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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Thursday, 4/25/02
10:45 a.m.
Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, PA
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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 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

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Deputy Chief Clerk

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1 4/25/02 STATED - GREETING/INVOCATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I note that the
3 hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is
4 present. The Council will please come to order and
5 members will take their seats.

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes the Reverend Jim Baker, Associate
8 Pastor of St. Matthew A.M.E. Church. He is here
9 today as the guest of Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

10 I would ask also members and guests to
11 please rise.

12 REVEREND BAKER: Good morning, everyone.

13 Let me thank Councilwoman Brown for the
14 invitation and Council President Verna and the
15 members of City Council for being so gracious as to
16 extend this privilege to come and to offer the
17 invocation.

18 Let us pray.

19 O, wise and all-powerful and all-knowing
20 God, Lord, You who looked across nothing and
21 created something; God, You who know all and are
22 all and on whom we can lean and depend, who have
23 been our help across the ages, Lord, and who
24 created bridges over troubled water, we thank You,
25 God, for this day. And, Lord, we just thank You

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2 for these women and men who have taken on this
3 mantle of public service to serve our great city,
4 Lord, and its people.

5 Lord, as they come today we pray, Lord,
6 that You would empower them with wisdom. Lord, let
7 them have mercy in their hearts, Lord, and
8 compassion, Lord, so that as they come to
9 deliberate and to discuss the matters of importance
10 of our city, God, that they would do so, Lord,
11 bringing their own perspective to the discussion,
12 Lord, not being all in agreement, Lord, for through
13 their discussion, we pray, Lord, that Your will be
14 done in a way that's best for all of our City,
15 Lord, and all of the residents here therein.

16 Lord, bless Council President Verna and
17 bless Councilwoman Brown and all of the members of
18 Council, Lord. Lord, just touch them, Lord, and
19 bless their families. Bless these young women who
20 have come on "Take Your Daughter to Work Day,"
21 Lord, and all of the young people in the audience
22 and all of those who have come to observe these
23 proceedings.

24 And we pray, Lord, that what we do today
25 will be to Your honor and to Your glory and not to

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2 our own; for it is You who made us and we, not
3 ourselves.

4 Lord, we just thank You in advance, for
5 Your will will be done today. We ask in the name
6 of Him, who is able to keep from us falling.

7 And all together, we say amen.

8 ALL: Amen.

9 REVEREND BAKER: Amen and amen.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
11 Reverend. The Chair thanks Reverend Baker for his
12 inspiring invocation.

13 Council will be as ease.

14 (Council stands at ease.)

15 (Proceedings resume.)

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1 4/25/02 STATED - APPROVAL OF 4/18/02 JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of Thursday, April 18, 2002, and the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting
8 of Thursday, April 18, 2002 stand approved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, April 18, 2002 stand approved.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, and the motion carries.
16 The Journal of the meeting of Thursday, April 18,
17 2002 stands approved

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1 4/25/02 STATED - REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is request for leaves of absence, and
4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
9 the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
15 Leave will be granted.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair will
3 dispense with the regular order of business to
4 recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
5 chambers this morning.

6 On behalf of all members of City Council,
7 I welcome you to our Council session. We
8 appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
9 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
10 certainly invite you to come again.

11 For years, we have observed "Take Your
12 Daughter to Work Day." We always enjoy welcoming
13 the young ladies who have come to spend some time
14 in Council. At this time, I ask the Councilmembers
15 introduce their guests

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 Madam President, I'd like to introduce one
20 of my staff's daughters that's with us today, and
21 it's Don Tippet, who works with me and lives in
22 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller's district. The
23 young lady that with is us Adele Tippet, and she
24 goes to Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, and I'm kind of
25 proud of that; I also went there. It wasn't called

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2 "Fontbonne" at the time; it was just "Norwood
3 Academy," and it was an all-boys school. And she
4 also participates in intermural soccer and
5 basketball, and her nickname is Dell, and she's
6 here with us today. Hi, del.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If you'll stand,
8 we'd like to recognize you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe I saw
11 Councilman Kenney walking into chamber with a very
12 lovely-looking young lady, if he would care to
13 recognize her.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Hello. Thank you,
15 thank you, Madam President.

16 I'd like to take the opportunity to
17 introduce my daughter, Nora, who's eight years old,
18 who's here with me today, and she's not usually
19 this shy. So thank you for coming.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 The Coalition of 100 Black Women is also

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2 supporting "Take Our Women to Work Day," and
3 members of the coalition have been invited to
4 salute young people.

5 I'm pleased to introduce Moneesha Stewart
6 and Shanna Barrett. Both are 8th-graders at the
7 John Wanamaker, one of the schools that the
8 coalition has adopted.

9 So, ladies, please stand up and we say
10 thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we have any
13 other Councilmembers to be recognized?

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
17 President.

18 Every year, we have a group of women who
19 come to us, Keaner Citizens Group, from Ward A.M.E.
20 Church at my District at 43rd and Aspen. They are
21 here.

22 Thank you, ladies.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I know Mr. Dubow
25 was in earlier; I don't know if he left. Is he

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2 still here?

3 (Mr. Dubow no longer in
4 chamber.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay, I noticed
6 that he had his daughter with him.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 Mr. Dubow, the City Budget Director did
11 leave, but his daughter was here, Becky Dubow, age
12 11, a 5th-grader from Woodland School, and she was
13 here for quite some time.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'd like to introduce
18 the very charming granddaughter of Marlene Goss, an
19 almost 20-year employee of my office. Angelique
20 Goss, please stand up.

21 (Applause.)

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

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
25 President.

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2 I have two guests today: The daughter of
3 my staffperson Leslie Adorno-Valencia; and the
4 niece of my staffperson Latrice Bryant, Lexis, and
5 they are over there.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any other
8 Councilmember to be recognized?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
11 Melissa Batzer was here with her daughter; I don't
12 know if she's still here.

