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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, February 4, 1999
10:00 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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MARIE HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

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

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Reverend Paul Kennedy. He is
10 the president of Cardinal Dougherty High School.
11 He is here today as a guest of Councilman O'Neill.

12 Members and guests will please rise.

13 (All rise.)

14 REVEREND KENNEDY: Let us pray.

15 Lord, God almighty, everything that we
16 are comes from you. You know our beginnings and
17 our endings, our strengths and our weaknesses, our
18 needs and our wants, our present, our future, and
19 our past. By your providence, you lead us and
20 help today and every day.

21 We ask your blessing upon these men and
22 women, our law makers and our guides. Guide them
23 as they discern what is best for our city and our
24 time. Inspire them in their decision-making and
25 their deliberations. Protect them and guide them

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2 in what they say and do in this chamber on behalf
3 of our city and its citizens.

4 And bless them today and always with
5 your love and your protection. Bless their
6 families and those who have entrusted them with
7 this duty and responsibility. Protect them always
8 and allow them to know and feel your love and your
9 providence in all their actions on behalf of the
10 citizens of our great city make.

11 We make this prayer in faith and in
12 trust and in the confidence of your loving care.

13 Amen.

14 ALL: Amen.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks Reverend Kennedy for his inspiring
17 invocation.

18 (Council stands at ease.)

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
21 order of business is the approval of the journal
22 the of the meeting of January 26, 1999. The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President I
25 move that the journal of January 26, 1999. The

1 2/4 STATED - 1/26 Journal Approval, Leaves of Abs.
2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,
4 I move that the journal of January 26, 1999 be
5 approved.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
7 second?

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
10 properly moved seconded that the journal of the
11 meeting of Tuesday January 26, 1999 stand
12 approved.

13 All in favor will vote aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, the motion carriers,
16 and the journal of Tuesday January 26, 1999 is
17 approved.

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
20 order of business is leaves of absence. The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,
23 I'm aware of no requests for leaves of absence on
24 the part of the Majority.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 thanks the Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madame President,
6 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
7 requests for leave of absence.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
9 thanks the gentleman.

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11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
12 will dispense with the regular order of business
13 to recognize guests and visitors joining us in
14 chambers this morning. On behalf of all members
15 of City Council, I welcome you to our Council
16 session this morning. We appreciate your taking
17 the time to join us as we attend to our
18 legislative affairs of our city. We invite you to
19 come again.

20 We will be presenting a resolution for
21 Catholic Schools Week to Monsignor Cribben.
22 However, the children haven't arrived yet, so
23 supposing we continue on with our normal business
24 at this time.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
3 order of business would be communications.

4 The Chair recognizes the
5 sergeant-at-arms for the purpose of delivering the
6 messages from the Mayor to the chief clerk. The
7 chief clerk will read the messages from the Mayor.

8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Thank you.
9 February 3, 1999. To the President and Members of
10 the Council of the City of Philadelphia: I am
11 pleased to advise you that I have today signed
12 Bill Nos. 980705 and 980549.

13 February 3 rd. I am pleased to advise
14 you that I have today signed the following bills
15 which were passed by Council on its session of
16 January 26, 1999: Bill No. 980799-A.

17 And a resolution approving the
18 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement
19 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
21 renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban
22 Renewal Area identified by house number and street
23 address as 1011 West Oxford Street.

24 And an ordinance declaring it is
25 desirable for the health, safety, welfare of the

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2 people in the area served by Jefferson Health
3 System, Inc. ("The System"), Frankford Health
4 Care System, Inc., ("FHCS"), the Frankford
5 Hospital of Philadelphia ("Frankford Hospital"),
6 and the Delaware Valley Medical Center ("DVMC")
7 for the Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities
8 Authority of Philadelphia to participate with The
9 System, FHCS, Frankford Hospital, and DVMC in
10 financing to provide for acquisition by The System
11 of the sole corporate membership interest in FHCS.

