

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

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10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

BILL: 240013

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2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: I now
3 note that the hour has come.

4 Mr. Golden, will you please
5 call the roll to take attendance.
6 Members that are in attendance will
7 please indicate that you are
8 present when your name is called.

9 THE CLERK: Councilmember
10 Gilmore Richardson.

11 (No response.)

12 THE CLERK: Councilmember
13 Jones.

14 (No response.)

15 THE CLERK: Councilmember
16 Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
18 Present. Good morning, Mr. Chair.

19 THE CLERK: Councilmember
20 Phillips.

21 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
22 Present. Good morning, Mr. Chair,
23 colleagues and viewing public.

24 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair
25 Squilla.

1 (No response.)

2 THE CLERK: Chair Driscoll.

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

4 Present. Thank you. A quorum of
5 the Committee is present and this
6 hearing is now called to order.

7 This is the public hearing of the
8 Committee on Licenses and
9 Inspections regarding Bill No.
10 240013.

11 Mr. Golden, will you please
12 read the title of the bill.

13 THE CLERK: Amending
14 Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia
15 Code, entitled "Service and Other
16 Businesses," by adding a new
17 section regulating the hours of
18 operation of certain establishments
19 and providing for penalties within
20 an area bounded by East Lehigh
21 Avenue, Kensington Avenue, D
22 Street, East Tioga Street and
23 Frankford Avenue, all under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

1 Calling witnesses for Bill No.
2 240013.

3 Mr. Golden, will you please
4 call the first panel we have to
5 testify this morning.

6 THE CLERK: From the
7 Administration, we have Deputy
8 Commissioner Francis Healy from the
9 Philadelphia Police Department.

10 (Witness approached Witness
11 table.)

12 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Good
13 morning, Commissioner. Will you
14 please state your name for the
15 record and proceed with your
16 testimony.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HEALY:
18 Sure. Good morning, Councilmember
19 Driscoll and -- Vice-Chair's not
20 here -- and other members of the
21 Committee on Licenses and
22 Inspections. My name's Fran Healy.
23 I'm the Director of the
24 Philadelphia Police Department. On
25 behalf of Commissioner Bethel,

1 thank you for allowing the Police
2 Department the opportunity to voice
3 its opinion on Bill No. 240013,
4 creating a commercial establishment
5 curfew in the Kensington area.

6 As you know as part of the
7 Mayor's Executive Order issued on
8 January 2, 2024, the Police
9 Commissioner has been tasked with
10 developing a strategy among other
11 strategies to permanently shut down
12 all pervasive open air drug markets
13 including, but not limited to, the
14 open air drug markets in the
15 Kensington neighborhood of
16 Philadelphia.

17 Commissioner Bethel
18 appointed Pedro Rosario as our
19 Deputy Commissioner to specifically
20 oversee this development or the
21 development and implementation of
22 the strategy. As such, the PPD is
23 very grateful for any additional
24 tools that can be used to assist
25 and accomplish in our mission.

1 For this reason, the PPD
2 fully supports the creation of the
3 commercial establishment curfew for
4 businesses between the hours of
5 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. We
6 believe this curfew can positively
7 impact crime and disorder that
8 historically occurs during the
9 overnight hours.

10 Equally important, we
11 believe this bill can create a
12 synergy with a plan being developed
13 by the PPD to address not only open
14 air drug markets but the overall
15 quality of life for residents in
16 the Kensington area. With that
17 said, I'd like to specifically
18 thank Councilmembers Lozada,
19 Harrity and Phillips for
20 introducing this bill.

21 On behalf of the
22 Commissioner, again thank you for
23 allowing us the opportunity to
24 voice our opportunity and I'll be
25 happy to answer any questions.

1 That concludes my testimony.

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

3 Commissioner, thank you for your
4 testimony. I don't know if we have
5 any questions from the panel for
6 the Commissioner.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: I
8 just have one question. Deputy
9 Commissioner, thank you for your
10 testimony this morning. Can you
11 speak to what you all in the police
12 department have found within that
13 target area as it relates to
14 business activity that you all have
15 to respond to between that
16 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.?