13 Anybody else to be recognized?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell, do you have another group to be
17 recognized? No?

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

20 Thank you all very much.

21 At this time the Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Nutter, who will make a presentation
23 honoring Mr. Oliver St. Clair Franklin.

24 (Councilman Nutter comes
25 forward.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will

3 Mr. Franklin and those accompanying him please join
4 the Councilman at the podium.

5 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman

7 Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 It is with great personal pleasure that I
11 have this opportunity to present this resolution
12 honoring and congratulating Oliver St. Clair
13 Franklin on his receipt of the Most Excellent Order
14 of the British Empire Commendation.

15 Whereas, Oliver St. Clair Franklin was
16 born and raised in Baltimore and graduated from
17 Lincoln university in 1966 with a degree in
18 economics; and

19 Whereas, he won a Woodrow Wilson
20 Fellowship to Oxford, where he earned another
21 undergraduate degree in politics, philosophy, and
22 economics in 1969; and

23 Whereas, Mr. Franklin served as Deputy
24 City Representative for Arts and Culture under
25 former Mayor W. Wilson Goode; and

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2 Whereas, Mr. Franklin, an East Falls
3 resident, is currently Vice President of G.S.
4 Capital Management, an investment firm based in
5 Wayne; and

6 Whereas, he has used his position to
7 strengthen Philadelphia's economic and cultural
8 ties to Britain; and

9 Whereas, in 1994, using his own funds,
10 Mr. Franklin initiated City fellowships in
11 financial services, which gives minority business
12 people the opportunity to spend a year in Britain,
13 working in financial institutions. To date, the
14 program has granted \$6 million in fellowships; and

15 Whereas, Mr. Franklin was named Britain's
16 First Honorary Consul in Philadelphia three years
17 ago, becoming the first-ever African-American to be
18 an honorary consul; and

19 Whereas, based on his service and
20 innovations, on January 17, 2002, Mr. Franklin
21 received the Most Excellent Order of the British
22 Empire Commendation for Exceptional Achievement;
23 and

24 Whereas, orders of chivalry, such as the
25 Order of the British Empire, contain numerous

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2 levels and titles of membership, which have been
3 conferred by the monarchy for over one thousand
4 years, though few African-Americans have received
5 this designation;

6 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council of
7 the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
8 congratulate Oliver St. Clair Franklin on his
9 receipt of the Most Excellent Order of the British
10 Empire Commendation.

11 Further resolved that an engrossed copy of
12 this resolution be presented to Mr. Oliver
13 St. Clair Franklin as a symbol of this legislative
14 body's congratulations for his most distinguished
15 achievement.

16 Signed by Council President Verna,
17 sponsored by Councilman W. Wilson Goode, Jr. and
18 myself and cosponsored by all members of City
19 Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Mr. Franklin for remarks.

23 MR. ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN: Madam President,
24 Councilman Nutter, distinguished Councilpeople, and
25 guests, my wife, Pat Michaels, it is an honor to be

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2 honored by the queen of England in London and
3 Buckingham Palace, but it is an even greater honor
4 to be honored by your own, and this is a great
5 honor for me to get this recognition from City
6 Council.

7 I had the privilege for five years of
8 working with a lot of you, and you all were very,
9 very kind to me. I gave you the "Art in City
10 Hall," and you all were very, very kind to me, and
11 it was the best time of my life

12 Britain is the largest investor by a
13 factor of two in this region. They're very
14 important to us, and 80,000 people are employed by
15 British firms in this area. And I work as hard as
16 I can to make sure that the Brits understand that
17 Philadelphia, the oldest consulate in the British
18 Empire, is not between New York and Washington, but
19 that New York and Washington happens to be a little
20 further away from Philadelphia.

21 So I thank you very much.

22 I have one last request. There was a book
23 floating around. This is a condolence book for the
24 Queen Mum, who passed away. The queen's mother
25 passed away at 101, and I have reserved a page here

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2 for those members of City Council that would like
3 to sign this book because we're going to send it
4 off to Buckingham Palace with a letter from the
5 Mayor.

6 So thank you so much for this, thank you
7 very much. God bless you all.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be
10 at ease.

11 (Council stands at ease.)

12 (Proceedings resume.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair now
15 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski, who will make a
16 presentation recognizing April 2002 as "Autism
17 Awareness Month."

18 (Councilwoman Krajewski comes
19 forward.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will Miss Megan
21 Smith, a student at St. Bernard Graduate School,
22 her mother, and those accompanying her please join
23 the Councilwoman at the podium.

24 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And I would just

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2 like to make mention that the students have been
3 sitting here at least an hour and a half, and I
4 would like the Councilmembers to join me in
5 applauding them. They have been so well-behaved
6 and very intentive and wonderful.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 Also joining with us today are Mrs. Ruth,
11 principal, and Mrs. Steinmetz, vice principal of
12 St. Bernard Grade School.

13 A resolution declaring April 2002 as
14 "Autism Awareness Month."

15 Whereas, autism was first identified by
16 Dr. Leon Canter in 1943; and

17 Whereas, this disease is now estimated to
18 occur in one out of every 500 births, and further
19 research indicates that autism is four times more
20 prevalent in boys than girls and knows no racial
21 ethnic or social boundaries. Over one half million
22 people in the United States today have autism or
23 some form of pervasive developmental disorder.