12 And an ordinance authorizing the
13 Director of Commerce and the Commissioner of
14 Public Property to purchase for use by the
15 Philadelphia International Airport a certain
16 parcel of property owned by the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania, through its Department of General
18 Services, located at 8350 Enterprise Avenue
19 Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are they all
22 of the communications, Marie?

23 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: I have no other
24 communications, Madame Chair.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The next
5 order of business is introduction of bills and
6 resolutions. The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Clark for the purpose of making a motion to
8 suspend rules.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Is there a
14 second?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: All in favor
17 of the motion to suspend the rules to permit
18 immediate consideration of resolutions at the time
19 of introduction will vote aye.

21 The ayes have it, the motion is
22 carried.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,

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2 today, by request, I have two bills benefitting
3 the 5th District.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
5 The chief clerk will please read the title of the
6 bills.

7 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: Thank you.

8 An ordinance amending Section 2 of an
9 ordinance, Bill No. 970348, approved July 1, 1997,
10 an ordinance authorizing and directing the
11 revision of lines and grades on a portion City
12 Plan No. 58 of an area bounded by Poplar Street,
13 12th Street, Parrish Street, and Watts Street by
14 revising the lines and grades of Ogden Street from
15 Watts Street to 13th Street and by striking from
16 the City Plan and vacating Myrtle Street.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: An ordinance
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
21 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
22 of the City of Philadelphia, without
23 consideration, deeds for properties situate in the
24 16th, 20th, 29th, and 32nd Wards of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: Thank you,
7 Madame President. I have one resolution.

8 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The chief clerk
9 will please read the resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia, without
14 consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee
15 simple title to certain properties situate in the
16 6th, 24th, 46th and 51st Wards of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: Madame
21 President, I move the adoption of the bill.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
24 will signify by saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it, the motion is

3 carried.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madame President, I
6 offer one resolution which I request be held for a
7 week for consideration so that all members of the
8 Council can read the report that was recommended
9 by the joint committees on Health and Law &
10 Government this morning.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I thank you.
12 The chief clerk will please read the resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
14 approving the joint report of the Committees on
15 Law & Government and Health & Human Services on
16 Resolution No. 960617 entitled "Imminent Dangers
17 of Welfare Reform in Philadelphia" and the
18 recommendations contained therein, and sending a
19 copy of said report to Governor Ridge and every
20 member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
22 resolution will be held for one week.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Krajewski -- Councilman Cohen, have all the
25 members received a copy of your report?

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: All members of both
3 committees received it prior to this morning's
4 hearing. We will see that all members of the
5 Council receive the report.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please do,
7 thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madame
11 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madame
15 President. I offer three resolutions and one
16 bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chief
18 clerk will please read the bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
20 providing for the submission to the qualified
21 electors of the City of Philadelphia of an
22 amendment to Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2-201
23 of the Philadelphia home rule charter entitled
24 "Manner of Introduction, Consideration, and
25 Passage of Ordinances" by requiring a two-thirds

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2 majority vote of the members of City Council for
3 the passage of certain bills relating to taxes for
4 the City of Philadelphia for School District
5 purposes, as approved by resolution of the City
6 Council, fixing the date of a special election for
7 such purposes proscribing the form of the ballot
8 question to be voted on and authorizing the
9 appropriate officers to publish notice and make
10 arrangements therefor.

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

13 The chief clerk will please read the
14 resolutions.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 authorizing the City Council Committee on Licenses
17 and Inspections to hold public hearings on the
18 feasibility of streamlining the application and
19 approval procedure for the issuance of signed
20 permits.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
22 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An a resolution
25 proposing amendments to Article 2, Chapter 2,

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2 Section 2-201 of the Philadelphia Home Rule
3 Charter entitled "Manner of Introduction,
4 Consideration and Passage of Ordinances" by
5 requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the
6 Members of City Council for the passage of certain
7 bills relating to taxes for the City and the
8 Philadelphia School District purposes, and
9 providing for the submission of amendments to the
10 electors of the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
12 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: And a resolution
15 authorizing the Commission of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
17 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
18 situate in the 30th, 36th, and 40th Wards of the
19 City of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman, I
21 think we can cast a vote on that now; it doesn't
22 have to be referred to a committee.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
24 of the resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a

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2 second?