17 What is the type of calls
18 you all receive to address in that
19 area? How does it impact the
20 community from your standpoint, and
21 have you all had an opportunity to
22 talk to community residents about
23 figuring out how you improve or
24 change what is happening during the
25 course of that time?

1 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HEALY:

2 The overall conditions -- thank you
3 for the question. The overall
4 conditions are as what we've seen,
5 it's public disorder, open air drug
6 use and a lot of it is associated
7 and has a nexus to certain
8 businesses, especially in the
9 afterhours. So being able to
10 actually shut down the business
11 would be incredibly helpful for us
12 to kind of break the cycle that's
13 occurring there on a regular basis.

14 So we're appreciative of
15 that aspect of it. I haven't
16 talked to the community about this
17 personally, but the issue is making
18 sure that the quality of life is
19 really what the whole Kensington
20 initiative is about, open air drug
21 market, that's all a factor of it,
22 but improving the overall quality
23 of life.

24 The ability to actually
25 remove some of the disorder that

1 happens overnight allows us to get
2 a foothold so we can actually --
3 the plan that is being developed
4 will have a greater likelihood of
5 success if we're not dealing with
6 additional issues overnight. So
7 it's an arrow and a quiver of tools
8 that we can use, so we're very
9 appreciative of that.

10 In the overall, we're going
11 to use everything humanly possible
12 that we can do to address the
13 problem and resolve the problem,
14 but anything that you can offer
15 such as this bill is greatly
16 appreciated.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Thank
18 you. Thank you for your testimony.

19 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
20 you, Commissioner.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HEALY:
22 Thank you, sir.

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: And
24 before we call our next panel, I
25 was remiss, Councilwoman Lozada. I

1 just want to thank you for
2 introducing this bill. I think
3 it's very necessary and I commend
4 you on that. And you have the
5 floor.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Thank
7 you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate that.
8 As I mentioned, I'm always grateful
9 for the partners that I have on the
10 ground who consistently talk about
11 ways or as we have been talking
12 about in the past few months, what
13 tools can we add to the tool box to
14 better improve what is happening
15 within that geographical area or
16 not just in that geographical area,
17 but across the 7th Council District
18 as well as in the City.

19 And so, I want to say thank
20 you to community residents who have
21 taken the time to reach out to me,
22 to the community businesses within
23 that footprint who consistently
24 reach out to talk about some of the
25 challenges that they experience

1 even after their business is closed
2 and what they show up to the next
3 morning because of the activities
4 that happen between the hours of
5 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

6 There are many who have
7 reached out who have asked us to
8 try to further expand that target
9 area. And we want folks to know
10 that we hear them. We are working
11 with our Law Department, with our
12 Commerce Department and with others
13 to try to make that possible. At
14 this particular time, unfortunately
15 we've been asked to just
16 specifically stick to the target
17 area where everything is kind of
18 happening at the moment until we
19 figure out what the kinks are and
20 then consider expanding the target
21 area to be able to incorporate
22 those other neighborhoods, but I'm
23 grateful for community input.

24 Everything that we are
25 doing through this bill as well as

1 through the Caucus work has been to
2 improve quality of life for
3 residents, but we also have a
4 responsibility to respond to the
5 businesses in that area because we
6 recognize that they are the
7 economic engines of neighborhoods,
8 and we want to make sure that we
9 are doing what we possibly can to
10 further provide support to those
11 businesses as best we can through
12 our very targeted work. So thank
13 you very much.

14 Thank you to this Committee
15 for setting up this hearing as soon
16 as you have and for all of the
17 support that we've received.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Well,
19 thank you, Councilwoman. No
20 question, your passion not only for
21 the folks that need help down there
22 but the people that live there and
23 the businesses that are trying to
24 conduct commerce, so we appreciate
25 that.

