

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Bill 090736 - Transfers in appropriations for
FY '10 within Grants Revenue Fund from the
Director of Finance - Federal Stimulus Funding
to certain or all City, offices, boards and
commissions. (Bill held till 12/3/09.)

Bill 090737 - Transfers in appropriations for
FY '09 within Aviation Fund...

Bill 090738 - Transfers in appropriations for
FY '09 within Water Fund... (Bill held till
12/3/09.)

Bill 090739 - Transfers in appropriations for
FY '09 within General Fund...

Bill 090740 - Transfer in appropriations for
FY '09 within Grants Revenue Fund...

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Joan L. Krajewski, Chair
Darrell L. Clarke, Vice Chair
Frank DiCicco
W. Wilson Goode, Jr.
Jack Kelly
Donna Reed Miller
Maria Quiñones-Sanchez

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
3 afternoon. Thank you all for waiting.
4 It held up a little. But anyway, the
5 Committee on Appropriations is about to
6 begin.

7 Will the clerk please read the
8 title of the bill.

9 But before we begin, I would
10 like to recognize: To my left, we have
11 Councilwoman Sanchez, Councilman Goode;
12 to my right, Councilman O'Neill,
13 Councilwoman Miller, and Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 Will the clerk please read the
16 bills.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No. 090736, an
18 ordinance authorizing transfers in
19 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010
20 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
21 Director of Finance - Federal Stimulus
22 Funding to certain or all City, offices,
23 boards and commissions.

24 Bill No. 090737, an ordinance
25 authorizing transfers in appropriations

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for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Aviation
Fund from certain or all City offices,
departments, boards, and commissions to
certain or all City offices, departments,
boards, and commissions.

Bill No. 090738, an ordinance
authorizing transfers in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Water
Fund from certain or all City offices,
departments, boards, and commissions to
certain or all City offices, departments,
boards, and commissions.

Bill No. 090739, an ordinance
authorizing transfers in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2009 within the General
Fund from certain or all City offices,
departments, boards, and commissions to
certain or all City offices, departments
boards, and commissions.

Bill No. 090740, an ordinance
authorizing transfer in appropriations
for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Grants
Revenue Fund from certain or all City
offices, departments, boards, and

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2 commissions to certain or all City
3 offices, departments, boards, and
4 commissions.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
6 you.

7 Is there anyone from the
8 Administration here to testify?

9 (Witness comes forward.)

10 MR. AGOSTINI: Good afternoon.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
12 afternoon.

13 MR. AGOSTINI: Good afternoon,
14 Councilwoman Krajewski and members of the
15 Appropriations Committee. My name is
16 Steve Agostini; I am the Budget Director
17 of City of Philadelphia and I am here to
18 testify on bills before you at the moment
19 having to do with our year-end transfer
20 ordinance for the General Fund.

21 Those bills 090739, 090738,
22 090738, and 090736 make FYI 2009 budget
23 appropriations between and among classes
24 and departments in the City's General,
25 Water, Aviation, and Grants Revenue Funds

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respectively. These transfers are requested so that final appropriations agree with the requirements of the annual financial report.

With respect to Bill No. 090739, there are six transfers requested in the bill, including five transfers involving a net change in departmental appropriations and one transfer between class within departmental budgets that do not result in any net change in appropriations. All General Fund transfers total \$11,585,068.

One of the largest transfers, the Police Department requests \$8.9 million to fund increased uniform costs associated with the 2009 arbitration award and a small increase in postage.

The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania requests \$1.9 million to fund payroll and other costs associated with the zero-growth agreement between the City and the First Judicial District.

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2 The sheriff requests a transfer
3 of \$359,000 to fund increased costs
4 associated with the 2009 arbitration
5 award and overtime spending that exceeded
6 budgeted levels.

7 The City Commissioners request
8 a transfer of \$223,000 to fund increased
9 overtime incurred in processing a higher
10 the higher volume of voter registrations
11 for the 2008 presidential election.

12 An internal transfer of
13 \$130,000 is requested by the Free Library
14 of Philadelphia to fund telecommunication
15 costs.

16 Bill No. 090738 requests a
17 transfer of \$3.9 million in the Water
18 Fund to cover the pension costs and
19 retiree health-benefit costs associated
20 with employees of the fund.

21 Bill No. 090736 requests a
22 transfer of \$11.7 million in the Grants
23 Revenue Fund to facilitate the transfer
24 of remaining productivity bank loan
25 proceeds to the General Fund. The bank

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2 had been discontinued and will be closed
3 out.

4 I appreciate the opportunity to
5 testify before this committee today and
6 would be happy to answer any questions
7 you may have.

8 Additionally, representatives
9 from all departments involved with the
10 transfers are here and available for your
11 questions as well.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are
13 there any questions from members of the
14 committee?

15 Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Before
18 we begin, I'm sorry, I'd like to
19 recognize Councilman Kelly, that he's
20 here today.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.
22 Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 Real, real quick. First,
24 Mr. Agostini, good afternoon.

25 MR. AGOSTINI: Good afternoon.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The
3 increase for funds, albeit small, it says
4 it references for the Police Department
5 arbitration award; what is that?

6 MR. AGOSTINI: As part of --

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's not
8 the current.

9 MR. AGOSTINI: As part of our
10 bargaining, two of the bargaining units
11 are covered under binding arbitration
12 awards.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

14 MR. AGOSTINI: So we have a
15 neutral arbitrator, a representative from
16 the City and a representative from either
17 the firefighters union or the police
18 union. And that then results, after many
19 weeks, months of discussions --

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I know. I
21 know about the process.

22 MR. AGOSTINI: So the
23 arbitration award --

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm
25 asking -- I guess the question is -- I'm

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2 asking is, I thought the arbitration was
3 ongoing.

4 MR. AGOSTINI: This is for the
5 2009 --

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So fiscal
7 2009.

8 MR. AGOSTINI: Correct. So
9 this is to close the books on 2009.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

11 MR. AGOSTINI: You are correct,
12 there is an arbitration ongoing currently
13 with the FOP and one that has begun with
14 the firefighters union as well, but those
15 are prospective --

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right.

17 MR. AGOSTINI: -- for --

18 (Indiscernible; parties talking
19 over each other.)

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay, I
21 just wanted to make sure.

22 I'm good.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are
24 there any other questions from members of
25 the committee?

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2 (No further questions.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well,
4 seeing none, thank you very much.

5 MR. AGOSTINI: Thank you.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Is
7 there anyone else here opposed [sic] to
8 these bills?

9 Oh, I'm sorry. We do have the
10 stimulus bill -- do you want to call the
11 stimulus bill up?

12 Okay. Anyone here from the
13 Administration on the stimulus bill?
14 009736.

15 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski, members, I am Steve Agostini,
17 Budget Director and also Recovery Officer
18 for the City of Philadelphia.

19 I'm here before you to testify
20 on Bill No. 090736, which makes FY 2010
21 budget appropriation transfers from the
22 Grants Revenue Funds from the Director of
23 Finance - Federal Stimulus Funding to
24 certain or all City offices, commissions,
25 and departments.

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The largest request,
\$14 million, is for the Office of Housing
and Community Development for community
development block grant funds for a
variety of housing and economic
development activities.

The Office of Supportive
Housing requests \$7.9 million for the
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing
Program, which will fund homeless
prevention and housing stabilization
programs.

The Mayor's Office of Community
Services requests \$7 million for the
community services block grant, which
will fund job-training programs and
workforce development for a variety of
local populations.

The Police Department requests
\$6.2 million for Byrne Grants for crime
prevention and law enforcement activities
and to COPS Grants to hire police
officers.

The Commerce Department

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requests \$5.7 million for energy
efficiency block grant funds.

The Streets Department requests
\$4.1 million for energy-efficiency block
grants funds for investments in energy
efficiency and conservation.

The First Judicial District
requests \$3 million for 52 positions --
to fund 52 positions from the Byrne
Grant.

The Managing Director's Office
requests \$1 million, which will be used
at the Mayor's Office of Sustainability
for energy-efficiency block grants as
well as some administrative work for the
Byrne Grant.

Among the smaller transfers,
the Department of Public Health requests
\$748,000 for five grants -- Healthy Homes
Foster Care; Healthy Homes Child Care;
(indiscernible) Kellenbeck vaccine
research, meningococcal vaccine research,
and improve immunization and registry
programs used for environmental hazard

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2 inspection and disease prevention
3 programs.

