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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN CURTIS J. JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN RUE LANDAU
COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN NICOLAS O'ROURKE
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY YOUNG, JR.

ELIZABETH MCCOLLUM NAZARIO, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Please take your seats.

4 All visitors, please retire to the
5 seats outside the rails. I note
6 that the hour has come and a quorum
7 of this City Council is present.

8 I will ask all those
9 present to please set your cell
10 phones to silent and/or vibrate.
11 Please take all sidebar
12 conversations out of the City
13 Council chambers.

14 Today, to give our
15 invocation is our very own
16 Councilmember, most importantly,
17 Rev. Nicolas O'Rourke.

18 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE: I
19 invite all visitors and persons in
20 the chamber to please stand and to
21 assume the posture that is most
22 comfortable for you in the offering
23 of our invocation to begin our
24 proceedings today.

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2 (Councilmembers, guests
3 and visitors rise.)

4 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE: O

5 Ancient of Days, as the Prophet
6 Daniel rightly acknowledged, you,
7 how many proceedings like this, in
8 every town and city, every state
9 and country, generation after
10 generation after generation. How
11 many of these have You seen under
12 your all-seeing protective eye?
13 More than we could ever number or
14 comprehend.

15 Today we have assembled
16 to endeavor to do it again. And we
17 can take confidence that as you've
18 watched over and protected so many
19 for so long, you'll do it again for
20 us today. 344 years old, 100 mares
21 deep, we are a city acquainted with
22 promise and pain. And it seems
23 like in the last week we felt the
24 weight of that all at once.

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2 The families whose homes
3 have become places of tragedy,
4 where domestic and sexual violence
5 have taken the lives of loved ones,
6 and so many others who still suffer
7 in silence in those homes. We
8 remember Sadie Turner, Gabby
9 Turner, whose lives were taken in
10 their own homes by their own family
11 members.

12 We remember Officer
13 Shane Seiber, whose life was taken
14 in the line of duty. His partner,
15 who continues to fight for his
16 health, and their families who have
17 to bear it all. We remember the
18 countless citizens, neighbors who
19 live their days in our city limits
20 with their backs against the wall,
21 struggling to afford housing,
22 struggling to afford food,
23 struggling to afford the basic
24 necessities of life, seniors living

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2 on fixed incomes, children who are
3 having to fend for themselves and
4 everybody else.

5 We remember as our
6 nation approaches another election,
7 guard us against the temptations of
8 division, cruelty, racism and the
9 pursuit of power for power's sake.
10 Help us to see beyond it. Renew in
11 us a commitment to truth, to
12 justice, and the dignity of every
13 person, without exception.

14 And as we remember,
15 remind us, O Ancient of Days, that
16 the measure of this city's
17 greatness is not merely the
18 strength of its institutions, but
19 the well-being of its people,
20 particularly those who are the
21 least protected amongst us. Bless
22 the members of this Council, one by
23 one, each person on their teams,
24 one by one. You know their names

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2 and every hair on their head. All
3 of whom produce often unseen labor
4 that makes the work of government
5 even possible.

6 Grant us wisdom in our
7 deliberations, humility and our
8 disagreements, courage in our
9 decisions and compassion in our
10 service. Purify our intentions,
11 O God. Make us worthy of our
12 respective election. Let justice
13 guide our decisions and mercy.
14 Temper our judgments. Love of
15 neighbor, let it remain the highest
16 calling in our common life
17 together.

18 Hear our prayer, O Lord.
19 Incline thine ear to us and grant
20 us thy peace. Amen, Ahmen and
21 Ameen. And I say thank you so
22 much.

23 (Amen.)

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2 JOHNSON: I want to take a moment
3 to thank Member O'Rourke for
4 stepping into this place and
5 offering our invocation this
6 morning.

7 I will ask for all
8 members and guests to please stand
9 and join me before we conduct our
10 official business, as we offer a
11 moment of silence to honor the life
12 and service of Philadelphia Police
13 Officer Shane Sieber, who was
14 tragically killed in the line of
15 duty this past weekend.

16 Officer Sieber served
17 the Philadelphia Police Department
18 for ten years and was assigned to
19 the 19th Police District. He was a
20 dedicated public servant, a husband
21 and a loving father of two young
22 children, ages 7 and 3. We also
23 keep Officer Sieber's partner in
24 our thoughts and prayers as he

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2 continues to recover from the
3 serious injuries he sustained in a
4 senseless act of violence.

5 On behalf of
6 Philadelphia City Council, we
7 extend our deepest condolences to
8 Officer Sieber's wife, children,
9 family, friends and fellow officers
10 during this heartbreaking time. We
11 are forever grateful for Officer
12 Sieber's service and sacrifice.
13 May his memory live on and may his
14 family find strength and comfort in
15 our city support.

16 So please join me in a
17 moment of silence in honor of
18 Officer Shane Sieber's life.

19 (Moment of silence.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: The next order of

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2 business is the Approval of the
3 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 October 8, 2026.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Majority Deputy Whip Councilmember
7 Cindy Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 I move that the Journal
11 of the meeting of Thursday, October
12 8, 2026 be approved.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the Journal
17 of the meeting of Thursday, October
18 8, 2026 stand approved.

19 All in favor will
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
4 Journal is approved.

5 The next order of
6 business is a request for leave of
7 absence. And the Chair recognizes
8 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
9 Richardson.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 On behalf of the
14 Majority, there are no requests for
15 leave of absence today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
18 Majority Leader.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Minority Leader Kendra Brooks.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 On behalf of the
24 Minority, there are no requests for

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2 leaves of absence today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair thanks the Minority
5 Leader.

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
8 Richardson for a motion concerning
9 certain legislative matters that
10 may arise during the course of
11 today's session of Council, and
12 that were not listed on the
13 Calendar circulated prior to
14 today's Council session.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

16 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
17 Mr. President.

18 I move that any of the
19 following matters, if considered
20 today, may be added to the agenda
21 for this session of Council and, as
22 required by law, subsequently
23 published on an amended agenda
24 after the consideration of those

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2 matters: resolutions authorizing
3 hearings, amendments to bills on
4 first reading, the reconsideration
5 of a bill vetoed by or re-called
6 from the Mayor's amendments to
7 bills re-called from the Mayor,
8 resolutions taking substantive
9 action to be voted on in this
10 Council session, a motion to
11 withdraw a bill or resolution that
12 is not on the Calendar and a motion
13 placing a bill or resolution on or
14 returning a bill or resolution from
15 the Suspension Calendar that is not
16 listed on today's Calendar.

17 The purpose of this
18 motion is to provide the public
19 with notice concerning possible
20 actions by Council that arose too
21 late to be included on the Calendar
22 that was published prior to today's
23 session.

24 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the
5 legislative matters stated by the
6 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
7 Richardson may be added to the
8 agenda for today should those
9 matters arise during the course of
10 this session of Council.

11 All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
19 motion carries.

20 The Chair will dispense
21 with the regular order of business
22 to recognize the guests and
23 visitors joining us in chambers
24 this morning.

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

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
12 morning, Council President.

13 Today I would like to
14 acknowledge a good friend of mine
15 from the Pennsylvania Municipal
16 League of Cities. For those who
17 don't know, the Pennsylvania
18 Municipal League of Cities is a
19 coalition of elected officials who
20 come together on a consistent basis
21 to brainstorm, advocate and fight
22 for their local municipalities.
23 I'm proud to be a part of the
24 league representing the City of

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2 Philadelphia. Former Councilmember
3 Derek Green also was representing
4 Philadelphia.

5 And if you don't know,
6 Councilmember Brian O'Neill is a
7 legend when it comes to the
8 National League of Cities. He's a
9 former president. They got his
10 jersey retired when it comes to the
11 National League of Cities in
12 Pennsylvania Municipal League. But
13 I just want to take a moment to
14 recognize Chris and John Brenner.
15 Chris and John, can you stand up,
16 please?

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Welcome.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

21 Welcome to Philadelphia. If you
22 want to learn more about the
23 Pennsylvania Municipal League of
24 Cities, my office and collaboration

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2 with Johnny, Executive Director, as
3 well as Chris will be hosting a
4 briefing after lunch. I know
5 Councilmembers are very busy, but
6 if you have a staff member that's
7 able to attend the briefing after
8 lunch, we would love to tell you
9 more about the Pennsylvania
10 Municipal League of Cities, what
11 we're doing with other elected
12 officials and how you can get
13 involved.

14 Did I do good,
15 Councilmember O'Neill?

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I
17 have a follow-up to that.

18 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
19 Thank you, Council President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Brian O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
24 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 I would like to thank
3 Councilman Isaiah Thomas. He came
4 up with this idea to bring staff
5 in. John's, the Executive
6 Director, Chris Lucas, the
7 Membership Services Director, and
8 I've been President twice of the
9 Pennsylvania Municipal League. I
10 attended their meeting last week
11 and in Hershey. But they've never
12 been in here like this to explain.
13 Usually we're chasing their dues.
14 Whether it was Derrick, Marian
15 Tasco, Isaiah and myself, but
16 making sure finance gets the
17 payment in.

18 But, Isaiah, my hat's
19 off to you for coming up with this
20 idea. And I think it's going to be
21 beneficial to anyone who attends.
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you, Member

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2 O'Neill. Welcome to the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

7 Thank you, Council President.

8 I want to honor and
9 celebrate Michael of the Arc of
10 Philadelphia for their work as they
11 successfully advocated to the
12 Pennsylvania Human Rights Coalition
13 to waive the initiation fees for
14 personal care assistants while they
15 accompany individuals with
16 disabilities to events.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

19 This is near and dear to me. You
20 know, I worked 17 years in that
21 community. And I remember for
22 every participant that was in a
23 program, we had to pay double for
24 them just to experience the

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2 wonderful thing that this city has
3 to offer. So I want to thank
4 Michael and the Arc for their
5 advocacy. And if you're not aware
6 of the new law, please make sure
7 that you look into it to make sure
8 that our city continues to be as
9 accessible as possible for all our
10 people with varying needs.

11 Thank you so much,
12 Council President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
14 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
15 Welcome to City Council.

16 Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Rue Landau.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
19 Thank you, Council President.

20 I just wanted to take a
21 second to recognize the members
22 from Mental Health Partnerships are
23 here today. Let's stand up, if you
24 were to just wave. We're honoring

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2 him today with the resolution of
3 their 75th anniversary. Welcome,
4 Mental Health Partnerships.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
8 Welcome to City Council.

9 Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
12 Good morning, everyone. I'd like
13 to recognize Second Baptist Church
14 who received a unanimous vote on
15 becoming a historical site. You
16 can't tell the story of Black
17 Frankford if you don't tell the
18 story of Second Baptist Church, so
19 I'd like to recognize them on that
20 distinction.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Thank you very much --
24 oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead. I'm

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2 sorry.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

4 I'd also like to recognize and ask
5 you to welcome firefighter Joshua
6 Pagan for his extraordinary courage
7 in saving lives of four fellow
8 firefighters. Firefighter Pagan
9 was recognized as the Firefighter
10 of the Year in the City of
11 Philadelphia. And today we're
12 going to introduce a resolution,
13 but I'd like to welcome all of the
14 Fire Department and thank them all
15 for their service to our city.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you for your
19 service.

20 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

21 And I'd also like to recognize the
22 organizations that provide the very
23 important services of domestic
24 violence and connecting men, women

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2 and children with the necessary
3 resources to have very safe lives.
4 Many of them are involved in at all
5 hours of the night throughout the
6 City of Philadelphia. Some of them
7 are represented here today, Women
8 Against Abuse, Lutheran Settlement
9 House, Congreso, Women in
10 Transition, Love Shouldn't Hurt,
11 Jamie Colleen Miller and Madre
12 Tierra. Thank you so much to each
13 and every one of those
14 organizations for your tireless
15 work in our community.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you for your
19 service. Welcome to City Council.

20 As there are no
21 presentations today, the next order
22 of business is communications. The
23 Chair requests that the Sergeant-
24 at-Arms deliver the messages from

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2 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

3 Will the Chief Clerk

4 please read the messages from the

5 Mayor and any other communications

6 in his possession.

7 THE CLERK: To the

8 President, the members of the

9 Council of the City of

10 Philadelphia, I'm submitting

11 herewith for the consideration of

12 your Honorable body the following

13 proposed: An ordinance authorizing

14 the Commissioner of Public

15 Property, on behalf of the City, to

16 acquire fee simple title or a

17 lesser real estate interest by

18 purchase, dedication, donation,

19 condemnation, agreement in lieu of

20 condemnation or otherwise in and to

21 all portions of certain parcels of

22 land located along the west bank of

23 the Schuylkill River in and around

24 an area generally bounded by South

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2 58th Street, as extended to the
3 bulkhead line of the west bank of
4 the Schuylkill River, South 61st
5 Street and West Passyunk Avenue for
6 public park, recreation and
7 transportation purposes, under
8 certain terms and conditions.

9 There are no further
10 communications in my possession,
11 Council President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
14 messages will be printed in the
15 Journal.

16 The next order of
17 business is the introduction of
18 bills and resolutions.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

21 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 Good morning, everyone.

24 I have one privileged resolution

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2 and one non-privileged resolution
3 for today. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 Will the Chief Clerk
7 please read the titles of the
8 resolutions.

9 THE CLERK: A privileged
10 resolution recognizing National
11 School Lunch Week celebrated in
12 schools October 12-16, 2026 and
13 honoring the role of school meals
14 and school food service employees
15 in addressing food insecurity and
16 supporting the health, learning,
17 and well-being of Philadelphia
18 students.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
21 placed on today's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 THE CLERK: And a
24 non-privileged resolution calling

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2 on the School District of
3 Philadelphia to re-examine its
4 policies and practices concerning
5 the provision of healthy,
6 nutritious and high-quality meals
7 to Philadelphia public school
8 students.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
11 placed on the Final Passage
12 Calendar for consideration at our
13 next session of Council.

14 The Chair recognizes the
15 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
16 Richardson.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

18 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Council
19 President. Good morning,
20 colleagues.

21 Today I offer one bill
22 and one non-privileged resolution
23 on your behalf.

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2 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

3 Will the Chief Clerk
4 please read the title of the bill
5 and the resolution.

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 14-601 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use
9 Categories," Section 14-602,
10 entitled "Use Tables," and Section
11 14-603, entitled "Use-Specific
12 Standards" by adding a definition
13 to the Retail Sales Use category
14 for tobacco sales, making changes
15 to the use tables to reflect the
16 updated use category definition and
17 adding use-specific standards, all
18 under certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Very well done, Majority
21 Leader Gilmore Richardson.

22 This bill will be
23 referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

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2 THE CLERK: And a
3 non-privileged resolution
4 confirming the re-appointment of
5 James Engler as a member of the
6 Board of Ethics, to serve in the
7 term ending November 16, 2031.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
10 placed on the Final Passage
11 Calendar for consideration at the
12 next session of Council.

13 The Chair recognizes the
14 Councilmember Jaime Gauthier.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

16 Good morning, Council President.

17 Nothing today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chair recognizes

21 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

22 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good

23 morning again, Council President.

24 Good morning, Philadelphia.

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2 I have four resolutions

3 today. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 Will the Chief Clerk

7 please read the title of the

8 resolutions.

9 THE CLERK: A privileged

10 resolution honoring Philadelphia

11 Eagles Legend Lane Patterson on the

12 occasion of his retirement after 14

13 incredible seasons with the

14 organization and earning two Super

15 Bowl rings and numerous other

16 accolades.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

19 placed on today's Final Passage

20 Calendar.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: (Inaudible).

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Yeah. I was --

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2 THE CLERK: Eagles

3 Legend Lane Johnson. What did I
4 say?

5 MR. SABATINA:

6 (Inaudible).