1 Mr. Golden, could you call
2 the second panel.

3 THE CLERK: Ms. Kimberly
4 Washington, Executive Director at
5 the Frankford Community Development
6 Corporation.

7 (Witness approached Witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Good
10 morning. Can you please state your
11 name for the record?

12 MS. WASHINGTON: Kimberly
13 Washington.

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
15 Please proceed with your testimony.

16 MS. WASHINGTON: Good
17 morning, Chairman Driscoll and
18 other members of the Committee.
19 I'm Kimberly Washington. I'm the
20 Executive Director from the
21 Frankford Community Development
22 Corporation. As most of you know,
23 our neighborhood is just north of
24 Kensington.

25 And so, I want to start off

1 by commending the residents and the
2 organizations in Kensington. They
3 have really been resilient in their
4 efforts to have the City officials
5 address what we believe is cleaning
6 up Kensington, improving the
7 quality of life and providing
8 services that are vital to the
9 City's success of showing up as a
10 world class city.

11 I also commend Mayor Parker
12 for placing this issue at the top
13 of her agenda in her 100-day plan,
14 action plan for the City, and the
15 Councilmembers who have recently
16 formed the Kensington Caucus which
17 aims to execute a
18 neighborhood-driven plan to address
19 this crisis.

20 And finally, I commend
21 Councilman Jones on his recent bill
22 to ban the gaming machines because
23 we also see it as part of these
24 nuisance businesses that operate
25 24/7 and kind of contribute to

1 this. However, I want to caution
2 the City from looking at this as an
3 isolated issue that only impacts
4 Kensington.

5 While Kensington is ground
6 zero and has by far seen the worst
7 of the epidemic and certainly
8 deserves every resource and
9 enforcement effort, the Frankford
10 neighborhood which is only
11 separated by one train stop, that's
12 the area in Torresdale Station, is
13 also a very vulnerable neighborhood
14 with very similar demographics when
15 it comes to racial makeup, poverty,
16 educational attainment, vacancy,
17 blight and disinvestment.

18 Bill No. 240013 seeks to
19 limit the operation hours of
20 certain businesses along Kensington
21 and Frankford Avenue corridor from
22 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. We
23 understand and appreciate the need
24 for this legislation because
25 similar to Kensington, Frankford

1 has a number of what we call smoke
2 shops and businesses that operate
3 with food establishment licenses,
4 but they barely sell any food that
5 have hours that extend for 24
6 hours.

7 These establishments have
8 also served as a nuisance on our
9 commercial corridor. And several
10 of them have been shut down on
11 numerous occasions by L&I and by
12 the Health Department, but they
13 soon open right back up within a
14 day or two. They have been a site
15 for illegal drug sales,
16 prostitution, shootings and other
17 violent crimes.

18 During COVID we've seen a
19 number of these 24/7 convenience
20 stores open up along the commercial
21 corridor, leaving us with about
22 three or four every block of
23 Frankford Avenue between Church
24 Street and Bridge Street. That's
25 how concentrated it is.

1 So again, we understand and
2 appreciate what you're aiming to do
3 with this bill. However, to limit
4 the bill from Lehigh to Tioga
5 leaves Frankford in a very
6 vulnerable place. Like I said,
7 we're only separated by one train
8 stop. And so, what you do in
9 Kensington will likely push that
10 activity to Frankford because once
11 those -- the height of the activity
12 is like the Police Commissioner
13 said from 11:00 to 6:00 a.m.,
14 right, because L&I is not out there
15 to shut them down, Health
16 Department is not out there, a lot
17 of people are not out there calling
18 the cops, so that is the height of
19 the activity.

20 If you close it down in
21 Kensington from 11:00 to 6:00, they
22 can come right up the street, and
23 we have three to four on every
24 block on our commercial corridor,
25 and that activity will simply move

1 from one place to the other. So
2 again, we are in support of the
3 bill. We are just simply asking
4 that you consider extending the
5 boundaries from Lehigh to Bridge
6 Street because that's where the
7 close transit connectivity between
8 the commercial corridor ends.

