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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 13, 2003
10:30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
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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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I note that the
3 hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is
4 present. Council will please come to order.
5 Members will take their seats.

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes the Rev. Herbert H. Hughes, II, the
8 Pastor of Exodus Baptist Church. He is here today
9 as the guest of Councilwoman Tasco. Members and
10 guests will please rise.

11 REV. HUGHES: Let us pray together.

12 Our gracious God and father, we're
13 grateful today, thankful that Council is mindful of
14 you. And Lord we thank you for that. For men and
15 women have wondered and stumbled all the glories of
16 the universe tracing the manifestation of infinite
17 wisdom and they don't know you and they don't
18 acknowledge you. We thank you for this Council.
19 You said if any man or women desire wisdom, you will
20 give. We ask for wisdom in our deliberations. We
21 pray oh, God, that all that we do be done in
22 righteousness. We pray that all that we do will
23 reflect your goodness, your mercy and love for
24 humanity. In the name of our Lord, we pray. Oh
25 Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the

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2 earth, in the name of our Lord Jesus' name, amen.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
4 Reverend for his very inspiring invocation.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The next order of
8 business is the approval of the Journal of the
9 meeting of Thursday, March 6, 2003. The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move that the Journal of the
13 meeting of March 6, 2003, stand approved.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
16 and seconded that the Journal of the meeting of
17 Thursday, March 6, 2003, stand approved.

18 All in favor will indicate by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?
22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
24 it. The Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
25 6, 2003, has been approved.

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2 The next order of business is requests
3 for leave of absence. And the Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
7 of absence on the part of the majority.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
12 leave of absence is requested for Councilman Thacher
13 Longstreth.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. Leave
15 will be granted.

16 The Chair will dispense with the regular
17 order of business to recognize the guests and
18 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
19 behalf of all Members of Council, we appreciate your
20 taking the time to join us as we attend to the
21 legislative affairs of our City. We certainly
22 invite you to come again.

23 At this time the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Nutter who will make a presentation
25 honoring someone who is well-loved and respected by

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2 this Council. Will Mrs. Marie Hauser and those
3 accompanying her please join the Councilman at the
4 podium?

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President. It is certainly a tremendous honor to be
8 able to make this resolution presentation to a
9 longtime friend and a constituent, Marie B. Hauser.

10 Whereas, Marie B. Hauser is a born and
11 bred Philadelphian. She was brought up in Northern
12 Liberties, earned her degree in business
13 administration from St. Joseph's University and has
14 lived for years in Roxborough; and

15 Whereas, Marie began her career in City
16 Council in 1972. She was appointed as a
17 stenographer in the office of the Chief Clerk and
18 quickly learned the intricacies of the legislative
19 process, thus earning the respect of her superiors
20 and the confidence of her colleagues; and

21 Whereas, Ms. Hauser was appointed
22 Assistant Chief Clerk in 1984 and moved up the
23 promotional ladder again in 1991, becoming Deputy
24 Chief Clerk. In this capacity, she had vastly
25 increased responsibility for the oversight of

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2 Council publications, the advertising of notices,
3 and the maintenance of all Council records. During
4 these years, she also continued to make friends
5 throughout City Council. She has been held in high
6 esteem and deep affection by Councilmembers and
7 staff alike; and.

8 Whereas, in 1992, Marie Hauser became
9 the first women to win the job of Chief Clerk of
10 City Council. She was elected to this position on
11 Inauguration Day with the unanimous vote of all
12 Councilmembers. Since that time, she has performed
13 her duties with good cheer, commitment, loyalty, and
14 determination. Her easy smile, hearty laugh, and
15 courteous manner have endeared her to the entire
16 City Council family and to the citizens she has
17 served over these 3 plus decades.

18 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
19 of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
20 commend Ms. Marie D. Hauser at this time of her
21 retirement. We thank her for a job well done and
22 extend to her our very best wishes for her
23 retirement.

24 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
25 of this resolution be presented to Ms. Marie B.

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2 Hauser as evidence of the sincere admiration and
3 deep respect of this legislative body.

4 Signed by Council President Ann Verna.
5 Cosponsored by all Members of City Council.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Marie, would like
8 to say a few words?

9 MS. HAUSER: It's very hard right now.
10 It's been such a long time that I've loved ever
11 minute of it. And I'll miss it, but I'll be on my
12 next career then, which is I want to do the planning
13 and go out to different places and now I have the
14 ability to do it. And I'm looking forward being
15 out. But everyone that I've -- I can't imagine
16 anyone that I haven't felt such happiness with,
17 people who were so generous with their time and
18 their feelings. It was just wonderful.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: We certainly want
20 to thank you for all of your years of service. And
21 wish you good health and happiness and may you enjoy
22 your retirement. You certainly deserve it.

23 MS. HAUSER: Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Council will be at

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2 ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: At this time, the
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco who will
6 introduce the winners of the School District African
7 American oratorical contest. Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you. Madam
9 President and colleagues, today we are honored to
10 have in our presentation the top 12 finalists of the
11 School District of Philadelphia's 24th African
12 American History Oratorical Competition.

13 During this competition, school winners
14 representing the best entries from the lower, middle
15 and upper grade levels were selected to compete in
16 the citywide finals by delivering their orations
17 before a diverse panel of judges.

18 This annual event is coordinated by the
19 efforts of Dr. Carolyn Holmes of the School
20 District's African Americans Studies Department.
21 For many years Dr. Holmes have put her heart and
22 soul into organizing this program. I'd like for
23 Dr. Holmes to stand, and let's give her a round of
24 applause.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Including her heart
3 and her soul, her time and her effort and I'm sure
4 her money.

5 In addition, I would like to note that
6 for many years Mellon Bank was the prime sponsor for
7 this event. However, I am proud to recognize that
8 last year Citizens Bank assumed the role of prime
9 sponsor for this very special and historic event.
10 I'd like to invite Mrs. Pamela Crawley and all other
11 Citizens Bank executives to please rise so we can
12 give them a round of applause. And they may not be
13 here, but if they are here, please stand.