7 THE CLERK: I have no
8 idea what I said. I apologize. I
9 should read the title again for
10 clarification.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Read that for the record
13 please.

14 THE CLERK: Read that
15 for the record, I apologize.

16 Honoring Philadelphia
17 Eagles Legend Lane Johnson on the
18 occasion of his retirement after 14
19 incredible seasons with the
20 organization and earning two Super
21 Bowl rings and numerous other
22 accolades.

23 (Applause.)

24 THE CLERK: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
4 placed on today's Final Passage
5 Calendar.

6 THE CLERK: And a
7 privileged resolution honoring
8 Justin Edwards on the occasion of
9 the renaming of Smedley Elementary
10 School Gym, commemorating his
11 community involvement and career in
12 the National Basketball
13 Association.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
16 placed on today's Final Passage
17 Calendar.

18 THE CLERK: And a
19 privileged resolution honoring
20 Merrill Reese as the voice of the
21 Philadelphia Eagles and
22 congratulating him on his 50th
23 season as the Eagles radio play-by-
24 play announcer.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
4 placed on today's Final Passage
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6 THE CLERK: And a
7 privileged resolution celebrating
8 the Philadelphia Department of
9 Prisons on the opening of the
10 Skills Center, improving the career
11 readiness and reentry process of
12 incarcerated individuals.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
15 placed on today's Final Passage
16 Calendar.

17 Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Curtis Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
20 you, Mr. President and colleagues.

21 Today I offer one bill
22 and one privileged resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the title of the bill and the
4 resolution.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Service and Other Businesses," by
9 adding a new section regulating the
10 hours of operation of certain
11 establishments on North 54th Street
12 between Arlington Street and
13 Montgomery Avenue, and providing
14 for penalties, all under certain
15 terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: This bill will be
18 referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 THE CLERK: And a
21 privileged resolution honoring and
22 recognizing the Please Touch Museum
23 on its 50th anniversary, in
24 recognition of its longstanding

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2 commitment to childhood learning
3 through play, and its lasting
4 impact on millions of children and
5 families from all walks of life
6 since its founding.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on today's Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Rue Landau.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
14 Good morning, Council President,
15 colleagues and the public.

16 Today I have two
17 privileged resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read
21 the titles of the resolutions.

22 THE CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution Honoring and Recognizing
24 Mario Zucca, also known as "One-

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2 Shot Mar," as the first ever winner
3 of the Philadelphia Parallel
4 Parking Association, (PPPA)
5 Championship held on October 3,
6 2026.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Now, hold up. I grew up
9 in South Philly. Our streets are
10 about this big. And so, I got a
11 nice whip gang. The gentleman who
12 won Mario is from Northwest,
13 Mt. Airy. They have driveways and
14 wide streets, but I didn't sign up
15 for the contest because I kind of
16 wanted to not make it unfair.

17 But that bill -- that
18 resolution will be referred to
19 today's Final Passage Calendar.
20 Please proceed.

21 THE CLERK: And a
22 privileged resolution honoring and
23 recognizing Mental Health
24 Partnerships on the occasion of its

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2 75th anniversary for advancing
3 mental health recovery and peer-led
4 support for the people of
5 Philadelphia for three-quarters of
6 a century.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on today's Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
14 Good morning, everyone. Thank you,
15 Council President.

16 I offer three privileged
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read
21 the title of the resolutions
22 please.

23 THE CLERK: A privileged
24 resolution, that the Council of the

8 (Applause.)

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
11 placed on today's Final Passage
12 Calendar.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 (Applause.)

24 THE CLERK: And a

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2 privileged resolution honoring
3 Philadelphia Firefighter Joshua
4 Pagan for his extraordinary courage
5 and selfless service in saving the
6 lives of our fellow firefighters
7 and celebrating his historic
8 distinction as the first Latino
9 recipient of the Philadelphia
10 Firefighter of the Year award.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

14 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
15 Council President, I failed to say
16 that the Domestic Violence
17 Awareness Month resolution was
18 co-introduced with Minority Leader
19 Kendra Brooks.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you. Good job.
22 Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

24 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President.

3 Today I offer one bill
4 and one privileged resolution on
5 your behalf.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

8 Will the Chief Clerk
9 please read the title of the bill
10 and the resolution.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Chapter 12-2800 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Administrative Adjudication of
15 Parking Violations" to reauthorize
16 an amnesty program for fines, fees
17 and penalties on parking
18 violations, all under certain terms
19 and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: I thought y'all would
22 clap for that jaw.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: This bill will be
3 referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 THE CLERK: And a
6 privileged resolution recognizing
7 the late Judge Raymond Pace
8 Alexander, former Councilmember of
9 the 5th Councilmanic District, the
10 first African American Philadelphia
11 City Councilmember and the first
12 African American Judge on the Court
13 of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, on
14 the occasion of his judicial
15 portrait rededication ceremony.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
18 placed on today's Final Passage
19 Calendar.

20 Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
23 Thank you, Council President.

24 I have one privileged

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2 resolution to introduce today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 Chief Clerk, please read
6 the title of the resolution.

7 THE CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution commending the
9 Pennsylvania Human Relations
10 Commission, PHOC, for issuing
11 guidance affirming that waiving
12 admission fees for personal care
13 assistance at public and commercial
14 properties is an important and
15 reasonable accommodation, and
16 recognizing the work of Michael
17 Anderson of the Arc of Philadelphia
18 for his successful advocacy.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
21 placed on today's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

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2 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

3 Thank you, Council President.

4 I have one privileged
5 resolution today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

8 Chief Clerk, please read
9 the title of the resolution.

10 THE CLERK: A privileged
11 resolution honoring the life and
12 legacy of Martin "Marty" Weinberg,
13 attorney and former City Solicitor,
14 celebrating his lifetime commitment
15 to the City of Philadelphia and
16 extending the deepest condolences
17 to his family and friends upon his
18 passing.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
21 placed on today's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

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2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

3 Good morning, Mr. President.

4 No bills and resolutions
5 today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 I have no bills and
13 resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 I have one bill today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the title of the bill.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Section 12-2405 of The
3 Philadelphia Code ("Removal or
4 Immobilization of Parked Vehicles;
5 Notice") by modifying certain
6 requirements related to the removal
7 or immobilization of certain boats,
8 motorhomes, truck campers and
9 vending carts, all under certain
10 terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: This bill will be
13 referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

17 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 Nothing today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 I offer one privileged
4 resolution and one bill.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

7 Chief Clerk, please read
8 the titles of the bill and
9 resolution.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance
11 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
12 Maps by changing the zoning
13 designations of certain areas of
14 land located within an area bounded
15 by Rubicam Street, Ashmead Street,
16 Wakefield Street and Bringhamst
17 Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This bill will be
20 referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 THE CLERK: And a
23 privileged resolution authorizing
24 the Committee on Licenses and

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2 Inspections to hold hearings to
3 examine the maintenance,
4 inspection, enforcement and
5 demolition of deteriorating,
6 blighted and unsafe properties in
7 the City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
10 placed on today's Final Passage
11 Calendar.

12 Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

14 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
15 Thank you, Council President.

16 I have one privileged
17 resolution today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read
21 the title of the resolution.

22 THE CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution recognizing October 18,
24 2026 as World Menopause Day in

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
5 placed on today's Final Passage
6 Calendar.

7 There being no reports
8 from committees. The next order of
9 business is the consideration of
10 the Calendar.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
13 Richardson for the bills on the
14 Second Reading and Final Passage
15 Calendar.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

17 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
18 Mr. President.

19 I move that the rules of
20 Council be suspended as to permit
21 the use of a consent agenda to
22 consider the following bills on
23 Second Reading and Final Passage
24 Calendars today: Bill Nos. 250649,

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2 260298, 260342-A, 260343-A,

3 260344-A, 260345-A, 260566, 260609,

4 260758 and 260762.

5 The following bills on
6 the Calendar are being held 250768,

7 250807, 260076, 260462, 260692,

8 260693, 260706 and 260707.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
12 properly seconded that the rules of
13 Council be suspended to permit the
14 use of a consent agenda to consider
15 the bills just read by the
16 Councilmember and Majority Leader
17 Katherine Gilmore Richardson.

18 All in favor please
19 indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

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2 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
3 motion carries and we will consider
4 the bill consent agenda shortly.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 member Katherine Gilmore Richardson
7 for the purpose of calling a
8 resolution on the Final Passage
9 Calendar and any additional bills
10 on the Second Reading and Final
11 Passage Calendar.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

13 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
14 Mr. President.

15 The following
16 resolutions are being called up
17 from the Final Passage Calendar and
18 the following bills are being
19 called up from the Second Reading
20 and Final Passage Calendar today:
21 Resolution Nos. 260823, 260824,
22 260846, 260848, 260849 and Bill No.
23 260691. The following resolutions
24 and bills on the Calendar that were

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2 previously read into the record are
3 being held.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Before considering these
6 resolutions and bills, we will
7 consider public comment as follows:
8 Your public comment must concern
9 matters on the Second Reading and
10 Final Passage Calendar for possible
11 action at today's Council session.

12 All speakers must sign
13 up in order to testify. If not
14 already signed up before today's
15 session, please do so now by giving
16 your name to Ms. Hasson at the
17 table outside the rails to my left.
18 Once you have signed up, you will
19 be called in the order in which
20 your name appears on the sign-up
21 sheet. Under ideal circumstances,
22 public commenters each will have
23 three minutes to speak. However,
24 this time limit may vary from

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2 session to session. Today the time
3 limit will be two minutes.

4 In order to be fair to
5 all those wishing to speak, I
6 intend to hold faithfully to the
7 two-minute limit. When you begin
8 speaking, you will see a green
9 light on the podium. When there
10 are 30 seconds remaining to your
11 time, the light will turn yellow,
12 which is your reminder to please
13 conclude your remarks. Once two
14 minutes have passed, the light will
15 turn red and the Sergeant-at-Arms
16 will disconnect the microphone.
17 Please do not give him a hard time.
18 He's only doing his job.

19 At that point, please
20 yield the podium to the next
21 speaker if you have not already
22 done so. I also reserve the right,
23 pursuant to our rules of City
24 Council, to limit repetitious

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2 comments on the same subject
3 matter. The right to comment does
4 not give anyone the right to
5 disrupt proceedings. I ask that
6 all commenters please refrain from
7 using profanity that disrupts the
8 meeting so we can maintain order in
9 this forum through respect and
10 discourse.

11 I will now ask that the
12 Chief Clerk please read the names
13 of our speakers for today's public
14 comment.

15 THE CLERK: Will
16 President Dionne Gary, Joshua
17 Pagan, William Small, Joanna Otero
18 Cruz, David Alexander, John
19 McAuley, Corinne Lagermasini,
20 Ogbonna Paul Hagins, Jeremy
21 Blatstein, Adam Wodka and Kira
22 Bellolio, please make your way to
23 the podium.

24 (Witnesses approached

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2 podium.)

3 MS. GARY: Good morning.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Good morning.

6 MS. GARY: I'm speaking

7 in support of Resolution 260849.

8 My name is Gary and I'm the

9 President of District 1199C,

10 representing more than 10,000

11 health care workers in the Greater

12 Philadelphia area. As a nurse by

13 trade who spent over 15 years at

14 the bedside, I saw firsthand

15 impacts of having patients without

16 health insurance, patients who are

17 underinsured or uninsured, delayed

18 care until it was critical,

19 flooding our ICUs, untreated

20 infections that spread chronic

21 illness that progressed without

22 management and minor symptoms that

23 developed into serious, sometimes

24 fatal complications.

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2 For many uninsured
3 Philadelphians, emergency rooms
4 have become their primary care.
5 Not only does this strain our
6 limited staff, but it also
7 increases the wait times for those
8 seeking hospital care. Those
9 precious minutes and hours can mean
10 the difference between life and
11 death for the patient waiting for a
12 bed. These conditions are now
13 being made worse by the horrific
14 cuts from H.R. 1. Over 300,000
15 Pennsylvanians will lose access to
16 their Medicaid coverage, with
17 potentially thousands more unable
18 to afford marketplace coverage now
19 that subsidized have expired.

20 We know that these cuts
21 will result in more hospital sales
22 to greedy private equity firms and
23 eventually lead to more closures.
24 I should know. I worked at

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2 Hahnemann. Our union believes
3 health care is a right. Everyone
4 has a right to have access in a
5 preventative care and the need to
6 stay healthy and relieve the stress
7 on our hospitals. It will also
8 give us greater power as union
9 workers to bargain stronger
10 contracts. Many of our contract
11 fights are centered around cost and
12 access to health care benefits,
13 something that our employers
14 weaponized during negotiations.
15 Having universal health care will
16 allow members to focus on getting
17 higher wages, more robust pensions,
18 and improve our working conditions
19 on the job.

20 In a time when the cost
21 of living continues to increase and
22 our health care system is becoming
23 increasingly profit-driven, we need
24 bold policies like universal health

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2 care to ensure a healthier
3 population and a safer workplace.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you.

8 MR. PAGAN: Good
9 morning, everyone.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Good morning.

12 MR. PAGAN: I would like
13 to start off by saying it is an
14 honor and privilege to stand before
15 you all today. Growing up in
16 Hunting Park, I always knew
17 becoming a firefighter was what I
18 wanted to do with my life.

19 Dedication and service are the
20 pillars of the oath we swore in
21 when taking the position of
22 Philadelphia firefighters.

23 Being able to serve the
24 citizens of Philadelphia,

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2 specifically in the West

3 Philadelphia neighborhoods

4 Overbrook, Wynnefield, Carroll

5 Park, Cobbs Creek, etc., is

6 something that I take pride in.

7 While in their moments of need,

8 whatever they may be, I'm always

9 ready to answer that call.

10 On the night of the
11 collapse, we were doing what we
12 always do, answering the call of
13 the citizens. Unfortunately, it
14 took a turn. And when it did, the
15 only thought going through my mind
16 was getting my brothers out of
17 there no matter what happened.
18 Thankfully, we were all able to
19 make it out of there. One of my
20 brothers was able to attend his
21 wedding and marry his best friend.
22 Others are already back at work,
23 others almost done with their
24 journey making it back.

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2 Even though I might be
3 the first Latino to win Firefighter
4 of the Year, the future is bright
5 and I know I won't be the last. It
6 means the world to me that I could
7 blaze the trail for those that look
8 like me and represent. Wepa.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Congratulations. Thank
12 you for your service and
13 representation matters.

14 Please proceed.

15 MR. SMALL: Good
16 morning, everybody. My name is
17 William Small and I'm a member of
18 Flip Philly Red. Today I am
19 opposed to Resolution 260849, which
20 calls for the Pennsylvania General
21 Assembly to enact Senate Bill 1465,
22 the PA Universal Health Care Act.
23 Now, let me tell you why I oppose
24 this resolution. You're asking the

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2 state to consider a plan that
3 proposes a 2.5% payroll tax to
4 employees and a 7.5% payroll tax to
5 employers. And you're doing this
6 in a city where working people are
7 already struggling under the burden
8 of taxes.

9 Midterms are here and I
10 get it, I get it. We got to
11 psychologically brainwash Black
12 people to make it seem like we're
13 doing something right. But we need
14 something that actually gives
15 something back to the people of
16 Philadelphia. Pathways for profit.
17 And I know you be doing your work,
18 I got you, but pathways to actually
19 own property, you know what I mean.

