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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 9/14/00

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

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

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes Reverend Lawrence Crehan, from
11 St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church. He is here
12 today as the guest of Councilman Kenney.

13 All Members and guests will please
14 rise.

15 (All rise.)

16 FATHER CREHAN: Thank you, Madam
17 President.

18 Some of you may not be familiar with
19 St. Jerome's, so I've brought for each of the
20 Councilmembers a little biography of St. Jerome's
21 and a little bookmark. If you wish more, they are
22 in Councilman Kenney's office.

23 Let us pray.

24 O, God, you tell us that a house which
25 is divided cannot survive. So, Lord, we pray for

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2 this City Council that they may be one, even as
3 you and your son are one.

4 You have consecrated them in truth.
5 Your word is truth. Protect them, Lord, by Your
6 truth from petty jealousies, hidden agendas, and
7 getting caught up in silly things. Let them heed
8 the call of Isaiah and not pay you, nor the people
9 they serve, mere lip service. Keep their minds
10 and their hearts close to their people. Let them
11 follow the example of Jesus and empty themselves
12 in service, for that is how they will show their
13 greatness. Send Your Holy Spirit upon them,
14 enlighten them with wisdom, understanding, and
15 knowledge.

16 There are many important issues and
17 decisions they will face every day. Bless them
18 with good advisors and staff so that the members
19 of City Council may discern and respond to the
20 promptings of Your spirit. No one, not even You,
21 God, can please everybody. So let them listen to
22 You and be faithful to the sacred trust that You
23 have given them, protecting life and seeking the
24 common good over personal or selfish desires.
25 Bless their families, who bear the brunt of the

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2 long hours, the bad moods, the petty frustrations
3 which this job can bring. Let their families be
4 their blessing, their homes a holy sanctuary of
5 peace and love. Let the members of Council notice
6 all of the little people who work in and around
7 City Hall. Help the Councilmembers to appreciate
8 these people and to listen to them, for they are
9 Your voice crying out in need.

10 Help us, Lord, to remember that we are
11 all brothers and sisters and that You are the
12 father of us all. Lord, we pray You make us one.

13 In the name of the Father and of the
14 Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

15 ALL: Amen.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks Father Crehan for his very inspiring
18 invocation.

19 Council will be at ease.

20 (Council stands at ease.)

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
23 order of business is the approval of the Journal
24 of the meeting of June 22, 2000, and the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

1 JOURNAL APPROVAL, LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the Journal of that
4 date be approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
8 the meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2000 stand
9 approved.

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed, nay.

13 The ayes have it and the motion
14 carries. The Journal of Thursday, June 22, 2000
15 stands approved.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
18 order of business is requests for leave of
19 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
23 of absence on the part of the Majority.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 thanks the Councilwoman.

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
5 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
6 requests for leaves of absence.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

18 The Chair takes pleasure in welcoming a
19 special visitor this morning, Mayor John F.
20 Street, who is here for the purpose of signing
21 Bill No.'s 000336, 000354 and 000451.

22 Mr. Mayor?

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Street for remarks.

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
3 much. And good morning.

4 I am absolutely delighted and pleased
5 to be here today to do something we don't often do
6 when we adopt pieces of legislation. Every now
7 and then, though, legislation rises to the point
8 of significance in the development of our city,
9 where we want to call attention to it and
10 recognize that it is in some respects landmark
11 legislation.

12 And I am even more pleased to be able
13 to be here because these bills are not
14 administration bills; they're City Council bills.
15 And as most of you know, I spent a fair number of
16 years laboring in the vineyards of the City
17 Council of Philadelphia and hold this legislative
18 body in the highest esteem. And the one group in
19 this city that I believe do not get a fair share
20 of the credit when good things happen are the
21 members of this body and this body.

22 And it is a very special pleasure to be
23 able to be here to sign these bills, which I think
24 lay the groundwork for enhancing a part of this
25 economy that is very important to our future. I

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2 wouldn't want anybody to believe that this city
3 isn't prepared for and participating in the new
4 economy. There are today over 200 new economy
5 businesses that are taking place right here in our
6 city almost without notice, and we have the
7 infrastructure necessary in order to be able to
8 facilitate the growth and development of those
9 businesses.

10 But what we do today is a take a step
11 forward, a very significant step forward, in
12 encouraging new economy businesses to grow and
13 develop and settle in our great city, and I want
14 to congratulate all of the members of City Council
15 who were a part of both the drafting, the crafting
16 and the passage of these bills, not the least of
17 which is Council President Verna.

18 Now, there are a number of people who
19 are here from the business community -- someone
20 was supposed to give me a list of names; that list
21 never got to me.

22 COMMERCE DIRECTOR: That's me, Mr.
23 Mayor. I apologize.

24 MAYOR STREET: The Commerce Director
25 was supposed to give me the list of names. He is

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2 fessing up, he didn't do it.

3 But we appreciate everyone in the
4 business community and in the community at large,
5 and especially some of our Councilmembers, who
6 have been really very, very supportive of this
7 initiative, and are delighted to be here today to
8 sign these bills.

9 (Mayor Street signs bills.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
11 very much, Mr. Mayor.

12 (Applause.)

13 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 I have two groups that are visiting
20 with me here this morning. One group is from my
21 district. They're residents of a home run by
22 Resources for Human Development, and they're
23 consumers, mental health consumers, that are
24 learning their rights. And accompanying them is
25 Diane Sutton, who's the program assistant, and;

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2 Mr. Anthony Bell Horace Baker and Tony Webers.
3 They're here, and I'd like to welcome them this
4 morning.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: If they would
6 stand, we would be pleased to recognize them.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you for
9 joining us.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. In
11 addition, we have some visitors from a delegation
12 of individuals from the city Eun Chen, Korea.
13 With us this morning is Mr. Sam Eun Park, who is
14 vice mayor; Mr. John Lee, director of
15 international affairs division; Mr. Hean-Chan Sim,
16 deputy director, investment division.