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, the
25 prevalence rate of autism makes the disease one of

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2 the most common developmental disabilities, yet
3 most of the public and professionals in the
4 medical, educational, and vocational fields are
5 still unaware of how autism affects people and how
6 they can effectively work with individuals with the
7 disability; and

8 Whereas, with appropriate intervention,
9 many of the associated behaviors can be positively
10 changed, even in some cases that the child or adult
11 may appear to the untrained person to no longer
12 have autism the Majority of children and adults
13 will, however, continue to exhibit some degree of
14 disability throughout their entire lives. Although
15 there are still no medical tests for diagnosing
16 autism, and a cure has yet to be found, a better
17 understanding of the disorder has led to a host of
18 strategies to deal with the disability; and...

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas, under the
20 Children's Health Act of 2000, the Pediatric Autism
21 Research Act provides an additional \$40 million
22 annually to research this disability and will
23 hopefully find a cure; and

24 Whereas, the Autism Society of America was
25 founded in 1965 and continues to be the leading

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2 source of information and referral of autism and
3 the largest collective voice representing the
4 autism community for 37 years; and

5 Whereas, working in conjunction with the
6 Autism Society of America, the students and
7 teachers at St. Bernard School have worked
8 diligently to increase awareness of the disability
9 in their community, utilizing a variety of
10 techniques;

11 Now, therefore, be it...

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Resolved by the
13 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby
14 declare April 2002 as "Autism Awareness Month" in
15 the City of Philadelphia.

16 Further resolved that an engrossed copy of
17 this resolution be presented to Megan Smith of
18 St. Bernard School and her mother, Lisa Smith, as
19 evidence of the respect and appreciation of this
20 legislative body for their hard work in raising
21 awareness of the fight to find a cure for autism.

22 Signed by the President of City Council
23 and by all members of City Council.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Miss Smith for remarks.

4 MS. SMITH: I would like to thank everyone
5 involved in helping us take this step to shed some
6 light on autism say, and I'd like to say this on
7 behalf of not only myself but my autistic sister,
8 Erin, the students and faculty of St. Bernard's,
9 and the two women that we couldn't do this without:
10 My mom, Mrs. Smith; and my 7th-grade teacher,
11 Miss Jane White.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will be
14 at ease.

15 (Council stands at ease.)

16 (Proceedings resume.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will make our
20 next presentation recognizing "Shelter in Place
21 Week."

22 (Councilman Kenney comes
23 forward.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will Miss Martha
25 Anderson, Chairperson of the Philadelphia Local

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2 Emergency Planning Committee, and those
3 accompanying her please join the Councilman at the
4 podium.

5 (Honorees et al. come
6 forward.)

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 Brendan, take off your hat. Thank you.

10 If I may, Madam President, before I get
11 started, my son today went with my sister to her
12 law firm for "Take Your Child to Work Day,"
13 thinking he would get a different experience, and
14 the law firm decided today to do a tour of City
15 Hall, so he's back. Brendan, wave.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome,
17 Brendan.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
20 President.

21 This is a resolution recognizing April 22,
22 2002 through April 28, 2002 as "Shelter in Place
23 Week" in the City of Philadelphia.

24 Whereas, as a result of the 1986 EPA
25 Emergency and Planning and Community Right to Know

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2 Act, the Philadelphia Local Emergency Planning
3 Committee was formed to inform the citizens of this
4 city about how best to protect themselves during a
5 chemical emergency; and

6 Whereas, since its inception PLEPC has
7 initiated important programs to help keep us safe
8 in case of a chemical emergency. There have been
9 shelter-in-place drills in the School District and,
10 under the direction of Sunoco, the installation of
11 a public notification system in south and southwest
12 Philadelphia; and

13 Whereas, PLEPC has worked with the
14 Philadelphia Fire Department's Hazmet and fire
15 protection units and has now acquired the right to
16 use a national shelter-in-place mascot named Wally
17 Wiseguy, right over here. Wally will now be
18 Philadelphia's own representative in schools and in
19 the community at large; and

20 Whereas, among Wally Wiseguy's tips are to
21 go inside the house, shut all the doors and
22 windows, to cover cracks along the doors and
23 windows with tape or wet towels, to listen to KYW
24 two, three four times a day

25 (Laughter.)

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: To keep pets with you
3 and to call 9-1-1 if you are disabled. These and
4 other instructions will do much to ensure the
5 safety of individuals and family should a chemical
6 emergency occur.

7 Now, resolved, by the Council of the City
8 of Philadelphia that we hereby recognize April 22
9 through 28, 2002 as "Shelter in Place Week" in the
10 City of Philadelphia.

11 Further resolved that an engrossed copy of
12 this resolution be presented to Martha Anderson,
13 Chairperson of the Philadelphia Local Emergency
14 Planning Committee.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Miss Anderson for remarks.

19 MS. ANDERSON: You want me to say
20 something?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Please.

22 MS. ANDERSON: I just asked her if I can
23 say something. Usually, that's not a question I
24 ask; I just keep talking.

25 I'm so very proud to be here today. I've

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2 worked with the Philadelphia Local Emergency
3 Planning Committee since 1990 and have been the
4 chairperson for almost ten years.

5 And the work that the people who are on
6 this committee do is very essential to your
7 protection in the case if something happens, and
8 certainly after September the 11th, we have
9 increased our efforts and our interests, quite
10 frankly, in making sure that our children learn how
11 to protect themselves so as they grow they can pass
12 that information on to their children.

13 So the committee is made up of
14 businesspeople, it's made up of the public, it's
15 made up of government workers from the City, and we
16 all work together to solve some of these problems.

17 And I cannot emphasize enough to you today
18 how important these people are to our communities
19 and our children and our future, and I am just
20 thrilled to be working with them. And I hope that
21 you'll give them a huge round of applause because
22 this is just a smattering of the people that work
23 with us; we have almost 50 people who do these
24 activities

25 So you'll see us as environmental affairs,

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2 going from community to community, and your
3 children will see Wally in school next year.

4 Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 (Council stands at ease.)