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
5 properly moved and seconded.

6 All in favor will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it, the motion is
10 carried.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Miller.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madame
14 President. I offer one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks you. The chief clerk will please read the
17 title of the resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
20 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
21 of the City of Philadelphia, without
22 consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee
23 simple title to certain properties situate in the
24 11th, 12th, 13th, 22th, 43rd, and 59th Wards of
25 the City of Philadelphia.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it, the motion is
13 carried.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madame President, I
16 offer one bill and one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chief
18 clerk will please read the title of the bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
20 providing for the submission to the qualified
21 electors -- I'm sorry.

22 An ordinance providing for the
23 submission to the qualified electors of the City
24 of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Educational
25 Supplement of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter

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2 relating to the method of selection and term of
3 office of members of the Board of Education,
4 including provisions relating to the educational
5 nominating panel, as approved by resolution of the
6 City Council, fixing the date of a special
7 election for such purpose, proscribing the form of
8 ballot question to be voted on, and authorizing
9 the appropriate officers to publish notice and to
10 make arrangements for the special election.

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

13 The chief clerk will please read the
14 title of the resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
16 proposing an amendment to the Educational
17 Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
18 relating to the method of selection and term of
19 office of members of the Board of Education,
20 including provisions relating to the educational
21 nomination panel and providing for the submission
22 of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
24 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madame President,

5 I have no bills or resolutions this morning.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

7 thanks the lady.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I have no bills or
10 resolutions, Madame President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madame
14 President. I offer three resolutions and two
15 bills.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
17 will please read the titles of the two bills.

18 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: An ordinance
19 establishing a parking regulation on Snyder
20 Avenue, both sides, 12th Street to 13th Street.

21 An ordinance establishing a parking
22 regulation of Fitzwater Street, north side, Sixth
23 Street to Seventh Street, and on Fitzwater Street,
24 south side, Sixth Street to Sheridan Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bills

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committees.

3 The chief clerk will please read the
4 resolutions.

5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
7 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
8 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
9 situate in the 2nd and the 31st Wards of the City
10 of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madame
14 President. I move for the adoption of the
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those in
17 favor will signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it, the motion is
20 carried.

21 The chief clerk will read the second
22 resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority

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2 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
3 situate in the 25th Ward of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, Madame
8 President. I move for the adoption of the
9 resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
12 properly moved and seconded.

13 All in favor will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it. The resolution has
17 been adopted.

18 The chief clerk will please read the
19 resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK Hauser: A resolution
21 recognizing March 1999 as "American Red Cross
22 Month."

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

25 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, Madame

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2 President. I move for the adoption of the

3 resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been

6 properly moved and seconded that the resolution be

7 adopted.

8 All in favor will signify by saying

9 aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it. The motion is

12 carried.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman

14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madame Chair, I

16 offer one bill by request.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

18 will please read the title of the bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Thank you. An

20 ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the

21 health, safety, and welfare for the people in the

22 area served by Jefferson Health System, Inc. ("The

23 System"), Frankford Health Care System, Inc.

24 ("FHCS"), the Frankford Hospital of Philadelphia

25 ("Frankford Hospital"), and Delaware Valley

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2 Medical Center ("DVMC") for the Hospitals and
3 Higher Education Facilities Authority of
4 Philadelphia to participate with The System in
5 financing to provide for acquisition by The System
6 of the sole corporate membership interest in FHCS.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madame President,
12 I have two resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
14 The chief clerk will please read the title of the
15 resolutions.

16 Councilwoman Clark, do you want to be
17 recognized? Your light's on.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,
19 I need to have one of the resolutions which I
20 introduced today voted upon. It's the resolution
21 that deals with redevelopment.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All right.
23 We will recognize you when we're finished with
24 these resolutions. Thank you.

25 The chief clerk will please read the

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2 resolutions introduced by Councilman Mariano.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing
4 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
6 of Philadelphia deeds for properties situate in
7 the 7th, 18th, 19th, 37th, and 43rd Wards of the
8 City of Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
10 Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
12 adoption, Madame President.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it. The motion is
21 carried.