14 They're not here, but we really support
15 them and give let's them a round of applause.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And we sincerely
18 thank them for their support. They undertook this
19 without any hesitation when we asked them.

20 Before we here the orations from the
21 three first place winners, I would like the
22 following participants, their coordinators and
23 families to stand and be recognized. They are:

24 On the elementary level, second place
25 winner, Gregory Jones, 6th grade of the Gamp School.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Third place winner,

4 Akeema Daniels, 6th Grade, Sulzberger.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Fourth place, Janee

7 Stevens, 6th grade, Central East.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: In the middle level

10 we have second place, Lee Martin, 8th grade, Amy

11 Northwest.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Third place winner

14 Anthony Miller, 9th grade, Gamp.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Fourth place,

17 Samuel Carr, 7th grade, MYA.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The upper level,

20 second place winner Ashlei Michael, 12th grade,

21 Creative and Performing Arts.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Third place winner,

24 Minna LaTortue, 10th grade, Girls High.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Fourth, I think
3 there was a tie, Dionel Waters, 12th grade, Franklin
4 Learning Center.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And Michael
7 Williams, 10th grade, central high.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We will present
10 citations to all of the winners at the luncheon
11 which will be held at the Crown Plaza today, and we
12 invite our colleagues to join us from 12:30 to 2:30,
13 1800 Market Street.

14 We will now hear from the first place
15 winners in this order: The elementary school level,
16 5th grade, Middle Years Alternative School, Brittney
17 Jones-Ali.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And then from the
20 middle level we'll have 9th grade student from the
21 Creative and Performing Arts, Imani A. Scott; and
22 the upper level Dionna Reddy, 12th grade, Parkway
23 Program High School.

24 We'll now hear from Brittney Jones-Ali.

25 MS. JONES-ALI: Close your eyes for a

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2 moment and try to concentrate on just the sound of
3 my voice.

4 I am Brittney, an 11-year-old old girl
5 from Philadelphia. I am in the 5th grade and I'm a
6 pretty good student. I hope to be a pediatrician
7 some day. I plan to stay in school and study really
8 hard. I live at home with my mother, my father, and
9 my baby sister. We are buying our home. We own a
10 car. Both my parents have Master Degrees. And my
11 father is studying to be a doctor. My grandmother
12 owns her own business and my grandfather worked at a
13 major car dealership for over 30 years. I hope to
14 get married some day and to have children. I would
15 also like to buy a nice house maybe in your
16 neighborhood.

17 Without opening your eyes, without
18 looking at me and seeing who I am, ask yourself
19 this, Would you consider living next door to me?
20 From what I have told you about myself, do you think
21 I could be a good doctor someday? Do you think that
22 you will come to me if you need to be treated? Do
23 you think that I deserve to be your neighbor?

24 Well, now you can open your eyes. You
25 can now see the color of my skin. Do you still

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2 think I can be a doctor? Do you think I have what
3 it takes to be a doctor, a teacher, or a lawyer? Or
4 did you just see another black kid who probably
5 doesn't have a chance?

6 Well, I believe I have the right to
7 live in any neighborhood that I choose to. I
8 believe that I have just as many rights and freedoms
9 as everyone else. Not letting me be all that I can
10 be just because of the color of my skin is racism.
11 To think that one race of people is better than the
12 other is racism. Just because black people are not
13 on plantations picking cotton and made to be slaves
14 does not mean that racism does not exist. Just
15 because blacks or coloreds no longer have to sit on
16 the back of the bus does not mean that racism does
17 not exist anymore.

18 Under our skin, we all have the same
19 type of organs, same kinds of blood, muscles, and
20 feelings. If we fall we all may get hurt. If we
21 touch a hot flame, we all may burn. Why does the
22 color of our skin mean how important we should be?

23 I have never personally experienced
24 racism. I have always had friends both black and
25 white. I am able to choose any seat on the bus that

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2 I want to. I'm able to go to any school that I want
3 to. I have never been called a nigger, at least not
4 to my face.

5 It makes me want to cry when I think of
6 how my great-grandmother was not allowed to vote.
7 It makes me sad when I think of how my ancestors
8 were made to work for hours picking cotton in the
9 blazing hot sun for no money at all, just because
10 they were slaves. It makes me angry when I think of
11 how my ancestors had to run, hide, and fight just to
12 be free. Who gave one race of people the right to
13 own another just because of the color of their skin?
14 Who decided that white people were better than
15 blacks? Who decided to make people separate? As
16 Rodney King says, "Why can't we all just get along?"

17 For years and years black people have
18 struggled to prove that we are just as important as
19 white people. People like Martin Luther King,
20 Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks and Jessie Jackson have
21 all stood up for the rights of black people to be
22 considered equal. People like Sojourner Truth have
23 made a path so that day would end and for black
24 people to enjoy life as white people do.

25 Although we have fancy names like

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2 "desegregation, Civil Rights, Affirmative Action,
3 and equality" floating around, racism still exist.

4 Now that your ayes are open and you see
5 me standing here, what do you want to call me? Who
6 do you think I am? What do you think I should be?
7 If you look into my eyes, you'll see beauty. If you
8 look into my heart, you'll see love. If you look
9 into my soul, you'll see strength, confidence, and
10 hope. If you must judge me, don't let it be because
11 of the color of my skin. Let it be for my content
12 within. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: That was Brittney
15 Jones-Ali 5th grade, Middle Years Alternative
16 School. She has a soft voice but a very powerful
17 message. Thank you, Brittney.

18 Next from the middle level, the 9th
19 grade representative from the Creative and
20 Performing Arts Imani A. Scott.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. SCOTT: Colorism, A Secret Hatred in
23 the Black Community.

24 It was a hot, sticky afternoon in July.
25 I was on my way to the store. And as usual, I

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2 passed some little girls playing double-dutch in the
3 playground. I enjoyed watching them laugh and
4 giggle like I used to do. Then I saw something I
5 will never forget. Inzinga, a short child about 6
6 years old with dark skin, the color of Hersey's
7 Kisses, ran up to the group. "Can I play with
8 ya'll?"

9 Siena, a tall light-skinned girl with
10 long ponytails looked down at her and said, "We
11 don't want to play you, tar baby. Go home."