4 The Department of Human
5 Services, Prisons, requests \$700,000 for
6 ex-offenders job-training programs.

7 The Department of Licenses and
8 Inspections requests \$573,000 for
9 clean-and-seal programs from the Byrne
10 Grant and in training programs from the
11 energy efficiency block grant.

12 The Mayor's Office of Arts and
13 Culture and the Creative Economy requests
14 460,000 for Mural Arts restoration
15 through the Byrne Grant.

16 The Mayor's Office requests
17 \$450,000 for the Mayor's Office of
18 Faith-Based Initiative Strengthening
19 Communities Fund for nonprofit
20 capacity-building and the Mayor's
21 Commission on Aging Senior Committee
22 Service Employment Program, which
23 provides job training for low-income
24 seniors.

25 The Mayor's Office of

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2 Transportation requests \$254,000 for an
3 energy management office from energy
4 efficiency block grant funds.

5 I appreciate the opportunity to
6 before this committee today and would be
7 happy to answer any questions.

8 I also understand that there's
9 a lot to cover here. It's a fairly
10 sizeable transfer ordinance covering over
11 just \$52 million, and I understand that
12 there will be a lot of questions.

13 Representatives from each of
14 the grants entities that have received
15 grants are here to answer your questions.

16 I have also taken the liberty,
17 if it would be helpful to Council, I have
18 a -- what I'm calling sort of a "cheat
19 sheet" that breaks out which departments
20 getting what grants and to what level.

21 Sorry I didn't include that
22 with this, but I have it here if anyone
23 is interested in seeing that. It's just
24 a sort of easy way and it's one of the
25 things I am using to sort of stay on top

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2 of this. And I have sufficient copies
3 for everyone if folks are interested.

4 So with that, if there are
5 questions, I'm happy to answer them.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: You
7 could answer me. What is the current
8 status of the proposal to relocate the
9 Police Academy?

10 MR. AGOSTINI: I will defer to
11 the -- I believe Deputy Commissioner
12 Gaittens is here.

13 (Witness comes forward.)

14 DEPT. COMM. GAITTENS: Good
15 afternoon, Councilwoman Krajewski and
16 members of Council.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
18 afternoon.

19 DEPT. COMM. GAITTENS: I'm
20 Deputy Commissioner Jack Gaittens.

21 Our intent to move Police
22 Academy is based on us getting a military
23 facility. It's part of the BRACC
24 closure -- that's the base realignment
25 and closing committee.

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2 There is a joint army and
3 marine facility on Woodhaven Road. And
4 when we submitted our proposal, we said
5 we were going to move all of our training
6 facilities up there.

7 The estimated date that we were
8 given was September of 2011. We are now
9 checking with the City Planning
10 Commission to get back to the Department
11 of Defense to confirm that date.

12 We have heard rumors that that
13 may be pushed back because the location
14 that they were supposed to move to has
15 not been completed yet, so we are
16 awaiting for confirmation of the date,
17 but in our last discussion with them,
18 they said September of 2011.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: In the
20 Police Commissioner's testimony, it
21 stated that the grant will allow for the
22 funding of 50 new police officer
23 positions over a 36-month period.

24 Is there any other hiring of
25 police officers currently being

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2 conducted? And what are the current
3 staffing levels of the police officers?

4 DEPT. COMM. GAITTENS: All
5 right. Currently, we have 6,557 sworn.
6 We had originally anticipated putting a
7 class in in November, but because of
8 budgetary constraints, that has been
9 pushed back. We are now hoping to put a
10 class in in February.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
12 you.

13 Are there any other questions
14 from members of the committee?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I have a
16 question.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
18 Councilman Clarke -- Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
20 you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 Good afternoon, Mr. Agostini.

22 MR. AGOSTINI: Good afternoon.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I have
24 questions about the personal services and
25 fringe benefits that total a little more

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2 than 6.6 million.

3 Are these funds being used to
4 hire additional staff offset the cost of
5 existing staff or a combination of both?

6 MR. AGOSTINI: Excuse me. With
7 respect to -- for that 6.6 million, if
8 you are looking at the Byrne Grants and
9 the courts, it is -- and I'm trying to
10 find the exact reference of the 6.6
11 million.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well --

13 MR. AGOSTINI: That would be to
14 maintain existing staff, approximately 52
15 court staff, in order to keep a number of
16 courts open.

17 As part of the 2010 budget, we
18 made some changes to the appropriations
19 to lower court funding that has -- at the
20 time, we mentioned to this Council that
21 we plan to pursue Byrne Grant funding in
22 order to keep those courts open.

23 I believe that the 6.6 million,
24 however, represents an either two- or
25 three-year funding period for the grants

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2 and not solely a one-year period.

3 If the Court decides it wishes
4 to use it all in one year, it would mean
5 that it's not available in subsequent
6 years to defray their budget. That's
7 still something that I think the Courts
8 are contemplating.

9 And I believe representatives
10 from the Court are here to answer
11 questions.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well, we
13 weren't just looking at the Courts; I
14 mean, we were looking at the -- we
15 actually looked at this ordinance that
16 describes personal services for most of
17 these departments, not just the Courts.

18 MR. AGOSTINI: And in the case
19 with most of the departments, what we are
20 looking at is either maintaining existing
21 staff, most notably in the Courts, but in
22 some cases augmenting staff, additional
23 staff.

24 Most of the funding that we
25 receive, with the exception of the Byrne

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2 Grant, cannot be used to supplant
3 existing General Fund dollars, so they
4 would have to go for new staff members.

5 One of the things that we have
6 been insistent upon is that if we are to
7 hire new staff with these grants, that as
8 much of our benefit costs as possible
9 should be picked up by the grants so that
10 they are not a cost to the General Fund.

11 And if you want, I can try to
12 give you a breakdown by the total number
13 of positions so that you have an
14 appreciation of what's new and what
15 represents sort of existing staff.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
17 I'd actually like that if you could just
18 send it to the chair of this committee.

19 MR. AGOSTINI: I will do that.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
21 you.

22 And also, for the materials and
23 supplies with a total of over \$4 million,
24 I basically have the same question: Are
25 these funds being used to purchase

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2 materials and supplies that would not
3 have otherwise been purchased offset the
4 cost of materials and supplies already
5 budgeted, or a combination of both?

6 MR. AGOSTINI: I can say -- and
7 I will go back and check this. For the
8 materials and supplies, that represents
9 expenditures that would not have happened
10 but for these grant dollars.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

12 MR. AGOSTINI: And I can go
13 back, but I don't anticipate -- I don't
14 remember offhand any expenditures going
15 for existing purchases that we had
16 planned, again, with the expectation that
17 we could not use those dollars to
18 supplant the existing General Fund; they
19 had to be used for additional funds.

20 But I will check and confirm
21 that for you.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

23 You know, nearly 80 percent of over
24 41 million of the stimulus funds are
25 being used towards the purchase of

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2 services. Can you give examples by
3 office or department what services are
4 being purchased?

5 MR. AGOSTINI: I think in many
6 instances, Councilwoman, they are either
7 contractors or vendors that we are
8 utilizing for the purposes of delivering
9 some of the services.

10 I believe, for example, in some
11 of the energy-efficiency grants that we
12 are receiving, that it is a direct
13 purchase with a provider that will
14 actually then go in and do that work.

15 I believe that, in some cases,
16 that is also the case with some of the
17 supportive-housing dollars that we have
18 in hand or that we are about to receive,
19 where they are either expansions of
20 existing programs or augmentations to
21 programs that we have, where we're using
22 a vendor, a contractor; and, hence, the
23 services component that you see are
24 reflected here.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So these

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2 are the same vendors that were probably
3 listed in the budget testimony of
4 departments, or new vendors?

5 MR. AGOSTINI: In some cases,
6 they may be existing vendors. In some
7 cases, we will be going out with new
8 requests for proposal for new vendors.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
10 And so, did you say that you would send
11 the information over, more detailed?

12 MR. AGOSTINI: I can do that.
13 That's not -- in some cases, these are
14 sort of estimates. We have not -- we
15 don't have a firm number.

16 But to the extent that I have a
17 sense of what we will be contracting out,
18 since that's also a function of what we
19 report to the federal government, I'm
20 happy to bring that over to you and bring
21 it over quickly.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: You know,
23 I'd really like to see this information
24 ongoingly, you know, what the contract
25 is. We may even know people that might

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2 want to bid on these contracts.