17 They're here to be a part of a ribbon-
18 cutting ceremony for the opening of the trade
19 office that the sister city program between
20 Philadelphia and the city of Eun Chen Korea, and
21 they're accompanied by members of the
22 Korean-American Association: Mr. Adam Kim, who is
23 the president and others, and Miss Nancy Gillboy
24 (ph.), from International Visitors Bureau.

25 Mr. Park, vice mayor, would like to say

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2 a few words.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Certainly we
4 would welcome him. Please approach the podium.

5 (Mr. Park and interpreter come
6 forward.)

7 MR. PARK: I appreciate your welcome of
8 our Eun Chen delegation. We especially thank
9 Madam President Anna Verna and the other
10 Councilmen and women this morning.

11 It is a great honor to meet Madam
12 President and the Councilmen and women, who have
13 such great leadership and the respect of the
14 citizens. And it is also a privilege to be in
15 Philadelphia City Council, which has been the
16 foundation of American liberty and freedom.

17 I am confident that the opening of the
18 Eun Chen trade office will provide a great
19 opportunity for active exchanges of trade and
20 culture between the two cities, and I would like
21 to extend my invitation to Madam President and the
22 Councilpersons to visit Eun Chen in the near
23 future.

24 I wish for the prosperity and health of
25 the City of Philadelphia and the City. And thank

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2 you.

3 (Applause.)

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
6 order of business is communications.

7 The Chair requests that the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
9 Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will read the
10 messages from the mayor.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
12 Members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise that I have
14 signed Bill No. 000221 that passed Council at its
15 session on June 15th.

16 And also I have signed all of the bills
17 that passed Council at its last session, on June
18 22nd, except Bill No. 000088.

19 And I am transmitting herewith for the
20 consideration of your honorable body a resolution
21 authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of
22 the City of Philadelphia, to file an application,
23 and if the application is accepted, to execute a
24 contract to obtain a grant from the Department of
25 Community and Economic Development, as amended, to

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2 prevent and eliminate blight and to support
3 comprehensive economic development programs in the
4 American Street, Hunting Park West, Port of
5 Philadelphia, and West Parkside Enterprise Zones.

6 An ordinance amending Title 22 of the
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City of Philadelphia
8 Public Employees Retirement Code," to provide that
9 a police officers injured, as a result of
10 performing heroic action in the line of duty, are
11 exempted from the earned income offset applied to
12 members receiving service-connected disability
13 benefits, and amending the amount of offset with
14 respect to other police officers, all under
15 certain terms and conditions.

16 And an ordinance authorizing transfers
17 in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 with the
18 Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance -
19 Provision for Other Grants to the Department of
20 License and inspections.

21 And an ordinance authorizing the
22 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for
23 and toward various capital municipal purposes,
24 authorizing the Mayor, City Controller, and City
25 Solicitor, or a majority of them, to sell bonds at

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2 the public or private negotiated sale, setting
3 forth the capital purposes and the amounts for
4 which the proceeds of the loan or loans will be
5 expending, providing for the maturities and for
6 other terms and conditions and for the forms of
7 bonds from the Sinking Fund for the bonds and for
8 appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for
9 the payment thereof, authorizing agreements to
10 provide credit for payment or liquidity sources
11 for the bonds and certain other actions providing
12 for obtaining the consent of the electors to
13 increasing the indebtedness of the City of
14 Philadelphia, fixing a date for holding the
15 election for obtaining such consent and providing
16 for the arrangements for holding such election.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
18 will be printed in the Journal.

19 The clerk will read any other
20 communications in her possession.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: I have none.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
25 order of business is the introduction of bills and

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2 resolutions and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. This morning, I have one
6 resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: I'm sorry,
8 Councilwoman, would you please ask for a you
9 suspension.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry,
11 Madam President, I'm moving ahead too quickly.

12 Madam President, I move that the rules
13 of Council be suspended so as to permit the
14 immediate consideration of resolutions at the time
15 of their introduction.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: It has been
18 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
19 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
20 consideration of resolutions at the time of
21 introduction.

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 Those opposed, nay.

25 The ayes have it and the motion is

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2 carried.

3 We will now consider a special order of
4 business, a resolution recalling Bill No. 000088.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer the resolution.

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

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution requesting
11 the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 000088, an
12 ordinance amending Title 17 of the Philadelphia
13 Code relating to contracts and procurement by
14 amending Chapter 17-400, entitled "Goals for the
15 Participation of Minority, Female, and Disabled-
16 Owned Business in City Contracts" to extend the
17 life of the Minority Business Enterprise Council,
18 grant authority to MBEC to monitor participation
19 of minority, female, and disabled-owned business
20 and socially and economically disadvantaged
21 individuals in all City contracts, City agencies,
22 and quasi-public agencies, and to require regular
23 reporting to City Council, all under certain terms
24 and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 (Councilman Clarke approaches the
4 podium to confer with Council President off the
5 record.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
9 Chair. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in favor
12 of adopting the resolution will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 Those opposed, nay.

15 The ayes have it. The resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The clerk will read the letter from the
18 Mayor.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
20 Members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
22 requested, your resolution adopted September 14,
23 2000, Bill No. 000088, an ordinance amending Title
24 17 of the Philadelphia Code relating to the
25 contracts and procurement by amending Chapter

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2 17-500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Goals
3 for the Participation of Minority, Female, and
4 Disabled-Owned Business in City Contracts --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Miss Rafferty
6 -- yes?