12 Inzinga slowly dropped her head and
13 walked away.

14 Colorism. What is this secret hatred in
15 the black community? Why do we continue to judge
16 people by the color of their skin? This self-hatred
17 started during the European trade of enslaved
18 Africans. During this time, often the white slave
19 masters and their sons raped the African woman.
20 Then when they created light-skinned children, they
21 used their own children to make money.

22 My mother told me a story about a man
23 named Willy Lynch who in 1712 introduced colorism
24 and taught souther plantation owners the golden
25 rules of Slavery:

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2 "One sure way to control your niggers is
3 to tell the light-skinned slaves they're better than
4 their darker brothers. Make them your special
5 servants. Give them nice clothes to wear and let
6 them live in a big house with you. Then make the
7 dark-skinned slaves work out in the fields picking
8 the cotton and tobacco. Your darkies will be so
9 envious and jealous, they'll never work together
10 against you."

11 So you can see it's not really our
12 fault. We have been systematically taught to hate
13 ourselves down through the generations. Take a look
14 at our world today. Most of the images displayed by
15 the media promote light-skinned blacks as being the
16 most beautiful. The results of this colorism have
17 often been devastating.

18 In the 1950s, for example, Kenneth B.
19 Clark, a black psychologist, conducted study about
20 colorism and black children. Mr. Clark studied the
21 responses of more than 200 black children who were
22 given a choice of whether they wanted a white or
23 brown doll. Mr. Clark found in his research that
24 the children showed a preference for white baby
25 dolls from as early as 3 years old.

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2 This conclusion played a very important
3 role when the 1954 Supreme Court case Brown versus
4 Board of Education. This case that was run by the
5 late African American Supreme Court Justice Thurgood
6 Marshall outlawed segregated education.

7 During the Civil Rights period of the
8 1960s we were proud to be African. Then things
9 changed. By the mid-'80s, this concept of colorism
10 had gone back to almost as bad as it had been prior
11 to the Civil Rights Movement.

12 In 1985, Dr. Darlene Powell Hopson, a
13 clinical psychologist conducted the same study as
14 Kenneth B. Clark. What she found was nearly
15 identical to what Mr. Clark found in the '50s. She
16 found nearly two-thirds of black children preferred
17 white dolls. Also, 3 out of 4 of the black children
18 said black dolls look bad.

19 The issue of colorism is still very
20 serious. I continually to hear people making
21 terrible comments about dark-skinned people. They
22 say, "Ew, look at that girl. She looks like
23 charcoal." Then they make fun of light-skinned
24 people and call them light-brights.

25 Let's work to eliminate this secret

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2 hatred. We have been down for far too long. We
3 need to pray together in order to stay together.
4 Wake up, my black brothers and sisters. Remember,
5 black is beautiful in all its shades. And that
6 ain't no lie. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Imani Scott,
9 Creative and Performing Arts. And I'm sure we're
10 going to see her on stage one day. Very good.
11 Those who are just listening, you should have seen
12 her performance here.

13 Our presenter is Dionna Reddy, 12th
14 grade, Parkway Program High School.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. REDDY: It is 2003. The African
17 American community has strived to reach this new
18 millennium, even though we come from unbelievable,
19 inhumane beginnings. We didn't ask to come here in
20 the year 1619. We didn't arrive at Plymouth Rock,
21 nor did we travel on the Nina, Pinta or Santa Marie.
22 We didn't come through Ellis Islands either.

23 The first of the Africans were shipped
24 to the shores of America, packed like sardines,
25 starved, beaten, diseased and shackled in chains.

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2 In the minds of the masters, we were just like
3 animals and so we were to be treated as such,
4 building this great country while enduring hundreds
5 of years of slavery and discrimination.

6 Reparation is defined as the act of the
7 process of making amends, or to compensate. Has
8 America even given an apology for the treatment of
9 our ancestors, America whose Constitution guarantees
10 its citizens equal protection and justice under the
11 law and it declares that all men are created equal?
12 No. And we are still seeking our promised
13 reparation: Our 40 acres and our mule.

14 After the Civil War in 1865, each slave
15 was promised their freedom and reparation: 40 acres
16 and a mule. Now, consider the fact that most freed
17 slaves had no place to go. My ancestors couldn't
18 return to our homeland Africa so we had to continue
19 enduring the horrors of racism in America: Being
20 put down, put out, and lynched.

21 Did America keep its promise? In 1963
22 Queen Mother Moore, an African American activist,
23 submitted a petition to President Kennedy urging for
24 slave reparation. This petition had over a million
25 signatures on it. Amazingly, it went unnoticed.

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2 After World War II, the United States
3 aided Germany millions and dolls reparations for the
4 Jews and also set up the US Marshal Plan which would
5 help rebuild Europe. Parallel actions occurred in
6 1988 when the United States issued a national
7 apology and \$20,000 to each Japanese American for
8 their imprisonment in the internment camps.
9 However, our government has overlooked us and we are
10 still seeking our promised reparations: Our 40
11 acres and our mule.

12 In 1989, Congressman John Conyers, Jr.,
13 began submitting legislation for African American
14 reparations. He states, "We need to first study the
15 treatment of the slaves, including the depravation
16 of their freedom, the exploitation of their culture,
17 language, religion, and families."

18 For 14 years Congress has delayed acting
19 upon his proposed bill, and we are still seeking our
20 promised reparations: Our 40 acres and our mule.

21 Jesse Jackson has provided us with this
22 analogy. "If you have two people running in a mile
23 race and one has a ball and chain tied around his
24 legs for three laps, you can't take the ball and
25 chain off for the final lap and still expect him to

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2 win."

3 It is true that no amount of money can
4 ever make up for the cruel and inhumane treatment
5 that our ancestors endured. But as a descendant of
6 the first African Americans, I believe that the only
7 way to bring closure to the subject of slavery and
8 discrimination is full reparation. Reparation is
9 like rehabilitation, and the first steps of recovery
10 is admitting that there is a problem. America must
11 admit to doing wrong and must apologize to the
12 African American community as a first step in
13 redeeming itself in the hearts, minds and souls of
14 black folks.

