deal to me. When my daughter asked,
10 "Daddy, what's going to happen to my school," and to
11 not to be able to answer that question is a really
12 bad feeling for anyone, but especially if you're a
13 public official and you cannot explain what's going
14 to happen in that young person's life.

15 And so I think the time has come to let
16 the public know. What is the problem with telling
17 people what it is that we're trying to accomplish
18 for our kids and for this City?

19 I ask, Madam President, as Councilman
20 Ortiz has asked you, to be in touch with the
21 Governor. I think we do need to have a conversation
22 with the Mayor. A public announcement needs to be
23 made. We cannot wait until 11:59 on the 21st and we
24 can all sit up and wonder if there's going to be a
25 major announcement at some hotel or out on the

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2 sidewalk or somewhere else. The public needs to
3 know what's going on with schools, and I think they
4 need to know today. Thank you, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you very
6 much.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I will yield to
9 Councilwoman Blackwell for one moment.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you. I
11 see that we have Harold Thomas. Thank you also
12 Harold Thomas, Belmont affordable housing. And
13 thank you, Mary, for letting the public know about
14 us and for saying nice things when somebody
15 criticized us this morning for talking feeding
16 homeless people and they thought we ought to be
17 above that when we elected, as if the world changes.
18 Thank you. Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President.

20 THE COURT: The Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I want to express my
23 compliments to all four of my colleagues who have
24 spoken before. To Councilwomen Blondell
25 Reynolds-Brown and Jannie Blackwell, I think it's

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2 wonderful to think of the holiday spirit. But when
3 I saw the youngsters March into the Chambers a few
4 minutes ago and then leave, it seemed to me real
5 gift-giving means giving something of substance
6 beyond the immediate need. And I can think of
7 nothing more important to gift-giving to children
8 than a healthy public educational system which will
9 prepare them for the future. To Councilmembers
10 Nutter Ortiz, I join with them, but I think they're
11 much too mild. I don't think we just have a right
12 to know what's going on; I think we have a right to
13 participate in the decision-making. I don't want to
14 just be informed, because as I read Governor
15 Schweiker and maybe or maybe not Mayor Street's
16 proposal, it's a sure prescription for disaster. If
17 people are looking for trouble, they're certainly
18 going in the right direction because if a decision
19 is made to take away control of the public schools
20 from Philadelphians without our right to
21 participate, if the continued contempt for this body
22 seems to continue to pervade the state levels of
23 government as well as the local city government
24 levels, I think we're headed in a very disastrous
25 way to begin the new year of 2002.

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2 So I urge, Madam President, I support
3 the recommendation by Councilman Ortiz and
4 Councilman Nutter that you call the Governor. I
5 have to confess I did that and I got absolutely
6 nowhere. Two weeks ago I spoke to the Governor's
7 office here in Philadelphia, expressed a strong
8 concern that we as the budgetary body for the City
9 of Philadelphia, as the ones who have to provide the
10 other money that the State does not provide, we who
11 represent the constituents, the parents of all the
12 school kids have been totally left out of the
13 picture. Nobody wants to know what we think or
14 cares about. They're going to have to think about
15 what we want. They're going to have to care a lot
16 what the people of Philadelphia want. They can do
17 it in nice, easy, successful way by acting in a
18 civilized fashion and including City Council and the
19 people of Philadelphia in the participation of
20 decision-making or they're going to do it the hard
21 way because I can tell you, Madam President, it's my
22 reading of the people of Philadelphia that they are
23 not going to likely give up total participation and
24 decision-making about the schools of Philadelphia.
25 Their children, their families mean much too much

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2 for them to do that.

3 So you're going to have two roads to go.
4 We can have a good constructive road if the Governor
5 and the Mayor both participate us in arriving at a
6 sensible solution, or it can be a hard road because
7 I for one and speaking to constituents, I can tell
8 you that all over city they have a right to
9 participate in the decision-making about the
10 education of their kids. And we're go can to see to
11 it that their right is enforced. Thank you, Madam
12 President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Are there any other speeches on the part
16 of the majority.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Longstreth.

19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I would like to
20 congratulate Councilman Ortiz for his use of the
21 masterpiece Scarlet Pimpernel, however, he didn't
22 finish it. So I thought in the search for
23 perfection it would be all right for me to take 30
24 seconds to finish it.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do.

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2 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: He started off,
3 "They seek him here, they seek him there, those
4 Frenchies seek him everywhere," then the rest that
5 he left out which I'll finish for him was, "Is he in
6 heaven or is he in hell, that damned elusive
7 pimpernel."

8 (Applause.)

9 THE COURT: The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
12 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
13 December 20, at 10:00 a.m. 2001.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
16 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
17 adjourned until Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 10:00
18 a.m.

19 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
24 it, and Council will stand adjourned until Thursday
25 December 20, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. Thank you all very

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2 much.

3 (Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m.)

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