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I don't want to be
8 rude, but I would just ask the clerk to read the
9 letter more slowly.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: -- to extend the life of
11 the Minority Business Enterprise Council, grant
12 authority to MBEC, to monitor participation of
13 minority, female, and disabled-owned business, and
14 socially and economically disadvantaged
15 individuals in all City contracts, City agencies,
16 and City quasi-public agencies, and to require
17 regular reporting to City Council, all under
18 certain terms and conditions, for the purpose of
19 reconsideration by the Council of the vote by
20 which said bill passed Council.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
22 Cohen, do you want to be recognized again?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 At this time, the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilman Clarke for a motion that the City
3 Council reconsider the vote by which Bill No.
4 000088 was passed.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So moved, Madam
6 President.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All those in
9 favor will please signify by saying aye.

10 Those opposed, nay.

11 The ayes have it, and the clerk will
12 please read the title of Bill No. 000088.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
14 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code relating to the
15 contracts and procurement by amending Chapter
16 17-500, entitled "Goals for the Participation of
17 Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned Business" in
18 City contracts, to extend the life of the Minority
19 Business Enterprise Council, grant authority to
20 MBEC to monitor participation of minority, female,
21 disabled-owned businesses and socially and
22 economically disadvantaged individuals in all City
23 contracts, City agencies and quasi-public
24 agencies, and to require regular reporting to City
25 Council, all under certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
3 will please call the roll.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

7 Brown?

8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

14 Verna?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
17 majority of all members of Council having voted in
18 the affirmative, the bill by which -- the vote by
19 which Bill No. 000088 was passed has been
20 reconsidered. This bill, having been approved and
21 reconsidered, is now before us.

22 I understand that Councilman Clarke
23 will be offering an amendment to this bill.
24 However, the amendment is presently being
25 prepared.

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2 Do you have it now?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
5 sorry. I didn't realize it.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke
7 for the amendment.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer an amendment to Bill No.
10 000088.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
12 Clerk will please read the amendment.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Section 1. Title 17 of
14 the Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as
15 follows:

16 "Title 17, Contracts and Procurement.
17 Chapter 17-500, Goals for the Participation of
18 Minority, Female, and Disabled-Owned Business in
19 City Contracts. Quasi-public agency shall mean
20 any board or commission to which the Mayor or the
21 Council is entitled to an appointment and any
22 authority or quasi-public corporation that either
23 receives appropriations from the City or has
24 entered into a continual contractual relationship
25 with the City, or operates under legal authority

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2 granted to it by City ordinance.

3 "Section 17-504, Minority Business
4 Enterprise council. MBEC's authority and
5 responsibility shall be to issue a report to City
6 Council every six months that outlines the
7 participation of minority, female, and disabled-
8 owned businesses and socially and economically
9 disadvantaged individuals in contracts with the
10 City of Philadelphia, its agencies, and all
11 quasi-public agencies. This requirement shall
12 continue to apply notwithstanding the expiration
13 of the effective date of this chapter or any
14 judicial determinations concerning the legality of
15 any of the substantive requirements of this
16 chapter."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
20 move for the adoption of the amendment.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the amendment be
24 adopted.

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
4 have a question.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: In A, receives
8 appropriation from the City, and this subsection B
9 and C, do developments that get TIFs and other
10 type of assistance from the City and that we
11 excuse from paying taxes come under the MBEC
12 authority and responsibility?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, yes.

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I just want to make
15 that very clear that all of those and also -- that
16 it's not an appropriation per se what we give.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: But it is a benefit.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. The purpose
20 was to extend it to agencies that oversaw those
21 types of developments.

22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
24 Nutter, do you wish to be recognized?

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No, Madam

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2 President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President,
5 I'm trying to be recognized.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Tesco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I'd just like for
9 Councilman Clarke to explain what we're doing
10 here.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
12 Clarke?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 Councilwoman Tesco, the purpose for the
16 recall of the bill, there was some technical
17 glitches in the original Bill 000088. The purpose
18 -- the original intent of the bill was to require
19 that MBEC oversee agencies that were not
20 traditionally overseen by that particular
21 authority, such as all quasi-public agencies, such
22 as Penn's Landing, PIDC, and other types of
23 agencies.

24 And, increasingly, those particular
25 types of agencies have been a part of development

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2 strategies that require taxpayers' dollars, so we
3 thought that MBEC should also monitor those types
4 of agencies.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're welcome.

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

10 All in --

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman,
13 put your light on, please.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I have it on.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
16 Cohen?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I just wanted
18 further clarification on one phase of it. I'm in
19 support of what exists, but I wanted to know, is
20 there any provision which requires that a company,
21 which is not a quasi-public agency, but which
22 receives an appropriation or benefit from the City
23 in the form of a TIF, for example, or an
24 abatement, is that company required to meet the
25 standards of the Minority Business Enterprise

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2 Council?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It requires the
4 agency who monitors the project, such as -- as an
5 example, if PIDC enters into an agreement with the
6 development entity, it requires that MBEC can
7 oversee PIDC's monitoring of that particular
8 development. But we do not directly contract the
9 developer per se; it's the agencies that oversee
10 the development.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: All right, thank you
12 for the clarification.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You're welcome.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
15 other questions from members of the committee?

16 (No further questions.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 Again, it has been properly moved and
19 seconded that the amendment be adopted.