9 There's a significant
10 difference between the commercial
11 corridor and Frankford. And where
12 you pick up Driscoll in Mayfair,
13 there isn't those same types of
14 businesses. It isn't that dense
15 corridor. So folks would have a
16 long distance to travel before they
17 pick up another smoke shop that's
18 operating 24/7. So please consider
19 us in this legislation and extend
20 the boundaries. Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Well,
22 thank you for your testimony.

23 For the record, I want to
24 note that Vice-Chairman Squilla has
25 joined us.

1 And I know that
2 Councilwoman Lozada would like to
3 make some comments.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: I
5 want to say thank you for all of
6 your work along the Frankford
7 corridor. I know that you are a
8 small CDC, but your work is great,
9 your work is broad. And so, I just
10 want to make sure for the record we
11 note that or I note that we
12 appreciate your work.

13 Completely understand your
14 concern and I agree with what you
15 said, right. Deputy Commissioner
16 Healy left, but we have had this
17 conversation with Deputy
18 Commissioner Rosario who will be
19 responsible for that Kensington
20 initiative, who has also spoken to
21 the Inspector and the Captain at
22 the 15th Police District, ensuring
23 them that the work that we're doing
24 in Kensington will expand out to
25 that Bridge and Pratt terminal.

1 And so, although it's not
2 part of the very targeted area that
3 is specifically identified here,
4 know that we have had those
5 conversations because we do
6 understand the concern. And we
7 have heard from you and the
8 residents in the Frankford
9 community.

10 And so, we need your
11 support. We need the residents to
12 keep us aware, to keep us
13 accountable of what is happening in
14 your community as soon as it
15 happens so that we can make the
16 necessary adjustments and provide
17 the resources necessary to be able
18 to protect that commercial
19 corridor. You have that
20 commitment.

21 MS. WASHINGTON: Can I
22 respond?

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Sure.

24 MS. WASHINGTON: I just
25 want to say that that activity --

1 so notifying when it starts, that
2 activity is already afoot in
3 Frankford. So I understand
4 expanding enforcement. However, if
5 we allow them to remain open, then
6 again that activity just increases.
7 So I appreciate the City's efforts
8 to expand enforcement up there, but
9 I think that businesses need to be
10 closed so that they don't have
11 access to what they have access to
12 in Kensington. So I think that's
13 the important piece that we're
14 looking for, closure.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Duly
16 noted.

17 MS. WASHINGTON: Thanks.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
19 you.

20 Are there any other
21 comments or questions from --
22 Councilman Phillips.

23 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Thank
24 you, Chairman Driscoll.

25 I too want to cosign and

1 say thank you for your testimony.
2 We in the 9th District, and I know
3 other City Councilmembers are also
4 looking to initiatives similar to
5 this because we're greatly
6 concerned about this issue not just
7 being an isolated issue in
8 Kensington, but an issue that is
9 around the City of Philadelphia.

10 We're in conversations as
11 well with how this looks. We want
12 to at least talk to residents and
13 stakeholders to see because at the
14 end of the day, what the Mayor
15 wants and what the Kensington
16 Caucus, especially with
17 Councilmember Lozada, we have no
18 intentions in the City to make sure
19 that this becomes an issue for
20 someone else, you know.

21 So once we clear this up,
22 it's going to be clear. And I want
23 you to know that this Council is
24 committed to making sure we're not
25 dumping it off to some other place.

1 Thank you.

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
3 you, Councilman.

4 Any other questions or
5 comments for the panel?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
8 Hearing no further questions from
9 members --

10 MS. WASHINGTON: Thank you
11 for your time.

12 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
13 you.

14 And do we have any other
15 testifiers, Mr. Golden?

16 THE CLERK: We do not.

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Okay.

18 THE CLERK: We're ready to
19 move into public comment.

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Hold on.
21 We have one speaker.

22 THE CLERK: Yeah, for
23 public comment.

24 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
25 That's for public comment. We'll

1 get to that shortly.