20 More jobs, not something
21 that's going to levy more taxes on
22 us. We tired of it. We got the
23 Mayor running around. She's still
24 talking about these rideshare

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2 taxes. And I know y'all was
3 fighting against that, but we don't
4 need something that's going to add
5 more against us, you know. So I'm
6 quite sure the Councilmembers here
7 can figure out a plan, can figure
8 out something to actually decrease
9 it. Let's try something new.

10 Let's try to decrease
11 taxes in Philadelphia and come up
12 with a good plan to actually gain
13 more revenue inside of the city.
14 Can we actually do that? Is that
15 possible? Because Kensington is a
16 mess. Our school district is a
17 mess. We have the DA on TV blaming
18 the police about a vicious murder.
19 I mean, everything is just a mess
20 right now. Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. OTERO CRUZ: Good
23 morning, and buenos dias. My name
24 is Joanna Otero Cruz, and I'm the

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2 Executive Director and President of
3 Women Against Abuse. On behalf of
4 Women Against Abuse and our valued
5 community partners who are here
6 today, I want to thank
7 Councilmembers Quetcy Lozada and
8 Kendra Brooks as well as the entire
9 City Council for recognizing
10 October as Domestic Violence
11 Awareness Month in Philadelphia.

12 Domestic violence is
13 incredibly pervasive and impacts 1
14 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men. Each of
15 us knows someone whose life has
16 been hurt by it. As Women Against
17 Abuse celebrates 50 years of
18 serving on the front lines of
19 Philadelphia's response to domestic
20 violence, I reflect on the last
21 five decades. It represents the
22 tens of thousands of hotline calls
23 answered by our counselors that
24 left survivors with peace, hope and

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2 a path forward, the hundreds of
3 thousands of meals served to
4 families in our emergency shelters
5 who found respite from the stress
6 of leaving an abusive relationship,
7 the many children who have enjoyed
8 stability and peaceful dreams while
9 living at Sojourner House, our
10 transitional housing program, the
11 thousands of protection from abuse
12 orders secured through our legal
13 center that empowers survivors to
14 break free and rebuild their lives,
15 and the countless of first
16 responders, community groups, and
17 young people reached through our
18 prevention and education programs.
19 This has changed -- this is
20 families and survivors supported.
21 This is a city moving
22 closer to safety and this is a
23 reason to celebrate. And yet
24 domestic violence continues to

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2 claim lives, devastate families,
3 and fill neighborhoods with fear.

4 The heartbreaking realities of
5 intimate partner violence is one we
6 have been reminded of far too often
7 in recent days. Our work is far
8 from finished and it is our work
9 and with our partners that we
10 cannot do alone.

11 We continue to rely on
12 you, City Council, to stand with
13 us. You have been incredible
14 partners and advocates in this
15 lifesaving mission. I thank you
16 from the bottom of our hearts and
17 implore you to stay the course, to
18 continue to invest in solution,
19 strengthen protections, hold
20 systems accountable and ensure that
21 every Philadelphian has an
22 opportunity to live free from abuse
23 because safety should never be out
24 of reach. Thank you. And let's

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2 continue to work together.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. JENKINS:

5 Mr. President, members and guests
6 David Alexander Jenkins and I rise
7 per Resolution 260849 in support of
8 universal health care, a social
9 media user has earned an audience
10 in Philadelphia by setting a phone
11 before a people of a given city for
12 people to expel whatever is on
13 their minds.

14 Intrigued I watched in
15 Philadelphia at the corner of 12th
16 and Filbert Streets, people walk up
17 to the phone to release their
18 recordings of their innermost
19 thoughts. The words that play over
20 and over again in their minds
21 filled the air. There were
22 messages of hope, absolution,
23 despair, disdain, fear, anger, joy
24 and love. And there were messages

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2 like this one.

3 A young man who was 13
4 years old stepped to the receiver
5 and said, what's on my mind. Yeah,
6 rest in peace to my dad. Focusing
7 on the ball, trying to just make
8 it, just trying to stay in school.
9 Another message came from a woman
10 who was of greater age, her hat
11 cocked to the side and she leaning
12 in, she kind of spoke quickly and
13 almost lyrically and she said,
14 hello, I'm sorry, the life you're
15 trying to reach is unavailable.
16 Please hang up and try to breathe
17 again. The life you're trying to
18 reach is unavailable for far too
19 long.

20 Brothers and sisters, we
21 have opined on what could make this
22 city, this Commonwealth, this
23 nation a much more equitable, more
24 sustaining, more vibrant, more

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2 livable, more available place to
3 call home. And I have to tell you,
4 I can think of nothing more
5 important and life-sustaining than
6 access to comprehensive and
7 universal health care.

8 Today as we stand here,
9 more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians
10 are at risk of losing their access
11 to health care. Now, I know we
12 failed the young man once who was
13 just trying to stay in school by
14 shutting down places like Lankenau,
15 but I'm here to suggest that
16 perhaps children like him, the
17 child I once was, would still have
18 places to turn to, I don't know,
19 their fathers, had an adequate
20 health care, not ripped fathers
21 from sons so soon.

22 I don't know about you,
23 but I want to wake up in a city
24 that answers to the cries of her

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2 citizenry for the basic needs of a
3 right to breathe, even clean air --
4 amen, Councilwoman Gauthier -- with
5 coverage for all Pennsylvanians
6 knowing that no one should have to
7 hear a voice that says, please hang
8 up and breathe again.

9 So I rise to call upon
10 the General Assembly of this
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to
12 enact Senate Bill 1465. And I beg
13 your unanimous passage of this
14 resolution to do the same.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. MCAULEY: Good
17 morning, everyone. My name is John
18 McAuley. I'm with a grassroots
19 organization called Flip Philly
20 Red. We're here to offer you
21 something different because you've
22 been voting Democrat for the
23 Mayor's office for the past 70
24 years.

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2 In regard to Resolution

3 260849, asking the PA General

4 Assembly to push for universal

5 health care, if you cared about

6 cheaper health care, you would

7 purge our systems of waste, fraud

8 and abuse. How many women in

9 Philadelphia create fake paystubs

10 to receive government assistance?

11 Why did it take a Republican to

12 become attorney general in

13 Pennsylvania to recover \$40 million

14 in misused Medicaid money?

15 A South Philly pharmacy

16 that billed Medicaid and Medicare

17 \$12 million for expensive drugs and

18 never bought or gave the patients?

19 Philly store owners charged for

20 defrauding the WIC program close to

21 \$1 million, scam artists padding

22 home care hours that they never

23 worked to the tune of hundreds of

24 thousands to over millions of

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2 dollars. Only corrupt politicians
3 will cry about able-bodied people
4 working 20 hours a week to receive
5 government assistance.

6 If a Democrat mayor and
7 a Democrat City Council and a
8 Democrat district attorney don't
9 rid its systems of waste, fraud and
10 abuse, I have to ask the question
11 what did you actually do in the
12 '40s and '50s? Blacks were
13 independent. Now, Blacks are happy
14 with taking someone else's hard-
15 earned money for government
16 assistance, universal health care
17 and free bags of groceries.

18 Beta Black men like
19 Barack Obama, D.L. Hughley and
20 Roland Martin has your Black woman
21 stuck on the Democrat plantation.
22 Canada has universal health care
23 and it takes seven months to see a
24 family doctor. Democrats are the

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2 same party that says it's normal to
3 watch porn, is body positivity to
4 be obese, have as many abortions as
5 you want, it's okay to destroy your
6 womb. If I don't want big
7 government involved in my health
8 care, it's okay. I'll be the coon.
9 But Black women for Shapiro sounds
10 a little like tap dancing for their
11 White liberal master. Robin Byrd
12 for State Representative in the
13 177th District.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. LAGERMASINI: Good
16 morning. My name is Corrine
17 Lagermasini. I'm the Executive
18 Director of 5th Square Advocacy in
19 support of Bill 250649, authorizing
20 the bike lane around City Hall.
21 We're here today in City Hall, the
22 literal and figurative heart of
23 Philadelphia. City Hall serves as
24 the intersection of Philadelphia's

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2 government transit and public
3 spaces.

4 Yet as important as this
5 place is, getting here requires
6 pedestrians, transit users and
7 people with disabilities to
8 navigate four lanes of chaotic and
9 dangerous traffic. From 2020 to
10 2024, there were 89 people involved
11 in crashes right outside of this
12 building, five of whom were
13 seriously injured.

14 We know that removing
15 excess car lanes around City Hall
16 and adding bike lanes has been a
17 success. These public health
18 measures have increased the number
19 of people who bike-calm traffic
20 speeds, shorten street crossing
21 distances and decrease the number
22 of crashes. Since December, this
23 new bike lane around City Hall has
24 closed a critical gap in Philly's

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2 bike network and made traveling on
3 foot, by bike or in a wheelchair
4 safer.

5 5th Square Advocacy
6 appreciates Councilmember Young for
7 advancing this legislation and we
8 hope Council will move swiftly on
9 critical safety infrastructure in
10 the future. While we celebrate
11 this bill's passage, there's more
12 important road safety legislation
13 to advance in the 5th Council
14 District. This includes a bike
15 lane on 16th Street from Market
16 Street to JFK, supported by the
17 Logan Square Neighborhood
18 Association and a red light camera
19 at 22nd Street and the Ben Franklin
20 Parkway.

21 A high-priority
22 intersection has been studied and
23 recommended for this safety
24 measure. Traffic violence is real

(Applause.)

Unfortunately, this body

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2 hasn't taken action in the large-
3 scale investments in North Philly,
4 in Southwest Philly, in the hood,
5 right. And the question has to be
6 asked of Councilman Harrity, you
7 did a gun buyback a few weeks ago.
8 The question is, are you willing to
9 work with my organization and
10 myself? We have structural racism
11 bill 2026 now. We had the
12 structural racism bill 2024.
13 Again, this body has ignored it.

14 So I'm going to ask you,
15 Councilman Jim Harrity, are you
16 willing to work with my
17 organization and myself to
18 eradicate, to neutralize gun
19 violence and violence in general in
20 this city?

21 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

22 You're pretty funny, Ogbonna.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

24 RICHARDSON: Pardon me, pardon me,

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2 pardon me. Councilmember Harrity,
3 do you need recognition?

4 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

5 Yeah.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

7 RICHARDSON: Okay. The Chair
8 recognizes Councilmember Harrity.
9 Very brief response. Thank you.

10 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

11 Ogbonna, I've helped you on
12 numerous occasions. I have no
13 problem working with anyone, and
14 you know that. Why are you
15 pointing me out today, I have no
16 idea. But, you know, it seems kind
17 of funny that really the only
18 person that actually even throws
19 you a play in this room, you just
20 walk on all the time. I don't know
21 why you're calling me out, because
22 I had a gun buyback trying to get
23 guns off the street --

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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2 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Listen,
3 thank you all so much. Your time
4 is concluded. Thank you so much,
5 Mr. Ogbonna Hagins. Thank you very
6 much.

7 MR. BLATSTEIN: Hello.
8 Jeremy Blatstein, talking about
9 260076, the Home Rule Charter.
10 Everyone wanted to comment on the
11 Home Rule Charter, right. Because
12 we're talking about \$20 million.
13 The next sheriff of Philadelphia
14 should be the last sheriff of
15 Philadelphia. I repeat, the next
16 sheriff of Philadelphia should be
17 the last sheriff of Philadelphia.
18 Disband the Philadelphia Sheriff's
19 Office.

20 This body has done
21 nothing but gaslight us into this
22 idea of accountability and
23 transparency when it comes to the
24 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office. You

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2 complain about \$2.2 million for the
3 mural arts, but you're not fighting
4 for \$20 million. And guess what?
5 It's not \$20 million that's going
6 to be found. That's just from the
7 last year. That number is going to
8 be massive, and you all are sitting
9 here being like, oops, I don't
10 care. Because guess what? You
11 don't want to do your job and hold
12 the sheriff accountable.

13 As Mayor Parker said, it
14 is this body's job in 2021 when you
15 held that hearing to ask the
16 questions. So I don't want to hear
17 from City Council President Johnson
18 that we'll look into it, we'll get
19 to it, blah, blah, blah. No, hold
20 the hearing. Hold the hearing on
21 the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office.
22 Enough is enough. The next sheriff
23 of Philadelphia should be the last
24 sheriff of Philadelphia.

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2 And last but not least,
3 we're talking about SEPTA. Let's
4 go people. I'm going to do it,
5 right. We're going to -- the
6 Inquirer was talking about this.
7 Raise your hand if you rode Septa
8 in the last month, City Council, in
9 the last month?

10 There you go, Councilman
11 Thomas. I like that. I appreciate
12 that. Ride the ride, grow Philly
13 to 2 milly and realistically hold
14 the hearing on the sheriff's
15 office. Find more money, disband
16 the office. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. WODKA: Good
19 morning. My name is Adam Wodka.
20 I'm the Commissioner of the
21 Philadelphia Parallel Parking
22 Association. I'm here speaking in
23 support of the resolution
24 recognizing the parallel parking

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2 competition from a couple of weeks
3 ago. I'd like to thank
4 Councilmember Landau for
5 introducing this resolution. I'd
6 also like to thank Councilmember
7 Squilla for his support from his
8 office in originally finding a
9 location for the event. I'd also
10 like to thank the South Street
11 Headhouse District for partnering
12 us for the event.

13 The Philadelphia
14 Parallel Parking Association, The
15 PPPA, started with a simple but
16 silly idea that Philly should have
17 a parallel parking competition.
18 That was, I believe, proven right
19 with 1400 people who attended the
20 event, 1700 people who watched it
21 on the live stream and 900 people
22 who applied to be a part of the
23 event.

24 There are many bright

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2 spots in this experience, but going
3 through the 900 applications of
4 people was such a privilege to be
5 able to see people from all around
6 the city talking about their lives,
7 their work, going to school, being
8 born and raised, and all their
9 experiences with parallel parking.
10 But it was such an insight into
11 kind of what life was like here and
12 such a great appreciation for the
13 amazing people of Philadelphia.
14 And what everyone in this room
15 knows is part of what makes
16 Philadelphia great are the amazing
17 people who live here.

18 Second, the PPPA has the
19 kind of tongue-and-cheek mission of
20 promoting excellence in parallel
21 parking in Philadelphia. But
22 beyond that, we're also about
23 promoting the mission of safe
24 streets. And the streets are for,

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2 yes, motorists, but also

3 pedestrians, cyclists and public

4 transportation. And so, part of

5 what we're hoping to promote moving

6 forward is making sure that all

7 Philadelphians have their loved

8 ones get home safe and doing all

9 that we can to keep everyone in the

10 city safe, getting from one place

11 to another. That's all. Thank you

12 so much. I support this

13 resolution. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 THE CLERK: Will Pamfilo

16 Dacua, Mario Zucca, Roxanne

17 Umphrey-Pittman, Rebecca McJett,

18 Dan Miller, Olivia Taduran,

19 Dr. Jeannine Lisitski and Alexander

20 Anderson, Shane Janick and Michael

21 Anderson, please make your way to

22 the podium.

23 (Witnesses approached

24 podium.)

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2 MS. BELLOLIO: Hi. Good
3 morning. My name is Kira Bellolio.
4 I'm the Vice-President of Family
5 and Parenting Services at Congreso
6 de Latinos Unidos. I thank you for
7 the chance today to speak to you
8 about the critical need for
9 increased domestic violence
10 prevention education for our youth.