20 All those in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, nay.

23 The ayes have it. The bill, as
24 amended, will be ordered and printed to be placed
25 on the final-reading calendar for our next

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2 meeting.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer three resolutions. One is
6 privileged, so I'd like to seek approval today,
7 and three are non-privileged, which I request be
8 referred to the appropriate committees.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 The clerk will please read the title of
11 the first resolution.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution commending
13 and congratulating St. Joseph's Prep on the
14 occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding
15 of this revered Philadelphia institution.

16 And a resolution authorizing City
17 Council's Legislative Oversight Committee to hold
18 public hearings on strategies to increase foreign
19 immigration to Philadelphia and to improve the
20 immigrant experience within Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The first one
22 was for St. Joseph's. Could we consider them
23 individually, please. Would you read the first
24 one again.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution commending

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2 and congratulating St. Joseph's Prep on the
3 occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding
4 of this revered Philadelphia institution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
8 of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

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

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 the seconds resolution.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
21 the City Council's Legislative Oversight Committee
22 to hold public hearings on strategies to increase
23 foreign immigration to Philadelphia and to improve
24 the immigrant experience within Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
5 authorizing City Council's Public Property
6 Committee to hold public hearings on the
7 Philadelphia Gas Works with regards to its rates,
8 finances, management, governance, and practices.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This
10 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
13 authorizing City Council's Public Property
14 Committee to hold public hearings on the needs of
15 the Central Library with regard to capital
16 improvements and issues related to the ability of
17 the Central Library to fulfill its mission in
18 light of the changing community needs.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This
20 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 This morning, I have just one
3 resolution on your behalf, two bills from me, and
4 two bills by request.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the resolution.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
9 memorializing the conduct of both uniformed and
10 civilian employees of the City of Philadelphia,
11 the citizens of the City, and those protestors who
12 managed to deliver their messages without damaging
13 property and unduly interfering with the rights of
14 others during the year 2000 Republican National
15 Convention held in the City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 Every four years is a -- an important
4 occasion comes, and that's when the major
5 political parties of the country and the would-be
6 major political parties get together and discuss
7 the agenda for the next four years. And it's all
8 in connection with the election of the most
9 important officials within the United States: the
10 president and the vice president. A lot of
11 attention is directed to those events, wherever
12 they are held.

13 And, like most Philadelphians, I indeed
14 very happy that Philadelphia was again chosen, not
15 for the first time, because it's happened on a
16 number of previous occasions, that Philadelphia
17 was chosen to be the site of the Republican
18 Convention.

19 These conventions draw attention of all
20 people that are beginning to think about the
21 country and what its policies ought to be over the
22 next four years. Delegates to the various
23 conventions are often engaged in developing
24 programs and platforms. And people throughout the
25 country who have differing opinions or who feel

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2 issues are being neglected by the major political
3 parties often decide that they need a platform to
4 express their views and to attempt to influence
5 the views of the major political organizations.
6 And that happens every four years.

7 And the people who have different views
8 don't have conventions that they go to; though,
9 occasionally, there is something called "an
10 alternative convention." We had one in
11 Philadelphia that was very interesting in its
12 formation. But generally speaking, people who
13 have different views have to find ways of
14 expressing those views.

15 And everybody who is familiar with the
16 holding of conventions knows that this is an
17 occasion where people who want to have the major
18 political parties consider programs that they
19 believe are not being given the proper attention,
20 that these people are going to gather and try to
21 impress upon the delegates to the major convention
22 the issues and concerns that they have that they
23 feel are being neglected. That happened this
24 year, it happens every four years, and sometimes
25 happens in between.

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2 In this resolution, there is sort of a
3 tolerance of protestors. Now, "protestors" is not
4 a bad word; it's a word that comes into being
5 whenever anybody objects to a governmental policy.
6 Often what is a protest one year becomes standard,
7 mainstream supported activity the next year or
8 maybe five years or ten years down the road.

9 Generally, the major form of the
10 protest seems to be the blocking of streets in
11 whatever area a political convention takes place.
12 Blocking of streets, you know, is a common
13 American custom. In fact, it's a very
14 Philadelphia kind of custom. There are many
15 street lights that exist near schools to protect
16 the children that came into being because
17 neighbors who were frustrated by the bureaucracy
18 of the City felt that it was necessary to block
19 traffic, cause inconvenience to people, and
20 thereby attract the attention of the City. And, I
21 have to tell that you, that a number of occasions,
22 those protests worked.

23 Most of the Councilmembers -- I
24 certainly -- have been engaged in them. As a
25 matter of fact, it's not only used for the purpose

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2 of compelling the City to pay understanding, but
3 for example, when there was a strong movement to
4 honor Cecil Moore, the predecessor to President
5 Street and Mayor Street and Councilman Street,
6 when there was a movement to name Columbia Avenue
7 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, nothing happened for many
8 years, until a group residents in the area began a
9 regular protest, and that regular protest upset
10 many people, because what it did was it involved
11 the stoppage of traffic on Broad Street. And many
12 of us and I participated in those stoppages. And
13 after a while, enough attention was brought and
14 enough support was found, and Cecil B. Moore
15 Avenue was formed.

16 Protests take different forms. Before
17 the United States was formed, we had the Boston
18 Tea Party, where protesters dumped tea in the port
19 of Boston to express their unhappiness with the
20 British government.

21 Protesting is a very American process.
22 When the convention came up, we spent a lot of
23 time and effort, quite properly, in being a good
24 host for the convention. And I think thanks are
25 due to the many people in uniform and out of

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2 uniform who work for the City and for the many
3 civilians who participated in all of the host
4 activities.