2 Mr. Golden, will you please
3 call the first person making public
4 comment we have to testify this
5 morning on the bill before this
6 Committee today.

7 THE CLERK: The first
8 person for public comment is Archie
9 Farley.

10 (Witness approached Witness
11 table.)

12 MR. FARLEY: Good morning.

13 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Good
14 morning. Can you please state your
15 name for the record and proceed
16 with your testimony.

17 MR. FARLEY: Yes. My name
18 is Archie Farley. I'm here
19 representing the Community Action
20 Relief Program, CARP. We're
21 located in Kensington at Kensington
22 and Lehigh. We come out and we try
23 to show people that they are still
24 humans, that we care just because
25 they're being a human being.

1 I spoke with this young
2 lady about the shelter system and
3 our way of trying to help when
4 people think there is no help. I'm
5 here as the voice of Kensington
6 Avenue as saying we're trying to
7 take Kensington one block at a
8 time. Like I said, we're called
9 Community Action Relief Program.

10 We come out every Sunday.
11 We give out food. We give out
12 clothes. We have two on-call
13 nurses for people for wound care.
14 We have two registered counselors.
15 If you're really serious and you
16 want to get your life together, we
17 can make a phone call and get you
18 in somewhere.

19 This is one of the
20 volunteers. We try to show people
21 that they are still human beings
22 out there and that Kensington
23 Avenue needs to be addressed as a
24 whole, not part here, part there.
25 It needs to be addressed as from

1 Bridge Street to Front Street.

2 Because if you move them
3 from there, they're only going to
4 find somewhere else to go. If
5 there's nowhere for them to get the
6 treatments and things that they
7 need to better their life, they
8 just going to be -- it's just going
9 to be a revolving door.

10 I've been on both sides of
11 that table so I know what it is to
12 be -- I walk up and down Kensington
13 Avenue. I talk to anybody that
14 listens and tell them as long as
15 you're part of that picture, you
16 can't see yourself. But if someone
17 can pull you from that picture and
18 paint it to you with no sugar
19 coats, no rose-colored glasses,
20 nothing, 9 times out of 10 they're
21 not going to want to go back to
22 that picture.

23 Everybody in Kensington
24 knows me as Uncle Joe. And I have
25 people run up to me and say, that

1 conversation that you talked to me
2 that day, you changed my life, my
3 mom lets me back in the house now,
4 she's not following me around
5 thinking that I'm going to take
6 something because you talked to me
7 that day, and I'm in the program
8 now, you know, can I buy you
9 something. And I say, I don't want
10 anything from you. You want to
11 make me happy, continue doing what
12 you're doing. Tell someone else
13 your story because just talking to
14 someone might change their life.
15 Thank you for letting me speak.

16 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
17 you for what you're doing down
18 there and thank you for your
19 testimony.

20 I would like to recognize
21 Councilman Squilla.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: I'm
23 going to reiterate what Mr. Chair
24 said. We appreciate the services.
25 And understanding the whole

1 Kensington plan, it's not to move
2 people around and put them into
3 different neighborhoods and to
4 spread them into East Oak Lane or
5 Southwest.

6 The goal is to understand
7 and control an issue that's
8 happening in an area, but this is a
9 citywide program. This is going to
10 be a citywide program that's going
11 to be not only dictated by an area
12 where Deputy Rosario is, but all
13 other Captains in areas and places
14 throughout the City will also have
15 the same direction.

16 Now, there will be a lot of
17 resources in that area to hopefully
18 address -- that is the epicenter of
19 some of the challenges we have to
20 help the people off the street. So
21 the goal is to get as many people
22 into help as you can. And you're
23 doing part of that with us, and we
24 want to partner with anybody who's
25 trying to help people get into

1 recovery and get off the streets,
2 but the goal is not just to move
3 them north or west or east or
4 anywhere. So --

5 MR. FARLEY: No, I wasn't
6 insinuating that we were moving
7 people to different places. What I
8 was saying is that if you clean up
9 the Kensington area like we've been
10 seeing them coming in the morning
11 telling people they can't sleep out
12 here, they can't sleep in front of
13 businesses, I've seen -- I've been
14 all over the City and I've seen
15 places where they used to didn't be
16 and they are now because the police
17 activity has been increased in the
18 park they call Needle Park. So now
19 that they're not allowed to be
20 there after certain hours, they're
21 going into areas where they're
22 infesting areas that --

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: And
24 those areas are going to have the
25 same rules.