11 Congreso's domestic
12 violence program has long invested
13 in community education and youth
14 programming. Last year alone, we
15 delivered prevention programming to
16 more than 300 students. We are
17 proud of that reach, but we know
18 that that need far exceeds our
19 capacity and the need for support
20 by leaders like you to invest in
21 prevention programming.

22 Last summer during an
23 Out-of-School Time program at one
24 of our partner middle schools, we

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2 facilitated a lesson on consent and
3 healthy relationships. Some may
4 think these topics are too advanced
5 for middle schoolers, but the
6 reality is that young people are
7 already facing situations that
8 require them to understand
9 boundaries and safety.

10 After that lesson, one
11 student asked for guidance on how
12 to communicate personal boundaries
13 in a relationship. Another
14 question whether someone their age
15 should even be learning about these
16 topics. A third, connected with
17 the discussion about peer pressure
18 and the challenge of saying no when
19 asked to share an intimate picture
20 in a class of fewer than ten
21 students, those were their
22 experiences. Those conversations
23 made one thing clear. Our youth
24 are already navigating these

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2 issues. They need safe spaces,
3 trusted adults, and accurate
4 information.

5 Prevention education
6 gives young people the knowledge
7 and confidence to make healthy
8 choices before the crisis occurs.
9 Philadelphia youth deserve more
10 than a response after violence
11 happens. They deserve the skills,
12 support and education to help
13 prevent that violence in the first
14 place. I urge you to continue
15 investing in evidence-based
16 prevention programming in schools,
17 community centers and neighborhood
18 organizations such as Congreso.

19 By strengthening
20 prevention today, we can build
21 safer families, healthier
22 relationships, and stronger
23 communities for generations to
24 come. Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. DACUA: Good

4 morning, everyone. Thank you,

5 Council President, esteemed

6 Councilmembers, and special thanks

7 to Councilmember Landau for

8 proposing this resolution for

9 Mental Health Partnerships. My

10 name is Pamfilo Dacua, III. I'm

11 called Doc. I serve as the

12 targeted case manager for the

13 forensics team at Mental Health

14 Partnerships.

15 75 years of service.

16 Wow, that's incredible. I've only

17 been working with Mental Health

18 Partnerships for just over a year.

19 And in that short time, we've done

20 some awesome things for and with

21 our participants. However, I've

22 been engaged with Mental Health

23 Partnerships for many years prior

24 to becoming an employee. I began

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2 many moons ago with them where I
3 trained to become a Certified Peer
4 Specialist.

5 I come from a veteran
6 background. And as such, I'm
7 accustomed to a certain degree of
8 expertise and professionalism. I
9 found that and then some in the
10 staff at Mental Health
11 Partnerships. A chain is only as
12 strong as its link, as each
13 individual link at Mental Health
14 Partnerships. From our President,
15 Janine, down to the line workers,
16 each of us possess qualities and
17 skills that cannot be taught or
18 bought.

19 Empathy and passion, we
20 each possess a degree and depth of
21 empathy for our participants and
22 passion for the service we provide
23 to ensure our participants onto the
24 path of well-being and

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2 independence. I'm proud to be part
3 of an organization with such a
4 legacy that began 75 years ago.
5 I'm 63 years old as of last
6 Thursday. I know I won't be here
7 for the next 75, but I can say I
8 look forward to the next ten years
9 serving with Janine and the staff
10 at Mental Health Partnerships.

11 Again, I thank City
12 Council for recognizing us and
13 please support any bill that's
14 going to block the cuts that's
15 coming up with Medicaid because our
16 participants need that. Thank you
17 so very much for your time and
18 attention.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. ZUCCA: My name is
21 Mario Zucca, aka One Shot Mar. I'm
22 the champion of the Parallel
23 Parking competition a couple of
24 weeks ago. Thank you for having

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2 me. First, I'd like to thank
3 Councilmember Landau for
4 introducing this resolution. I
5 also want to thank Adam Wodka, the
6 commissioner of the PPPA. He just
7 spoke a few moments ago for
8 organizing it.

9 When I signed up for
10 this event, I thought it would just
11 be a fun way to spend an afternoon.
12 I had no idea how much excitement
13 it would generate, how many people
14 would rally around something
15 seemingly as silly as a parallel
16 parking event. And I think that's
17 what made this event so special.
18 Because at a time when we can't
19 seem to agree on a lot and things
20 just seem to be not going well in
21 so many ways, it's just nice to
22 inject a little bit of levity into
23 our city. And Adam and his crew
24 found a way to bring people

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2 together, make them laugh and give
3 us all a reason to celebrate being
4 Philadelphians.

5 So I wholeheartedly
6 support this resolution, not just
7 because it recognizes my
8 extraordinary prowess behind the
9 wheel, but because it celebrates
10 the creativity, the humor and the
11 civic pride that make Philadelphia
12 such a special place to live, to
13 drive and to park. So thank you
14 for your time, Council. Safe
15 parking to you all.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. PITMAN: Good
18 morning, members of the Council.
19 My name is Roxy Pitman and I'm a
20 member of Salt and Light Church.
21 Our congregation supports Power
22 Interfaith's agenda because our
23 faith calls us to pursue justice,
24 protect our neighbors and ensure

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2 that everyone contributes to the
3 common good. We Make Philly kicked
4 off on Tuesday, and we would like
5 to invite all the Council and
6 members of this assembly to join
7 Power Interfaith and hundreds of
8 people of faith from across the
9 city.

10 As we push We Make
11 Philly agenda together, we're
12 asking Philadelphia City Council to
13 take action on these pillars, our
14 agenda lowering property tax,
15 freezing gas bills and passing a
16 fair wealth tax. As a person of
17 faith, I believe our budget is a
18 moral document. It shows who we
19 value and what future we are
20 willing to build together. I
21 respectfully ask each member of
22 Council to consider our agenda at
23 Power Interfaith. Thank you.
24 (Applause.)

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2 MS. McJETTE: Good

3 morning. My name is Rebecca

4 Mcjette. I am a Power Interfaith

5 member and a lifetime member of

6 St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal

7 Church. I am a Southwest

8 Philadelphia resident and a City of

9 Philadelphia retiree. Earlier this

10 month, I received my U.S.

11 government handbook outlining

12 guidelines and changes for Medicare

13 benefits and coverage in 2027.

14 Like many other people,

15 I also learned my current coverage

16 for prescriptions will not be

17 renewed and that my options for

18 Medicare prescription drug plans

19 have been cut by plans that are

20 only with four companies for the

21 state of Pennsylvania. What does

22 this mean? I must find a new plan

23 that works for me and covers all my

24 medications, which is complicated.

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2 My health care is going
3 to go up. Instead of paying \$23 a
4 month, I will have to pay \$184 a
5 month. So in 2027, my health care
6 costs will increase from \$276 to
7 \$2208 for my prescription plan.

8 While the need for medical care and
9 prescriptions disproportionately
10 hurt seniors like me, we know
11 families are struggling with
12 parents and children with chronic
13 diseases.

14 Families are hurting and
15 worried about making ends meet as
16 costs go up and benefits like
17 Medicaid coverage and SNAP benefits
18 are lost due to federal cuts. Food
19 and medicine don't belong on a
20 pick-and-choose menu. We
21 desperately need help. We need
22 City Council to work with us to
23 pass Power's We Make Philly agenda
24 to bring relief to every

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2 neighborhood in our city. Thank
3 you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. MILLER: Good

6 morning, everyone. My name is Dan
7 Miller and I'm the Business Manager
8 for the Training Department at
9 Mental Health Partnerships. I'm
10 also a Certified Peer Specialist.
11 Councilmember Landau, thank you for
12 recognizing the 75th anniversary of
13 Mental Health Partnerships. It is
14 an honor that we accept this on
15 behalf of the organization that has
16 spent 75 years helping people find
17 hope, recovery and connection.

18 What this recognition
19 celebrates most is the people we
20 serve every day. Mental Health
21 Partnerships works with individuals
22 who are overcoming mental health
23 challenges, rebuilding their lives,
24 reconnecting with their

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2 communities, and pursuing goals.

3 At one time that may have felt out
4 of reach. Through peer support,
5 education, advocacy, housing
6 services, and community-based
7 programs, we meet people where they
8 are and help them move forward on
9 their recovery journey.

10 One of the things that
11 makes our organization unique is
12 the belief that recovery is
13 possible. We see that every day in
14 our participants. We see people
15 obtain employment, reconnect with
16 family members, secure stable
17 housing, and become leaders in
18 their communities. Those successes
19 may not always make headlines, but
20 they change lives.

21 That mission is also
22 personal for me. Before my career,
23 I faced my own mental health
24 challenges. There was a time when

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2 I wasn't sure what my future would
3 look like. Recovery took support
4 and people who believed in me when
5 I struggled to believe in myself.
6 Today I have the privilege of
7 working for an organization that
8 helps provide that same hope and
9 support to others.

10 As a Certified Peer
11 Specialist, I know that sometimes
12 all it takes is one person saying,
13 I've been there and things can get
14 better. As we celebrate this
15 milestone, I want to thank you all.
16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. TADURAN: Good
19 morning, Council President and
20 members of City Council. My name
21 is Olivia Taduran and I am the
22 Program Director for Lutheran
23 Settlement House's Bilingual
24 Domestic Violence program. Thank

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2 you for taking the time this
3 morning to recognize October as
4 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
5 I have been a Certified Domestic
6 Violence advocate since 2007.

7 During that time, I've
8 had the great privilege to walk
9 alongside so many survivors and
10 their children. At Lutheran
11 Settlement House, we walk alongside
12 survivors through moments of
13 crisis, support survivors as they
14 find their footing and celebrate
15 their strength every step of the
16 way. We do this because we believe
17 that every survivor deserves to
18 live safely and with dignity in the
19 community. But we are seeing the
20 safety nets that help survivors
21 rebuild their lives grow
22 increasingly strained.

23 In recent months more
24 survivors, along with others in the

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2 community, have turned to our food
3 pantry for help. Our child therapy
4 program has a longer waiting list
5 than ever before. At its peak,
6 nine months, our medical advocates
7 are seeing more people in the
8 emergency department after a
9 violent incident. More survivors
10 are calling the Philadelphia
11 Domestic Violence Hotline and our
12 counseling line for help to find a
13 safe place to live, to get clothes
14 for their children, or simply to
15 talk to someone who will listen and
16 help them navigate what comes next.

17 These are not just
18 numbers. They represent parents
19 trying to create stability for
20 their children, individuals working
21 to reclaim their independence, and
22 survivors doing their best to move
23 forward after experiencing
24 violence. Members of our Survivors

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2 Network, who unfortunately could
3 not be here today, often remind us
4 that survivors are not broken.
5 They are resilient. They are
6 resourceful. And at the end of the
7 day, they are just trying to
8 rebuild their lives. But it has
9 become increasingly hard to go
10 through that journey when the very
11 safety net survivors depend on are
12 weakened by funding cuts and
13 survivors face reduced access to
14 essential services.

15 Survivors should not
16 have to fight for safety while also
17 fighting to access the resources
18 they need to heal and thrive. I
19 ask City Council today to stand
20 with survivors beyond this
21 resolution to protect and
22 strengthen funding for domestic
23 violence, such as SNAP and health
24 insurance so that survivors can

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2 build safe and stable lives. Thank
3 you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. LISITSKI: Good
6 morning, Council President, members
7 of City Council and guests. I'm
8 Janine Lisitski, President and CEO
9 for Mental Health Partnerships.
10 And on behalf of everyone at Mental
11 Health Partnerships, I want to
12 thank you and especially
13 Councilperson Landau for this
14 resolution recognizing our 75th
15 anniversary.

16 We are grateful and
17 we're more grateful for the city's
18 longstanding commitment to
19 improving the lives of
20 Philadelphians with behavioral
21 health challenges. This
22 recognition is especially
23 meaningful because Mental Health
24 Partnerships is a Philadelphia

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2 story.

3 For 75 years, our
4 organization has worked to affirm
5 one fundamental truth: People
6 living with behavioral health
7 conditions deserve dignity,
8 opportunity, community and hope.
9 Our roots trace back to a time when
10 mental health was often
11 misunderstood and heavily
12 stigmatized.

13 Back in 1951, a small
14 group of advocates came together
15 just a few blocks from here, united
16 by a vision of a more compassionate
17 and inclusive community. And that
18 vision continues to guide us today.
19 Over the past seven and a half
20 decades, we've helped shape
21 community-based mental health care
22 in the Philadelphia region through
23 advocacy, education, peer support,
24 and a myriad of other recovery-

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2 oriented programs, right, where a
3 person lives in their neighborhood,
4 in their community, walking
5 alongside them and touching the
6 lives of hundreds of thousands of
7 individuals, together with
8 countless partners across
9 Philadelphia throughout the region
10 and the Commonwealth.

11 We have helped build a
12 stronger, more responsive and more
13 compassionate system of care. And
14 today, more than 60% of our staff
15 have lived experience of mental
16 health challenges and recovery.
17 And that fact reflects something
18 that we've learned most deeply for
19 75 years. That recovery is real.
20 And it's those closest to the
21 challenges that are often closest
22 to the solutions.

23 While we're proud of our
24 history, we're even more excited

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2 about the future. Because as we
3 look ahead, the need for behavioral
4 health services, affordable housing
5 and other supports is needed more
6 than ever. And we know what works,
7 but we've never been able to get to
8 scale. So if we can do that and
9 divert some more of the very
10 expensive services like
11 hospitalization, incarceration,
12 we're going to really make
13 progress. So thank you and thank
14 you for the resolution.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. ANDERSON: Good
17 morning. My name is Alexander
18 Anderson. I want to thank you,
19 Councilmember Landau, for
20 recognizing Mental Health
21 Partnerships on its 75th
22 anniversary. I'm a former
23 participant and now intern at
24 Mental Health Partnerships.

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2 I found Mental Health
3 Partnerships when I was in a dark
4 place in my life. With the help of
5 some wonderful certified peer
6 specialists, I am now able to live
7 a life where I am not struggling
8 with my mental health all the time.
9 As an intern, I have found a path
10 professionally I never thought
11 possible within advocacy.

12 Mental Health
13 Partnership matters to me because
14 it gives people like me a brighter
15 future. Thank you for listening
16 and thank you for standing with
17 Mental Health Partnerships.

18 THE CLERK: Will Taniek
19 Gentles, Dr. Spencer Chen,
20 Dr. Kaidee Akullo, Amanda Kieffer,
21 David Levine, Jake Zychick, Shannon
22 Criniti, Dr. Deborah Roebuck,
23 Laquisha Anthony and Wick Savage,
24 please make your way to the podium.

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2 (Witnesses approached
3 podium.)

4 MR. ANDERSON: My name
5 is Michael Anderson and I'm the
6 legislative advocate for the Arc of
7 Philadelphia. And I would like to
8 please recognize Councilwoman
9 Brooks for this registration -- I
10 mean, for the proclamation. And I
11 would like to thank my parents. I
12 would like to thank my lawyer,
13 Stephen Gold. I would like to
14 thank all my friends and family for
15 supporting me. This is huge. And
16 I have to say it because I'm the
17 legislative advocate. Don't forget
18 to go out and vote in the midterms.
19 Nothing about us without us. Go
20 out and vote.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. JANICK: Thanks,
23 Mike. Thank you, everybody. My
24 name is Shane Janick. I'm the

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2 Executive Director of the Arc of
3 Philadelphia. I work with Michael
4 every single day. We're here in
5 support of the resolution that was
6 introduced that acknowledges the
7 Pennsylvania Human Relations
8 Commission most recent guidance on
9 updating the discrimination code
10 that officially makes it
11 discrimination to charge an extra
12 ticket to a variety of ticketed
13 venues for people with disabilities
14 that require a government-funded
15 personal care attendant to attend.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. ANDERSON: And I
18 would like to say one thing. I
19 would like to make it statewide and
20 nationwide. I forgot to say that.
21 Thank you very much and God bless.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. JANICK: Yes. Thank
24 you. We really appreciate this

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2 recognition from Kendra and all
3 Councilmembers that have supported
4 this work for so many years. This
5 has taken 13 years for Michael to
6 make a reality. And just some
7 background, people with
8 disabilities face a financial
9 burden disproportionately than
10 people without disabilities.