22 The chief clerk will please read the
23 second resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: A resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
3 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
4 situate in the 19th, 23rd, and 37th wards of the
5 City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
9 adoption, Madame President.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been
14 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

15 All in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it. The motion is
19 carried.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Longstreth.

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

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madame President, I
3 have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
6 Clark.

7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,
8 the resolution that I introduced today on behalf
9 of the 5th District needs to be voted on. It is
10 one that deals with a Redevelopment Authority
11 parcel.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chief
13 clerk will please read the title of that
14 resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Thank you. A
16 resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property to execute and deliver to the
18 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
19 Philadelphia deeds for properties situate in the
20 16th, 20th, 29th and 32nd Wards of the City of
21 Philadelphia and the 43rd Ward of the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

25 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madame President,

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2 I move the adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been
5 properly moved and seconded that the resolution be
6 adopted.

7 All those in favor will signify by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it. The motion is
11 carried.

12 Thank you.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This morning,
15 we have one presentation designating the week of
16 February 1, 1999 through February 5, 1999 as
17 "Catholic Schools Week." Receiving the
18 presentation are Monsignor Phillip J. Cribben,
19 Father Edward Rauch, and Father Robert G.
20 Mulligan.

21 I invite Councilwoman Krajewski,
22 Councilwoman Clark, Councilman Kenney, and
23 Councilman O'Neill to make this presentation.

24 Will the students please come forward.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm just very

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2 happy that the bus arrived, fellas. This is a
3 pleasure indeed.

4 This is a resolution designating the
5 week of February 1, 1999 through February 5, 1999
6 as "Catholic Schools Week" in the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 Whereas the members of City Council of
9 Philadelphia stand and salute the 100,000 students
10 and teachers throughout the Archdiocese of
11 Philadelphia who celebrate Catholic Schools Week
12 with a variety of religious, social, and
13 recreational activity under the theme Beyond These
14 Walls, a Tradition of Excellence.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas the first
16 Catholic school in Philadelphia was established in
17 1782 at St. Marry's parish, laying the foundation
18 for what would become a model school system that
19 was replicated throughout the country. And by
20 1850, there was a Catholic school in nearly every
21 city parish.

22 And whereas the early schools struggled
23 and survived the anti-Catholic sentiments and even
24 the riots of the 1840s, they expanded and improved
25 under the strong leadership of St. John Neuman and

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2 his successors, all advocates of a Catholic school
3 system that has instilled high moral values and
4 established rigorous standards of educational
5 excellence. And. . .

6 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: And whereas
7 Catholic schools in Philadelphia have proved
8 themselves to be blueprints for success. Current
9 figures indicate that nearly 85 percent of
10 Catholic school graduates attend college, and
11 another 6 percent attend technical and trade
12 schools. These graduates continue to contribute
13 to the social enrichment, moral stability, and
14 economic security of Philadelphia and the entire
15 region. Graduates of Catholic schools have held
16 every elected office possible in the City of
17 Philadelphia. And. . .

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas this year,
19 we especially recognize Father Judge High School
20 for Boys, under the patronage of St. Francis
21 DeSales, who was known for his personal qualities
22 of humanity and gentleness. The priests and
23 brothers who work at Father Judge are known as the
24 oblates of St. Francis DeSales and are dedicated
25 to the continuation to the spirit and teaching of

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2 this great saint. As it has throughout history,
3 Father Judge continues to prepare its students for
4 full lives and their families, their careers,
5 their communities, and their churches. Graduates
6 of Father Judge High School continue to enhance
7 the school's reputation as they achieve success in
8 all careers and walks of life.

9 Whereas this outstanding school
10 stresses the dignity and work of the individual,
11 the love of God, educational excellence, physical
12 development, and spiritual and moral valuation.