7 (Proceedings resume.)

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1 4/25/02 STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is communications. The Chair requests
4 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the message from
5 the Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will please read
6 the messages from the Mayor.

7 THE CLERK: To the President and members
8 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am
9 transmitting for the consideration of your
10 honorable body a draft of an ordinance, entitled
11 "An ordinance approving the redevelopment proposal
12 of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
13 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of the Ontario
14 Urban Renewal Area";

15 And I am pleased to advise you that on
16 April 23, 2002 I signed the following bills passed
17 by Council at its session April 18, 2002: Bill No.
18 020030 and Bill No. 020092.

19 And I am pleased to advise you that on
20 April 24th, I signed all of the bills passed that
21 were passed at the Council session on April 11,
22 2002.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
24 will be printed in the Journal.

25 The clerk will please read any other

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2 communications in her possession

3 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam

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1 4/25/02 STATED - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is the introduction of bills and
4 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for a motion.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I move that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
9 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
12 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
14 consideration of resolutions at the time of
15 introduction.

16 All those in favor will signify by saying
17 aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion carries

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
3 President. Today I have no bills or resolutions
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
5 Councilwoman.
6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.
7 (No immediate response.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
9 Cohen, do you have any bills or resolutions?
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I have no bills or
11 resolutions.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I have no bills
16 or resolutions, Madam President.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.
19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
20 have two resolutions.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
22 please read the title of the first resolution.
23 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
24 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
25 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority deeds

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2 located in the 7th, 18th, and 19th Wards of the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
7 move for the adoption.

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 saying
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

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

17 The clerk will please read the title of
18 the second resolution

19 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring the
20 Comley Institute of Industrial Relations at St.
21 Joseph's University.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: The Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
25 move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it and the resolution has
8 been adopted

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I offer one
11 resolution, Madam President.

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

14 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring May 25
15 to 27, 2002 as "Cherokee Heritage Weekend" in
16 celebration of the ninth Annual Cherokee Indian
17 Festival.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All those in favor will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it, and the resolution has
6 been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer two bills and one resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
11 clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance approving the
13 redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment
14 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
15 redevelopment of the Ontario Urban Renewal Area.

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

18 The clerk will please read the title of
19 the second bill.

20 THE CLERK: And an ordinance revising a
21 parking regulation on Norman Lane from Germantown
22 Avenue to Crefeld Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
24 be referred to the appropriate committee. The
25 clerk will please read the title of the resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: And a resolution recognizing
3 April 21 to 27, 2002 as "National Volunteer
4 Recognition Week."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
8 adoption of the resolution

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

14 Those opposed?

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I offer one bill and one resolution on
20 behalf of all members of City Council.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
22 clerk will please read the title of the bill.

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance providing for the
24 submission to the qualified electors of the City of
25 Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia

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2 Home Rule Charter relating to the creation,
3 appointment, powers, and duties of an independent
4 Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission, as approved by
5 resolution of the City Council.

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

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

10 THE CLERK: And a resolution proposing an
11 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
12 provide for the creation, appointment, powers, and
13 duties of a Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission and
14 providing for the submission of an amendment to the
15 electors of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Nutter -- oh, I'm sorry.
18 This resolution will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I offer two resolutions on your
23 behalf, cosponsored by Councilman Rizzo and myself.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
25 please read the title of the first resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring

3 F. Eugene Dixon, Jr.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

5 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I move for

7 the adoption.

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 saying

13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

16 The clerk will please read the title of

17 the second resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Ernesta

19 Drinker Ballard.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

21 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: I move for

23 the adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted.

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

6 Those opposed?

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have one bill cosponsored by every
12 female member of Council.

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

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
16 21-800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Advancement of Economic Opportunities," by
18 amending Section 21-802 by adding a subsection on
19 targeted investments in women's business
20 development and finance.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: I have no bills or
25 resolutions today, Madam Chair.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
3 the Councilman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I offer two bills and one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
8 please read the title of the first bill.

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
10 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
11 Plan No. 13S by striking from the City Plan and
12 vacating Lawrence Street from Wharton Street to
13 Titan Street.

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

16 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
17 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of
18 City Plan No. 308 by relocating the northerly
19 curbline of St. James Street approximately three
20 feet northwardly.

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

23 The clerk will please read the title of
24 the resolution.

25 THE CLERK: And a resolution approving the

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2 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement
3 of the Redevelopment Authority for the
4 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
5 Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the adoption
9 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 in favor will say aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
19 have no bills or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
21 the gentleman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President, I
24 have two bills and three resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will

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2 please read the title of the first bill.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
4 10-800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety"
5 by providing for an administrative fee for the
6 issuance of license to carry a firearm, under
7 certain terms and conditions.

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

10 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
11 Liberty Property Philadelphia Limited Partnership
12 II, owner of the property Three Franklin Plaza,
13 1600 Vine Street, to construct and maintain two
14 aluminum flag poles.

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

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

19 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
20 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
21 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
22 deeds located in 16th , 29th, 32nd, and 37th Wards
23 of the City of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

11 The clerk will please read the title of
12 the second resolution.

13 THE CLERK: A resolution also naming the
14 1200 block of Harper Street as "Lilly E. 'Mom'
15 Griffin Way" in honor of the life of Lilly E. "Mom
16 Griffin.

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

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the adoption
20 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 in favor signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

4 The clerk will please read the third
5 resolution.

6 THE CLERK: A resolution also naming the
7 1200 block Brown Street as "Louise Savin Way" to
8 honor the life Louise Estelle Savin.

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

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or resolutions
21 today, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
3 of business is reports from committees, and the
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
5 report from the Committee of the Whole.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President. The Committee of the Whole reports out
8 three bills with a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
10 please read the report.