11 And for so many years,
12 people with disabilities that
13 required a personal care attendant,
14 a home health aide, a direct
15 support professional would have to
16 literally save double the amount of
17 money to attend things like museums
18 and concerts and sporting events.
19 So again, this is huge. It's a
20 monumental step of 13 years of work
21 for Michael, and the Arc of
22 Philadelphia has just been proud to
23 support.

24 We're really excited to

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2 use this resolution as the
3 announcement of the enactment of
4 this new rule under the
5 Pennsylvania Human Relations
6 Commission. So thank you so, so
7 much.

8 MR. ANDERSON: My money
9 goes twice as far with this
10 legislation. My money goes twice
11 as far so I can spend money. I can
12 save my money and go to two times
13 as many events. So again, thank
14 you very much and God bless.

15 MR. JANICK: Thank you.
16 (Applause.)

17 MS. GENTLES: Good
18 morning. Taniek Gentles, Licensed
19 Marriage and Family Therapist,
20 Certified Sex Therapist. I am here
21 in support of Councilmember Ahmad's
22 resolution recognizing World
23 Menopause Day. I heard the rumbles
24 in the room. I'm not sure what

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2 that was about, but let me note
3 that there has been an influx in
4 female-bodied individuals that are
5 presenting to therapy related to
6 symptoms of anxiety, increased
7 distress, difficulty sleeping,
8 difficulty performing at work.

9 I even have couples who
10 are coming in reporting issues
11 around intimacy. And the reality
12 is at least 75% of them do not
13 recognize that these symptoms are
14 related to perimenopause and
15 menopause. I would also add that I
16 work with 80%, 85% of Black and
17 Brown in the Black and Brown
18 population. And we lack the
19 knowledge and awareness and the
20 tools to address issues relating to
21 perimenopause and menopause. We
22 are just not aware. We don't know
23 what's out there.

24 This is an area that has

14 (Applause.)

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2 I ask you to put
3 yourselves in the patient's
4 position. Lifesaving medications
5 for heart failure, diabetes,
6 asthma, and cancer, medications
7 that we know that will make you
8 feel better, that will prolong your
9 life and allow you to achieve your
10 dreams, medications that are
11 physically available at the
12 pharmacy but inaccessible to you
13 because of profit-driven insurance.

14 Companies have decided
15 that it doesn't make financial
16 sense for them to cover them.
17 Instead Pennsylvanians carry more
18 than \$1.8 billion in medical debt,
19 and 28 million Americans have no
20 coverage at all as their doctor. I
21 spent countless hours fighting
22 insurance companies, often to no
23 avail. And eventually I see these
24 very patients in the intensive care

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2 units dying from preventable
3 sepsis, cardiogenic shock and
4 respiratory failure.

5 We are sicker, we are
6 poorer, and we are burnt out. But
7 there is a better way. I want to
8 tell you a story about a patient, a
9 premature baby born with critical
10 heart disease that needed open
11 heart surgery. His parents were
12 ready to sell their house and do
13 whatever it took to go into debt in
14 order for their son to get this
15 lifesaving surgery. This patient
16 was my brother.

17 But in 1994, Taiwan, my
18 country of origin, implemented a
19 single-payer national health
20 insurance program. And as a direct
21 result of this policy, my brother
22 got his heart surgery and my family
23 was spared from financial ruins.
24 Today over 99.9% of the people

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2 living in Taiwan are insured, and
3 23 million residents enjoy high-
4 quality, timely and accessible
5 healthcare.

6 There is a better way,
7 and we can have that too in
8 Pennsylvania. And I'm proud that
9 the doctors of SEIU are here to
10 support the legislation sponsored
11 by Senator Saval. The Pennsylvania
12 Universal Health Care Act is our
13 answer. Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. KIEFFER: My name is
16 Amanda Kieffer, and I want to thank
17 you for recognizing Mental Health
18 Partnership, 75 years. I'm a
19 Certified Peer Specialist. And
20 certified peer specialists play an
21 essential role in recovery by
22 providing individuals with hope,
23 encouragement, understanding and
24 support.

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2 Certified peer

3 specialists utilize their lived

4 experience to demonstrate that

5 recovery is possible and that

6 individuals can overcome difficult

7 challenges. Recovery is important

8 because it allows individuals to

9 rebuild their lives, improve their

10 overall health and wellness and

11 work toward becoming more

12 independent. A CPS provides a

13 safe, supportive and non-judgmental

14 environment where participants feel

15 comfortable sharing their

16 struggles, accomplishments and

17 personal goals.

18 Through active

19 listening, empathy, and open-ended

20 questions, CPS help participants

21 recognize their strengths and

22 develop confidence in themselves.

23 A CPS also encourages participants

24 to develop healthy coping skills,

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2 strengthen communication skills and
3 make positive decisions that
4 support long-term recovery.

5 Recovery is not always
6 an easy journey, but having someone
7 who understands the challenges
8 firsthand can make a meaningful
9 difference. A CPS empowers
10 participants to advocate for
11 themselves, celebrate their
12 progress and continue moving
13 forward despite setbacks. Every
14 accomplishment, no matter how
15 small, how big, is an important
16 step towards achieving personal
17 growth, stability and a better
18 quality of life.

19 Ultimately, CPS
20 (inaudible) with Mental Health
21 Partnerships are so important
22 because they remind individuals
23 that their past does not define
24 their future. They are not alone

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2 and there is always hope for a
3 better tomorrow. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. LEVINE: Good
6 morning. My name is David Levine.
7 I'm also a Certified Peer
8 Specialist with Mental Health
9 Partnerships. I'm honored to have
10 been chosen to speak to you today
11 on behalf of MHP, and to thank this
12 Council for recognizing us on our
13 75th anniversary. While I've only
14 been with MHP for a short time,
15 I've worked harder, learned more
16 and felt more rewarded than at any
17 other time in my life.

18 When I think about our
19 participants, many of whom are here
20 with us today, I'm truly humbled by
21 their courage and determination.
22 You inspire me every day. Again,
23 I'd like to thank this
24 distinguished Council for

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2 recognizing us and for your

3 continued support.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. ZYCHICK: Good

6 morning. My name is Jacob Zychick

7 and I am with the American Heart

8 Association. Thank you to

9 Councilmember Phillips and the

10 entire Philadelphia City Council

11 for the resolution recognizing

12 National School Lunch Week and

13 honoring the role of school meals

14 and school food service employees

15 in addressing nutrition insecurity

16 and supporting students' health,

17 learning, and well-being.

18 Research has shown that

19 students who eat school lunches

20 tend to take in more whole grains,

21 vegetables and dairy and fewer

22 refined sugars and empty calories

23 than those who bring their lunches

24 from home. We know that there is

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2 still work to be done though. 90%
3 of school-aged children consume way
4 too much sodium, and our youth
5 consumes more than the
6 association's recommended sugar
7 consumption.

8 The American Heart
9 Association is committed to
10 improving children's access to
11 healthy, nutritious foods. We
12 continue to serve on Council
13 President Johnson's task force to
14 address nutrition and hunger in the
15 city, and we advocate in Harrisburg
16 to ensure that all students
17 throughout the Commonwealth have
18 access to healthy school meals for
19 breakfast and lunch.

20 We advocate locally for
21 programs that promote fresh fruits
22 and vegetables and legislation that
23 empowers consumers to make
24 healthier choices at chain

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2 restaurants, and we work very
3 closely with community groups and
4 stakeholders to ensure foods and
5 meals provided in the community
6 meet nutritional standards.

7 We look forward to
8 leveraging our expertise, science
9 and research to assist the School
10 District of Philadelphia and City
11 of Philadelphia as it looks to
12 re-examine its policies and
13 practices concerning healthy,
14 nutritious and high-quality meals
15 for Philadelphia public School
16 students.

17 Once again, we'd like to
18 thank Councilmember Phillips and
19 all of City Council for working on
20 this important issue, and have a
21 great rest of the day.

22 (Applause.)

23 THE CLERK: Will Rachel
24 Forbes and Christian Gant-Madison

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2 please make your way to the podium.

3 (Witnesses approached

4 podium.)

5 MS. CRINITI: Good

6 morning. Thank you for the

7 opportunity to speak in support of

8 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad's

9 resolution recognizing World

10 Menopause Day. My name is Shannon

11 Criniti and I'm speaking today on

12 behalf of Access Matters, which is

13 a Philadelphia-based public health

14 organization that works to protect,

15 expand and enhance access to sexual

16 and reproductive health care and

17 information.

18 Roughly 1.4 million

19 women in the U.S. enter menopause

20 each year, and I am one of them

21 currently menopauseing. Yet this

22 topic is underresearched,

23 underdiscussed and undertreated.

24 Many people, including doctors, are

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2 unaware of the range of health
3 outcomes that menopause can impact,
4 including increased risk of heart
5 disease, stroke, depression,
6 anxiety, and osteoporosis.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Excuse me. Excuse me one
9 second, ma'am. I'm asking if you
10 could take any conversations
11 outside the Council chambers, any
12 sidebar Council conversations,
13 because we can't hear the
14 individual giving testimony.
15 Please proceed.

16 MS. KENNEDY: Sure.

17 Thank you. Many are unaware of the
18 range of health outcomes that
19 menopause can impact, including
20 increased risk of heart disease,
21 stroke, depression, anxiety and
22 osteoporosis. To say nothing of
23 the daily indignities that impact
24 many women like hot flashes, brain

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2 fog, insomnia, frozen shoulder,
3 itchy ears, so many suffer in
4 silence, often blaming themselves
5 for their symptoms and struggling
6 to find therapeutic medical
7 interventions.

8 As a public health
9 organization, my colleagues and I
10 at Access Matters know the
11 significant impact that hormonal
12 changes can have on overall health
13 and well-being. Awareness is the
14 first step to reducing stigma,
15 starting conversations and
16 encouraging people to access care.
17 We are grateful for the work of
18 Councilmember Ahmad and her staff
19 in introducing this important
20 resolution to recognize World
21 Menopause Day and for her continued
22 advocacy in bringing awareness to
23 this important issue. Thank you.
24 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

4 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

6 Thank you, Council President.

7 I request to be excused

8 to handle other official business

9 and I would like to be recorded as

10 voting aye on all bills and

11 resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

14 Leave is granted.

15 Please proceed.

16 DR. ROEBUCK: Good

17 morning, Council President and

18 members of City Council. It's a

19 privilege being here today. My

20 name is Dr. Deborah Roebuck. I'm

21 called the Menopause Whisperer and

22 I'm excited about recognizing --

23 and I thank City Councilmember

24 Ahmad for the opportunity to talk

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2 about World Menopause Day.

3 I'll just make this

4 personal because I've had the

5 opportunity not only to be a health

6 professional within Philadelphia,

7 but I do work all over the world.

8 And often times people will disavow

9 the importance of menopause and how

10 it impacts everybody. I had a

11 young child who's about 11 and 12,

12 and Kenya said, tell me about this

13 menopause. I know my mother's

14 going through things. How can I

15 help her? And I would say to her,

16 sit down, let's talk. We need to

17 make this issue aware. We need to

18 also value it.

19 Now, we're looking at

20 making accommodations at work.

21 These women need to work. We don't

22 need for them to turn off to almost

23 resigned within their minds because

24 their issues, their concerns are

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2 not being addressed and not being
3 supported. So all I want to say is
4 thank you. And I want you to also
5 think about how menopause involves
6 not only yourself, but your
7 community. Thank you so very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. ANTHONY: Good
10 morning. My name is Laquisha
11 Anthony. I'm the Acting Executive
12 Director at WOAR - Philadelphia
13 Center Against Sexual Violence.
14 Good afternoon or good morning
15 still, Council President and all
16 Councilmembers that are present
17 today. As I said, I'm the
18 Executive Director of WOAR -
19 Philadelphia Center Against Sexual
20 Violence. And I'm here today
21 because violence does not happen in
22 isolation. And our response to it
23 cannot happen in isolation either.
24 For many people

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2 experiencing interpersonal
3 violence, domestic violence, sexual
4 violence, the impact reaches far
5 beyond the immediate crisis. They
6 may also be navigating trauma,
7 housing stability, instability,
8 hardships, financial hardships,
9 concerns of their children and
10 barriers to accessing support.

11 As the Executive
12 Director of WOAR, I believe our
13 responsibility is to meet people
14 where they are and ensure there is
15 no wrong door. When someone
16 reaches out for help, that requires
17 strong partnership between
18 organizations responding to
19 domestic violence, interpersonal
20 violence and other forms of trauma.
21 And our systems must work together
22 because the people we serve should
23 never have to navigate complex
24 systems. And that's what we do on

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2 the ground every day with fellow
3 domestic violence organizations.

4 But collaboration
5 requires capacity, and capacity
6 requires investment, crisis
7 response, counseling, advocacy,
8 prevention, education. And
9 survivor support programs are not
10 optional, but we are essential
11 services. Yet when funding is
12 unstable and organizations are
13 faced to make difficult decisions
14 about staffing and programs and how
15 people can be served, a person
16 experiencing a crisis cannot wait
17 until the next business cycle.

18 So I'm asking City
19 Council to recognize the community-
20 based services that have been
21 present today to be a critical part
22 of the public health system and
23 safety infrastructure for the City
24 of Philadelphia and to continue to

21 Your compassion and
22 willingness to acknowledge her and
23 her survival means more to our
24 family than words will ever be able

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2 to express. On September 9th of
3 this year, my sister survived a
4 horrific act of domestic violence
5 that nearly claimed her life. In a
6 matter of moments, our world
7 changed forever. But today we
8 stand here with gratitude because
9 my sister is still here. My sister
10 is more than what happened to her.
11 She is a daughter, she is a sister,
12 and she is a woman who is deeply
13 loved by her family.

14 This incident may have
15 been a part of her story and ours,
16 but it will never define who she
17 is. On behalf of our family, we
18 would like to extend our deepest
19 appreciation to the Philadelphia
20 Police Department and the entire
21 City of Philadelphia and all of the
22 first responders and their
23 extraordinary staff at Temple
24 University Hospital, including

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2 physicians, nurses, surgeons,
3 personal staff advocates and
4 everyone who contributed to my
5 sister's care. Your compassion and
6 dedication has given our family
7 something priceless, and that is
8 more time with our sister.

9 Domestic violence does
10 affect not only the victims, but
11 entire families and communities.
12 Today we do stand in solidarity
13 with every survivor and honor those
14 who have tragically lost their
15 lives. To my sister, you are not
16 forgotten, you are not alone and
17 you are loved beyond measure.
18 Thank you again to Councilmember
19 O'Rourke in recognizing her, our
20 sister, and reminding us that
21 compassion still exists even in the
22 darkest moments. Thank you and God
23 bless you all.

24 (Applause.)