5 On some occasion -- I don't remember
6 when quite it was -- I suggested that the welcome
7 ought to go not only to the delegates but ought to
8 go to the people -- we didn't know who they were,
9 but to protesters in general whom we knew would be
10 coming to the convention. And I was indeed very
11 pleased one night when Mayor Street was making a
12 speech before the convention occurred, when he did
13 make a statement of welcome to the delegates that
14 were coming as well as to the protesters. As far
15 as I know, that was the last welcome that the
16 protesters received.

17 Now, the protesters came to deliver a
18 message, and the resolution aptly describes their
19 purpose. Their purpose was to come to deliver a
20 message. It was not to disrupt Philadelphia,
21 though the disruption takes place when streets are
22 blocked, just as they did in the case of getting a
23 school crossing guard or getting a streetlight in
24 a neighborhood of Philadelphia.

25 But protesters came to deliver a

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2 message. Most of them generally are young because
3 being a protesting often takes a lot of stamina.
4 They did not go to all of our fine hotels; they
5 slept wherever they could. And the City did a
6 good job in making available Memorial Hall in
7 Fairmount Park for some of the protesters that
8 were coming in from out of town.

9 But I just want a clear understanding
10 that the protesters did not come for the purpose
11 of disrupting Philadelphia; they came for the
12 purpose of making clear that they were unhappy
13 with the fact that the Republican party, in their
14 judgment, was ignoring issues such as education,
15 such as health care. We had a lot of Philadelphia
16 groups on the Saturday before the convention.

17 A group called "Physicians for Social
18 Responsibility," and many other health care groups
19 in Philadelphia marched through the streets of
20 Philadelphia accompanied by police and other City
21 officials. On Sunday, there was a Unity 2000
22 group that represented the AFL-CIO and many other
23 community and other groups in the City expressing
24 their feeling that jobs ought not to be taken out
25 of the country, fighting for minimum wages, for

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2 the kind of problems that all of us know about.

3 And on that Monday, the first day of
4 the convention, was that famous Kensington welfare
5 relief organization's march down Broad Street. On
6 Tuesday, a lot of people came who were not used to
7 Philadelphia. With respect to the Philadelphia
8 groups, there have been many discussions in good
9 faith between the police, between the Managing
10 Director and various community groups, plus the
11 Civil Liberties Union and other interested
12 groups. And they worked out a very fine
13 arrangement. But the group that came in beginning
14 on Tuesday were groups of people from other parts
15 of country and there was no real opportunity for
16 discourse and discussion.

17 I'm not going to get involved in any
18 specific issue because the courts will probably
19 deal with them, and we will have time. But I do
20 think we've got to understand that protesting is
21 an American form of communicating with the people,
22 both with elected representatives and with
23 non-elected representatives. And I think, again,
24 our attitude has to be one of welcoming.

25 There's one issue of credibility.

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2 There were discussions in the early stages in
3 which community groups wanted to be assured that
4 there would be no what os called "infiltration,"
5 no breaking of the privacy that's ordinarily
6 accustomed to groups. Recently, some information
7 has come out that casts in doubt whether that was
8 commitment met. We'll see what the facts are, as
9 we'll see what the facts are in any legal cases
10 that develop.

11 But I want everybody to understand that
12 Philadelphia was never for single moment under
13 siege. Philadelphia was never under attack. What
14 was occurring was a normal process of people who
15 do not have the ability to hold conventions to
16 communicate their thought. And I'm very proud of
17 the fact that at the Democrat Convention, certain
18 things happened. Many of the demands made by all
19 of the groups made here in Philadelphia, beginning
20 with the second day of the Democratic Convention,
21 suddenly those voices that we heard on the streets
22 in Philadelphia began speaking from the platform
23 in Los Angeles at the Democratic Convention.

24 And interestingly enough, there seems
25 to have been a total turnaround of the political

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2 atmosphere. Now, for the first time, we're having
3 a genuine debate on numbers of issues -- about
4 education, about health care. Suddenly, we're
5 beginning to be embarrassed by the fact that there
6 are 45 million Americans that have no health
7 insurance. The issues that were raised on the
8 streets in Philadelphia have now become the
9 political discussion for the president -- the
10 current presidential election.

11 So thank you very much, Madam. I think
12 everybody in Philadelphia is to be commended for
13 making the efforts that they made to be an
14 excellent host. And I hope when the next
15 convention comes to Philadelphia -- and I hope it
16 will be very soon -- that we'll be welcoming
17 everybody, both the delegates and those who come
18 to express their views in the form of protest.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
21 Councilman.

22 (Applause.)

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

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam

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2 Chair.

3 I want to concur with what my colleague
4 David Cohen just stated, 'cause we can never
5 forget that this is the city that gave birth to
6 the Declaration of Independence and the
7 Constitution, which really protects the rights of
8 individuals to petition their government, and that
9 means by any means, both peaceful and protests are
10 the heart of that right that we indulge in.

11 Blocking the streets, I have done
12 that. I have done that as recently as a couple of
13 months ago. I was arrested, I was let go within a
14 short period of time. I did the same thing, for
15 which many individuals that were arrested during
16 the Republican Convention spent weeks in
17 Philadelphia jails.

18 The only thing -- and I want to commend
19 Joe Martz and our police department and the
20 individuals.

21 What we have to remember is that we do
22 live under a constitutional government and the
23 rights of those individuals that are in the
24 minority have to be protected much more zealously
25 than those within the government.