15 I favor reparations. As an African
16 American young adult, I am vividly aware of the need
17 to rebuild our communities, restore our families,
18 and revitalize our schools. Advocates for
19 reparation suggest many ideas, one of which is to
20 redistribute the money put it in the communities.
21 It is said that placing this money in the
22 communities, it will lead to better opportunities
23 for our African American youth and families.

24 Leroy Bennett, Jr., an editor of Ebony
25 Magazine says this: "So there it is up front, more

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2 than 500 years, more than half a millennium. Has
3 any other culture bled more, cried more, and died
4 more?"

5 My answer is no. And we are seeking our
6 promised reparations: Our 40 acres and our mule.

7 As W.E.B. Dubois proclaim, "The battle
8 we wage is not for ourselves alone, it is the fight
9 for ideals. This is our common fatherland, false to
10 its founding, becoming in truth the land of the
11 thief and the home of the slave." Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President and
14 colleagues, these are the finalists in the School
15 District's 24th African American Historical
16 Oratorical Competition. They are outstanding. They
17 represent what is the best in the public schools in
18 Philadelphia. And let us give them, again, a round
19 of applause.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And they represent
22 but a small group of African American students and
23 white students who are in the public schools who
24 stand up and hold the banner of Philadelphia very
25 high and are performing and are doing well and will

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2 do well and give us cause to be supportive of public
3 education.

4 I would remind our Councilmembers that
5 you, Councilmember, or a representative from your
6 staff is invited to join us at a luncheon honoring
7 these talented young people today at 12:30 at the
8 Crown Plaza Hotel.

9 Thank you all for your time. Thank you
10 to the students, the parents, Dr. Holmes and her
11 staff for all the effort you have put into this
12 program. We know you work hard, and we're very
13 proud to present you in City Council. Thank you all
14 for coming.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: That was beautiful.

17 The next order of business is
18 communications. The Chair recognizes the
19 Sergeant-at-Arms for the purpose of delivering the
20 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

21 The Chief Clerk will please read the
22 messages from the Mayor.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
24 Members of the Council of the Members of the City of
25 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that on

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERA: The message will be
6 printed in the Journal.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
10 Madam President.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

20 (Duly seconded.)

25 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

6 it, and the motion carries.

7 The Chair at this time recognizes

8 Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam

10 President. I offer two resolutions, one on behalf

11 of myself, Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman

12 Nutter.

13 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will

14 please read the title of the resolution.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

16 congratulating the St. Joseph's Prep Basketball Team

17 for winning the 2003 Philadelphia Catholic League

18 Championship on March 8, 2003.

19 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair

20 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the

22 adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

25 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

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2 adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
8 it, and the motion carries.

9 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will
10 please read the title of the second resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution declaring
12 April 26, 2003 as Youth Rules Day.

13 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have

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2 it, and the motion carries.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I introduce one resolution this
7 morning on your behalf.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

9 The Clerk will please read the title of
10 the resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
13 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
14 of the City deeds located in the 30th Ward of the
15 City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the adoption of the
20 resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
4 (No response.)
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
6 it, and the motion carries.
7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.
8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one bill cosponsored by the
10 leadership of the City Council President Verna,
11 Majority Leader Blackwell, and Majority with Marian
12 Tasco and all Members of City Council.
13 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will
14 please read the title of the bill.
15 (Pause.)
16 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Can we please move
17 forward and then we'll come back?
18 Councilman, would you please have a
19 member of your staff check where the bill is?
20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 At this time, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Krajewski.
24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
25 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
5 have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.
7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
9 offer one resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Clerk will
11 please read the title of the resolution.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
13 Jack T. Franklin.

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

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Miller.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will
9 please read the title of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
11 and acknowledging the recent heroic exploits of two
12 sisters, 13-year-old Lestine Adderly and 11-year-old
13 Robin Adderly for their quick and decisive thinking
14 during a fire which destroyed their home.

15 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
4 it, and the motion carries.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Clerk will
9 please read the title of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia deeds located in 38th
14 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I move the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
4 it, and the motion carries.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer no bills or resolutions this
8 morning.

9 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

13 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have one resolution.

17 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will
18 please read the title of the resolution.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution urging
20 the GlaxoSmithKline Corporation to resume
21 prescriptive drug deliveries to Canadian-based mail
22 order pharmacies.

23 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I move

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2 the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

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

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
12 it, and the motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I offer two resolutions.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling
20 on Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare to
21 continue the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
22 Program until all of its federally appropriated
23 money is spent this year on helping low-income
24 residents with their home heating needs.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I move for the adoption of the
5 resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
15 it, and the motion carries.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight
20 to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
21 production of documents and furtherance of the
22 investigation authorized by Resolution No. 020525,
23 adopted September 12, 2002, entitled resolution
24 authorizing City Council's Committee on Legislative
25 Oversight to hold public hearings on the City's Live

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2 Stop Program and to investigate the impact on high
3 automobile insurance premiums in the City.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
5 recognized Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move for the adoption of the
8 resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
18 it, and the motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
21 offer one resolution.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Clerk will
23 please read the title of the resolution.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling
25 upon the City of Philadelphia to amend Civil Service

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2 regulation 3130 concerning special benefits for City
3 employees called to active duty in the National
4 Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces of
5 the United States.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
9 move for the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
19 it, and the motion carries.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I have one resolution.

23 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Clerk will
24 please read the title of the resolution.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on

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2 my resolution, just have it understood in the Chief
3 Clerk office that it doesn't have to be an engrossed
4 copy of the resolution being presented to the Mayor,
5 Personnel Director, and the Civil Service
6 Commissioner. That was an error.

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: We will make note
8 of that. Thank you.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
11 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
12 of the City deeds located in the 16th, 18th, 33rd,
13 37th, 43rd and 47th Wards of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
4 it, and the motion carries.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
7 bills or resolutions today. Thank you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 the gentleman.