3 Would that be listed on your
4 website?

5 MR. AGOSTINI: No, that
6 wouldn't be. And in some cases -- in
7 many cases, we will not be able to show
8 you the actual vendors.

9 And the reason is that to date,
10 we've received about \$158 million in
11 grant letters, in authorizations if you
12 will. What we actually have in the
13 treasury, I believe, as of this week is
14 just below \$20 million.

15 Most of that will require us to
16 go forward with either a request for
17 proposal. So we have not identified in
18 most cases vendors to -- at this date who
19 would be eligible to get a contract
20 awarded to them.

21 To the extent that we do have
22 that -- and I believe there are instances
23 where we have a vendor that's lined up --
24 I can provide that to you and we will get
25 that to you.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

3 Will you also include whether they're a
4 minority vendor.

5 MR. AGOSTINI: I will -- I will
6 endeavor to do that. In some cases, I
7 may not know, but I will work to try to
8 capture that information.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yeah.

10 Well, the department should know, though,
11 right?

12 MR. AGOSTINI: That's my hope.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So
14 somebody knows. Right, okay, because we
15 wanted to receive that.

16 Okay. I'll let someone else
17 ask some questions. I do have one or two
18 others.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
21 you.

22 Councilman O'Neill?

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

24 Mr. Agostini, could you explain how the
25 fringe benefit amounts were determined?

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2 They really go from zero
3 percent in some cases to 67 percent in
4 others. And I -- I'm just trying to
5 figure out how fringes could be that
6 high.

7 MR. AGOSTINI: In those cases,
8 we tried to calculate -- where we could,
9 we could we tried to calculate the full
10 cost, which would have been not only the
11 fringe benefits associated with health
12 insurance or unemployment insurance or
13 FICA, but also pension-related costs to
14 the extent that we could capture that as
15 well.

16 And I think that's where the
17 higher number comes from. It's including
18 the pensions as well.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: But are
20 you charging the accrued unfunded to
21 this?

22 MR. AGOSTINI: I will have to
23 go back. And I'm not sure if it's a
24 portion of the entire payment for that
25 year, which I believe is what it is, as

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2 opposed to the entire unfunded liability,
3 which probably will be difficult, but I
4 will go back and look to see if that's
5 possible.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Is it
7 legitimate to charge accrued unfunded?

8 MR. AGOSTINI: I don't know. I
9 would have to go back and look at the
10 grants.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Could you
12 find out?

13 MR. AGOSTINI: Okay.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
15 Madam Chair.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
17 Councilman Clarke, you ready?

18 Councilman Goode?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
20 Madam Chair.

21 Good afternoon, Mr. Agostini.

22 MR. AGOSTINI: Good afternoon.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Is there
24 someone available from the Office of
25 Economic Opportunity?

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2 MR. AGOSTINI: I believe so. I
3 believe Mr. Dow and I believe
4 Mr. Greenberger is here as well.

5 (Witness comes forward.)

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
7 afternoon, Mr. Dow.

8 MR. DOW: Good afternoon.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: State your
10 name for the record.

11 MR. DOW: My name is Kevin Dow.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Previous to
13 this hearing, there was a briefing that
14 was a follow-up to another hearing that
15 was held regarding an Urban League report
16 that dealt with economic inclusion, among
17 other things.

18 We were pleased to have
19 testimony from Dr. Bernard Anderson,
20 who's an economist professor at the
21 Wharton School for several years, also
22 served in the Clinton Administration, at
23 the Department of Labor.

24 In part of his testimony, he
25 said: "Our immediate goal must be to

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2 assure full minority-group participation
3 in projects supported by economic
4 stimulus funds.

5 "The City's expected to receive
6 more than \$157 million for projects on
7 infrastructure, energy, and the
8 environment. The City must assure that
9 systems are in place to identify, train,
10 and hire minority-group workers on the
11 projects and set goals for minority
12 contract participation in all funding
13 opportunities. Post-monitoring must be
14 implemented assure the goals are met."

15 Can you respond to what
16 Dr. Anderson sees as an imperative in
17 terms of what needs to happen in terms of
18 economic inclusion on these dollars?

19 MR. DOW: I would -- not having
20 read his testimony and hearing that one
21 expert, I would agree with him.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And what is
23 the City prepared to do? Are there goals
24 set for these dollars? And what is the
25 process by which disadvantaged workers

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2 and businesses can secure these
3 opportunities?

4 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilmember,
5 if I might, for a moment, we heard -- we
6 heard Council loud and clear when we did
7 our briefing.

8 I've, since that time, actually
9 met with Della Clark from the Enterprise
10 Center. We are working with the
11 Enterprise Center to participate, if not
12 be a partner, in a number of what we hope
13 will be monthly events from now for the
14 foreseeable future to try and engage the
15 community to be sure that we're out
16 there. So that's one of the things that
17 we're doing.

18 We've also asked representative
19 from the Enterprise Center, who are being
20 used by the federal government as a model
21 for increasing participation across the
22 nation by the U.S. Minority Business
23 Development Agency. We've asked them for
24 a sense of what other communities are
25 doing as best practices so that we'd have

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2 a handle on that.

3 And I've also requested to the
4 Recovery Office in the President's Office
5 if they can give us information on best
6 practices; and including in that, the
7 potential or waivers, where that might be
8 appropriate for us, so that we can pursue
9 what might be more aggressive goals and
10 --

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So we have
12 not as of yet, you're saying, ascertained
13 what the best practice would be for
14 economic inclusion.

15 MR. AGOSTINI: No, I have not.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Okay.

17 MR. AGOSTINI: I am certainly
18 not expert on that and I'm trying to pull
19 from as many sources as possible.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Have we set
21 any goals for these dollars at all in
22 terms of economic inclusion?

23 MR. AGOSTINI: Outside of what
24 we've -- we have in terms of our current
25 OEO goals? No.

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2 MR. DOW: That would be

3 correct.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So if we

5 don't have best practices in place and we

6 don't have goals set, what is the

7 process, even if it is the normal

8 process, for participation? What is the

9 process by which people secure

10 opportunities?

11 MR. DOW: It's the normal

12 contracting processes that the City of

13 Philadelphia has in regards to its

14 procurement.

15 So if a contract is going out

16 with an RFP, the Office of Economic

17 Opportunity has the opportunity and will

18 present ranges for individual contracts;

19 and then, before awarding of those

20 contracts, have the ability to confirm

21 whether or not the minorities, women or

22 the disabled that are listed as

23 subcontractors or as primes on those

24 contracts have indeed been communicated

25 to and verified.

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2 And so, it's the normal
3 operating procedures that we already have
4 in place that we are fine-tuning at the
5 moment.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: This
7 morning, City Council unanimously passed
8 Councilman Clarke's bill requiring
9 economic opportunity plans for stimulus
10 dollars. How might that affect the
11 process?

12 MR. DOW: Currently, as it's
13 written, if not mistaken -- and, again, I
14 don't have those details right off the
15 top of my head, but I don't believe
16 there's a threshold for those EOPs on
17 stimulus projects.

18 So without a threshold on the
19 projects, it would then be -- then the
20 intent would then be for all of the
21 federal projects to have, or federal
22 grants, to have EOPs on it. If that's
23 the case, if that remains the same, that
24 will be very cumbersome for the City of
25 Philadelphia to maintain.

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2 As an example, most projects
3 have a threshold that they have to be a
4 million dollars or above. We made one
5 exception with the bond funding a couple
6 of years ago; that was at 250,000 and
7 above.

8 Now --

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: My question
10 was: Councilman Clarke's bill was
11 unanimously approved, it will go to the
12 Mayor's desk, the Mayor will sign it.
13 The Administration testified in support
14 of it; how will that affect opportunities
15 for economic inclusion?

16 MR. DOW: We would anticipate,
17 as has been our experience when EOPs are
18 involved with contacts, that it would
19 improve opportunities for minorities,
20 women, and the disabled.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: As a general
22 statement, I'm saying: Specifically how
23 will that help disadvantaged businesses
24 and disadvantaged workers seek
25 opportunities and secure opportunities?

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2 MR. DOW: How would it help the
3 individual? I mean, what it does is, it
4 puts a greater light on individual
5 contracts.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So there
7 will be EOPs for which stimulus
8 contracts?