11 THE CLERK: To the President and members
12 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
13 Committee of the Whole, to which was referred:

14 Bill No. 020001, entitled "An ordinance
15 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year
16 2003"; And

17 Bill No. 020028, entitled "An ordinance to
18 adopt a Fiscal 2003 Capital Budget"; and

19 Bill No. 020029, entitled "An ordinance to
20 adopt a Capital Program for the six fiscal years
21 2003 to 2008, inclusive"

22 respectfully reports it has considered and
23 amended the same and returns the attached bills to
24 Council with a favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I move that the rules of Council be
5 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
6 Bill No. 020001, 020028, and 020029.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
9 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
11 this day of Bill No.'s 020001, 020028, and 020029.

12 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it, and Bill No.'s 020001,
15 020028, and 020029 will be placed on today's
16 first-reading calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell for a report from the Finance Committee.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
20 President. The Committee on Finance reports out
21 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
23 please read the report.

24 THE CLERK: To the President and members
25 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the

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2 Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill
3 No. 020146, entitled "An ordinance amending Title
4 19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Finance,
5 Taxes and Collections,' by amending Section 19-203,
6 entitled 'Payroll Deductions' to allow for a
7 provision adding the Second Alarmers Association of
8 Philadelphia to the list of designated payees to
9 whom a City employee may direct payroll
10 deductions," all under certain terms and
11 conditions, respectfully reports it has considered
12 the same and returns the attached bill to Council
13 with a favorable recommendation.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I move that the rules of Council be
18 suspended so as to permit first reading this day of
19 Bill No. 020146.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
22 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
24 this day of Bill No. 020146.

25 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed, nay?

3 The ayes have it, and Bill No. 020146 will
4 be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco
6 for a report from the Committee on Streets and
7 Services.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
9 President. The Committee on Streets and Services
10 reports 14 bills with a favorable recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
12 please read the report.

13 THE CLERK: To the President and members
14 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
15 Committee on Streets and Services, to which was
16 referred:

17 Bill No. 010277, an ordinance amending
18 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 970818)
19 approved April 13, 1998, entitled "An ordinance
20 authorizing and directing the revision of lines and
21 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by placing
22 on the City Plan Parrish Street from North Street
23 to 12th Street"; and

24 Bill No. 020143, an ordinance authorizing
25 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of

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2 City Plan 271; and

3 Bill No. 020147, an ordinance establishing
4 a no-parking regulation on the 5900 block of North
5 Seventh Street; and

6 Bill No. 020148, an ordinance establishing
7 a no-parking regulation on Limekiln Pike between
8 68th Avenue and Wyncote Avenue; and

9 Bill No. 020149, an ordinance establishing
10 a no-parking regulation on the 700 block of
11 Champlost Avenue; and

12 Bill No. 020151, an ordinance amending an
13 ordinance approved January 3, 1992 (Bill No.
14 1205AA), which, pursuant to Subsection 9-204 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, designates locations in Center
16 City at which vending is permitted; and

17 Bill No. 020169, an ordinance amending
18 Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code by amending
19 Section 9-203 relating to street vendors and
20 Section 9-205 relating to sidewalk sales; and

21 Bill No. 020184, an ordinance authorizing
22 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of
23 City Plan No. 119 by placing on the City Plan
24 Marvine Street from Poplar Street to Harper Street;
25 and

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2 Bill No. 020185, an ordinance authorizing
3 the paving of Marvine Street, Cambridge Street, and
4 George Street; and

5 Bill No. 020199, an ordinance amending
6 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 990366),
7 approved July 1, 1999, entitled "An ordinance
8 authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 17S";
9 and

10 Bill No. 020200, an ordinance regulating
11 the direction of movement of traffic on Griffith
12 Street from Large Street to Castor Avenue; and

13 Bill No. 020204, an ordinance authorizing
14 Project H.O.M.E., owner of the property 1922 to
15 1942 Judson Street, to construct and maintain metal
16 a marquee with electrified icon letter signs; and

17 Bill No. 020224, an ordinance authorizing
18 Richard and Cheryl Dennin, owners of the property
19 6605 Kindred Street, to construct, use, and
20 maintain a wooden deck extension; and

21 Bill No. 020230, an ordinance authorizing
22 the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, a tenant of
23 the property 260 South Broad Street, to construct,
24 own, and maintain underground conduit and private
25 telecommunications facilities under the

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2 right-of-way of Bach Place between the properties
3 1420 Locust Street and 260 South Broad Street, all
4 under certain terms and conditions

5 respectfully reports it has considered the
6 same and returns the attached bills to Council with
7 a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I move that the rules of Council be
12 suspended so as to permit first reading today of
13 the 14 bills that have just been read into the
14 record.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
18 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
19 this day of Bill No.'s 010277, 020143, 020147,
20 020148, 020149, 020169, 020184, 020185, 020199,
21 020200, 020204, 020224, and 020230.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam President,
23 point of order. There was one other bill not
24 listed on this --

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's my

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2 understanding, Councilman, that Bill No. 020151 --

3 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: That's correct

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: -- will be

5 placed on the first-reading calendar for our next

6 session of Council.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it, and the bills just read
10 will be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

11 As I just indicated, Bill No. 020151 will
12 be placed on our first-reading calendar for our
13 next session of City Council.

14 At this time, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Mariano for a report from the Committee
16 on Licenses and Inspections.

17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
18 President. The Committee on Licenses and
19 Inspections reports three bills with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
22 please read the report.