13 Now therefore. . .

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Revolved by
15 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
16 proudly designate the week of February 1, 1999
17 through February the 5, 1999 as "Catholic Schools
18 Week" in the City of Philadelphia and fitting
19 tribute to the Catholic schools whose high
20 standards of excellence and educated individuals
21 from all economic, social, ethnic, and religious
22 backgrounds. These schools have enhanced and
23 enriched the lives of their students and families
24 for 217 years.

25 Further resolved that an engrossed copy

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2 of this resolution be presented to Monsignor
3 Phillip J. Cribben, Secretary of Catholic
4 education for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and
5 Reverend Edward R. Rauch, Oblates of St. Francis,
6 President, and Reverend Robert G. Mulligan,
7 Oblates of St. Francis, Principal of Father Judge
8 High School, as evidence of the sincere sentiments
9 of this legislative body.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Monsignor
12 Cribben, would you like to give a few remarks.

13 MONSIGNOR CRIBBEN: I'm deeply honored
14 and delighted to accept this resolution from
15 Council. I accept it on behalf of the staff and
16 the students at Father Judge High School as well
17 as on behalf of the more than 50,000 students who
18 live in the City of Philadelphia who attend our
19 parish. I am pleased to report to you that in
20 recent weeks, some members of our staff joined me
21 in a series of meetings with Superintendent
22 Hornbeck as well as members of the Board of
23 Education to explore ways in which we can work
24 together as two school systems to promote the
25 education of young people of our city.

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2 So I thank you for this resolution.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I would also
5 like to introduce "Father Joe," as we call him
6 Campalone.

7 FATHER JOE: Thank you, members of
8 Council. I truly appreciate this award for Father
9 Judge. Our students here today participated in
10 many events for the City this year. I also want
11 to thank you for the support which you have given
12 our school this year in our many attempts to help
13 out with the city as far as violence and rallies
14 to help us a make commitment to let our youth know
15 that other people care.

16 So I truly appreciate this award and
17 thank you on behalf of Father Judge High School,
18 the students with me, and our principal. And I
19 want to thank Councilwoman Krajewski for all the
20 support given us. Even though it's an all-boys
21 school, she's always there, and we appreciate all
22 of her help in.

23 All of us thank you, and God bless you.

24 (Applause.).

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will

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2 stand at ease.

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
5 order of business is reports from committees.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter
7 for the purpose of reporting any bills out of the
8 Committee of the Whole.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madame President,
10 the Committee of the Whole reports one bill with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chief
13 clerk will please read the report.

14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: To the President
15 and Members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole Council,
17 to which was referred Bill No. 990001, an
18 ordinance amending the Retirement System Ordinance
19 approved December 3, 1956, as amended, and
20 amending the Municipal Retirement Benefit Plan
21 1987 Ordinance, which became effective January 8,
22 1987 as amended, by adding new sections to the, in
23 the case of both ordinances, provide for increases
24 to the benefits of certain uniformed and
25 non-uniformed retirees, beneficiaries, and

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2 survivors supervisor by providing for certain
3 increases under certain terms and conditions, and
4 making certain related technical amendments,
5 respectfully reports it has considered and amended
6 the same and returns the attached bill to Council
7 with a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Bill No.
9 990001 will be placed on our first-reading
10 calendar for our next session of Council.

11 Are there any other further reports?
12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
14 we will now consider the calendar.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madame President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry, I
17 didn't see you Councilman. The Chair recognizes
18 Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madame President,
20 with the permission of the president, I would like
21 to give an oral report on behalf of the joint
22 committees of Law & Government and Health & Human
23 Services.

24 Because the committee met just before
25 this session and other technical difficulties, the

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2 clerk's office has not been able to prepare the
3 formal report, but it is the report -- the joint
4 committee adopted a report entitled "The Imminent
5 Dangers of Welfare Reform." The joint committees
6 adopted that report, and I have embodied in a
7 resolution I introduced earlier today the
8 procedure whereby the City Council will be
9 requested at next week's meeting to approve the
10 recommendation of the committee.