9 MR. DOW: That's exactly --
10 well, right now, the legislation, I
11 believe, states -- it proposes that EOPs
12 would be created for all federal stimulus
13 contracts.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So it there
15 will be economic opportunity plans for
16 all stimulus contracts?

17 MR. DOW: If the legislation
18 passes as is.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: It passed
20 this morning.

21 MR. DOW: Yeah, so if the Mayor
22 signs that, yes. When the Mayor signs
23 that, yes.

24 What we got to be candid about
25 is that as it's written with all of the

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2 level -- in the previous EOP

3 legislations, there ever been thresholds

4 so that we can manage the capacity of the

5 economic opportunity -- the Economic

6 Opportunity Office to manage those.

7 Right now, without a threshold,

8 it can create -- and we don't know yet,

9 but it could create an undue burden due

10 to the volume that might result from

11 that, and so what we would want --

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

13 Excuse me. Councilman Clarke?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Just real

15 quick, Councilman.

16 I noticed some hesitation in

17 your voice about the timing, 'cause these

18 two bills are on parallel tracks, and we

19 don't know when the Mayor may sign this.

20 We actually -- because we're on recess --

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: We're just

22 ahead of that.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: We're ahead

24 of it?

25 So if we were to attach an

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2 amendment to this bill today, similar to
3 the EOP legislation, how would that
4 impact?

5 MR. DOW: An amendment for --

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The bill
7 that we passed today that Councilman
8 Goode was referencing required EOP --

9 MR. DOW: For every contract.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- for
11 every contract.

12 If a similar bill or an
13 amendment was attached to this
14 legislation that we're passing today,
15 would that position you -- would that --

16 MR. DOW: If we would --

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: First let
18 me ask you, would that be something that
19 you would be supportive of --

20 MR. DOW: If that --

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- to
22 ensure that there's no question, the EOP
23 requirement that's in this bill that's
24 basically making the money available.

25 MR. DOW: But we would want to

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2 have a conversation with and see if we
3 can negotiate or however we can get in it
4 there, is what the proper threshold would
5 be for us in regard to contacts --

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I
7 understand.

8 MR. DOW: -- so that the volume
9 of contracts is managed. I mean, it's
10 simply a -- it's a matter of the capacity
11 of the unit to --

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I
13 understand that. The EOP -- just to make
14 sure we're on the same page -- basically
15 requires that the contractor outline what
16 his game plan is for --

17 MR. DOW: Sure, sure.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- having
19 participation.

20 MR. DOW: Sure, sure.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It doesn't
22 set any particular thresholds, and I
23 agree --

24 MR. DOW: No, what I'm saying
25 is thresholds, meaning, are we going

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2 to have a -- let's -- for example, to be
3 simplistic, if there's an RFP for a
4 \$40,000 threshold.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You mean a
6 dollar threshold?

7 MR. DOW: Yeah, a dollar
8 threshold, that's what I'm saying. I'm
9 sorry.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

11 MR. DOW: Just let me be clear.
12 It's a dollar threshold on the amount of
13 the contract.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Excuse
15 me.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:
18 Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Just real
20 quickly, Councilman, and I want you to
21 get back to your point.

22 But just for clarification,
23 your testimony today has been that
24 essentially stimulus dollars are going to
25 follow the same process for inclusion as

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2 normal City contracts.

3 MR. DOW: When we go through
4 contracts and we get a --

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: That was a
6 direct question.

7 MR. DOW: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: There was
9 already a EOP component within the
10 Philadelphia Code.

11 MR. DOW: Right.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: There was
13 already thresholds set within the
14 Philadelphia Code.

15 MR. DOW: Right.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Councilman
17 Clarke amended that to include all
18 stimulus projects. There was no need for
19 an amendment to it if it was going to
20 follow the system that was already in
21 place.

22 MR. DOW: I'm comfortable with
23 that.

24 I mean, if that is correct,
25 because the threshold that's in place,

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2 that dollar threshold per contract --

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No, no, no.

4 The point is that the reason why there
5 was an amendment that includes stimulus
6 project would be so that we could lower
7 the threshold from what was already in
8 the code.

9 MR. DOW: Right.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So is the
11 Administration willing to lower the
12 threshold in terms of what's required for
13 EOPs, in compliance with what will be
14 Councilman Clarke's soon-to-be ordinance?

15 MR. DOW: I think we would be
16 comfortable, but what we don't know right
17 now, sitting here today, is what the
18 threshold is, what that dollar threshold
19 is.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The
21 threshold is all contracts right now.

22 MR. DOW: Right. And so right
23 now, in the current legislation is a
24 million-dollar threshold. For every
25 contract above a million dollars, it has

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2 to have an EOP attached to it.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In the
4 current code --

5 MR. DOW: In the current code
6 --

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: -- it's a
8 million dollars.

9 MR. DOW: Right. And so, if
10 that is --

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In the bill
12 that was unanimously passed this
13 morning --

14 MR. DOW: Right.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: -- there was
16 no threshold.

17 MR. DOW: Right. And what I'm
18 saying is, that would create an undue
19 burden on the Office of Economic
20 Opportunity.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: That was not
22 your testimony at the economic
23 development hearing.

24 MR. DOW: Our testimony was
25 that we were in support of EOPs on

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2 federally-stimulated programs, as is the
3 current legislation --

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: It was my
5 understanding --

6 MR. DOW: -- with the intent
7 that it would be --

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: -- that he
9 was lowering the threshold by making the
10 amendment to the code, 'cause otherwise,
11 there was no need for a bill. The reason
12 why he added the stimulus projects was to
13 lower the threshold.

14 MR. DOW: Candidly, that --

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: He can speak
16 for himself, though.

17 MR. DOW: Okay. My
18 understanding was that it was to make
19 sure that the intent was to make sure
20 that all federal stimulus contracts, that
21 it was specific to federal standard
22 contracts.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: But those
24 projects would have already been covered
25 under the City process. Your testimony

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2 has been that the stimulus dollars that
3 are going through the City process
4 already existed.

5 MR. DOW: And if not mistaken,
6 our testimony was that -- we also said
7 that within the context of what was
8 currently on record, or as legislation,
9 was the context that we didn't need that
10 other bill; however, that we support --

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No, no.
14 That wasn't the understanding; at least
15 that wasn't my understanding.

16 MR. DOW: Okay.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: We had a
18 conversation about the amount because we
19 believe that \$1 million, which is the
20 threshold on the current broader
21 contract, as it relates to the EOP, was
22 too high.

23 MR. DOW: Right.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So we
25 purposely did not put in that

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2 one-million-dollar threshold because we
3 wanted it to affect the smaller
4 contracts.

5 MR. DOW: And I would --

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So what
7 you're telling me is that your preference
8 would be that we put the specific
9 threshold in the bill. I will ask for
10 the Mayor to send that bill back when we
11 get through with this hearing so I can
12 put a number in there.

13 MR. DOW: Will do, will do.

14 We'll ask the Mayor to do just that, and
15 then we'll --

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I mean, I
17 don't -- but you tell me what you think
18 the number --

19 MR. DOW: I think that we
20 should create a --

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: We --

22 MR. DOW: If the intent is to
23 capture a greater number of contracts, we
24 can lower the threshold dollar amount.

25 We have to be careful about

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2 what -- how low do we go. I would say,
3 you know, is it 750? is it 500? I think
4 500 is probably the minimum.

5 We'd have to figure out and see
6 what comfort level you would have, get an
7 indication of what the volume of
8 contracts very well may be, and then go
9 for it.

10 So I would say we would be
11 comfortable with asking you to --

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And,
13 actually, as I think through this and I
14 hear your testimony, I actually don't
15 think there should be any threshold,
16 because the reality is, this is one-time
17 money.

18 The reason why we set a
19 million-dollar threshold on the earlier
20 version, which encompassed all contracts,
21 was because of the voluminous nature of
22 how many contracts on an annual basis go
23 through the city.

24 But this is one-time money, and
25 I don't think it would be an undue burden

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2 either on the Administration or any
3 contractor who got a contract from
4 stimulus dollars just to simply tell us
5 what your plan for inclusion is for the
6 contact that you got.