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2 MR. GANT-MADISON: Good
3 morning, everyone. Thank you all
4 for being here. My name is
5 Christian Gant-Madison, and I'd
6 like to express my cautious support
7 for Resolution 260849, which calls
8 on the General Assembly of the
9 Commonwealth to enact Senate Bill
10 1465.

11 This bill would
12 establish a single-payer health
13 care model with the aim of
14 providing care for all
15 Pennsylvanians. I believe that
16 access to affordable health care is
17 something that we should
18 prioritize, and our country's
19 current system is one that is
20 severely fragmented and, quite
21 frankly, broken.

22 Too often people fall
23 through the cracks or are hit with
24 expensive medical bills that leave

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2 them in precarious financial
3 situations. Insurers and providers
4 engage in intense negotiations over
5 reimbursement rates, leading to
6 higher costs or denials of care,
7 and pharmaceutical companies have
8 perverse incentives to drive up
9 prices for prescription drugs.

10 Given all of this, I
11 believe any legislation that aims
12 to expand access to care for
13 Pennsylvanians is a noble cause
14 that is worthy of genuine
15 consideration to fill the gaps left
16 by our fragmented national
17 framework. However, we must be
18 careful in how we structure such a
19 system to ensure that it is
20 fiscally sustainable. Any time
21 that a government expands services,
22 there is a necessary demand for
23 funds from other services and
24 functions to be reallocated or for

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2 increased revenues through taxation
3 measures.

4 To my knowledge, the
5 current proposal calls for a
6 payroll tax increase and is unclear
7 how individuals and businesses are
8 likely to respond to such a tax,
9 which may pose harmful unintended
10 consequences. It is also unclear
11 whether the current revenue
12 projections of this proposal will
13 be sufficient to reliably cover the
14 cost associated with providing care
15 for a state with over 13 million
16 residents.

17 In America, we often
18 look to European nations as models
19 for health care reform. I recently
20 returned from the United Kingdom,
21 where they have a single-payer
22 system known as the National Health
23 Service or NHS. I had the chance
24 to speak with medical professionals

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2 and citizens who expressed great
3 frustration with the system. A
4 King's Fund poll found that roughly
5 59% of British citizens are
6 dissatisfied with the NHS.

7 They cite severe
8 inefficiencies and backlogs that
9 make it difficult to obtain timely
10 access to primary care, routine and
11 elective surgeries and emergency
12 care. This is compounded by the
13 immense stress placed on their care
14 providers due to high patient
15 volumes leading to burnout, which
16 raises concerns regarding care
17 quality.

18 Funny enough, while we
19 were here in America calling for a
20 single-payer system, many of our
21 friends across the pond are calling
22 to privatize more aspects of the
23 NHS, which likely will happen in
24 the coming years. Why do I mention

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2 all of this? So we can heed the
3 lessons and avoid the
4 inefficiencies. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 THE CLERK: Honor to our
7 Council President, that concludes
8 our listing for public comment for
9 today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
12 Good job, Tonya.

13 We will now consider
14 today's Consent Agenda. I will ask
15 the Clerk to read the titles of all
16 the bills on the Consent Agenda.
17 After each title is read, any
18 member may object to the inclusion
19 of the bills on the Consent Agenda.

20 Upon such an objection
21 and without debate, the bill will
22 be immediately removed from the
23 Consent Agenda and placed on our
24 regular Second Reading and Final

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2 Passage Calendars. The Clerk will
3 now read the titles of the bills on
4 the Consent Agenda.

5 THE CLERK: Bill 250649,
6 an ordinance amending Section
7 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
8 entitled "Designation of Bicycle
9 Lanes" to authorize a bicycle lane
10 and removal of a travel lane around
11 City Hall, under certain terms and
12 conditions.

13 260298, an ordinance to
14 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps
15 by changing the zoning designations
16 of certain areas of land located
17 within an area bounded by Ridge
18 Avenue, Spring Lane, Hagy's Mills
19 Road, Port Royal Avenue, River Road
20 and the Montgomery County Line.

21 260342-A, an ordinance
22 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
23 Maps by changing the zoning
24 designations of certain areas of

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2 land within an area bounded by East
3 Washington Lane, Crittenden Street,
4 East Tulpehocken Street, East Main
5 Street and Ardleigh Street.

6 260343-A, an ordinance
7 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
8 Maps by changing the zoning
9 designations of certain areas of
10 land located within an area bounded
11 by East Washington Lane, Stenton
12 Avenue, East Main Street and
13 Ardleigh Street.

14 260344-A, an ordinance
15 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
16 Maps by changing the zoning
17 designations of certain areas of
18 land located within an area bounded
19 by North 18th Street, Colonial
20 Street, North 17th Street and
21 Cheltenham Avenue.

22 260345-A, an ordinance
23 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
24 Maps by changing the zoning

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2 designations of certain areas of
3 land located within an area bounded
4 by West Seymour Street, Knox
5 Street, West Logan Street and
6 Keyser Street.

7 260566, an ordinance
8 authorizing various encroachments
9 in the vicinity of 6238 Bustleton
10 Avenue, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 260609, an ordinance
13 amending Section 12-701 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Designation of Bicycle Lanes" to
16 authorize a bicycle lane and
17 removal of parking on Roberts
18 Avenue from Henry Avenue to King
19 Street, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 260758, an ordinance
22 regulating the placement of a truck
23 loading zone on South 23rd Street
24 between South Street and Naudain

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2 Street, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 And Bill No. 260762, an
5 ordinance regulating the placement
6 of a truck loading zone on 1716
7 Frankford Avenue between Palmer
8 Street and East Columbia Avenue,
9 all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 There are no further
12 bills on the Consent Agenda,
13 Council President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
15 JOHNSON: These bills having been
16 read on two different days, the
17 question for each bill now is
18 should the bill pass finally.

19 The Clerk will call the
20 roll. And upon being called, each
21 Councilmember shall vote aye on
22 each of the bills, nay on each of
23 the bills or indicate those bills
24 for which the members voting aye

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2 and those bills to which the

3 members voting nay.

4 Clerk, please call the

5 roll.

6 THE CLERK:

7 Councilmember Phillips.

8 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

9 Aye on all bills.

10 THE CLERK:

11 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

13 RICHARDSON: Aye on all bills.

14 THE CLERK:

15 Councilmember Gauthier was aye.

16 Councilmember Thomas.

17 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye

18 on all bills.

19 THE CLERK: Councilmember

20 Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye

22 on all bills.

23 THE CLERK:

24 Councilmember Landau.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: Aye

3 on all bills.

4 THE CLERK:

5 Councilmember Lozada.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye

7 on all bills.

8 THE CLERK:

9 Councilmember Young.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye

11 on all bills.

12 THE CLERK: Councilmember

13 Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

15 Aye on all bills.

16 THE CLERK:

17 Councilmember Harrity.

18 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye

19 on all bills.

20 THE CLERK:

21 Councilmember O'Rourke.

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

23 Aye on all bills.

24 THE CLERK:

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2 Councilmember Driscoll.

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

4 Aye on all bills.

5 THE CLERK: Councilmember

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye

8 on all bills.

9 THE CLERK:

10 Councilmember Squilla.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye

12 on all bills.

13 THE CLERK: Councilmember

14 Bass.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye

16 on all bills.

17 THE CLERK:

18 Councilmember Ahmad.

19 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD: Aye

20 on all bills.

21 THE CLERK: And, Council

22 President Johnson.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Aye on all bills.

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2 Majority of all the members having
3 voted in the affirmative for each
4 of the bills, the bills on the
5 Consent Agenda are passed.

6 We will now consider
7 resolutions on the Final Passage
8 Calendar and bills on the Second
9 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

10 Will the Clerk please
11 read the title of Resolution No.
12 260823.

13 THE CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Philadelphia
15 Redevelopment Authority to execute
16 and deliver to the Philadelphia
17 Land Bank a deed conveying title to
18 1811 West Stiles Street, located in
19 the 5th Councilmanic District,
20 pursuant to the requirements of the
21 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Member
24 Young for a motion regarding

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2 Resolution No. 260823.

3 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
4 you, Mr. President.

5 I move for its adoption.
6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that Resolution
10 No. 260823 be adopted.

11 All those in favor of
12 the motion will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Those opposed?
17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
20 motion carries. The resolution is
21 adopted.

22 Will the Clerk please
23 read the title of Resolution No.
24 260824.

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2 THE CLERK: A resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of
4 Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Philadelphia
6 Redevelopment Authority deeds
7 conveying fee simple title to 1808,
8 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819 N. Bailey
9 Street, 2611 Cecil B. Moore Avenue,
10 2438, 2442, 2456, 2648, 2651 N.
11 Corlies Street, 1816, 1838, 1839,
12 1841, 1843, 1845, 1848, 1851, 1861,
13 1862, 1866 N. Etting Street, 2519,
14 2600, 2611, 3019, 3021, 3027, 3029,
15 3031, 3039 W. Oakdale Street, 2423,
16 2425, 2437, 2446, 2501, 2504, 2506,
17 2513, 2516, 2517, 2526, 2539, 2556
18 N. Stanley Street, 1726 N. 26th
19 Street, 1735, 1747 N. 27th Street
20 in the 5th Councilmanic District of
21 the City of Philadelphia and
22 further authorizing the
23 Philadelphia Redevelopment
24 Authority to transfer to the

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2 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
3 title to such properties pursuant
4 to Section 16-405 of The
5 Philadelphia Code.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Young for a motion
9 regarding Resolution No. 260824.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
11 you, Mr. President.

12 I move for the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that Resolution
17 No. 260824 be adopted.

18 All those in favor of
19 the motion will signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
4 motion carries. The resolution is
5 adopted.

6 Will the Clerk please
7 read the title of Resolution No.
8 260846.

9 THE CLERK: A resolution
10 also naming the 1200 block of 46th
11 Street at the intersection of
12 Kingessing Avenue "The Links,
13 Incorporated Lane" to honor the
14 service and impact of The Links,
15 Incorporated on the Philadelphia
16 community.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes the
19 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
20 Richardson who will make a motion
21 on behalf of Councilmember Jamie
22 Gauthier for Resolution No. 260846.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

24 RICHARDSON: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President.

3 On behalf of

4 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, I

5 move the adoption of the

6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
10 properly seconded that Resolution
11 No. 260846 be adopted.

12 All those in favor of
13 the motion will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
21 motion carries. The resolution is
22 adopted.

23 Will the Clerk please
24 read the title of Resolution No.

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2 260848.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution
4 also designating and ceremonially
5 renaming the corner of East Ashmead
6 Street and Wakefield Street as
7 "Ennis Way," in recognition of his
8 extraordinary accomplishments in
9 boxing, his representation of
10 Philadelphia on the world stage,
11 and his commitment to inspiring and
12 giving back to the young people of
13 his hometown.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Bass for a motion
17 regarding Resolution No. 260848.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

19 Thank you, Mr. President.

20 I move for the adoption
21 of this resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

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2 properly seconded that Resolution
3 No. 260848 be adopted.

4 All those in favor of
5 the motion will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
13 motion carries and the resolution
14 is adopted.

15 Will the Clerk please
16 read the title of Resolution No.
17 260849.

18 THE CLERK: A resolution
19 calling upon the General Assembly
20 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
21 to enact Senate Bill 1465, also
22 known as the "Pennsylvania
23 Universal Health Care Act," which
24 would establish the Office of

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2 Health Care and the Pennsylvania
3 Care Board with responsibility to
4 implement a comprehensive single-
5 payer healthcare model that would
6 provide health care coverage to all
7 Pennsylvanians.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes the
10 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad for a
11 motion.

12 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
13 Thank you, Council President.
14 I move for the adoption
15 of the resolution on your behalf.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
18 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
19 properly seconded that Resolution
20 No. 260849 be adopted.

21 All those in favor of
22 the motion will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
7 motion carries and the resolution
8 is adopted.

9 Will the Clerk please
10 read the title of Bill No. 260691.

11 THE CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing and approving the
13 execution and delivery of a Service
14 Agreement between The City of
15 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and
16 Philadelphia Authority for
17 Industrial Development relating to
18 the financing of the buildout,
19 construction, equipping,
20 installation and implementation of
21 improvements for the development of
22 a forensics laboratory for the
23 Philadelphia Police Department at a
24 specified property or properties

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2 owned or leased, and operated, by
3 the City; approving the issuance by
4 such Authority of bonds, notes or
5 other evidences of indebtedness in
6 one or more series to finance or
7 refinance the costs of such project
8 and authorizing and approving the
9 obligation of the City to pay in
10 full when due the Service Fee and
11 other amounts payable under the
12 Service Agreement; authorizing
13 certain City officers to take
14 certain actions required to issue
15 such bonds, notes or other
16 evidences of indebtedness;
17 covenanting that the City will make
18 necessary appropriations in each of
19 the City's fiscal years to provide
20 for, and will make timely payments
21 of, the Service Fee and other
22 amounts due under the Service
23 Agreement; and authorizing City
24 officials to take other necessary

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2 or appropriate actions to
3 effectuate the purposes of this
4 Ordinance; all under certain terms
5 and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This bill having been
8 read on two different days, the
9 question now is shall the bill pass
10 finally.

11 Clerk, please call the
12 roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilmember
14 Phillips.

15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
16 Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilmember
18 Gilmore Richardson.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

20 RICHARDSON: Aye.

21 THE CLERK:
22 Councilmember Gauthier was aye.

23 Councilmember Thomas.

24 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK:

3 Councilmember Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 THE CLERK:

6 Councilmember Landau.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

8 Aye.

9 THE CLERK:

10 Councilmember Lozada.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

12 Aye.

13 THE CLERK:

14 Councilmember Young.

15 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

16 THE CLERK:

17 Councilmember Brooks.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

19 Aye.

20 THE CLERK:

21 Councilmember Harrity.

22 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

23 Aye.

24 THE CLERK:

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2 Councilmember O'Rourke.
3 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
4 Aye.
5 THE CLERK:
6 Councilmember Driscoll.
7 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
8 Aye.
9 THE CLERK:
10 Councilmember O'Neill.
11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
12 Aye.
13 THE CLERK:
14 Councilmember Squilla.
15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 Aye.
17 THE CLERK:
18 Councilmember Bass.
19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
20 THE CLERK:
21 Councilmember Ahmad.
22 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
23 Aye.
24 THE CLERK: And, Council

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2 President Johnson.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17 and
5 the nays are 0. Majority of all
6 members voted in the affirmative,
7 the bill passes. I want to
8 acknowledge the hard work of our
9 Chair of Public Safety Member Jones
10 for his work on the forensic lab.
11 Thank you very much, sir.

12 Will the Clerk please
13 read any additional resolutions on
14 today's Calendar.

15 THE CLERK: A privileged
16 resolution recognizing National
17 School Lunch Week, celebrated in
18 schools October 12-16, 2026 and
19 honoring the role of school meals
20 and school food service employees
21 in addressing food insecurity and
22 supporting the health and well-
23 being of Philadelphia students.
24 Introduced by Councilmember Anthony

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2 Phillips.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips
6 for a motion on the resolution.

7 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 I enthusiastically move
10 for the adoption of this
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that the
16 resolution be adopted.

17 All those in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the

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2 resolution is adopted. Thank you,
3 Member Phillips.

4 Will the Chief Clerk
5 please read the title of the next
6 resolution.

7 THE CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution honoring Philadelphia
9 Eagles legend Lane Johnson on the
10 occasion of his retirement after 14
11 incredible seasons with the
12 organization and earning two Super
13 Bowl rings and numerous other
14 accolades. Introduced by
15 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
19 motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
21 Thank you, Council President.