10 Councilman Cohen, have we located your
11 bill?

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I understand that it
13 has been delivered to the Chief Clerk.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Clerk will
15 please read the title of Councilman Cohen's bill.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
18 Year 2003 from the General Fund, certain or all City
19 offices, departments, boards, and commissions to the
20 General Fund Council contributions, indemnities, and
21 taxes American Foundation for Negro Affairs.

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

24 Our next order of business is reports
25 from committees. And the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilman Kenney for a report from the Committee on
3 Rules.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
5 President. The Committee on Rules reports out six
6 bills with favorable recommendations.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
8 please read the report.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
10 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
11 the Committee on Rules to which was referred 020826
12 entitled, an ordinance amending Title 14 of the
13 Philadelphia Code entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
14 amending Chapter 14-200, entitled "Residential
15 Districts," by amending use regulations in R6
16 residential district and by certain technical
17 amendments;

18 And Bill No. 030024 entitled an
19 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
20 changing the zoning designations of certain areas of
21 land located within an area bounded by 48th Street,
22 Brown Street, 44th Street, and Fairmount Avenue;

23 And Bill No. 030081 entitled an
24 ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the
25 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the

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2 area served by Temple University Hospital to
3 undertake a project whereby the Authority will
4 finance the cost of the development and construction
5 of a multi-level ambulatory healthcare building and
6 other hospital improvements;

7 And Bill No. 030099 entitled an
8 ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the
9 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the
10 area served by Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
11 and the acquisition and construction of capital
12 improvements to the facilities at the hospital and
13 its affiliates;

14 Bill No. 030113 entitled an ordinance
15 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Zoning and Planning, to add section requiring a
17 Zoning Board of Adjustment certificate to operate a
18 telemarketing business, under certain terms and
19 conditions;

20 And Bill No. 030114 entitled an
21 ordinance amending Section 14-1610 of the
22 Philadelphia Code entitled, "Old City Residential
23 Area Special Districts Controls," by providing that
24 telemarketing is a prohibited use within the
25 district, under certain terms and conditions;

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2 Respectfully reports it has considered
3 the same and returns the attached bills to Council
4 with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President, I
8 move the Rules of Council be suspended so as to have
9 first reading this day of Bills No. 020826, 030024,
10 030081, 030099, and 030114.

11 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Do a hear a second.
12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
14 and properly seconded that the Rules of Council --
15 I'm sorry. Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I just wanted to make
17 sure that the telemarketing bill was not included
18 among the package of bills for which there's going
19 to be a suspension of rules.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: There are six bills
23 being reported out. The telemarketing bill that
24 Councilman Cohen is talking was the citywide
25 certificate of need for the property in question or

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2 the business in question. The one telemarketing
3 bill that is getting a suspension is the one for
4 Councilman DiCicco's district in Old City. The
5 citywide is getting normal reading, first reading
6 next week.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm sorry?

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: There were two
9 telemarketing bills. One was a citywide bill that
10 require any operator of a telemarketing business to
11 get a certificate from the Zoning Board. And there
12 was also a bill for Old City which banned them that
13 which requires a variance. The bill with the
14 variance only is getting a suspension. The other
15 bill, the citywide bill, as agreed in committee, is
16 not getting a suspension of rules and will be held
17 on the Calendar, as to my agreement with Councilman
18 Cohen and the rest of the committee members to hold
19 that bill until we have additional information.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you for the
21 clarification.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
23 and properly seconded that the Rules of Council be
24 suspended for Bill Nos. 020826, 030024, 030081,
25 030099, and 030114.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: All in favor will
3 indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The ayes have it,
8 and the bills just read will be placed on today's
9 First Reading Calendar. Bill No. 030113 will be
10 placed on the First Reading Calendar for our next
11 Session of Council.

12 That concludes reports from committees.

13 Our next item of business is the
14 consideration of the Calendar. The Clerk will
15 please read the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 020826, an
17 ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending
19 use regulations in R6 residential districts and by
20 certain technical amendments, under certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030024,
25 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps

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2 by changing the zoning designations of certain areas
3 of land located within an area bounded by 48th
4 Street, Brown Street, 44th Street, and Fairmount
5 Avenue.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030081,
9 an ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the
10 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the
11 area served by Temple University Hospital to
12 undertake a project whereby the Authority will
13 finance the cost of the development and construction
14 of a multi-level ambulatory healthcare building.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030099,
18 an ordinance declaring that it is desirable for the
19 health, safety, and welfare of the people in the
20 area served by Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
21 and the acquisition and construction of capital
22 improvements to the facilities of the hospital and
23 its affiliates.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No. 030114,
3 an ordinance amending Section 14-1610 of the
4 Philadelphia Code entitled, "Old City Residential
5 Area Special Districts Controls," by providing that
6 telemarketing is a prohibited use within the
7 district, under certain terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The bills just read
11 by the Chief Clerk will be placed on the Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for our next
13 Session.

14 That concludes the First Reading
15 Calendar.

16 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
17 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills on the
18 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you Madam
20 President. Today, Bill No. 020601 is being called
21 up for second reading and final passage. Bill No.
22 020353 is being referred to committee. All other
23 bills are being held.

24 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Councilwoman, would
25 you mind repeating those numbers, please.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I would very
3 happy to. Today, Bill No. 020601 on page 5 is being
4 called for second reading and final passage. Bill
5 No. 020353 on page 4 is being referred to committee.
6 All other bills are being held.

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you very
8 much.

9 The Clerk will please read the title of
10 Bill No. 020353.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
13 portion of City Plan No. 238 by striking from the
14 City Plan and vacating Swanson Street from Catherine
15 Street northerly to the Delaware Expressway, by
16 reserving and placing a right-of-way for drainage
17 purposes within the bed of Swanson Street, all under
18 certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
21 President. Bill No. 020353, I'm referring that back
22 to committee.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Would you make the
24 motion? Is that in the form of a motion,
25 Councilman.

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes, Madam

3 President. I make a motion that Bill 020353 be
4 reported back to committee.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It has been moved
7 and seconded that Bill No. 020353 be referred back
8 to committee.

