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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Monday, November 29, 2004, 10:35 a.m.

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10 040758 - An Ordinance amending Title 14 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
12 Planning," by adding a new Section
13 14-1628, entitled "District Special
14 Controls," prohibiting certain uses in
15 relation to the sale of malt and brewed
16 beverages, under certain terms and
17 conditions.

15 PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA, Chair

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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3 P R O C E E D I N G S

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
6 morning, everyone. I thank you for your
7 patience.

8 At this time the sponsor of the
9 Bill, Councilwoman Blackwell, would like to
10 be recognized. Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President, and to all members of the
13 Rules Committee, and certainly to all our
14 guests and other colleagues who are here
15 assembled.

16 This morning we are requesting that
17 Bill Number 040758 be held pending a hearing
18 the middle week of December. And we would
19 like to hear that with another bill
20 introduced on the same subject.

21 And the reason is, we received this
22 morning a letter from City Planning
23 Commission who was poised to testify, stating
24 that they have not met on this, and that they
25 will be meeting on December 14th.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: 14th.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And we feel
4 that since the City Planning Commission is
5 not prepared to testify pro or con this
6 legislation, albeit City Council passed it
7 earlier, and this is another hearing to deal
8 with the issue of stop and go's, that we
9 would like to hold it up, so that when all of
10 our visitors testify, everybody can testify
11 knowing what the facts are and knowing where
12 the city stands.

13 And then Council, the Rules
14 Committee, which you Chair, Madam President,
15 then can make intelligent decisions about
16 where we should be.

17 Certainly we support the right of
18 everybody in our city to work. We need all
19 the business we can get during these hard
20 economic times.

21 And we believe that, and always
22 have, that it is the right of certainly
23 citizens and neighborhoods to determine who's
24 there, and that we have to find a way to work
25 together amicably, so that businesses benefit

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2 as well as residents and communities benefit.

3 That has always been our goal.

4 It is our goal to respect every
5 business and everyone who operates a
6 business, no matter where they are from. And
7 we're talking about African businesses, Asian
8 businesses, Caucasian businesses, African
9 American businesses. We support everybody
10 working and operating businesses in our City.

11 And at the core of all of this has
12 been the desire to have it in concert with
13 the community in which they work.

14 So, having said that, since the
15 administration has no formal position, and
16 they have determined in a statement that
17 we're happy to make public, through the City
18 Planning Commission, that they will meet on
19 December 14th, we are requesting that the
20 Committee would consider holding this bill so
21 that we could meet also that week, to have
22 this discussion, as well as the other bill
23 dealing with L & I Review Board considering
24 stop and go's overall.

25 Having said that, I say thank you

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2 very much, and we're prepared to respond, if
3 there are any questions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5 Are there any questions from members
6 of the Committee?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
9 none, this Committee will stand in recess
10 until the call of the Chair.

11 Again, I thank you all for your
12 patience. Thank you very much.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I neglected
14 to say that we're happy to meet with anyone,
15 talk with anyone, if they will contact myself
16 or Darwin Bouvier who's here. We will meet
17 with them, we'll contact the Committee
18 members and Council people at large, and
19 we'll contact the District Council person in
20 whose District any of these businesses
21 reside. We'll stay around a few minutes in
22 case someone would like to talk with us.

23 Thank you

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
25 welcome.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
5 welcome.

6 It's my understanding that there
7 were about three people that wanted to
8 testify. So if, in fact, the people are
9 still in the room, if they would meet with
10 the Councilwoman and any members of the
11 Committee, also our attorneys, we would be
12 very happy to meet with you. Thank you very
13 much.

14 Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. MASON: I would like to speak.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry.
17 I can't hear you.

18 MS. MASON: I'm Darlene Mason. I
19 would like to speak.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry.
21 We're not having a hearing. You could come
22 over to the side of the room and talk to us,
23 if you'd like.

24 MS. MASON: Pardon me?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We would

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2 be more than happy to hear whatever it is you
3 have to say, if you come over to the side of
4 the room and speak to the Councilwoman
5 personally.

6 MS. MASON: Okay.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
8 Thank you.

9 (Hearing concluded at 10:40 a.m.)

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