

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 10:30 a.m.

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Bill No. 110661 - An ordinance amending Chapter
20-500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
"Councilmatic Districts," by revising the
boundaries of the Councilmatic Districts as they
were established by Bill No. 110547, and by
clarifying how and when the revisions of the
Councilmatic Districts set forth in this
ordinance and in Bill No. 110547 affect the
interpretation of other provisions of the
Philadelphia Code and other ordinances that
reference specific Councilmatic Districts, all
under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Anna C. Verna, Chair
Jannie C. Blackwell
Darrell L. Clarke
Frank DiCicco
Bill Green
William K. Greenlee
Curtis Jones, Jr.
James F. Kenney
Donna Reed Miller
Blondell Reynolds-Brown
Marian B. Tasco

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. This is a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole regarding Bill No. 110661.

Will the clerk please read the title.

THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter 20-500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmatic Districts," by revising the boundaries of the Councilmatic Districts as they were established by Bill No. 110547 (approved September 23, 2011), and by clarifying how and when the revisions of the Councilmatic Districts set forth in this ordinance and in Bill No. 110547 affect the interpretation of other provisions of the Philadelphia Code and other ordinances that reference specific Councilmatic Districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

Bill No. 110661 would revise

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slightly the redistricting plan recently
adopted by Council Bill No. 110547. A
map showing the changes is available
today, along with a list of the affected
divisions.

The bill would affect the
First, Second, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth,
and Ninth Councilmatic Districts,
shifting a total of 12 divisions and
affecting 11,585 people.

The Chair at this time
recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Are you
finished, Council President?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay,
thank you.

I just wanted to commend my
Council colleagues for the hard work they
put into this redistricting process.
Tough negotiations and strong public
input produced a plan that I believe was
fair, kept neighborhoods intact, and
corrected the terrible gerrymandering

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2 that has been a black eye for this city
3 council.

4 I'm confident that this
5 amendment further improves the plan and
6 ensures that neighborhoods from Allegheny
7 West, Olney, and South Philadelphia have
8 more united representation.

9 You know, redistricting is a
10 very challenging process because of the
11 restrictions and realities of changing
12 boundaries. Breaking up neighborhoods
13 and wards is almost inevitable, and this
14 amendment helps by restoring some unity
15 in some of the district.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 Any other comments from members
20 of the committee?

21 (No further questions.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

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2 President, I move that Bill No. 110661 --

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
4 sorry. I didn't say we concluded the
5 public hearing and will go into a public
6 meeting.

7 And the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
10 President, I move that Bill No. 110661 be
11 reported out of committee with a
12 favorable recommendation and that the
13 rules of Council be suspended so that
14 this bill can be heard at Council's next
15 session.

16 (Motion duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
19 110661 be reported from committee with a
20 favorable recommendation and, further,
21 that the rules of Council be suspended so
22 as to permit consideration at our next
23 session of Council.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and the
4 motion carries.

5 And that concludes our hearing.

6 Thank you.

7 (Proceedings end at 10:35 a.m.)

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3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings of the City of Philadelphia
5 Council Committee of the Whole are contained
6 fully and accurately in the stenographic notes
7 taken by me on Wednesday, November 2, 2011,
8 and that this is a true and correct statement
9 of same.

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