1 MR. FARLEY: Exactly.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Those
3 other areas will have the same
4 rules as the areas you see in
5 Kensington. So if they're going to
6 tell somebody that you can't be in
7 a tent in front of somebody's house
8 on Kensington Avenue, if they move
9 into South Philly --

10 MR. FARLEY: They're going
11 to be able to tell them the same
12 thing.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: --
14 they're going to say, listen, you
15 can't be in a tent in front of
16 somebody's house there. If you go
17 into West Philly and you're in
18 front of somebody's house and you
19 want to put your tent up, they're
20 going to say you can't put your
21 tent -- we want to help those folks
22 get into services.

23 The goal working with our
24 outreach workers that are citywide,
25 the focus is in the Kensington

1 area, but we have outreach workers
2 throughout the whole city of
3 Philadelphia. And our goal is to
4 address those wherever the need is,
5 right. And if somebody wants to
6 move from Kensington into West
7 Philly or South Philly, then when
8 they do that, our outreach workers
9 will --

10 MR. FARLEY: Will be there
11 to help with them in the system.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: --
13 help them in those areas.

14 MR. FARLEY: And like I
15 said, I spoke with this young lady
16 here --

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: This
18 is Councilwoman Lozada.

19 MR. FARLEY: Yes, we spoke
20 because I'm also one of the members
21 of Act Up, an organization that
22 comes out at 15th and Cherry every
23 Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. and we
24 have counsel there. We have food.
25 We have non-perishable items that

1 we give out.

2 I try to stay busy in the
3 City. I'm part of like three
4 different nonprofit organizations
5 that I volunteer with that we try
6 to help in the City as best as we
7 can. And with y'all help and our
8 hope, we should be able to conquer
9 this.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
11 you.

12 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: And
13 I'd like to recognize Councilwoman
14 Lozada.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Thank
16 you so much for the services that
17 you provide in that community. I
18 think it's important to know and to
19 just follow up on what
20 Councilmember Squilla just
21 mentioned, you know, the work that
22 we're doing in Kensington is going
23 to take all of us.

24 And every single provider
25 out there providing a service is

1 important, but they need to be
2 responsible providers, right.

3 MR. FARLEY: Mm-hmm.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: I
5 think for a really long time we
6 have seen billions of dollars
7 getting poured into the Kensington
8 community for the same types of
9 services. We have some providers
10 that are better than others. And
11 what you should know is that we
12 will continue to work with those
13 providers who are responsible
14 providers, who are good neighbors
15 to the residents of Kensington with
16 the goal of breaking up the
17 concentration that is happening
18 there because containment has not
19 worked for a really long time.

20 MR. FARLEY: Yes.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: And
22 we are not looking towards moving
23 people into other neighborhoods but
24 into programs that will provide
25 them opportunities to live healthy

1 lives because they deserve it,
2 right --

3 MR. FARLEY: Yes, because
4 everybody --

5 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: --
6 because the neighbors of the
7 Kensington community deserve it.
8 And so, while these decisions that
9 we are making at the moment may be
10 difficult and everyone will not
11 agree with us at the beginning
12 because change is hard, they are
13 necessary. Change is necessary,
14 but we are committed to working as
15 partners with everyone that is in
16 that footprint that is providing a
17 service to those who are suffering
18 from addiction or to the residents
19 who call Kensington home to ensure
20 that quality of life is restored in
21 that community.