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2 We just have some troubling questions
3 that have arisen after the convention, and I hope
4 that we get all of the right answers to those
5 questions because we can not go back to a period
6 of time in the history of the United States, in
7 the '50s and '60s, in which individuals who were
8 against governmental policies were infiltrated by
9 government agents in order not to protect the
10 government, not to protect the citizens, but to
11 stifle the debate and the political debate that
12 should be taking place.

13 So I commend the police department for
14 the job that they did and I'm very thankful for
15 what they have done. But I want to be able to
16 ensure that those individuals that are making
17 policy, those individuals that are directing the
18 way things are going to be implemented, adhere to
19 the full, full aspect of our constitutional rights
20 and understand that they are to protect those
21 constitutional rights, whether they agree with us
22 or not.

23 I also want to commend Cheri Honkala
24 for the demonstration that she organized on behalf
25 of the poor, the homeless, and other individuals

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2 that have no voice within the halls of power.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
4 Councilman.

5 (Applause.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 I have no dispute with the remarks of
11 both of my colleagues. I think they've
12 articulated very well the feelings of many of us
13 who share an interest in productive and
14 appropriate protests. I like a good demonstration
15 as much as the next person. I've participated in
16 marches, have blocked a few intersections in my
17 time and will continue to do so.

18 Where I did have a concern in this
19 particular regard was when the right to protest
20 turns into public acts of destruction and a threat
21 to the health, safety and welfare of the people
22 here in our city. And I think Councilman Cohen
23 pointed out that there were a number of people --
24 I believe many of them not from Philadelphia, and
25 people have a right to come to Philly, come

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2 through Philly and leave, as they go onto the next
3 place to have their protest.

4 But as I have fought against and spoken
5 about violence and brutality over the years with
6 regard to our police department against citizens,
7 I feel equally strongly about violence perpetrated
8 against our police department or damage and
9 destruction to either private or public property.
10 There was a fair amount of that activity in the
11 course of the protests as well.

12 There's nothing wrong with protests,
13 but I am definitely against violence and
14 destruction. And whether it's the displays and
15 engagement with our own police commissioner or
16 another officer who ended up seriously injured in
17 the hospital, those issues need to be pointed out
18 as well.

19 We encourage and often individually
20 engage in various protest activity, and there's
21 nothing wrong with that. There is something wrong
22 with violence. It will not be tolerated and
23 people should not engage in it in the course of
24 trying to get across their particular message. We
25 welcome the message; we do not welcome the

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2 violence.

3 Thank you, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in favor
7 of the adoption of the resolution will signify by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed, nay.

10 The ayes have it and the resolution is
11 adopted.

12 The clerk will please read the title of
13 the first bill introduced by Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
16 Kate Osuala, owner of the property located at 1301
17 South 57th Street, to construct, use, and maintain
18 a one-story garage addition on and over the south
19 footway of Thomas Street, adjacent to the property
20 1301 South 57th Street, all under certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 And an ordinance amending Chapters
23 10-100 and 10-600 of the Philadelphia Code
24 relating to animals, individual conduct, and the
25 of public and private property by adding to

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2 Sections 10-101, 105, 603, and 606, the
3 Prohibition of Dog Fighting.

4 And an ordinance amending Title 22 of
5 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "City of
6 Philadelphia Public Employees Retirement Code," to
7 provide that police officers injured as a result
8 of performing heroic action in the line of duty
9 are exempted from earned income offset applied to
10 members receiving service-connected disability
11 benefits, and amending the amount of offset with
12 respect to other police officers, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

14 And an ordinance authorizing the
15 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds for
16 and toward various capital municipal purposes,
17 authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller, and
18 City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to sell
19 bonds at public or private negotiated sale,
20 setting forth the capital purposes and the amounts
21 for which the proceeds of the loan or loans will
22 be expended, providing for the maturities and for
23 other terms and conditions and for the form of the
24 bonds, providing that certain bonds may be
25 redeemable prior to maturity, providing Sinking

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2 Funds for the bonds and for appropriations to the
3 Sinking Fund Commission for the payment thereof,
4 authorizing agreements to provide credit or
5 payment of liquidity sources for the bonds and
6 certain other actions, providing for obtaining the
7 consent of the electors to increasing the
8 indebtedness of the City of Philadelphia, fixing a
9 date for holding the election for obtaining such
10 consent and providing for the arrangements for
11 holding such election.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bills
13 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Cohen.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 thanks the Councilwoman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
23 President, I have one bill.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
25 please read Title bill.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
3 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001
4 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director
5 of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the
6 Department of Licenses and Inspections.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
12 have three bills and one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
14 will please read the title of the resolution.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
16 the Committee on Licenses and Inspections to hold
17 hearings on vacant, abandoned and blighted
18 properties in Philadelphia and to take testimony
19 on improving the process of vacant and abandoned
20 property disposition, property code enforcement,
21 and demolition of dangerous properties in
22 Philadelphia.

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

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2 The clerk will please read the title of
3 the first bill.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
5 Section 9-702 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Carnivals," by revising the provisions governing
7 the issuance of license hold or conduct a
8 carnival, in particular providing that such
9 license shall be issued only for temporary periods
10 and only once per year per location, providing
11 that licenses shall be issued only if the carnival
12 is conducted for the benefit of and on the
13 property of a bona fide religious, educational, or
14 charitable institution, society, or organization.