11 I want to do correct an earlier
12 statement. The entire report has already been
13 circulated to all members of the Council. I
14 thought before it had only gone to members of the
15 committee. Everyone has it, and we urge everyone
16 to read it, and that makes the briefing on Monday
17 that the president announced even more important
18 because we would like to see the City
19 Administration and the City Council working
20 jointly very closely together because of the
21 severity of the crisis that faces the City
22 beginning in the early part of next month.

23 Thank you, Madame President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
25 Councilman.

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2 The next order of business is the
3 consideration of the calendar. The chief clerk
4 will please read the bills on the first-reading
5 calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Madame President,
7 I have none.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up the bills
11 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madame President.

14 All bills are being held, with the
15 exception of Bill No. 980716, which will be
16 recommitted, and Bill No. 990002.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 thanks the Councilwoman.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The first
21 bill to be called for consideration is Bill No.
22 980716. The clerk will please read the title of
23 the bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill 980716, an
25 ordinance amending Title 16 of The Philadelphia

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2 Code entitled "Public Property" by prohibiting
3 billboards, commercial signs, or other advertising
4 signs on City property unless Council shall have,
5 by ordinance, authorized such signs, all under
6 certain terms and conditions.

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

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madame President,
10 this bill was the subject of a great deal of
11 discussion among Councilmembers as well as with
12 the City Administration. As a result of those
13 discussion last year, the Mayor issued an
14 executive order which essentially mirrors the
15 provisions of Bill No. 980716.

16 As a result of that, I would move at
17 this point to recommit this bill to committee. It
18 has served its purpose, it is no longer needed.
19 And I ask this that consideration, Madame
20 President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
22 Do I hear second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
25 properly moved and seconded that Bill No. 980716

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2 be recommitted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it. The motion is
7 carried.

8 The chief clerk will please read the
9 title of Bill No. 990002.

10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Bill No. 990002,
11 an ordinance declaring it desirable for the
12 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the
13 area served by Chestnut Hill College, a nonprofit
14 corporation organized under the laws of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which operates
16 facilities located at 9601 Germantown Avenue in
17 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the Hospitals and
18 Higher Education Facilities Authority of
19 Philadelphia to undertake a project for Chestnut
20 Hill College, and approving the buildings and
21 facilities included in such project.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill,
23 having been read on two different days, the
24 question is now, Shall the bill pass finally?
25 The clerk will please call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
3 Blackwell?
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
6 Clark?
7 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?
9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
11 DiCicco?
12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
14 Kenney?
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Krajewski?
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
20 Longstreth?
21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
23 Mariano?
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman

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2 Miller?
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
5 Nutter?
6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman
8 O'Neill?
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Ortiz?
11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: (Left chamber.)
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is Councilman
13 Ortiz voting? Okay, please continue.
14 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Rizzo?
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilwoman
17 Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: As Councilman
20 Rizzo vote?
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I voted aye.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Council President
24 Verna?
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 14, the nays are 0, the
3 bill has passed Council.

4 (Councilman Ortiz returns to chamber.)

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madame President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes, sir?

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I would like to be
8 recorded as voting aye on that bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
10 will so indicate, thank you.

11 That concludes our calendar
12 consideration.

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
15 speeches on the part of the Minority?

16 (No speeches on the part of the
17 Minority.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of the majority? The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would like to
22 speak for a brief period on free lunches.

23 The free lunch we've been lectured to
24 for many, many years by the conservative economic
25 organizations, by every Chamber of Commerce in the

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2 country, by most governments which follow Chamber
3 principles in carrying out their governmental
4 duties, that there is in fact no such thing as a
5 free lunch. It was preceded by many years by the
6 lectures on welfare, how dangerous welfare was
7 when given to ordinary people under very strict
8 regulations.

9 But slowly what happened was welfare
10 was transferred from poor people to rich people,
11 and it became known, even by Time Magazine, which
12 had a front page on corporate welfare, the
13 funneling of hundreds of millions of dollars a
14 year to corporations while the relatively small
15 sums were being taken away from poor people who
16 needed welfare, under the guise that welfare for
17 ordinary people was a great danger.

