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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC HEARING

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COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT,

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 29, 2003
10:05 a.m.

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RESOLUTION 020832 - Resolution authorizing the City
Council Committees on Law and Government and Public
Safety to investigate the efficiency and the
effectiveness of replicating the Philadelphia Drug
Treatment Court...

RESOLUTION 020695 - Resolution authorizing the
Council Committees on Public Safety and Health and
Human Services, to jointly investigate the
Administration's current method of systems for
addressing the proliferation, use and abuse of
illegal drugs in the City...

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN, Chair

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COUNCILMAN ANGEL ORTIZ

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: The joint Committees
3 of Law Government, Public Safety, and Public Health
4 and Human Services is now going to be in Session for
5 the purpose of considering a report. It's an
6 interim report following the hearing held several
7 weeks ago with respect to the drug problem in
8 Philadelphia, aggravated by the budget cuts proposed
9 at the State level. The report has been ready.
10 Most of the Members of the three Committees have
11 signed it. The purpose of this meeting today is for
12 the purpose of giving all Members of the three
13 committees an opportunity to sign the report.

14 We're going to stay in Session for a
15 couple of minutes. There will be silence pretty
16 much because we're going to check to see how may
17 Committee Members have signed the report. That's
18 the whole purpose of this meeting.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Would you give
20 Councilman Ortiz the motion you prepared at my
21 request to move before the Committee so we'll have a
22 standing motion before us.

23 What is the motion, Councilman Ortiz,
24 you wish to make?

25 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. Chairman, I move

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2 that the interim report of the Committee on Law and
3 Government, Public Safety, and Health and Human
4 Services be approved, along with a recommendation
5 that the full Council adopt the report at its
6 Session today.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I will second that
8 motion. That's the matter that's being considered
9 now. Thank you.

10 We're going to take a pause for a couple
11 of minutes to give members a chance to sign the
12 report.

13 (Pause.)

14 The Committees on Law and Government,
15 Public Safety and Health will stand in recess for
16 about five minutes when the Caucus will be over
17 that's being held on the fourth floor. The members
18 here are asked to join the Caucus on the fourth
19 floor, thank you.

20 There will be a number of unusual
21 proceedings for the next two weeks as Council
22 struggles to complete its agenda. We have three
23 more meeting, counting the one today, and two more
24 on each of the succeeding Thursdays. That's why
25 we're going to ask for your patience. The meetings

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2 may go on and on and on. There will be recesses.

3 There will be all sorts of parliamentary activities

4 in order to accommodate the needs of the City in

5 getting certain legislation passed by June 12th.

6 That's the last day Council will be in Session until

7 September. Just to give everybody an idea as to the

8 unusual things that will be occurring day.

9 We'll stand in recess for a few minutes.

10 When Council finishes its Session, Committee

11 hearings will resume. They'll be taking only two or

12 three minutes and then the Council Session will

13 begin.

14 (Recess.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: Councilman Cohen,

16 it's my understanding that you have recessed your

17 public hearing on your committee to this time.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: The trifecta

19 Committees on Law and Government, Public Safety, and

20 Public Health is now in Session for the purpose of

21 adopting a report. The Chair is pleased to announce

22 that a quorum of each of those Committees having

23 signed the report, that is equivalent to action by

24 the Committee endorsing the report and, therefore,

25 there's no need for any formal meeting. The report

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2 will be presented as a report of those Committees at
3 the meeting which will follow later.

4 The hearing is recessed until June 10th
5 at 1 o'clock. Thank you.

6 (Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of May 29, 2003, were reported fully
and accurately by me, and that this is a correct
transcript of the same.

RE: COMMITTEES ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC
SAFETY, and PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
and Notary Public