7 The likelihood that they're
8 going to be here next year getting
9 another contract is virtually nil. So I
10 don't think it's a --

11 MR. DOW: I think that what we
12 don't know -- you know, as we are
13 being -- as Steve said, we're being
14 aggressive with applying for contracts.
15 As we are successful in that, it creates
16 a volume that is unknown right now.

17 And we hope and anticipate that
18 that volume is significant; that means
19 that we are being successful at getting
20 additional dollars for the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 With that in mind, then we
23 know, then, if we have a zero threshold
24 on contracts, it then becomes an undue
25 burden on the City, an undue burden on

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2 the Office of Economic Opportunity,
3 because of the staffing levels that are
4 appropriate.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The term
6 "undue," I guess, bothers me because it
7 implies that it's a little bit too much
8 work for you. And I think that the
9 nature of the issue is, like, very
10 important to a lot of us, as I'm sure
11 it's --

12 MR. DOW: It is very important
13 to us. And so the threshold is -- it
14 allows us to -- it becomes a question of
15 quality versus quantity.

16 I think that you would agree in
17 order for us to effect positive change in
18 the minorities (indiscernible) for the
19 City of Philadelphia, we need to do it in
20 a quality way.

21 Now, there's certainly a
22 balance between quality and quantity. So
23 what we need and what we would prefer is
24 that there is a balance there. And that
25 would be a threshold of some number that

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2 would enable us to achieve that so we
3 could get not only the quantity that we
4 would think is appropriate but also the
5 quality of work that we think is
6 effective for us to achieve our goals.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. I
8 hear you. I mean, I don't agree with
9 you, but I hear you.

10 MR. DOW: I understand.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay, I'm
12 good.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Mr. Dow, is
14 it really reasonable to suggest that
15 there are going to be a lot of smaller
16 contracts?

17 MR. DOW: That --

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: If there
19 might be a number of subcontracts, is it
20 really reasonable to suggest that there
21 are going to be a lot of small contracts?

22 MR. DOW: I think it's
23 reasonable to suggest that we just don't
24 know.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: You don't

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2 know what contracting you're going to do
3 with these dollars?

4 MR. DOW: No. We don't know if
5 it is reasonable to assess --

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: This is an
7 appropriations hearing.

8 MR. DOW: I understand.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Where you're
10 asking us to allocate funds.

11 MR. DOW: I understand.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: You do not
13 know how you intend to contract those
14 dollars?

15 MR. DOW: I understood the
16 question as the reasonable amount of the
17 number of small-dollar contracts. Is it
18 reasonable to --

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The first
20 issue is if you know how you're going to
21 allocate these dollars in terms of
22 contracting. You already know what size
23 contracts they're going to be in most
24 areas.

25 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilmember,

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2 I'm not sure that we know that. I can
3 query all of the grant managers to see
4 the size of the grants that they
5 anticipate, but sitting here before you,
6 I also don't have an answer to that
7 question.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Because even
9 if there are smaller contracts in terms
10 of subcontracts, an EOP is generally done
11 with a prime contractor in some cases,
12 who would they then, in turn, reallocate
13 the money and distribute the money. Then
14 the EOP is done with the prime contractor
15 but applies to subcontracts. And that's
16 one EOP.

17 MR. DOW: Right.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So to be
19 honest with you, I simply don't believe
20 that at the end of the day that there are
21 going to be so many smaller contracts
22 that there's a need for a threshold.
23 Until you can prove there's a need for a
24 threshold, there's no need for us to
25 accept it as being true.

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2 Not to mention that Council
3 already unanimously decided today that
4 there should be no threshold, and that
5 the stimulus dollars are that important
6 to us in terms of economic inclusion.

7 So that's something that, you
8 know, I think needs to be roved.

9 But separate from the economic
10 opportunity amendment that Councilman
11 Clarke did, you stated that this would
12 already go for the normal process. So
13 let's discuss what the normal process is.

14 Dr. Anderson, in response to
15 questioning about how we move forward, I
16 talked about how, from 1998 to 2003,
17 businesses owned by minorities received
18 about 2.3 percent of City contract
19 dollars. As of our annual disparity
20 studies of 2006, 2007, that number is up
21 to about 12 percent in terms of contract
22 dollars committed to businesses owned by
23 minorities.

24 I asked Dr. Anderson, how do we
25 move forward and what he would

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2 recommended in terms of OEO and in terms
3 of strategic plan. His simple statement
4 was that in the context of disparity
5 studies and in terms of what is actual
6 economic parity, that utilization should
7 match availability.

8 But in other testimony by the
9 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
10 Minority Supplier Development Council,
11 there was discussion of what availability
12 really is and what it isn't. In the
13 testimony by Darlene Jenkins, she said
14 they have 16,000 businesses that are
15 certified under their organization.

16 What is the amount of
17 businesses certified by the Office of
18 Economic Opportunity?

19 MR. DOW: Approximately 1200.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Okay. So
21 less than 10 percent, about two-thirds
22 of -- or three-quarters of 10 percent of
23 those businesses are certified by her
24 organization.

25 She also said in her testimony

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2 that we must push for the acceptance of
3 the National Minority Supplier
4 Development Council certification by the
5 City of Philadelphia for MBEs that want
6 to be certified, and essentially said
7 that that's the way that we reach what we
8 need in terms of the pool of
9 certification.

10 MR. DOW: Mm-hmm.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I happen to
12 know from our discussion and meetings
13 that the Office of Economic Opportunity,
14 through its new strategic plan, is
15 planning on opening up the pool of
16 certified businesses by accepting our
17 certifications.

18 MR. DOW: Yep.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: How would
20 that apply to the stimulus process?

21 MR. DOW: As the stimulus -- as
22 contracts --

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In other
24 words, are we going to be using the same
25 1200 firms?

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2 MR. DOW: No.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Will we
4 reach a figure, a pool of businesses that
5 is more appropriate, that actually deals
6 with the actual availability of
7 businesses that should be able to
8 participate?

9 MR. DOW: I think the answer is
10 -- I know the answer is yes.

11 Now, the question is how fast
12 we are able to move in that regard.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: That is the
14 question.

15 MR. DOW: And so, what we're
16 planning on doing is to look at
17 organizations like MSDC, Minority
18 Supplier Development Council, and look at
19 their process and looking at their
20 certification as becoming something -- as
21 becoming the City certification
22 (indiscernible).

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The question
24 is: Are you going to broaden the
25 certification?

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2 MR. DOW: Yes.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Immediately.

4 I don't mean tomorrow, but in time to
5 have a greater pool of people of
6 disadvantaged businesses and workers that
7 can take advantage of stimulus dollars?

8 And at what point can you
9 commit to us that we won't be dealing
10 with the same 1200 certified firms, only
11 about 2 or 300 of which get business?

12 MR. DOW: Sure.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: At what
14 point will we have a more significant
15 pool of certified firms that are deemed
16 to be available? 'cause there are
17 actually more available firms with the
18 capacity and that are certified, and
19 that's where and why we should be meeting
20 in terms of greater participation.

21 MR. DOW: I agree. And as
22 we've had some conversations about this,
23 around the availability and the
24 utilization. If we increase the
25 availability of firms, then the

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2 utilization, by theory, should go up, so
3 that's one of our strong strategic
4 objectives that we're working on.

5 We are moving in that direction
6 now to establish the protocols within the
7 Office of Economic Opportunity as they're
8 looking at current certifications to go
9 ahead and consider what this might be.

10 So if they -- "they," meaning a
11 small business or a business comes into
12 us that has a certification for somebody,
13 that we should look at that as that type
14 of reciprocal nature now so that we could
15 begin that process. We would be full
16 force in that January 1st.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I'm going to
18 be real clear.

19 There are only two things I
20 need, there are only two things I want to
21 evaluate, whether stimulus dollars had
22 economic inclusion or not and whether
23 they are prepared to have economic
24 inclusion or not.

25 One, what's the thresholds for

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2 EOPs? And we need a real answer for
3 that.

4 And two, what's the pool of
5 certified firms?

6 MR. DOW: Okay.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And we need
8 a real answer to that immediately, or
9 else you are talking the talk but not
10 walking the walk.

11 Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
13 you.

14 Councilman Kelly?

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
16 Madam Chair.

17 Mr. Agostini, I just have one
18 quick question, you might say. It's more
19 or less alluding to what Councilman Goode
20 has been questioning you about.

21 And that is: As far as I know,
22 the stimulus package, when it was passed,
23 these bills were passed in Washington,
24 D.C., I think the primary objective was
25 to create new jobs.