9 All in favor will indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The ayes have it
15 and the motion carries.

16 The Clerk will please read the title of
17 Bill No. 020601.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
19 Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
20 "School Tax Authorization," by adding a new section
21 19-1801.1 providing for a capital on tax increases,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam

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2 President. Thank you. I'd like to speak on the
3 bill.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Please do.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

6 Number 1, I would just like to mention,
7 as I said two weeks ago, this bill does not impact
8 the School District this year because it
9 specifically states that it will only become
10 effective when the State authorizes it. For the
11 State to hold hearings and pass this bill will be
12 long past the process of appeals that we're in the
13 midst of this year, and our tax revenues are
14 protected both at the City and the State level as
15 far as any cap is concerned.

16 I'd also say, this is really, I believe,
17 maybe a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because I
18 stars are in the right place with the State having
19 bipartisan support for this concept and not just any
20 bipartisan support, but Representative Evans and
21 Representative Perzel from Philadelphia. So I think
22 we'll get a full hearing both in Committee and
23 before the House of Representatives, and hopefully
24 follow in the Senate. But it's a long process. But
25 it's really looking forward at this point. While it

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2 was in reaction to this year's astronomical
3 increases in many cases and the burdens they placed
4 on families and widows and others, it really applies
5 to going forward and making sure it doesn't happen
6 again, at the same time giving the City and the
7 School District reasonable expectations of revenues
8 from increasing values and properties. It also
9 places the Board of Revision of Taxes in its proper
10 role, that of valuing properties or evaluating
11 properties, placing values on them, trying to find
12 the right value and not being in the revenue-raising
13 business where they don't belong and it's clearly
14 not their mission.

15 But I would say that having been to many
16 hearings again this year, this isn't just about
17 wealthy people who have gotten huge increases,
18 although it is fairly distributed among all. What I
19 have seen are mostly widows who have lived in their
20 homes for many, many years, have trudged down to the
21 Board of Revision of Taxes hoping that their 22
22 percent increase or their 16 percent increase which
23 they can't afford. And talking about how like this
24 past week this lady who is almost 70, had been a
25 widow for 22 years, told about from the snow and

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2 everything she had been doing cement work in her
3 crawl space because she can't fix her house up and
4 make it fancy but she wants to keep it nice and she
5 hopes that we will allow her to continue to afford
6 to live in her own home. And I think while she's
7 asking the Board of Revision to do that at a
8 specific appeal hearing, everyone is asking us to do
9 that at this particular venue, City Council.

10 And let the pressure and the discussion
11 move to the State. This is one chance where we have
12 to ask the State as we did with the City side of the
13 taxes to allow us to control our own destiny, allow
14 us to have the flexibility to do what is right and
15 not have the limitations of State prohibitions.

16 And there's going to be hearings on
17 legislation at the State level which has already
18 been introduced in every section of this City during
19 the next month, month and a half, two months.
20 Representative John Taylor has committed to that.
21 He chairs the Urban Affairs Committee. It will be a
22 bipartisan committee and a bipartisan effort. And I
23 would hope that we are unanimous as we were on the
24 City side of this equation, the City being 42
25 percent and the School District being 58 percent,

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2 that as we look to the future, we can hold out hope
3 for people that they won't ever have to go through
4 again what they're going through this year.

5 And it is my hope that rather than
6 explaining, rather than the committee or witnesses
7 having to explain why we're only talking about 42
8 percent and a runaway train on the 58 percent
9 involving the School District, and we'll be able to
10 say this Council is unanimous and now it's on the
11 State Legislature to help us help our mutual
12 constituents. It also gives anyone opposing caps --
13 and believe me there are people who would like to
14 have all the revenue they can get regardless of who
15 they get it from or what the circumstances are that
16 that person's -- to go to the State and use the
17 divide and concur principle. And that is, to tell
18 them you can't pass a law that affects 42 percent of
19 the revenue and how is it going to administered and
20 how are you going to explain to people put a cap on
21 yearly increases on their taxes when 58 percent of
22 it could be a hundred percent or 50 percent or 30
23 percent as it was this year? So it really means no
24 cap at all. I think we would be mocked at the State
25 level rather than taken seriously as I hope we will

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2 be and as I think we are up to this point if we can
3 be consistent, "Yes, we want to do what is right."
4 It's too late to affect this year, but it's
5 certainly the right time to look forward to the
6 future and try to prevent this from happening again.

7 With this being an election season, I
8 hope, while that never influences my vote, that we
9 would all be unanimous and behind this and send the
10 right message, not just to the State Legislature,
11 but to the people of Philadelphia who are crying out
12 for this kind of assistance. Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
16 President. Madam President, while I agree with a
17 substantial amount of what my good friend and
18 colleague Councilman O'Neill said prior to me
19 speaking, I am extremely concerned about his
20 reference to the State Legislature and their
21 commitment to have an open dialog and a substantive
22 public hearing, given most recent legislative
23 initiatives that came out of the State. And I'm
24 also somewhat concerned about the timeliness of this
25 particular bill, given the uncertainty of what will

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2 happen and the impact on the recent State budget on
3 the School District. There are estimates between 25
4 and \$50 million that we may not yet from the State.
5 So I'm obviously concerned about the outcome of the
6 state initiative so it relates to the School
7 District budget. So for that reason, I would like
8 to make a motion to table the bill for this week
9 until we can get further information, both from the
10 State and the School District. I continue to get
11 conflicting information from individuals who are
12 involved in that as recent as this morning, and
13 yesterday got calls from the School District who
14 said this particular bill will be problematic as it
15 relates to their Five-Year Plan. So I would like to
16 make a motion to table.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Point of information.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: It's been moved and
20 seconded and it's not debatable.