22 MR. FARLEY: And to me, you
23 couldn't ask for anything better.
24 I mean, I lived on Clearfield and
25 Wolf. I watched Kensington go from

1 a flourishing community to walking
2 zombies. And like I said, I talk
3 to anybody that listens. And I
4 tell them, this is a lie. And as
5 long as you're part of this lie,
6 you can't see yourself. But if
7 someone can care enough about you
8 as a human being to pull you from
9 this and show you with no sugar
10 coat or nothing, I might just save
11 your life.

12 And one time in my life I
13 was one of those people and someone
14 talked to me and I listened. And
15 that's why I'm here today and this
16 is why I do what I do because
17 everyone deserves a chance. What
18 you do with that chance is between
19 you and God, but everyone should
20 deserve a chance.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
22 you for your testimony and thank
23 you for coming today.

24 MR. FARLEY: Thank you very
25 much.

1 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

2 You're welcome.

3 Mr. Golden, will you call
4 the next presenter for public
5 comment.

6 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair,
7 there is no one else signed up for
8 public comment.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: With
10 that noted, I would like to thank
11 all of the witnesses joining us
12 today.

13 There being no further
14 questions from the members of the
15 Committee and no other witnesses to
16 testify on Bill No. 240013, I will
17 ask if there's anyone else present
18 in this hearing whose name we've
19 failed to call and that wishes to
20 offer testimony on the bill being
21 considered?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

24 Hearing none, I want to thank the
25 panels and the witnesses for their

1 participation today. We do value
2 your opinions.

3 This concludes the public
4 hearing of the Committee. We will
5 now go into a public meeting to
6 consider the action to be taken on
7 the bill before this Committee
8 today. We will now convene the
9 public meeting.

10 Mr. Golden, will you please
11 call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Councilmember
13 Gilmore Richardson.

14 (No response.)

15 THE CLERK: Councilmember
16 Jones.

17 (No response.)

18 THE CLERK: Councilmember
19 Gauthier.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
21 Present.

22 THE CLERK: Councilmember
23 Phillips.

24 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
25 Present.

1 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair

2 Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Present.

5 THE CLERK: Chair Driscoll.

6 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

7 Present.

8 The Chair recognizes

9 Councilman Squilla for a motion on
10 the amendment to Bill No. 240013.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
12 you, Mr. Chairman.

13 I offer an amendment to
14 Bill No. 240013. A copy of the
15 amendment has been circulated to
16 all members of the Committee. I
17 move that the amendment to Bill No.
18 240013 be approved.

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

20 Second.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
22 Chair notes that Councilmember
23 Phillips seconds the motion. It
24 has been moved and properly
25 seconded that the amendment to Bill

1 No. 240013 be approved.

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

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
9 ayes have it, the motion carries
10 and the amendment to Bill No.
11 240013 has been approved.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
14 on Bill 240013 as amended.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
16 you, Mr. Chair.

17 I move that Bill No. 240013
18 as amended be reported from this
19 Committee with a favorable
20 recommendation and further move
21 that the rules of Council be
22 suspended as to permit the first
23 reading of this bill at the next
24 session of Council.

25 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

1 Second.

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
3 Chair notes for the record that
4 Councilmember Phillips seconds the
5 motion.

6 It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that Bill No.
8 240013 as amended be reported from
9 this Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation and further move
11 that the rules of Council be
12 suspended to permit first reading
13 of this bill at the next session of
14 Council.

15 All those in favor of the
16 motion will signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
22 ayes have it. The motion carries.

23 And this concludes the
24 business before the Committee on
25 Licenses and Inspections today.

1 Thank you all very much for your
2 attendance.

3 (Committee on Licenses and
4 Inspections concluded at
5 10:40 a.m.)

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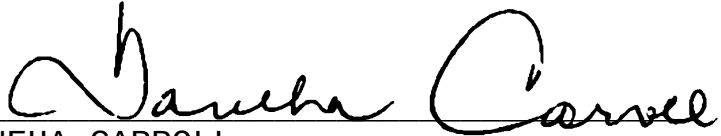
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