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2 And what I would like to know,
3 is, of this \$52 million, how many new
4 jobs? Do you have a ballpark figure on
5 how many new jobs would be created?

6 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilman,
7 there was an early ballpark figure that
8 was put together, but I have been very
9 reluctant to take those numbers without
10 rigorously looking at them personally.

11 The number that was calculated
12 preceded my taking this role as the
13 recovery officer. And as you may have
14 read recently, there have been rather
15 significant revisions to all of the job
16 numbers from the federal level on the
17 orders of 10 or 11 percent.

18 So I am looking at the number
19 for jobs created carefully and will go
20 through that again and am happy to
21 present that to you.

22 But at the moment, I'm not
23 willing to take at face value the job
24 calculations that were a part of the
25 applications themselves. I just haven't

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2 felt -- I haven't had the opportunity to
3 personally vet them myself.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yeah,
5 that's -- what I'm interested in is these
6 contractors; would they be hiring new
7 people? would they be creating new jobs?

8 MR. AGOSTINI: For many of
9 these, that is the expectation, that
10 either as a subrecipient or a vendor to
11 the City, that they will indeed be
12 spending dollars in a manner that will
13 create jobs, new jobs.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: But you have
15 no ballpark figure on how many --

16 MR. AGOSTINI: At the moment, I
17 don't, Councilman. And I apologize for
18 that, but I' prefer not to give you a
19 number than one that's erroneous.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Okay, but
21 you will be providing that to the chair?

22 MR. AGOSTINI: Yes, sir, I
23 will.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Okay. Thank
25 you, Madam Chair.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

3 Councilman O'Neill, do you want to be
4 recognized?

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No, I'm
6 fine.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Okay.
8 Councilman Clarke?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair.

11 Good afternoon again, sir.

12 I just wanted to ask a couple
13 of questions on a couple of the hearings
14 we had earlier. I'd like to ask you a
15 couple of west about the Office of
16 Housing and Community Development
17 stimulus dollars -- I'm sorry, American
18 Recovery Dollars; that's the new name
19 we're supposed to call it. I just want
20 to get some clarity on the split.

21 Earlier, we had a hearing and a
22 subsequent discussion about the split,
23 and in part of that, we came to a
24 consensus on a certain amount going to
25 housing, and I see we have it listed here

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2 as approximately 5.7. And I know that a
3 comparable amount was being, we were
4 told, would be spent for gap financing
5 for projects, some that were in the
6 pipeline.

7 Is that -- I just want to make
8 sure that I understand. Is that the 4-3
9 that's listed here? It's Creative
10 Industry Workforce Grants?

11 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilman, I'm
12 going to --

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Or Liveable
14 Communities Commercial development? What
15 are you --

16 MR. AGOSTINI: I believe,
17 Councilman, it would best if I deferred
18 to Debra McCullough. I do believe that
19 some of the grants you're discussing are
20 also grants that are being managed not
21 only by Ms. McCullough but also by Andy
22 Racklin (sp?). And so I would ask that
23 both of them come up here --

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah, I
25 just want make sure, 'cause we agreed on

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2 a number, but I don't know if the
3 terminology changed or if it's for the
4 same purpose. But at the time, it was
5 supposed to provide gap financing for
6 projects that were shovel-ready. And I
7 just want to make sure I understand where
8 that money is in this package.

9 (Witnesses come forward.)

10 MS. McCULLOUGH: Good
11 afternoon. I'm Debra McCullough,
12 Director of Housing.

13 The figures that appear in the
14 testimony are the same ones that were in
15 the consolidated plan amendment that we
16 presented to City Council last spring,
17 held a hearing on, and so forth.

18 So the 5.75 million for housing
19 gap financing, that's essentially the
20 construction subsidies that we used for
21 our various housing developments.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.

23 MS. McCULLOUGH: Those funds
24 are part of the request for proposals
25 that was issued this fall and for which

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2 we received 49 proposals.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That along
4 with trust fund dollars.

5 MS. McCULLOUGH: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

7 MS. McCULLOUGH: We issued an
8 RFP that included this money Housing
9 Trust Fund earnings, if you will, regular
10 Community Development Block Grant Funds,
11 and home funds.

12 So this becomes a part of that
13 pot of funds that are available.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: We're
15 really asking about the agreed-upon
16 amount for commercial-related activity.

17 MS. McCULLOUGH: And these
18 numbers are the same.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I mean,
20 where -- is this for the 4-3, is that it?

21 MS. McCULLOUGH: Oh, I'm sorry.
22 I wasn't understanding the question.

23 Yes, yes. The 4.396629 is the
24 piece -- is the --

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So that's

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2 -- is it called -

3 MS. McCULLOUGH: It's the split
4 that's going to Commerce for Commercial
5 Corridor and Livable Communities.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So it's
7 called Livable Communities, Commercial
8 Development Fund now?

9 MS. McCULLOUGH: Correct.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.
11 'Cause they didn't have that name before,
12 and that's why --

13 MS. McCULLOUGH: Right.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: 'Cause it's
15 called gap financing --

16 MS. McCULLOUGH: Right.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So we got
18 to --

19 (Indiscernible; parties talking
20 over each other.)

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: But it's
22 the same --

23 MS. McCULLOUGH: There's been
24 no change in the budget than what was
25 proposed and agreed upon and passed by

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2 this Council last spring.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: But will it
4 be used for the same purposes? because
5 there was a list of potential projects
6 that could be funded from that money.

7 And my question is, I guess, if
8 we change the name, does that mean we
9 change the scope of how that money could
10 be spent? Or will it still be spent on
11 projects that are shovel-ready or close
12 to being shovel-ready? That's really
13 what I'm trying to get at.

14 MR. ROCKLIN: Councilman, my
15 name is a Andy Rocklin (sp?). I'm Deputy
16 Chief of Staff for Planning and Economic
17 Development.

18 And the answer to your question
19 is yes.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Same thing.

21 MR. ROCKLIN: Same thing. We

22 --

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: We got a
24 project --

25 MR. ROCKLIN: (Indiscernible.)

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: What was
3 that supermarket up on --

4 MR. ROCKLIN: Progress Plaza.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No, it was
6 Germantown -- well, Progress Plaza. So
7 that's the type of project that we will
8 use this for --

9 MR. ROCKLIN: Yes.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. I
11 just wanted to a little clarity on that.

12 Since, I have you up here
13 Miss McCullough --

14 MS. McCULLOUGH: Yes,
15 Councilman?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- I've
17 been wondering about this. And I'm
18 sorry, it's a little -- it's kind of
19 totally unrelated to this, but the RFP
20 was \$10 million?

21 MS. McCULLOUGH: Approximately,
22 yes.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay,
24 approximately. And it included block
25 grant dollars from --

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2 MS. McCULLOUGH: The current
3 fiscal year.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It was --

5 MS. McCULLOUGH: 35.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: 35?

7 MS. McCULLOUGH: Right.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And the
9 trust fund was how much?

10 MS. McCULLOUGH: Um...

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I guess my
12 question is -- let me cut to the chase.

13 MS. McCULLOUGH: Uh-huh.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I was a
15 little concerned about the amount 'cause
16 it was only \$10 million, as I'm sure
17 anybody who was interested in getting
18 that money, because we had this obvious
19 increase from the stimulus dollars and
20 the trust fund, it went down a little
21 bit.

22 But I also understood that the
23 block grant dollars had increased from
24 the federal government. Is there a
25 reason why we only did 10 million?

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2 MS. McCULLOUGH: Well, because
3 we have developments that are in the
4 pipeline --

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That were
6 funded.

7 MS. McCULLOUGH: -- that we're
8 funding with available resources.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

10 MS. McCULLOUGH: So there's
11 always -- as you know, we always have
12 developments in the pipeline from -- that
13 may have come in through a previous RFP
14 that are now being funded --

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay.

16 MS. McCULLOUGH: -- with
17 current year's funding.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay. I
19 guess -- you know, when I heard stimulus
20 dollars, I thought it would be like a
21 bonanza. I got ya. Thank you for that.

22 And I have a question about the
23 Managing Director's testimony.

24 (Witnesses come forward.)