23 THE CLERK: The Committee on Licenses and
24 Inspections, to which was referred:

25 Bill No. 010695, an ordinance amending the

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2 Philadelphia Code to add various requirements and
3 prohibitions relating to students living in
4 educational housing districts; and

5 Bill No. 020164, an ordinance amending
6 Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code by amending
7 Section PM-102.7, entitled "Penalties," to include
8 provision for the issuance of a code violation
9 notice in a specific amount to persons who are
10 licensed under this section; and

11 Bill No. 020201, an ordinance amending
12 Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,"
14 by amending Section 9-105, entitled "Penalties,"
15 and Section 9-702, entitled "Carnivals," providing
16 for increased penalties in licensing conditions for
17 carnivals, all under certain terms and conditions

18 respectfully reports it has considered the
19 same and returns the attached bills to Council with
20 a favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
24 move that the rules of Council be suspended so as
25 to permit first reading this day of Bill No.

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2 020201.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
5 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
6 Council be suspended so as to permit first reading
7 this day of Bill No. 020201.

8 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the motion carries.
11 Bill No. 020201 will be placed on today's
12 first-reading calendar.

13 Bill No.'s 010695 and 020164 will be
14 placed on the first-reading calendar for our next
15 session of Council.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter for
17 a report from the Select Committee on Fiscal
18 Responsibility and Intergovernmental Cooperation.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. The Committee on Fiscal Stability
21 reports one resolution with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
24 please read the report.

25 THE CLERK: To the President and members

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2 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
3 Committee on Fiscal Stability, to which was
4 referred Resolution No. 020059, entitled "A
5 resolution providing for the approval by the
6 Council of the City of Philadelphia of a revised
7 Five-Year Plan for the City of Philadelphia
8 covering fiscal years 2003 through 2007 and
9 incorporating proposed changes with respect to
10 Fiscal Year 2002, which is to be submitted by the
11 Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
12 Cooperation Authority, pursuant to the
13 Intergovernmental Corporation Agreement authorized
14 by an ordinance of this Council and approved by the
15 Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563A) by and
16 between the City and the Authority," respectfully
17 reports it has considered and amended the same and
18 returns the attached resolution to Council with a
19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
21 Resolution No. 020059 will be placed at the end of
22 the calendar for our next session of Council

23 That concludes the reports from
24 committees.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our next order
3 of business is consideration of the calendar. The
4 clerk will please read the bills on the
5 first-reading calendar for today.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 020001, an ordinance
7 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2001.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020028, an
11 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2003 Capital Budget

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020029, an
15 ordinance to adopt a 2003 Capital Budget.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020146, an
19 ordinance amending Title 19 of the Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "Finance Taxes and Collections," by
21 amending Section 19-203, entitled "Payroll
22 Deductions" to allow for the provision to add the
23 Second Alarmers Association.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 010277, an
3 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance
4 approved April 13, 1998, entitled "An ordinance
5 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
6 portion of City Plan No. 58."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020143, an
10 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
11 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 271.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020147, an
15 ordinance establishing a no-parking regulation on
16 the 5900 Block of North Seventh Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 agrees.

19 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020148 man
20 ordinance establishing a no-parking regulation on
21 Limekiln Pike between 68th Avenue and Wyncote
22 Avenue.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 agrees.

25 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020149, an

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2 ordinance establishing a no-parking regulation in
3 the 700 block of Champlost Avenue.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020169, an
7 ordinance amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code
8 by amending Section 9-203 relating to street
9 vendors and related sidewalks sales, under certain
10 terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020184, an
14 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and
15 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 119.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020185, an
19 ordinance authorizing the paving of Marvine Street,
20 Cambridge Street, and George Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020199, an
24 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
25 No. 990366 (approved July 1, 1999), entitled "An

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2 ordinance authorizing the striking of City Plan
3 17S."

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020200, an
7 ordinance regulating the direction of movement of
8 traffic on from Griffith Street from Large Street
9 to Castor Avenue.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020204, an
13 ordinance authorizing the homeowners of the
14 property 1922 to 1942 Judson Street to construct
15 and maintain a metal marquee.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020224, an
19 ordinance authorizing Richard and Cheryl Dennin,
20 owners of the property 6605 Kindred Street, to
21 construct, use, and maintain a wooden deck.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020230, an
25 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia Orchestra

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2 Association, a tenant of the property 260 South
3 Broad Street, to construct, own, and maintain
4 underground facilities under the right-of-way of
5 Bach Place.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020201, an
9 ordinance amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades
11 and Professions," by amending Section 9105,
12 entitled "Penalties," and Section 9-702, entitled
13 "Carnivals."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair agrees.

15 The bills read by the clerk will be placed
16 on the second-reading and final-passage calendar
17 for our next session of Council

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1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020042

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair now
3 recognizes Blackwell for the purpose of calling up
4 bills on the second-reading and final-passage
5 calendar to be considered today.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 Today, Bill No.'s 020042, 020044, and
9 02045 are being called up for second reading and
10 final passage. All other bills are being held.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 The clerk will please read the title Bill
13 No. 020042

14 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
15 revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
16 Plan No. 204 by placing on the City plan Brinton
17 Street from Clearview Street to dead-end
18 turnaround.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
20 been read on two different days, the question now
21 is, shall the bill pass finally?

22 The clerk will please call the roll.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020042
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020042

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A

8 Majority of all members of City Council having

9 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

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1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020044

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020044.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
5 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
6 designations of certain areas of land located
7 within an area generally defined as the
8 intersection of Germantown Avenue and Gowan Avenue.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
10 been read on two different days, the question now
11 is, shall the bill pass finally?

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020045

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The last bill to
3 be called for consideration is Bill No. 020045

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance to amend the
5 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
6 designation of certain areas of land located within
7 an area bounded by Woodbrook Lane, a railroad
8 right-of-way, Roumfort Road, and Germantown Avenue.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
10 been read on two different days the question now
11 is, shall the bill pass finally?