21 Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would ask
23 Councilman Clarke if he would withdraw his motion to
24 table for a moment. I would like to get some
25 information on the situation and to express an

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2 opinion and see how that impacts on the discussion.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
4 point of order. I can't remember the last time we
5 choked a discussion on a motion to table unless it
6 had gone on and on and on. We've never lacked the
7 courtesy to our colleagues of being able to speak on
8 a motion to table if they felt strongly about it.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: If Councilman
10 Clarke has no objection, we will certainly hear from
11 Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Are we going to set
13 a precedent that we're going to have discussion on
14 the motion to table unless Councilman Clarke
15 withdraws it? That's the rule we've never followed.
16 If this is the first time, I think it sets an awful
17 bad precedent. I've been here long enough to know
18 that this would be the first time.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would happen to
20 disagree with my colleague, though I may agree with
21 the result that he would seek to obtain. But I
22 think it's been past history that motions to table
23 have always called off all further discussion.
24 That's my memory. And institutionally I think it at
25 least covers the same period that Councilman O'Neill

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2 is referring to.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: If no one has any
4 objection, we could suspend the Rules and Councilman
5 Cohen can be heard.

6 Councilman Clarke does not have to
7 withdraw his motion. It's just a suspension --

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
9 make a motion that we suspend the rules for the
10 purpose of having a debate on this particular motion
11 to table, but I do not withdraw the motion to table.

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Very well.

13 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
18 it.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen. I
20 think debate has to at some point come to an end.
21 And Councilman Nutter makes a very good point that
22 let's end the discussion and deal with the issue
23 directly. I, for one, find it very difficult to
24 think of the State Legislature as being a place
25 where the City of Philadelphia can look for relief

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2 from anything. The way they've entrapped Governor
3 Rendell who may have been foolish in his approach,
4 but nonetheless deserve fair treatment gives me no
5 assurance at all the State is interested in
6 Philadelphia. All they seem to be interested in is
7 cutting services to the people and finding new ways
8 to cut taxes to big corporations. And to me, that's
9 not a healthy approach now or anytime.

10 Therefore, I don't think there ought to
11 be a vote to table at this time. I think we ought
12 to -- let's come to grips with it and vote one way
13 or the other. Either you have confidence in the
14 State protecting us and you'll support Councilman
15 O'Neill, or you'll support Councilman Clarke's view
16 of terminating the issue at this time by your vote.
17 So I would prefer not to see a vote to table and
18 support Councilman Nutter notion that it's time for
19 an end of the discussion and let's act on it.

20 But anybody who looks to the State for
21 help, I think, will only become more cynical because
22 it's quite clear that both the State Senate and
23 State House of Representatives, which are strongly
24 entrenched republican, it's clear quite that they
25 have no interest at all about the people of

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2 Philadelphia. Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
6 President. When this bill was called up before, I
7 guess I gave sort of a prophetic statement that I
8 believe that Governor Rendell was going to live up
9 to his promise to try to find funding for the
10 schools and to lower property tax. But I also said
11 at that time I did not believe that the republican
12 legislature was going to follow his lead. And
13 that's exactly what happened. So we know that is
14 the case. And I can say that my colleagues
15 bipartisanship and of an open process, to me, is
16 ridiculous because they could pass the bill tonight
17 the way they do things up in Harrisburg.

18 And I'll just say lastly this is in the
19 midst of election year politics. And if you ask me
20 to choose between the kids and their parents, I'm
21 still going to choose the kids. Even though the
22 kids can't vote for me, I can vote for the kids.
23 Thank you.

24 And I call for the previous question to
25 table.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

3 Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes. On the points
5 about the State Legislature vis-a-vis the Governor,
6 I think the Governor is getting his feet wet in
7 Harrisburg. I believe before the budget process is
8 over, things will be much, much different than they
9 were in the last week. There's a way to work with
10 the Legislature that the Governor is realizing. And
11 I would also like to say that the two issues are
12 separate. On one, the Governor is trying to get his
13 vision adopted by the Legislature. I think all or
14 most of that will happen, even though there's been
15 some missed steps in the last few days. But we here
16 are asking the State to give us the flexibility to
17 help our constituents, which they've never given us
18 up to now. This isn't asking the State for aid.
19 It's not asking the State for assistance. It's
20 asking the State for giving us more of an ability to
21 help ourselves and make decisions within the borders
22 of Philadelphia that are fair and reasonable to our
23 constituents and not have a tax assessment model
24 that is injuring, in many cases, the very needy and
25 the most helpless and also giving people reason to

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2 move and not think about moving into the City;
3 moving out of and not moving into the City. So I
4 would disagree with what's going on Harrisburg, but
5 I also think it has nothing to do with the current
6 issue since this does not affect the School District
7 this year. This being an election year, we won't
8 see many real estate tax assessments, if history be
9 any guide. And it would really affect the following
10 year, and it will probably take the State that long
11 to do it anyway. But there is a vehicle at the
12 State right now that we already approved, and this
13 would complete it and I think also make our
14 intentions clear to the State Legislature. Thank
15 you.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you. The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: It seems to me that
19 Philadelphia ought to solve Philadelphia's problems
20 and not look to the State to become a super city
21 council. Philadelphia has its own power and its
22 ability to deal with the situation, and we ought to
23 stop the State meddling. If the State
24 Representatives have nothing else to do and the
25 State Senators have nothing else to do than to deal

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2 with City problems, let's change all the laws and
3 forget either the State body or the City Council.
4 We don't need two city councils operating. We ought
5 to solve our own problem in Philadelphia. And
6 that's the reason I'm against looking to the State.
7 All they've done is they've raided our Parking
8 Authority. They've taken away the powers of the
9 City's Gas Commission. And it's dead wrong. They
10 ought to let us in Philadelphia solve our own
11 problems. They took away our ability to control
12 guns on the street. What more can you say about the
13 State? They have no idea what life is like in
14 Philadelphia and the problems that we have to deal
15 with. So I'm asking the State to butt out of the
16 City's business. Let the City control its own
17 business, and I'm not looking for the State to
18 suddenly do anything good. They haven't done
19 anything good yet, and I don't anticipate they will
20 in the future. We don't want them as a super city
21 council. The filing date is too late; if they
22 wanted to have jobs on City Council, they should
23 have filed by Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Thank
24 you, Madam President.

25 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Point of order.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Councilman Ortiz,
4 you have a point of order?