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It talks

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2 about the remaining -- I'm sorry. The
3 total request is for \$1,065,000. And a
4 small portion is spent for administration
5 of the Byrne Grant, but then there's a
6 \$953,000 for the Mayor's Office of
7 Sustainability for various projects
8 funded through the Efficiency and
9 Conservation Block Grant.

10 What exactly does that mean?

11 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT:

12 What was that first --

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: What does

14 that mean?

15 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT: I'm

16 Camille Barnett.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I mean,

18 what specifically --

19 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT: I'm

20 the Managing Director --

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: What are we

22 doing with it?

23 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT: Tha

24 t has to do with -- specifically the

25 energy efficiency portion of this; is

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2 that what you're asking about?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah, the
4 900,000.

5 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT:
6 Well, there are various projects in the
7 Mayor's Office of Sustainability that
8 this goes to, specifically those that are
9 funded through the Energy Efficiency and
10 Conservation Block Grant, so there's
11 supervisory.

12 There's 175,200, which is in
13 Class 100, which is for salary; 483,000
14 in Class 200; and 295,700 in Class 300.

15 Do you have some additional
16 things that you'd like to add? He wants
17 to know what this is for.

18 And so, it's primarily
19 implementation of our Green Works Plan as
20 funded by --

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So this is
22 a part of the Commerce-related activity
23 and the stimulus dollars a part of Green
24 Works?

25 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT:

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2 It's --

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're
4 talking about a portion of it for, I'm
5 assuming, staffing, because of the class.
6 Is it -- does it supplant, or do you hire
7 new people? I guess, what exactly is the
8 money going go for --

9 MS. GAJEWSKI: Sure. I'm --

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: --
11 specifically?

12 MS. GAJEWSKI: Yeah. I'm
13 Katherine --

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: If we hire
15 somebody, what are they going to do?

16 MS. GAJEWSKI: I'm Katherine --

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Or is
18 that for job-creating? I'm sorry.

19 MS. GAJEWSKI: I'm Katherine
20 Gajewski from the Office of
21 Sustainability.

22 Under our EECBG banner, the
23 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block
24 Grant Program, we're going to receive a
25 total of \$14.1 million in formula funds.

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2 We are advancing 11 separates programs
3 between that \$14 million.

4 So the portion that Dr. Barnett
5 was referencing, three of these programs,
6 the funding is going directly to the
7 Office of Sustainability. A number of
8 the other programs are being administered
9 by the Streets Department and the
10 Commerce Department.

11 The funding that she referenced
12 is going to my office directly.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And so, my
14 follow-up question is: What are the
15 programs?

16 MS. GAJEWSKI: So it's going to
17 --

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Or is that
19 in the other testimony, in those
20 departments that you mentioned?

21 MS. GAJEWSKI: So the funding
22 that's coming to my office directly is
23 going to fund primarily three different
24 programs.

25 One is a million dollars for

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2 the Municipal Building energy-efficiency
3 and renewable retrofits, which are going
4 to be capital improvements made to City
5 buildings to bring our energy costs down.

6 The second program is to target
7 energy budget support and training.

8 There will be one new position created as
9 a part of that program to oversee the
10 transition to target energy budgets for
11 the departments; again, part of the
12 energy-efficiency and cost-reduction
13 programs.

14 The other program is the Green
15 Works Philadelphia support; there's going
16 to be one new position created there as
17 well, which is what's reflected in the
18 Class 100.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay, all
20 right. All right, okay.

21 MS. GAJEWSKI: It's a lot of
22 pieces.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: As
24 Councilman Kelly was saying earlier, and
25 I'm hearing that we're creating

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2 approximately three jobs that will
3 essentially oversee other activities in
4 other departments or other funding
5 sources.

6 And I guess, will these be
7 temporary jobs or will they be full-time
8 jobs? Will the City be required to pay
9 for the next fiscal year of that
10 individual?

11 MS. GAJEWSKI: We're going to
12 have to --

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Or are we
14 supplanting --

15 MS. GAJEWSKI: Because the
16 funding is only for 12 to 18 months as
17 part of this grant, we'll have to bring
18 these people on in a contracting capacity
19 and then reassess --

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So it's
21 contracting.

22 MS. GAJEWSKI: -- for twelve
23 months more.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Okay, I got
25 it.

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2 MS. GAJEWSKI: Okay.

3 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT:

4 It's more than just the supervision.

5 When we're making capital improvements to

6 City facilities, those will involve

7 contracts to make those capital

8 improvements --

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And that's

10 in the --

11 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT: --

12 so they will be jobs in the private

13 sector.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And that's

15 in the R14 million part?

16 MANAGING DIRECTOR BARNETT:

17 Yeah.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right,

19 all right. Thank you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

21 Councilwoman Miller?

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay,

23 thank you, Madam Chair.

24 Mr. Agostini, we talked to you

25 earlier this afternoon regarding giving

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2 us a list or a list to the chair of this
3 committee regarding where the funding is
4 coming from, what federal funding. And I
5 just want to remind you that we're still
6 looking for that information.

7 MR. AGOSTINI: We can provide
8 that in a summary form, as has been
9 requested, Councilwoman. We did provide
10 to Council a list of every one of the
11 grants, with their funding source as well
12 as their department.

13 So what I will do is provide
14 you with a summary that has been
15 requested along with that list, but that
16 list has been provided to Council
17 previously.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
19 And I think most of us here in City
20 Council really want to see Philadelphians
21 get back to work. We just don't want
22 this money coming in and in a year from
23 now look, we're looking back and nobody's
24 really gained anything in terms of
25 employment.

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2 So I have some questions
3 regarding the programs that's going to be
4 delivered by the Mayor's Office of
5 Community Services, the employment
6 training program.

7 Is anyone here from that
8 department?

9 MR. AGOSTINI: Yes.

10 (Witnesses come forward.)

11 MS. SERENDERA: Hi there. I'm
12 Jenny Serendera (sp?) from the Mayor's
13 Office.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Good
15 afternoon.

16 MS. MARINER: Hi. I'm Mary
17 Mariner. I'm interim executive director
18 of the Mayor's Office of Community
19 Services.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay,
21 great. Thank you.

22 In your testimony, do you have
23 a copy of it? What was actually
24 submitted in this booklet?

25 MS. SERENDERA: Yes.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Great.

3 At the bottom -- and I know that one of
4 MOCS's goals or MOCS's main purposes is
5 to move people to self-sufficiency.

6 So down at the bottom, at the
7 last paragraph, you're talking jobs for a
8 sustainable neighborhood. Can you tell
9 me what a sustainable neighborhood is?

10 MS. SERENDERA: Oh, sure,
11 absolutely.

12 So one of the job programs that
13 we've put together with the recovery
14 dollars coming through MOCS builds off of
15 the Community Land Care Program that is
16 currently run through the Department of
17 Commerce with CDBG funds. So that
18 program -- it's called the Community Land
19 Care Program. Its neighborhood cleaning
20 and greening of vacant lots.

21 So what we did was, we take
22 folks who have these jobs, they're
23 part-time and they're seasonal jobs. And
24 we said, you know, here's a group of
25 people who've shown every day, they can

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2 show up to work, they've got some job
3 skills. How can we get them to the next
4 level of employment -- full-time,
5 higher-wage positions.

6 So we are taking the CSGB
7 funds, we're using it to support them in
8 terms of case management and literacy and
9 job-training. And then the idea is that
10 you move them into on-the-job training in
11 more regular employment. And then it's a
12 full-time employment off of the
13 commercial corridors or out of the
14 Community Land Care Program.

15 And then you backfill all of
16 those positions with folks from the
17 neighborhoods who kind of can, with some
18 barriers to employment, start working in
19 those lower -- sort of lower job-
20 readiness positions, if that makes sense.

21 So it's a bit of an assembly
22 line.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. So
24 that sounds pretty good, that you're
25 going to take folks that are currently

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2 doing the land care, move them up; and
3 that way, the contractor -- the person
4 that has the contract now can bring more
5 people in, and you're sort of looking at
6 it as a job-readiness program.

7 MS. SERENDERA: That's right,
8 that's right.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Because
10 the people of 2009 should be moved to
11 this sustainable job-training, et cetera
12 and hopefully, then, in 2010, have a
13 higher job when they complete the
14 program.

15 MS. MARINER: Yes, that's the
16 goal.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: But then
18 the contractor can go get new folk,
19 correct?

20 MS. MARINER: From the
21 neighborhood and bring them in --

22 MS. SERENDERA: Exactly,
23 exactly.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So it's
25 like a little (indiscernible).