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 4/25/02 STATED - SECOND READING, BILL 020045
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
22 majority of all members of City Council having
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.
24 That concludes our calendar for today.
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
3 speeches on the part of the Minority?

4 (No speeches on the part of
5 the Minority.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
7 speeches on the part of the Majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam Chair.
10 This week, on Monday, the 22nd, and April
11 the 24th, we had two editorials both on the School
12 Reform Commission and the plan that they enunciated
13 last Wednesday, the day before we approved the
14 \$300 million bond that I spoke about being the only
15 leverage that elected officials had in order to
16 maintain and keep the Reform Commission on a course
17 that would not create chaos come September.

18 The Daily News begins its editorial by
19 saying that the schools in Philadelphia couldn't
20 get any worse, famous last words. We hope we're
21 wrong, but it's hard to imagine a smooth-running
22 2002 to 2003 school year with 42 schools being run
23 by 7 different education-management organizations,
24 both profit and nonprofit; 19 schools
25 reconstituted, which means that most of the staff

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2 will be replaced with teachers to be named later;
3 20 schools or more if Governor Schweiker has his
4 way, turned over to Edison schools, which
5 historically has had problems running far fewer,
6 and which, just this week, the schools that they
7 were running in New York, the Board of Education of
8 New York is saying it's going to eliminate and
9 terminate their contract because they have refused
10 to give data, they have refused to give
11 information. In essence, they have not kept the
12 promises that they made to the board Of Education
13 of that city.

14 And what is beginning to happen is
15 happening. Teachers, experienced teachers, are
16 beginning a mass exodus from the school system --
17 the experienced ones, the ones that have been
18 there, the ones that are good and experienced and
19 have been able to teach.

20 The Inquirer calls the plan "as confusing
21 as it is adventurous." It includes two different
22 groups of schools, 42 to be turned over to outside
23 managers, 28 later, and then they say, Well, it's
24 not clear.

25 It says that the reform, this huge cobbled

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2 together on a weak foundation, risks collapse, a
3 plunge into chaos. Next September would undermine
4 the reform effort that the City and its children
5 desperately needed to succeed. What leverage and
6 to whom are they accountable?

7 This board of five that is now running our
8 school system, they're obviously not accountable to
9 this City Council, they're not accountable to the
10 Mayor; he handed over the reins to the Governor.
11 They're not accountable to the parents, the
12 teachers, or the citizens of Philadelphia. And
13 they're not even accountable to the person who
14 appointed them, Governor Schweiker.

15 To whom are they accountable? We gave up
16 our leverage.

17 None of these plans that they have did
18 they come here and tell us about it. We had
19 hearings, we asked them questions; we got no
20 answers. Still, we gave up our leverage because we
21 were told that if we didn't, chaos would ensue.

22 Well, let me tell you something: We are
23 going to have chaos. They have structured a system
24 that is not going to work, that is not going to
25 bring about the reform that is needed in our

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2 system.

3 And they don't have the resources, the
4 money that, even now they say, is needed. And even
5 Mr. Nevels the other day said that that promised
6 \$75 million that is supposed to come from the
7 State, he's really not sure that it will be
8 appropriated.

9 The State legislators are too, too
10 involved with their own reelection, and now that we
11 have passed the \$300 million, they know they don't
12 have to worry about this system running out of
13 money, at least until a year and a half from now.
14 Not that we solved the problem; we just put a
15 little Band-Aid on it.

16 But we're going to deal with that because
17 it is going to come to this Council. When the
18 chaos begins and anger of parents begins to be
19 heard across the City, they're not going to go to
20 Harrisburg to protest; they're going to come here.
21 They're going to ask, Did you ask the right
22 questions? Why didn't you hold up the money before
23 you got all of the answers?

24 Chaos will come. I hope not. I have two
25 kids in the public school system. But if you

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2 thought things could not get worse, I quote the
3 Daily News.

4 I thank you again.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I would just
8 like the record to reflect that I believe it was
9 last Friday that I spoke to Mr. Nevels, and I told
10 him that Councilmembers certainly want a meeting
11 with him so that we could understand very clearly
12 what will be occurring with the school system. He
13 indicated that he was going to be very happy to do
14 that. I suggested that he do that as soon as
15 possible.

16 I have yet to hear from him, but I will
17 certainly follow through on that

18 The Chair at this time recognizes
19 Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 Everything that every supporter of the
23 public school system feared would happen is in the
24 process of happening as the School Reform
25 Commission proceeds to dismantle public education

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2 in Philadelphia. The team of Nevels, Gallagher,
3 Whelan, Masch, and Dungee are doing a great job in
4 destroying the public education system, and they
5 want to do it in a way that insulates them from
6 criticism, so they do the thing we feared would
7 happen: They attack every democratic principle.

8 The great thing about the first-amendment
9 right and why so many people love the first
10 amendment is that it empowers every citizen in the
11 United States with the right to speak out in the
12 manner the citizen chooses to -- in a disorganized
13 way if he wishes, in an incoherent way if the
14 citizen wants to -- but the citizen chooses the
15 method of discussion.

16 If the citizen does the wrong thing, there
17 are courts that can deal with questions of criminal
18 action or with injunctions, but the citizen begins
19 with the perfect right to discuss an issue the way
20 the citizen wants to, and every citizen is
21 empowered.

22 So what does the School Reform Commission
23 do? As the very first action that it takes, it
24 immediately begins to threaten students and all
25 those who support students. It immediately begins

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2 a court action against the students and against all
3 adults, including Councilman Clarke, who believes
4 it doesn't apply to him, but it surely does; it
5 applies to every adult person in the City is
6 threatened by the School Reform Commission with a
7 lawsuit and with damages minimally of \$50,000 or
8 more if they do anything that the School Reform
9 Commission now believes is wrong.

