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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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BILL 060139 - An ordinance amending Chapter
21-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
"Community Development," by extending the
applicability period.

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good

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morning. Let me thank everyone for

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coming today.

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We have two hearings this

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morning. One is from the Committee on

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Housing, Neighborhood Development and the

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Homeless. We will hear that first, and

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that certainly will not take but five

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minutes. So let me formally call us into

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session.

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This is the Committee on

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Housing, Neighborhood Development and the

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Homeless. We have a quorum. To my left,

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Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown,

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Councilman Frank DiCicco is here,

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President Verna is on her way in, and

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certainly she will allow us to have

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Councilman Michael Nutter certainly as

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part of this Committee. So we do have a

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quorum.

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We will have the Clerk read the

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title of Bill No. 060139, and as he does,

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we will ask, thank you, Deb McColloch,

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Director of the Office of Housing and

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2 Community Development, to come forward.

3 Is there anyone else here to
4 testify on this bill?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you very much.

8 Clerk?

9 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060139, an
10 ordinance amending Chapter 21-1100 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Community
12 Development," by extending the
13 applicability period.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: You
15 read the title already?

16 THE CLERK: Yes, ma'am.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I
18 turned my head and that was finished.

19 The Chair also notes that we
20 have Councilwoman Marian Tasco here. So
21 we certainly appreciate it and do have a
22 quorum.

23 Ms. McColloch, would you
24 identify yourself for the record and
25 begin your testimony.

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2 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Good morning,
3 Councilwoman Blackwell and members of the
4 Committee. I am Deborah McColloch,
5 Director of Housing, and I am here to
6 testify on behalf of the Administration
7 on Bill No. 060139.

8 This bill extends the
9 applicability period for Chapter 21-1100
10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Community Development," for another ten
12 years, from March 18, 2006 to March 18,
13 2016. Chapter 21-1100 was adopted by
14 Council ordinance in 1982 to define the
15 way in which the City uses Community
16 Development Block Grant funds. It sets
17 policies and procedures for the adoption
18 of the Community Development Plan, now
19 incorporated into the Consolidated Plan,
20 provides for citizen participation,
21 defines eligible activities and
22 beneficiaries, sets requirements for the
23 Plan's submission to and approval by City
24 Council, provides for reporting to City
25 Council and related matters.

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2 The applicability period was
3 last amended in 1995 and unless extended
4 will expire on March 18, 2006. The
5 Administration supports Bill No. 060139
6 to extend the applicability period to
7 2016. Chapter 21-1100 has provided a
8 useful framework for the Community
9 Development Block Grant program in the
10 past and we look forward to continuing to
11 do so in the future.

12 I would ask that there would be
13 a suspension of the rules to allow for
14 the first reading of the bill today, and
15 I'm happy to answer any questions that
16 you may have on the bill.

17 Thank you for allowing me this
18 opportunity to testify.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you very much.

21 The Chair also notes Councilman
22 Juan Ramos is here.

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 Are there any questions from
25 members of the Committee?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We
4 would also like to note that we have
5 statements of support that will be added
6 to the record as if they were read, one
7 from Women's Community Revitalization
8 Project, Nora Lichtash, Executive
9 Director, and one from the Philadelphia
10 Affordability Housing Coalition, Galen
11 Tyler, Francis Carney, Co-Chairs.

12 So, again, they will be added
13 to the record.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam
15 Chair?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
17 Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
19 Madam Chair.

20 Two quick comments. One, I
21 want to say thank you to the Chair for
22 the very quick and timely scheduling of
23 this particular hearing, given the
24 potential for expiration of this
25 provision.

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2 I also thank Ms. McColloch for
3 her testimony and at least having noted
4 for the record that I really appreciate
5 the Administration's support on this
6 legislation. This may be a landmark
7 moment, and I want to enjoy it as much as
8 possible.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you very much.

12 This will end our hearing part
13 of this gathering and we will enter into
14 the stated meeting.

15 The Chair will ask Councilman
16 Ramos for a motion to report out Bill No.
17 060139 with a favorable recommendation,
18 also request a suspension of the rules.

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam Chair,
20 I move that Bill No. 060139 be reported
21 out of Committee with a favorable
22 recommendation. I further move that the
23 rules of Council be suspended to permit
24 first reading of this bill at our next
25 Council meeting.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has
4 been moved and seconded that Bill No.
5 060139 be reported out of Committee with
6 a favorable recommendation and,
7 furthermore, that the rules be suspended
8 so as to permit first reading at our next
9 session.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

13 Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The
16 ayes have it and so this bill is reported
17 out.

18 Let me thank the Committee on
19 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
20 Homeless. That will end our Housing
21 meeting.

22 MS. MCCOLLOCH: Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you very much.

25 (Committee on Housing,

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2 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless
3 adjourned at 9:15 a.m.)

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