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

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance adopting an
18 amendment to the articles of incorporation of the
19 Frankford Special Services District of
20 Philadelphia to extend the term of the authority,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
25 establishing a no motor home parking regulation on

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2 Bennington Street, Pike Street to Luzerne Street,
3 both sides.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
5 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

6 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
9 offer four resolutions and one bill. And I'd like
10 to speak on the resolution regarding predatory
11 lending.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I am sorry.
13 With this new sound, I am having difficulty
14 hearing what you're saying. You say you have one
15 bill and --

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I have one bill
17 and four resolutions, and I would like to speak on
18 the predatory lending resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

22 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
23 recognizing, commending, and supporting the
24 Northwest Counseling Service for their leadership
25 in creating the Philadelphia Predatory Lending

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2 Task Force.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Did you want
4 to speak on that one?

5 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Yes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Thank you very
9 much, Madam President.

10 Recently we've heard the horror stories
11 of Philadelphia residents who have literally had
12 their homes stolen. We've heard horror stories
13 and held Council hearings regarding housing
14 developments in which hard-working Philadelphians
15 sought to pursue their lifelong dream of home
16 ownership, only to find out that after settlement
17 that they did not own the land on which their home
18 was built, that the market price of the home was
19 doubled the price they had paid, and that the
20 interest rates were other than what they had been
21 told, and that other incentives promised by the
22 developer never came to fruition. In essence, our
23 citizens were duped. These types of atrocities
24 have been coined "predatory lending" and have been
25 highlighted in a myriad of local and national

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2 newspapers and television programs.

3 With that in mind, I am introducing
4 this resolution and I'd like to note that the
5 purpose of this resolution is to create -- is to
6 support the creation of the Philadelphia Predatory
7 Task Force, whose primary function will be to
8 review existing laws which protect our citizens,
9 develop new legislation where necessary, and to
10 support the enforcement of criminal penalty for
11 the individuals using these types of schemes to
12 scam the public. And it is also to serve as a
13 clearinghouse of information so consumers know
14 what they can do to prevent themselves from being
15 victims of predatory lending scams.

16 This task force is headed by Michelle
17 Lewis, Executive Director of the Northwest
18 Counseling Services. We have in the past worked
19 with Congressman Brady, Councilwoman Blackwell,
20 and other elected officials, who also serve on
21 this task force, to bring this issue to the
22 forefront of our citizens in Philadelphia, and
23 with the State and federal officials working with
24 nonprofit entities such as the Northwest
25 Counseling Services. We hope to come up with some

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2 mechanisms to prevent this type of fraud from
3 taking place in our great city.

4 So I ask my colleagues to vote for this
5 resolution, which I'm sure they will do; they have
6 no problems with this. But we wanted to call
7 attention to the resolution and thank Northwest
8 Counseling Services for taking the leadership in
9 recognizing what is happening. Every day we get
10 mail at home asking us to take out a loan or buy
11 into a new lending process, and we want people to
12 know they have to read the fine print.

13 So thank you very much, and we ask our
14 colleagues to support this.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All those in
16 favor of the adoption of the resolution will
17 signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed, nay.

19 The ayes have it and the resolution has
20 been adopted.

21 The clerk will please read the title
22 second resolution.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
24 acknowledging and deploring the critical state of
25 emergency of HIV infection in Philadelphia and

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2 petitioning State and federal officials for full
3 reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed, nay.

15 The ayes have it and the resolution has
16 been adopted.

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 the third resolution by Councilwoman Tasco.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
20 recommending and encouraging Governor Tom Ridge,
21 the Pennsylvania legislature, and the Pennsylvania
22 Department of Public Welfare to improve,
23 strengthen, and expand opportunities for
24 sufficient welfare reform through extended
25 training, higher wages, and greater support

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2 systems.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
6 move for the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All those in favor will signify by
12 saying aye.

13 Those opposed, nay.

14 The ayes have it and the resolution has
15 been adopted.

16 The clerk will please read the last
17 resolution.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution declaring
19 October 2000 as "Human Relations Month" in the
20 City of Philadelphia.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
24 move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All those in favor will signify by
6 saying aye.

7 Those opposed, nay.

8 The ayes have it and the resolution has
9 been adopted.

10 The clerk will please read the title of
11 the bill.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
13 Section 17-104 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Prerequisites for the Execution of City
15 Contracts," to add a new subsection requiring
16 businesses receiving financial assistance from the
17 City and City-related agencies to contribute to
18 the Fund for Philadelphia's Children, the proceeds
19 from which shall be made available to pay for new
20 and expanded program initiatives for Philadelphia
21 children, all under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I offer one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
5 will please read the title of the resolution.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
7 Dorothy Johnson Speight and joining families in
8 the community in celebrating of the Temple
9 University chapter of the Compassionate Friends
10 and upon the occasion of its 12th anniversary.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
14 adoption of resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor will signify by
20 saying aye.

21 Those opposed, nay.

22 The ayes have it and the motion is
23 carried.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I

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2 offer one bill and one resolution for
3 consideration today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 The clerk will please read the title of
6 the resolution.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
8 the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City of
9 Philadelphia, to file an application, and if the
10 application is accepted, to execute a contract to
11 obtain a grant from the Department of Community
12 and Economic Development, the Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania, under the act of April 12, 1956,
14 Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate
15 blight and to support comprehensive economic
16 development programs.

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

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
20 move the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed, nay.

4 The ayes have it and the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance to amend
9 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
10 zoning designations of certain areas of land
11 located within an area bounded by Lancaster
12 Avenue, 56th Street, Haddington Street, and 57th
13 Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
15 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
19 Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning,
21 Madam President.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I have one bill,
23 one resolution to be referred to the appropriate
24 committee, and one resolution on your behalf.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The clerk will please read the title of the first
3 resolution.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
5 the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All those in favor will signify by
15 saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and the resolution has
18 been adopted.