10 To try to channel public opinion by
11 selecting advisory panels to inform the School
12 Reform Commission of the thoughts of the citizens
13 is anti-democratic, it's wrong. You can't channel
14 public opinion. That's why we have a free press,
15 that's why we have the media; so that it can spread
16 its words and challenge anybody on any issue.

17 But the School Reform Commission believes
18 it can appoint people throughout the City to be its
19 official advisors and to be the only people to whom
20 the School Reform Commission will pay attention.
21 And that's dead-wrong.

22 And they have a plan: Their plan is to
23 destroy the democratic system in which
24 Philadelphia's operated its school system, and
25 they're going to make us the laughing stock of the

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2 nation. They're well on their way to doing it.
3 We're going to be the only important city in the
4 United States that eliminates the teaching of
5 Latin.

6 You know, when Philadelphia was a city
7 overwhelming white, it was all right to teach
8 Latin, but now that the minority groups have
9 equalled, and maybe surpassed, the white group in
10 population, now we no longer need Latin. Tell me
11 why we no longer need Latin now. We need Latin
12 because Philadelphia is a world-class city and
13 ought to remain that.

14 And who this team that I named before,
15 where they come from, I don't know. Like all of
16 you, I get a bill from Verizon every month, but I
17 don't know that that qualifies the president of
18 Verizon to determine the educational policies of
19 Philadelphians; yet, that's who Mr. Whelan is.

20 I don't understand where this group riding
21 on some horseback aimed at trimming down the
22 democratic sales, both the small D and the big D in
23 that case -- where they're getting the power from.
24 I believe what they're doing is unconstitutional,
25 and I believe we're going to find that before it's

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2 through.

3 But let me alert all Philadelphians: It's
4 time to wake up. Don't fall for the nonsense in
5 the Inquirer editorials saying it's time to let the
6 School Reform Commission do its work. The School
7 Reform Commission has no work to do in the public
8 schools because its only work is to destroy it.

9 With an already shortage of teachers, as
10 Councilman Ortiz just pointed out, there are
11 teachers leaving and expressing their desire to
12 leave in unbounded numbers. Why should they
13 subject themselves to the loss of a contract? Why
14 should they go on uncharted waters, where they can
15 be fired at a moment's notice by some strange board
16 that nobody knows? Who knew who Mr. Gallagher was?

17 I knew every time I rode up on Henry
18 Avenue, it was great to feel that there is the
19 university there, but I don't know that that
20 qualified him in any way to deal with the
21 Philadelphia public school system.

22 Mike Masch, he worked for City Council; he
23 was a good worker for City Council. I don't know
24 that that qualified him to determine educational
25 policy.

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2 I believe, imperfect as it was, bad as it
3 was, the old system was far preferable to the new
4 system, because under the old system, everybody --
5 not just people elected by something called "the
6 School Reform Commission" -- had a right to voice
7 their views and to be heard and to make demands on
8 the School Board. And that's the way it ought to
9 be.

10 I commend Councilman Ortiz for taking the
11 position he did, and I call for people in
12 Philadelphia to begin to express yourself, express
13 yourself on the street, express yourself in front
14 of the school building, because they're in the
15 process, this School Reform Commission, is in the
16 process of taking the public school system away
17 from all of us in Philadelphia and transforming it
18 into something -- it's almost insane.

19 We all know what the school system needs
20 is more money. What is the School Reform
21 Commission doing? It's moving in exactly the
22 opposite way. It's moving to cut expenses, not
23 expand the physical facilities, the technological
24 facilities of the school system, getting us more
25 and better certified teachers. No, it's not doing

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2 that at all; it's trying to be in a position to go
3 back to the legislature and say, maybe Greater
4 Philadelphia First couldn't do it when they
5 examined the funds, but we can do it. We're going
6 to show you we're going to operate the Philadelphia
7 public school system even cheaper than it was
8 operated before, and you know what, we're going to
9 make Philadelphians pay for it because this
10 strange, queer law that came out of Harrisburg is a
11 law that would authorize the legislature to raise
12 the taxes of Philadelphians to pay for the school
13 system without those of us in Philadelphia having a
14 word to say

15 Madam President, this is only the prelude,
16 the beginning, of what is going to be consistent
17 reports that I intend to deliver at these Council
18 meetings with what's happening in the public school
19 system, because in all my years in City Council,
20 the public school system has been the least
21 supported public agency; yet, everybody knows it's
22 the most needed.

23 For our children's sake, for the future of
24 Philadelphia, and to give those youngsters that
25 were brought in today because it was "Take Your

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2 Daughter to Work Day," let's give them some new
3 hope, let's rethink our positions, let's give real
4 support to the public school system, let's keep it
5 democratic, and let's say no to the outsiders who
6 are intent on destroying our schools

7 Thank you, Madam President.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time,
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
12 President.

13 I just want to say that this morning, on
14 behalf of City Council, I went over to the Marriott
15 Hotel to welcome the leadership from the Women's
16 Division of the General Board of Global Ministries
17 of the United States Methodist Church. There are
18 10,000 women in Philadelphia this weekend from the
19 United Methodist Church, and they're strong and
20 they're providing economic support to the City.

21 We want to welcome them and say we hope
22 they enjoyed their stay here in Philadelphia. And
23 their president is Miss Jeannie Banks, and this is
24 their 16th Quadrinal gathering. And we have many,
25 many friends who are members of United Methodist

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2 Church, and we greet them with love and peace.

3 Thank you very, very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 Do we have any other members who would
6 like to be recognized?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none, the
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
10 adjourn.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you very much,
12 Madam President. I move that Council stand
13 adjourned until Thursday, May the 2nd, 2002, at 10
14 a.m.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
18 adjourned until Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10 a.m.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

22 (Council proceedings end at 12
23 o'clock noon.)

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