5 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Point of order. I
6 think we should call the question, Ma'am on this.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
8 have a brief comment. This is the only bill on the
9 Calendar today. It's not like we've been sitting
10 for four or five hours debating this issue. I would
11 just like to reinforce that 17 of us just two or
12 three months ago voted for an identical bill calling
13 upon the State Legislature to help us, not interfere
14 with us, not be a super city council, but do the
15 exact opposite. Instead of taking a something away,
16 give us something, give us more flexibility, which
17 they failed to do in the past. And if I were asking
18 for them to take something away for us, I would
19 agree with my colleague; I also would have never
20 sponsored either bill. Thank you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I am reminded that last fall we all
25 voted unanimously for the creation for a Tax Reform

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2 Commission charged with the enormous but ultimate
3 responsibility to examine and reexamine our City's
4 tax structure. So I do agree with Councilman
5 Cohen's remarks that we need to be responsible for
6 the handling of our own affairs and give this new
7 Commission, supported by this entire City Council,
8 an opportunity to do what they've been charged to
9 do.

10 Further, I remain hard pressed to
11 support any measure that today, yesterday, or a year
12 from now takes a penny from the Philadelphia Public
13 School System.

14 So again, I say let's call the motion to
15 table the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you very
17 much.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I just believe from
19 previous discussions that the Tax Reform Commission
20 is not dealing with real estate taxes but the
21 various business and sundry taxes that the City
22 imposes people outside of the real estate tax. But
23 I also would say that this bill does not take
24 anything away from the School District now or in the
25 future, and there's no attempt to do that. Thank

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2 you.

3 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

4 A motion to table was made and seconded.

5 And I will make it clear. Those voting yes will be

6 to table.

7 The Clerk will please call the roll.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.
9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Reynolds-Brown.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Verna.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The vote is 8-8. The motion fails.
21 This bill having been read on two
22 different days, the question now is shall the bill
23 pass finally?
24 The Clerk will please call the roll.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: No.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Reynolds-Brown.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
13 The vote is 8-8. The motion to pass
14 fails.
15 This conclude the Calendar.
16 Are there any speeches on the part of
17 the minority?
18 (No response.)
19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Are there speeches
20 on the part of the majority?
21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I would first like to thank the
25 State Legislature who hosted us, 25 members of the

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2 Blackwell family and my family, the Brooks family,
3 went to Harrisburg on Monday. And while they were
4 there, Representative Mark Cohen, in fact, got up
5 and talked about the drinking age being lowered in
6 this State and how Lucien Blackwell single-handedly
7 fought against that and stopped the drinking age
8 from being lowered to 18 at a pivotal time in our
9 history. Certainly, we thank Bill Duease for the
10 lunch also that he hosted, and my own legislator Jim
11 Roebuck for organizing it. But the entire House
12 honored Lucien, and we are absolutely very, very
13 grateful and we say thank you to them.

14 Finally, it's wonderful that everywhere
15 we go somebody has something different to say to
16 talk some aspect of service that Lu was involved in
17 and he fought for and made a difference in his
18 lifetime.

19 And finally, Madam President, I would
20 just like to thank, if it has not been done, my
21 colleagues. Thank you, Councilman Kenney for lovely
22 flowers. Thank you, Councilman O'Neil for the
23 candy. It doesn't get any better than that. Any
24 lady who gets flowers and candy is happy. Thank you
25 all, and happy St. Patrick's Day.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam

5 President. I'd just like to thank my colleagues for

6 flowers and the candy. One more shout out for my

7 favorite college to let the listening audience know

8 and my colleagues know that our choir, the Bennett

9 College Choir will be on tour this weekend in

10 Philadelphia and New Jersey. They will be at the

11 New Jersey State Museum at 6 o'clock on Saturday,

12 and on Sunday they will be in Philadelphia at

13 3 o'clock at the James Memorial Methodist Church, 47

14 East Haines Street. We invite the public to come,

15 it's \$20, and hear a wonderful choir and support a

16 wonderful school.

17 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

20 President. I just want everybody to know that I

21 appreciate Councilwoman Blackwell's remarks,

22 particularly since one of the two members of the

23 State Legislator she commended, Representative Mark

24 Cohen is my son, and I want the record to know that

25 and everybody to know it. We're all very proud of

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2 him. He's now in his 30th year in the State
3 Legislature. So the Cohens, once they get ahold of
4 something seems to stay there a long, long time.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: It runs from father
7 to son and maybe daughters, too.

8 One last thing. It's just strange how a
9 newspaper can be so good and so bad at the same
10 time. Daily News ran, in my judgement, an excellent
11 editorial the other day about Patriot Act 1,
12 condemning it in the terms that were used here in
13 the Council.

14 At the same time they continue to
15 support predatory lending. I'm just shocked that
16 the Daily News has not yet responded because in this
17 morning's Daily News they're still advertising on
18 the second page in large advertising, so I guess
19 they get a lot of money and in some cases at least
20 it looks in the media money overrides principle
21 because they're still following the practice of
22 trying to trap people into getting involved with
23 predatory lending. That's what makes people so
24 cynical about the media.

25 And on Ogontz Avenue, let me say one

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2 thing. I know Councilwoman Miller's office and my
3 office have been slaving for years trying to get
4 Ogontz Avenue re-paved. The residents of that area
5 have worked very hard. They've called the City in
6 addition to calling Councilwoman Miller and calling
7 my office. They've called the City. They probably
8 called many other Councilmembers continuously. And
9 the City couldn't hear a thing until the newspapers
10 wrote an article about it and then suddenly, boom,
11 they came in to do some patch work, at least.
12 That's what makes people so cynical. Let's hope
13 City Government begins to respond better. Thank
14 you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Chair recognize Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
18 President. I'd just like to offer everyone a happy
19 St. Patrick's Day. I just want to say I hope
20 everyone enjoys their Irish treats. And I'm glad I
21 gave them out before Council. I'm only on that
22 kidding.

23 (Laughter.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: We thank you for
25 them, too, Brian.

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2 Are there any other speeches?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
5 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: President Verna, I
7 move who that Council stand adjourned until
8 Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: It has been moved
11 and properly seconded that Council stand adjourned
12 until Thursday, March 20, 2003.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
18 it and the motion carries.

19 (Council adjourned at 11:55 a.m.)

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