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

21 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
22 the Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural
23 Affairs to hold public hearings on the benefits of
24 art and cultural programs in the relationship in
25 the development of the youth in the City of

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2 Philadelphia, and to further investigate potential
3 opportunities to increase the availability of arts
4 and cultural programs in the City of Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the bill.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
11 Section 6-301 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
12 "Food Establishments," by amending the license
13 fee for family day care homes and certain group
14 child care facilities, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
17 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer one bill and am proud to say
21 it's co-introduced by the Majority Leader,
22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The clerk will please read the title of
25 the bill.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
3 Chapter 21-800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Advancement of Economic Opportunities," by
5 adding Section 21-802 of the Philadelphia
6 Community Reinvestment Commission.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
11 Chair. I have one privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg your
13 pardon?

14 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I have one
15 privileged resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
17 The clerk will please read the title of the
18 resolution.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution recognizing
20 September 26, 2000 as "STOP IT NOW!" Child Sexual
21 Abuse Prevention Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
4 and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

5 All those in favor will signify by
6 saying aye.

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it and the motion is
9 carried.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President, I
13 offer two bills.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
15 will please read the title of the first bill.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance regulating
17 the movement of traffic on Chestnut Street, and
18 particularly authorizing right turns to be made
19 from Chestnut Street at certain intersections in
20 Center City, Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
22 referred to the appropriate committee.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
24 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
25 relating to zoning and planning by amending

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2 Chapter 14-300, entitled "Commercial Districts,"
3 by amending 14-312, entitled "Commercial District
4 Rules and Exceptions For All Districts," by
5 excluding the area between Dickinson Street,
6 Christopher Columbus Boulevard, Reed Street, and
7 Water Street from for provisions requiring a
8 special-use permit for offsite parking, under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
11 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
15 have no bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
19 Chair. I have one bill and one resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
21 will please read the title of the resolution.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
23 the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings
24 and investigate ways to monitor and coordinate
25 programs for offenders adjudicated to

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2 court-mandated community service.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
4 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 the bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
9 Title 16 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
10 public property by adding a new section 16-600,
11 entitled "Development Districts," to grant the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
13 Philadelphia the authority to create development
14 districts that will waive certain challenges to
15 condemnation within a development district, all
16 under certain terms and conditions.

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

19 Is Councilman Longstreth in the
20 building, in the room?

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
22 understand he had to leave.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I

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2 have two resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
4 will please read the title of the first
5 resolution.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
7 and congratulating the Woodmere Art Museum upon
8 celebrating its 60th anniversary.

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

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
12 move the adoption of this resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by saying
18 aye.

19 Those opposed, nay.

20 The ayes have it and the resolution has
21 been adopted.

22 The clerk will please read the second
23 resolution.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
25 and commending Don Baker upon his retirement after

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2 30 years of dedicated service at the Philadelphia
3 Gas Works.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
7 move the adoption of this resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion is
16 carried.

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There are no
19 reports from committee and there are no bills on
20 today's first-reading calendar. Therefore, the
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
22 purpose of calling bills on the second-reading and
23 final-passage calendar.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 Today Bill No. 000394 is called for
3 second reading and final passage. All other bills
4 are being held.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 The clerk will please read the title of
7 Bill No. 000394.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
9 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of
10 City Plan No. 18-S by striking from the City Plan
11 and vacating 36th Street from Wharton Street to
12 Grays Ferry Avenue, and placing on the City Plan a
13 certain right-of-way within the bed of 36th
14 Street.

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

18 The clerk will please call the roll.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

24 (Not present at this time.)

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000394
2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: He's not
11 here.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
21 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
23 Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000394
2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
6 Verna?
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
8 Did Mr. Cohen vote?
9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Council
10 President, he's out of the room for just one
11 minute. He'll be right back.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes are
13 15, the nays are 0.
14 A majority of all members of Council
15 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.
16 This concludes the calendar for today.
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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
19 speeches on the part of the Minority?
20 (No speeches on the part of the
21 Minority.)
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
23 speeches on the part of the Majority?
24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. A short note on two issues.
4 Number one, we certainly --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me,
6 Councilwoman.

7 The noise level in this room is much
8 too high.

9 Councilwoman, please proceed.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

11 We certainly regret that in my district
12 yesterday two youngsters were shot and that we
13 commend certainly the police department on having
14 the new armed captains in the district who are
15 dealing with violence in schools and for a new
16 initiative on behalf of the school district and
17 the police department to deal with that issue, and
18 we look forward to working with them in that
19 regard.

20 And my second issue is certainly a
21 thank you to the FOP. I guess about two weeks ago
22 they sponsored a carnival and invited 367 families
23 from the public shelter system and they provided
24 food and their participation in all activities at
25 the carnival, and in fact, even money so that --

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2 50-cent coins so that they could apply for
3 drawings. And one young lady who lives in a
4 shelter on Woodland Avenue was a recipient of a
5 brand-new bike.

6 So we want to publicly say to the FOP
7 thank you for helping people in need and
8 youngsters who would otherwise have not had an
9 opportunity to enjoy a carnival this summer.

10 Thank you, Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 Councilman Cohen, do you wish to be
13 recognized?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
15 request that my vote be recorded as aye on Bill
16 No. 000394.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
18 will so indicate. Thank you.

19 Are there any other speeches on the
20 part of the Majority?

21 (No further speeches.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There being
23 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
24 a motion to adjourn.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
3 September 21, 2000, at 10 a.m.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is there a
5 second?

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
9 until September 21, 2000.

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 The ayes have it, and Council will
13 stand adjourned until Thursday, the 21st.

14 (Adjourned at 11:30 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, September 14 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
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