22 Congratulations to the
23 Hall of Famer and praying for his
24 family. I move for the adoption of

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2 the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
6 properly seconded that the
7 resolution be adopted.

8 All those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

17 Chief Clerk, please read
18 the title of the next resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution honoring Justin Edwards
21 on the occasion of the renaming of
22 Smedley Elementary's school gym,
23 commemorating his community
24 involvement and career in the

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2 National Basketball Association.
3 Introduced by Councilmember Isaiah
4 Thomas.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Isaiah
7 Thomas for a motion on the
8 resolution.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank
10 you, Council President.

11 Congratulations to my
12 young guy. I move for the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the
18 resolution be adopted.

19 All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
4 resolution is adopted. Thank you
5 very much, Coach.

6 Chief Clerk, please read
7 the title of the resolution.

8 THE CLERK: A privileged
9 resolution honoring Merrill Reese
10 as the voice of the Philadelphia
11 Eagles and congratulating him on
12 his 50th season as the Eagles radio
13 play-by-play announcer. Introduced
14 by Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
18 motion on the resolution.

19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

20 Thank you, Council President.

21 More to come on this
22 one. I move for the adoption of
23 the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the
5 resolution be adopted.

6 All those in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
14 resolution is adopted.

15 Chief Clerk, please read
16 the title of the next resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A privileged
18 resolution celebrating the
19 Philadelphia Department of Prisons
20 on the opening of the Skills
21 Center, improving the career
22 readiness and reentry process of
23 incarcerated individuals.

24 Introduced by Councilmember Isaiah

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2 Thomas.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
6 motion on the resolution.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that the
15 resolution be adopted.

16 All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
24 resolution is adopted.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the title of the resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A privileged
5 resolution honoring and recognizing
6 the Please Touch Museum on its 50th
7 anniversary, in recognition of its
8 longstanding commitment to
9 childhood learning through play and
10 its lasting impact on millions of
11 children and families from all
12 walks of life since its founding.
13 Introduced by Councilmember Curtis
14 Jones, Jr.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr. for
18 a motion and resolution.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
20 you, Mr. President.

21 I move for the adoption.
22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

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2 properly seconded that the

3 resolution be adopted.

4 All those in favor

5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the

12 resolution is adopted.

13 Chief Clerk, please read

14 the title of the resolution.

15 THE CLERK: A privileged

16 resolution honoring and recognizing

17 Mario Zucca, also known as "One-

18 Shot Mar," as the first ever winner

19 of the Philadelphia Parallel

20 Parking Association Championship

21 held on October 3, 2026.

22 Introduced by Councilmember Rue

23 Landau.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
3 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
4 motion on the resolution.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

6 Thank you, Council President.

7 I move for the adoption
8 of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
12 properly seconded that the
13 resolution be adopted.

14 All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
22 resolution is adopted.

23 Chief Clerk, please read
24 the title of the resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution honoring and recognizing
4 Mental Health Partnerships on the
5 occasion of its 75th anniversary
6 for advancing mental health
7 recovery and peer-led support for
8 people of Philadelphia for three-
9 quarters of a century. Introduced
10 by Councilmember Rue Landau.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
14 motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

16 Thank you, Council President.

17 I move for the adoption
18 of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that the
23 resolution be adopted.

24 All those in favor

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
9 resolution is adopted.

10 Chief Clerk, please read
11 the title of the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution proudly recognizing and
14 celebrating the historic legacy,
15 enduring service and contributions
16 of Second Baptist Church of
17 Frankford and the Black community
18 of Frankford. Introduced by
19 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada for a
23 motion on the resolution.

24 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 I move for the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that the
8 resolution be adopted.

9 All those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
17 resolution is adopted.

18 Chief Clerk, please read
19 the title of the resolution.

20 THE CLERK: A privileged
21 resolution declaring October 2026
22 as Domestic Violence Awareness
23 Month in the City of Philadelphia.
24 Introduced by Councilmember Quetcy

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2 Lozada.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Lozada for a motion
6 on the resolution.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 In collaboration with
10 Minority Leader Brooks, I move for
11 the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that the
16 resolution be adopted.

17 All those in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

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2 resolution has been adopted.

3 Chief Clerk, please read
4 the title of the resolution.

5 THE CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution honoring Philadelphia
7 Firefighter Joshua Pagan for his
8 extraordinary courage and selfless
9 service in saving the lives of four
10 fellow firefighters and celebrating
11 his historic distinction as the
12 first Latino recipient of the
13 Philadelphia Firefighter of the
14 Year award. Introduced by
15 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Chief recognizes
18 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada for a
19 motion and resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
21 Thank you, Council President.

22 I move for the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the
5 resolution be adopted.

6 All those in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 resolution is adopted. Good job,
15 Lozada.

16 Chief Clerk, please read
17 the title of the resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A privileged
19 resolution recognizing the late
20 Judge Raymond Pace Alexander,
21 former Councilmember of the Fifth
22 Councilmanic District, and first
23 African American Philadelphia City
24 Councilmember and the first African

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2 American judge on the Court of
3 Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, on
4 the occasion of his Judicial
5 Portrait Rededication Ceremony.
6 Introduced by Councilmember Jeffrey
7 Jay Young on behalf of Council
8 President Johnson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
12 a motion on the resolution.

13 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
14 you, Mr. President.

15 I move for the adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
19 properly seconded that the
20 resolution be adopted.

21 All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
6 resolution has been adopted.

7 Chief Clerk, please read
8 the title of the resolution.

9 THE CLERK: A privileged
10 resolution commending the
11 Pennsylvania Human Relations
12 Commission for issuing guidance,
13 affirming that waiving admission
14 fees for personal care assistance
15 at public and commercial properties
16 is an important and reasonable
17 accommodation and recognizing the
18 work of Michael Anderson of the Arc
19 of Philadelphia for his successful
20 advocacy. Introduced by
21 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Kendra Brooks for a

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2 motion on the resolution.

3 THE CLERK: Thank you,

4 Council President.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I

6 move for the adoption of the

7 resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

11 properly seconded that the

12 resolution be adopted.

13 All those in favor

14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

21 resolution is adopted.

22 Chief Clerk, please read

23 the title of the resolution.

24 THE CLERK: A privileged

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2 resolution honoring the life and
3 Legacy of Martin "Marty" Weinberg,
4 attorney and former City Solicitor,
5 celebrating his lifetime commitment
6 to the City of Philadelphia and
7 extending the deepest condolences
8 to his family and friends upon his
9 passing. Introduced by
10 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Jim Harrity for a
14 motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
16 Thank you, Council President.
17 I move for the adoption
18 of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
21 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that the
23 resolution be adopted.

24 All those in favor

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
9 resolution is adopted.

10 Chief Clerk, please read
11 the title of the resolution.

12 THE CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution authorizing the
14 Committee on Licenses and
15 Inspections to hold hearings to
16 examine the maintenance,
17 inspection, enforcement and
18 demolition of deteriorating,
19 blighted and unsafe properties in
20 the City of Philadelphia.
21 Introduced by Councilmember Cindy
22 Bass.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Cindy Bass for a
3 motion on the resolution.

4 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

5 Thank you, Mr. President.

6 I move for the adoption
7 of this resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that the
12 resolution is adopted.

13 All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the title of the resolution.

24 THE CLERK: A privileged

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2 resolution recognizing October 18,
3 2026 as World Menopause Day in
4 Philadelphia. Introduced by
5 Councilmember Nina Ahmad.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad for a
9 motion on the resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
11 Thank you, Council President.
12 I move for the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the
18 resolution be adopted.

19 All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
4 resolution is adopted.

5 That concludes our
6 Calendar for today.

7 Any brief speeches on
8 behalf of the Minority? The Chair
9 recognizes Councilmember Kendra
10 Brooks.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
12 Thank you, Council President.

13 Last year I held a
14 hearing of the Committee of People
15 with Disabilities about the
16 accessibility for big events in
17 2026. One of the major concerns
18 from the hearing was that
19 accessibility could not be an
20 afterthought and that people with
21 disability could not be left out of
22 the planning process.

23 Today I brought forth a
24 resolution to recognize Michael

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2 Anderson of the Arc of
3 Pennsylvania, who refused to be
4 left out of the process and spoke
5 up for people with disabilities
6 across the state over a decade.
7 Michael has fought for the people
8 with disabilities to have equal
9 access to sports, games, concerts,
10 museums and other events.

11 Recently, he worked with
12 the Pennsylvania Human Relations
13 Commission to create new guidelines
14 for venues who host these events.
15 The guidelines affirm that people
16 with disabilities should not be
17 required to pay for two tickets in
18 order to attend an event with their
19 personal care attendant. Using
20 these guidelines, venues should
21 develop policies to ensure that
22 people with disabilities are not
23 charged double because of their
24 medical needs. I applaud Michael

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2 and the Arc and the Pennsylvania
3 Human Rights Coalition for their
4 work on this issue, and I urge all
5 venues in Philadelphia to
6 familiarize themselves with these
7 new guidelines.

8 And today I also
9 partnered with Councilmember Quetcy
10 Lozada and Women Against Abuse to
11 recognize October as Domestic
12 Violence Awareness Month in
13 Philadelphia. This year and every
14 year I am remembering my cousin
15 Tianna, who lost her life to
16 domestic violence over ten years
17 ago. And I want to thank
18 Councilmember Lozada for sharing
19 her story, because these survivors'
20 stories help to break down the
21 shame and stigma surrounding
22 domestic violence. And I want to
23 thank Women Against Abuse for their
24 outreach and advocacy on behalf of

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2 survivors. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 Any speeches on behalf
7 of the Majority?

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Anthony Phillips.

10 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
11 Thank you, Council President.

12 For me this week, I just
13 wanted to briefly talk about
14 something that has really touched
15 my heart. A couple months ago I
16 had an opportunity to meet with
17 students from Philly Bolt, an
18 organization at Olney High School,
19 and also an organization with
20 students across the city. They
21 were both students at Olney High
22 School that shared with me that
23 their school lunch was absolutely
24 terrible.

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2 They provided me with a
3 problem statement and they offered
4 me different solutions on what
5 should be done to address the
6 issue. I had always knew that
7 school lunches were a problem. But
8 I just wasn't sure how much it was
9 a problem to our students until I
10 met up with those Olney High School
11 students. And what I want you to
12 know now is that their testimony
13 and their presentation touched me
14 in a way that I said, now is the
15 time more than ever to address this
16 issue.

17 After meeting with our
18 students, I began to unravel what
19 the issue is currently in
20 Philadelphia. Most of our school
21 lunches are being shipped from
22 another state, New York at that,
23 and then being brought to the City
24 of Philadelphia for food to be

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2 reheated. The students at Olney
3 High School said to me, the food is
4 not made with love. They also said
5 that often times the food is not
6 heated well. And they also said
7 that a lot of times the variety of
8 food is pretty much the same.
9 There's no variety.

10 They said a lot of great
11 things are happening in developing
12 art at Olney. There are great
13 athletic programs, academic
14 programs. Academic achievement is
15 going up. But we just need to get
16 this school lunch thing right. And
17 so for me, one of the things that
18 I'm urging the School District of
19 Philadelphia to do is to come up
20 with a new solution, that I'm also
21 going to be working with them to
22 come up with solutions as well. We
23 do understand that most of the
24 school lunches are paid for by the

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2 federal government. However, just
3 because the federal government is
4 financing the school lunches, it
5 doesn't necessarily mean that we
6 have to accept the lousy quality of
7 taste that the school lunches are.

8 So what we're asking for
9 is more sense of conversations
10 around public and private
11 partnerships, ways in which we can
12 invest in food being cooked on site
13 as opposed to being heated,
14 reheated up. There's a big
15 difference from food that is heated
16 versus food that is prepared right
17 that very moment in front of your
18 eyes. So I just want to say yes.

19 Today we introduced a
20 resolution to recognize National
21 School Lunch Week, but we also
22 introduced a resolution to
23 reexamine school meal policies and
24 practices here in the city of

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2 Philadelphia. We need to look at
3 the freshness, taste, nutritional
4 quality, temperature, portion
5 sizes, all these issues and more
6 that these young people have
7 brought up to us. It is an age-old
8 problem that we have known about
9 for a long time.

10 But what we do know is
11 it's probably impacting -- not
12 probably what I do know, it is
13 because students told me themselves
14 that they'd rather not eat at all.
15 And there's also a stigma that for
16 young people in these schools to
17 eat the school lunch if they are
18 hungry, so it is time to solve that
19 age-old problem.

20 Together we can make
21 school lunches a better experience
22 for all of our students across the
23 city of Philadelphia. And believe
24 it or not, there are some schools

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2 that actually have better lunches,
3 why is that, right here in the
4 School District of Philadelphia.
5 So it's time to make a change. And
6 we want to have young people doing
7 well in school.

8 Let's work together to
9 make sure that our federal partners
10 understand that we're not
11 tolerating this. And I'm not going
12 to stop until students at Olney
13 High School and across the City of
14 Philadelphia, across the
15 Philadelphia School District and
16 others understand that we're here
17 for them. We're here to support
18 them. And the time is for them to
19 deserve a great quality meal.

20 Thank you, Council
21 President.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you, Member

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2 Phillips.

3 Chair recognizes

4 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore

5 Richardson.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

7 RICHARDSON: Thank you,

8 Mr. President.

9 Today I introduced my
10 10th piece of legislation related
11 to the ongoing fight to combat the
12 nuisance businesses that have
13 continued to proliferate across the
14 City of Philadelphia in recent
15 years. Specifically, the proposed
16 legislation will update the zoning
17 code to establish a specific
18 definition for tobacco retailing,
19 codifying a 750-foot setback
20 requirement from sensitive
21 locations. And that includes our
22 schools and our day cares and
23 creates restrictions around those
24 window coverings.

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2 Under the current zoning
3 code, businesses that sell tobacco
4 products are treated as any other
5 retail business and can open an
6 area zoned for retail. While the
7 Health Department's regulations do
8 create limits by creating a
9 separate definition, the city will
10 be able to set clear rules for
11 where smoke shops are permitted,
12 where they require additional
13 review and where they are not
14 allowed, while giving communities a
15 stronger voice in this process.
16 Because community is at the heart
17 of this issue, they deserve a say
18 in the type of businesses opening
19 in their communities.

20 And despite all of our
21 best efforts, which have been
22 aggressive, these businesses
23 continue to find loopholes to
24 continue harming our neighborhoods.

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2 This legislation builds on my
3 previous work and puts power back
4 in the hands of the community and
5 will be the largest attempt at
6 regulating tobacco sales in
7 Philadelphia in years. The
8 Commonwealth has preempted us from
9 making decisions about where and
10 how tobacco can be sold in our
11 neighborhoods.

12 However, the city has
13 explicit control over zoning. And
14 in taking this step, we are
15 exercising our authority to say
16 where these products can be sold.
17 Clarifying the zoning code has
18 emerged as a powerful tool for
19 addressing what is happening in our
20 neighborhoods, and I am proud to be
21 using this tool to make a real
22 difference in this fight. The
23 latest bill goes hand-in-hand with
24 my ninth bill that I introduced a

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2 couple weeks ago at our September
3 17th session, which is Bill No.
4 260688.

5 That bill updates the
6 zoning code to replace the existing
7 Food, Beverages and Groceries and
8 Sunrise Pharmaceuticals and
9 Convenience Sales Use definitions
10 with more specific definitions for
11 the Groceries and Pharmaceuticals
12 category. That also gives the city
13 a more targeted tool for responding
14 to specific neighborhood concerns.