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2 MS. SERENDERA: Right.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay,
4 good.

5 And as a part of that program,
6 you also have GED?

7 MS. SERENDERA: Mm-hmm.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And
9 literacy?

10 MS. SERENDERA: That's right.

11 MS. MARINER: That's correct.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So if we
13 want to refer someone to that person,
14 then we need to call MOCS?

15 MS. MARINER: Yes.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

17 MS. SERENDERA: So the folks
18 who we're recruiting for that program are
19 already doing the commercial corridor
20 work. We hope that if the program is
21 successful, we can keep it going, and
22 then we'll need people to backfill those
23 positions on the corridors.

24 So what we'll do is make all of
25 this information available through MOCS

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2 and any of the other job-training
3 programs available through MOCS and
4 through the career link centers that the
5 Workforce Investment Board runs.

6 But absolutely, if you want to
7 pass along any information, we'll make
8 sure that folks have the relevant info to
9 find out about these programs.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Well, any
11 of these programs, Council offices need
12 the information.

13 MS. SERENDERA: Absolutely.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Because
15 we have constituents that are calling us
16 all the time for employment leads and all
17 kinds of service-oriented services.

18 MS. SERENDERA: Right.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Now, the
20 job readiness and placement for
21 ex-offenders, so this is just career
22 counseling and wraparound services; job
23 readiness, not training.

24 MS. MARINER: It's actually
25 job-training and placement, placement of

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2 260 ex-offenders into full-time
3 employment. And they will receive
4 retention services for 120 days after
5 placement.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Have you
7 guys been doing this in the past? I
8 mean, I know this is -

9 MS. MARINER: This is done for
10 the Mayor's Office for Reentry.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: For
12 reentry, okay. So their success has been
13 what?

14 MS. SERENDERA: You know, we
15 can get back to you with their rate in
16 terms of retention.

17 I know they have a much lower
18 recidivism rate for their clients than
19 you see throughout the City, but we'd
20 have to get back to you on the exact
21 rate.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.
23 And with then, the construction trade,
24 you're going to hopefully train 160
25 people to get into an apprenticeship

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2 program.

3 MS. MARINER: That is actually
4 the PHA program. That's been very
5 successful, and we will have 160 people
6 who will go through that program and take
7 the apprenticeship test or get jobs
8 within the construction trades.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Is there
10 a timeline on these? I mean, are you
11 looking to do this in what?

12 MS. SERENDERA: So our biggest
13 challenge has been, in part, that the
14 funds are still currently at the state
15 level. So as soon as those dollars come
16 to the City and as soon as we get through
17 the process here in terms of the
18 appropriation process, we'd like to get
19 those programs moving as quickly as
20 possible.

21 We are going to be beginning
22 recruitment efforts very shortly. And
23 then, really, it depends a little bit on
24 just the contracting process and getting
25 those dollars through the state.

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2 But as soon as any of these are
3 ready to launch, there will be
4 information available.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I just
6 want to go back for a second to the
7 ex-offenders. Are they -- that's
8 different from what the Prisons is saying
9 it's going to do with green jobs for
10 ex-offenders?

11 MS. MARINER: Yes. That's
12 different.

13 MS. SERENDERA: Yes.

14 MS. McCULLOUGH: That's totally
15 different.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Is
17 someone from the Prisons here?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No?
20 Okay.

21 Well, what we would like to
22 know is just how many people are they
23 targeting? Green jobs for ex-offenders,
24 \$700,000. Okay.

25 MR. AGOSTINI: Councilmember, I

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2 don't believe anyone is here from

3 Prisons.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

5 MR. AGOSTINI: I will check to

6 see if someone can get here.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Is anyone

8 here from the Mayor's Office of... the

9 Mayor's Office -- the Mayor's Commission

10 on Aging, the Senior Center, Senior

11 Services?

12 (Witness comes forward.)

13 MS. MERLIN: Good afternoon.

14 I'm Debbie Merlin. And I'm the Assistant

15 Deputy Mayor at the Mayor's Commission on

16 Aging.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

18 Good afternoon.

19 Can you tell me a little bit

20 about this job-training program for

21 low-income seniors that you propose?

22 MS. MERLIN: This is the Senior

23 Community Service Employment Program that

24 the Mayor's Commission on Aging has had a

25 contract from the Philadelphia

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2 Corporation for Aging, where the money
3 comes from the federal Department of
4 Labor for over 35 years.

5 The stimulus money is in
6 addition to the money and programs that
7 we already have in place. It allows us
8 the opportunity to enroll additional
9 people in the work-training program,
10 where we place low-income seniors that
11 have many barriers to employment at
12 different not-for-profit 501(c)(3)s and
13 government agencies throughout the City
14 for work training, with the eventual goal
15 of helping the people find employment.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So the
17 work training then, if I decided to take
18 a senior into an -- or if an agency
19 decided to take a senior, that would be
20 called work-training, and then would they
21 move -- but would they get paid for that?

22 MS. MERLIN: Yes.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

24 MS. MERLIN: The senior gets
25 paid \$7.25 an hour, minimum wage, for 20

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2 hours of training a week.

3 And the type of training is
4 anything from clerical aide to
5 receptionist aide, maintenance aide,
6 nutritionist aide, and some other types
7 of training opportunities throughout the
8 different host-agency sites.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And how
10 long can they stay in that training?

11 MS. MERLIN: Right now, with
12 the stimulus money, they are able to stay
13 in that area until the end of June of
14 2010.

15 However, what our goal is at
16 that point is either, hopefully, some of
17 the people will have found jobs or will
18 be able to transition them, if
19 appropriate, into our regular senior
20 community service employment, using our
21 regular funds for that. That is our
22 eventual goal.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And is
24 there an age limit?

25 MS. MERLIN: The age minimum is

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2 55 years old; you have to be at least 55.

3 And we have people of every age after

4 that, up to approximately 85, 86 years

5 old.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay, all

7 right. Thank you.

8 And how many people -- this

9 additional funding, how many people do

10 you serve and how many do you anticipate

11 serving with the additional funding?

12 MS. MERLIN: Our average goal

13 is 22 people. However, right now, we

14 have in the program, as of today, 24

15 active participants that are work-

16 training throughout the City. The total

17 that we've served from June until today

18 is 33.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay, all

20 right. Thank you. Thank you very much.

21 MS. MERLIN: Thank you.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Are

23 there any other questions from members of

24 the committee?

25 (No further questions.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you.

4 Is there anyone else here to
5 testify?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
8 right, thank you.

9 That ends our public hearing.
10 We'll go into our public meeting.

11 The Chair recognizes...

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke for Bill No. 090737.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam Chair.

16 I make a motion that Bill No.
17 090737 be reported out of committee with
18 a favorable recommendation and a request
19 for a rules suspension to allow for
20 reading at the next session of Council.

21 (Motion duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
23 those in favor?

24 Opposed?

25 (None opposed.)

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2 Therefore, Bill No. 090737 will
3 be voted out of this committee with a
4 favorable recommendation and a suspension
5 of the rules so as to permit first
6 reading at our next session of Council.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Clarke for Bill No. 090739.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair.

11 I move that Bill No. 090739 be
12 reported out of committee with a
13 favorable recommendation and with a rules
14 suspension to allow for reading at the
15 next session of council.

16 (Motion duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
18 those in favor?

19 Opposed?

20 (None opposed.)

21 Therefore, Bill No. 090739 will
22 be reported out of this committee with a
23 favorable recommendation, with a
24 suspension of the rules, so as to permit
25 first reading at our next session of

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2 Council.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke for Bill No. 090740.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam Chair.

7 I make a motion that Bill No.
8 090740 be reported out of committee with
9 a favorable recommendation and a rules
10 suspension to allow for reading at the
11 next session of Council.

12 (Motion duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: All
14 those in favor?

15 Opposed?

16 (None opposed.)

17 All right. Therefore, Bill No.
18 090740 will be reported out of this
19 committee with a favorable
20 recommendation, with the rules of Council
21 be suspended so as to permit first
22 reading at our next session of Council.

23 Bill No. 090736 and Bill No.
24 090738 will be held till the next session
25 of Council, on December the 3rd, at 9

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2 o'clock.

3 Thank you.

4 (Proceedings end at 4:00 p.m.)

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