18 Now we're witnessing the transformation
19 of the free lunch theory because yesterday, in the
20 legislature, both political parties and the
21 Governor joined together in this concept that
22 we're somehow going to give away hundreds of
23 millions of dollars for the building of stadiums,
24 and that it's not going to cost of taxpayers a
25 penny. Now that's pretty miraculous, you know, to

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2 take governmental dollars. I don't know where
3 come from, but apparently, these are governmental
4 dollars that don't come from taxpayers that going
5 to be spent for stadiums.

6 I don't want what I'm saying today to
7 be interpreted in any way as being a position by
8 me on whether or not, when the subject inevitably
9 comes to City Council, how I will vote. I would
10 just rather discuss the issue today
11 philosophically.

12 What does "a free lunch" mean in
13 connection with stadiums? Well, I always
14 understood that taxes were for the purpose of
15 giving the government the ability to have finances
16 to spend for governmental services, and the
17 governmental services went to everybody, to all --
18 to the corporate sector, to residents in
19 neighborhood.

20 Now, what this free lunch amounts to is
21 something I guess we had pioneered on with the
22 TIFs and the abatements. You take money, you take
23 money that's going to accrue from future taxes,
24 and instead of applying it to the governmental
25 services available to everybody, you reserve those

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2 taxes for the specific group that you're going to
3 give this money away to.

4 Now, that would be wonderful. I can
5 just picture every homeowner saying, "I would want
6 to build an extension to my house. It's going to
7 cost me \$10,000 to do it. I would like the
8 government to put up that \$10,000. Because my
9 house is going to be worth more, I'm going to be
10 paying more in real estate taxes because of the
11 worth of the house, but I'd like my increased real
12 estate taxes to be dedicated not to the general
13 services that government performs, but to pay off
14 my debt as a result of the expansion I'm building
15 in the house."

16 That's what's happening with the
17 stadium. The money is being taken away from
18 general usage by all people and is being dedicated
19 to the private benefit of private corporations so
20 that, instead, as we look around the city 10, 20
21 or 30 years from now and see these beautiful
22 gleaming stadiums all over the place and we say,
23 "God, the City is really prosperous," it's a
24 false prosperity because the additional taxes are
25 not being made available for the provision of

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2 services to all people; the additional taxes are
3 being used -- selfishly, I say on -- behalf of the
4 private venturer.

5 Now, I could easily understand if this
6 private venture were a venture that could only be
7 achieved as a result of governmental assistance.
8 That's the way originally abatements were spelled
9 out. We couldn't have this business, it wouldn't
10 be practical for this venture unless there were
11 governmental assistance. But we've gone a long
12 way now, and it's been kind of little bumpy road
13 but now it seems pretty smooth. Now we give these
14 great corporate grants hundreds of millions of
15 dollars in the stadium to owners of franchises
16 worth hundreds of millions -- maybe billions of
17 dollars because the prices keep escalating almost
18 on a daily basis -- and to players. Now, I'm a
19 strong advocate, as everybody knows, of labor
20 unions, but it's hard for me to think of labor
21 unions where workers are receiving on average
22 about a million to \$2 million a year. It boggles
23 my mind to think of these as working people who
24 really need the protection of unions or they might
25 otherwise be working be working at substandard

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2 salaries and under bad working conditions.

3 But I only wanted to raise these
4 thoughts, Madame President, because I can just see
5 the propaganda machines whirling out. This is a
6 free lunch. Somehow, we've discovered the new
7 miracle of the new millennium that's coming upon
8 us how to produce things without any costs to
9 taxpayers. And, as usual, it's a story full not
10 of facts but just of vivid imagination and all
11 kinds of illusionments, which, in time, will turn
12 into disillusionments.

13 Thank you, Madame President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
15 Councilman. At this time, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of a motion
17 to adjourn.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madame Chair,
19 I move that we adjourn until Thursday, February
20 11th.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
23 properly moved and seconded that Council stand
24 adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 1999.

25 All in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it. The motion is
5 carried. Council stands adjourned until Thursday,
6 February 11, 1999, at 10 a.m. Thank you.

7 (Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, February 4, 1999, were
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is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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