15 Together these bills
16 give us stronger ways to protect
17 our communities and our young
18 people. I look forward to working
19 with all of my colleagues, most
20 especially my District colleagues,
21 on this legislation, and look
22 forward to working with our
23 community organizations, our
24 civics, our RCOs as we continue

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2 this work.

3 Thank you so much,

4 Mr. President.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much and
8 congratulations.

9 Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

11 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
12 Thank you, Council President.

13 Good afternoon,
14 everyone. Let me begin by saying
15 Happy World Menopause Day. World
16 Menopause Day was established in
17 2009 to raise awareness of
18 menopause and to improve the
19 experiences of people who
20 experience menopause.

21 In the United States,
22 approximately 2 million women enter
23 menopause annually. And 8 to 10
24 million women experience menopause

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2 symptoms in any given year. More
3 concerning, most women in the U.S.
4 do not receive medical treatment
5 for symptoms of menopause. In
6 2021, 2.1 million women aged
7 between 45 and 64 were treated for
8 those symptoms. That's only 5% of
9 the age group and roughly 20% to
10 25% of women in menopause at the
11 time of the study.

12 These numbers of course
13 become worse when we look at
14 Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black
15 women, with only 2.7% and 2.5%
16 seeking treatment respectively.
17 This is why today I introduced a
18 resolution to declare October 18th
19 World Menopause Day in
20 Philadelphia.

21 I feel like this year
22 this recognition of World Menopause
23 is more than just symbolic. This
24 year the recognition comes with

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2 teeth in the form of my Bill No.
3 250849. I have spoken on this bill
4 before, but I'd like to remind
5 everybody here today that this bill
6 goes into effect January 1, 2027.
7 It guarantees your rights to
8 reasonable workforce accommodations
9 when it comes to symptoms of
10 menstruation, perimenopause and
11 menopause, and it makes sure you're
12 not discriminated against when
13 seeking them out.

14 I want to thank the
15 people who testified today during
16 public comment, Dr. Roebuck,
17 Shannon Criniti and Taniek Gentles,
18 who really emphasized what I just
19 said and I thank them for being
20 here. I'm also incredibly proud
21 that this legislation that I just
22 spoke about a few minutes ago is
23 the first of its kind in any
24 municipality in the country because

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2 it includes menstruation. And I am
3 especially hopeful, by the way,
4 that I have seen it resonate
5 throughout Philadelphia and beyond.

6 We are now seeing
7 legislation in Harrisburg and
8 across the nation that addresses
9 the realities of menopause and it
10 has been my honor to be a part of
11 this movement. So I'm glad once
12 again to recognize World Menopause
13 Day today.

14 Yesterday I held a
15 hearing in the Committee on
16 Commerce and Economic Development
17 to explore the process of becoming
18 a microbusiness in Philadelphia,
19 and to learn how the city can be
20 better partners to our
21 entrepreneurs. I want to thank
22 Committee Chair Mark Squilla and my
23 colleagues who were here,
24 especially Councilmember Mike

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2 Driscoll, who stayed through the
3 entire process for the spirit of
4 collaboration that you brought to
5 the hearing. I'd like to thank
6 everyone who testified for your
7 input and thoughtful feedback, very
8 solution-oriented. Taking a day
9 off as a small business owner is a
10 significant challenge, and I don't
11 take it lightly that so many took
12 time out of their day to make their
13 voices heard.

14 I want to quickly
15 acknowledge the wonderful young
16 talent on my team. As of today,
17 Naysa Dhanokar, if you would please
18 stand up, joined my team as a
19 communications intern. She is a
20 junior at Temple University
21 studying mathematical economics and
22 has a background in film and social
23 media management. She will be
24 joining my small but mighty

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2 communications team. Welcome,
3 Naysa. And Team Nina has two
4 interns from Lankenau Environmental
5 Science Magnet High School who are
6 here today in the chambers. Wynter
7 and Abdullah will be with my team
8 until May and I am thrilled to have
9 them. My time with Lankenau
10 students continue to drive home
11 just how exceptional at the school
12 is, and it is shameful that the
13 school district continues to plan
14 to shut them down.

15 I want to thank
16 Councilmember Jones for his
17 innovative legislation regarding
18 the Lankenau site and remind
19 everyone the fight to save the
20 school and the other schools on
21 that 17 No. list is not over. So
22 please save Lankenau, and I want to
23 acknowledge my students here.
24 Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 Chair recognizes Jeffrey

6 Jay Young.

7 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
8 you, Mr. President.

9 I want to thank
10 Dr. Phillips for the resolution,
11 just acknowledging the type of food
12 that our students get at our school
13 district. I had an open invitation
14 now to Dr. Watlington for I guess
15 the past two years now to come eat
16 lunch with me at Ben Franklin High
17 School, right, just so we can see
18 what our students are getting. So
19 thank you, Dr. Phillips, for that,
20 because I've been told time and
21 time again that the food is just
22 not good. And for the City of
23 Philadelphia to be known for having
24 some of the best restaurants, the

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2 best culinary schools, we can
3 figure this out locally. So thank
4 you for bringing some attention to
5 this matter.

6 I also want to thank
7 Council President for allowing me
8 to introduce the resolution today
9 honoring Judge Raymond Pace
10 Alexander, the first African
11 American on Philadelphia City
12 Council, former 5th Council
13 District member and former Judge of
14 the Court of Common Pleas, the
15 first Black Judge on the Court of
16 Common Pleas. He is the husband of
17 Sadie T. Alexander. And folks know
18 that they were the original North
19 Philly power couple. So thank you
20 for allowing me to introduce that
21 resolution.

22 I look forward to the
23 portrait unveiling in the courtroom
24 here in City Hall. I have a

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2 bookmark where I have all the past
3 Councilmembers since 1951 listed on
4 there, actually sitting right here.
5 And it just reminds us of the
6 greatness of the members of the
7 past Councilmembers who represented
8 the 5th District.

9 And speaking of that, I
10 want to say happy birthday to a
11 former 5th District Councilmember
12 and former Mayor John F. Street.
13 Today is his birthday. So
14 definitely want to give him a
15 special birthday shout-out.

16 I want to thank my
17 colleagues for the Domestic
18 Violence Awareness resolution.
19 Myself living in this city have
20 experienced -- and I tell folks all
21 the time, whatever you've been
22 through, I've probably been through
23 it or just one degree away from it.
24 And domestic violence is something

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2 that I've witnessed in my life
3 firsthand. The trauma of
4 witnessing that still lives in me
5 to this day. And so, I just want
6 to thank all the folks who are here
7 today to testify on that
8 resolution. I want to thank
9 Lutheran Settlement House in the
10 5th Council District for always
11 providing support to victims of
12 domestic violence.

13 Last night we held our
14 Quality of Life Town Hall at
15 Hartranft School. I want to thank
16 All Together Community Alliance,
17 37th Ward, and the Hartranft
18 Playground Alliance for coming out,
19 participating and supporting us in
20 our Quality of Life Town Halls
21 where we got to address some
22 significant community issues.

23 One of those community
24 issues that popped up is the use of

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2 the Hartranft Community Center that
3 was transferred to the Philadelphia
4 Housing Authority from the City of
5 Philadelphia for community space.
6 But members of that community feel
7 like that resource center is not
8 for the community. Those who don't
9 know, when Philadelphia Housing
10 Authority has these community
11 centers or community spaces,
12 they're not treated like our rec
13 centers or rec spaces, right. The
14 public barely has access to it.

15 If you're not a PHA
16 resident, it's very, very difficult
17 for you to access these so-called
18 community spaces. The Philadelphia
19 Housing Authority pretty much acts
20 as a private entity when it comes
21 to that, when they are the stewards
22 of public land. And so, I think
23 that some of those ideas, how they
24 I guess treat our constituents has

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2 to change if they're going to be
3 getting public land and acting as a
4 private corporation. I think we
5 have to put some rules in place to
6 allow community use similar to our
7 rec centers and our parks, because
8 they are getting local taxpayer
9 money as well to go toward these
10 projects. So we need to make sure
11 that our local constituents have
12 that same access.

13 Today we passed a
14 resolution that would start the
15 process of transferring 40 city-
16 owned properties to the Land Bank,
17 and these 40 properties will become
18 Turn the Key homes in the 5th
19 Council District. Since we've been
20 in office, we have not supported
21 any transfer of city-owned land for
22 market-rate housing solely. Only
23 transfers have gone to affordable
24 housing in the 5th Council

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2 District. That is a policy that we
3 are going to continue to push with
4 our publicly-owned land in our
5 district. And today starts that
6 process of 40 more Turn the Key
7 homes to be developed in the
8 district.

9 I wasn't here last week
10 due to a personal matter in our
11 family. But I wanted to take a
12 moment to celebrate the incredible
13 success of our third annual Norf
14 Philly Day - The Family Reunion.
15 After having to reschedule due to
16 weather, North Philly showed up and
17 showed out. It was a beautiful day
18 filled with music, food. We had a
19 basketball tournament. Local
20 businesses, community resources,
21 and most importantly, the neighbors
22 came together to celebrate
23 everything that makes North
24 Philadelphia special.

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2 We celebrated the
3 culture, the talent, local
4 businesses again and the pride we
5 have in our neighborhood. And this
6 year's celebration was a reminder
7 of just how strong and vibrant our
8 community is.

9 I want to quote a
10 staffer who attended, Councilmember
11 O'Rourke. She mentioned and said
12 that Norf Philly Day was all that,
13 right. And so, I want to give a
14 huge thank you to All In The Family
15 CDC, Shadow Trax Media Arts, my
16 colleagues Councilmembers Jones,
17 Bass and Councilmember Kendra
18 Brooks, all of our vendors, our
19 community partners, our volunteers,
20 thank you, the performers and the
21 residents that helped make it
22 possible.

23 We fed -- we had over, I
24 don't know, individual food,

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2 probably 2000 pieces of individual
3 food. OIC Culinary Kitchen alone
4 cooked a thousand hamburgers and
5 hot dogs for us, right. We had a
6 plethora of -- shout-out to Herk,
7 the Chicken Man from North Philly,
8 Lippincott Stadium giving out free
9 chicken. Thank you, Councilmember
10 Bass, for that, right. We had
11 Rapid Response Team giving out free
12 pizza all day, right. And so, we
13 fed the community.

14 The community was
15 entertained. We had IJW Wrestling
16 again, right. So the kids were
17 watching wrestlers getting suplexed
18 in the grass, right. It was
19 amazing. It was amazing. And I
20 look forward to having Norf Philly
21 again next year. North Philly is
22 more than a place on the map. It
23 is a community. It's a culture.
24 It's a family. And I couldn't be

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2 more proud to celebrate how we came
3 together that week.

4 Gun violence is still
5 the number one issue for many
6 Philadelphians in the city,
7 Mr. President. So I also want to
8 express although we have historic
9 lows in the city, we lost an
10 officer to gun violence here in the
11 City of Philadelphia. So that one
12 life is too many. And so, my
13 office is going to continue to do
14 whatever we can do to support
15 families, victims, communities of
16 gun violence to prevent this from
17 happening in our city. Because
18 again, that one life is too much to
19 lose from a preventable death,
20 which gun violence is a preventable
21 death. And so, we will continue to
22 do our work to prevent these acts
23 from happening.

24 And last but not least,

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2 Mr. President, today I introduced
3 legislation to bring back the
4 Parking Amnesty program here in the
5 City of Philadelphia, because I
6 believe residents deserve a fair
7 opportunity to get out from under
8 years of accumulated parking debt.
9 We know that when a parking ticket
10 starts at \$50, it can quickly turn
11 into hundreds of dollars.

12 Sometimes in some cases, thousands
13 of dollars in fines, fees, and
14 penalties. And for working
15 families already struggling to make
16 ends meet, that debt can be
17 overwhelming. And the consequences
18 go beyond money.

19 Unpaid parking tickets
20 can lead to booting, towing and
21 even registration suspensions for
22 residents who rely on their
23 vehicles to get to work, take their
24 children to school, care for their

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2 family. A parking debt can become
3 an economic barrier to stability.

4 And we've done this
5 before, Mr. President. We've seen
6 the impact. In 2018, Philadelphia
7 implemented a two-month Parking
8 Amnesty program that helped nearly
9 25,000 people resolve outstanding
10 violations and forgave
11 approximately 9 million in parking
12 debt. That's thousands of
13 Philadelphians who were given an
14 opportunity for a fresh start.

15 Now, there's always a
16 conversation about parking
17 enforcement and revenue and the
18 money to support our schools. And
19 I absolutely believe we need to be
20 investing more in our public
21 education. But we also need to be
22 honest about how that funding works
23 under the current funding formula.
24 The PPA must meet an increasing

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2 revenue threshold before an
3 additional onstreet parking revenue
4 goes to our schools and after
5 operating and administrative
6 expenses, the school district isn't
7 necessarily seeing the benefit
8 residents are led to believe.

9 In fact, according to
10 the City Comptroller, the school
11 district received \$0 from PPA in
12 2025 despite budgeting for
13 \$7 million in revenue. So we need
14 to ask ourselves, are we really
15 helping our schools by keeping
16 residents buried in parking debt
17 that may never be collected or can
18 we find a better way to provide
19 relief, encourage payment, and help
20 people move forward. This isn't
21 about eliminating accountability or
22 suggesting that people shouldn't
23 follow parking regulations. It's
24 about recognizing that a parking

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2 ticket should not become a lifelong
3 financial burden.

4 I believe we can enforce
5 our parking laws, support our
6 schools and still show some
7 compassion, right. That's one of
8 the core values of Girard College.
9 Compassion for working families who
10 need a chance to get back on their
11 feet. That's why I introduced this
12 legislation. I look forward to
13 working with my colleagues to bring
14 this meaningful parking debt relief
15 back to Philadelphia.

16 A few announcements:
17 This Saturday we have a street
18 renaming for Phat Geez, who was a
19 very, very well-known North
20 Philadelphia rapper who
21 unfortunately lost his life due to
22 gun violence again in the City of
23 Philadelphia in 2024. He was more
24 than an artist. He was a son of

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2 North Philly and used his music to
3 tell stories. So on the 1200 block
4 of LeCount we will be having a
5 block party to honor Phat Geez and
6 the street renaming.

7 And also this Sunday, we
8 had to reschedule our street
9 renaming for coach Ken Hamilton.
10 But we'll be doing it this Sunday,
11 October 18th, right there on Broad
12 and Green. As you remember, we had
13 to plan it but we can't predict the
14 weather. So we want to honor Coach
15 Ham at 10:00 a.m. On Sunday,
16 October 13th, Broad and Green to
17 give him his well-deserved flowers.

18 Thank you,
19 Mr. President.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

23 Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Landau.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

3 Thank you, Council President.

4 I want to start by

5 thanking my colleagues today for

6 your amazingly thoughtful

7 recognition, Councilmember Lozada

8 and Kendra Brooks for recognizing

9 survivors of domestic violence.

10 The work that we're doing across

11 Philadelphia is so important.

12 Also, to Minority Leader Brooks,

13 sometimes the fights for justice in

14 the disability community take so

15 long, but that win, that 13-year

16 win is so huge. It was a barrier

17 to people really appreciating the

18 arts and culture, movies,

19 everything in Philadelphia. It's

20 insane. You'd have to buy two

21 tickets when you had an assistant

22 and they finally had the win. So

23 that is wonderful.

24 But on a lighter note

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2 and a silly and wonderful note,
3 today I was proud to introduce a
4 resolution to a true Philadelphia
5 legend, Mario Zucca, known to some
6 as One-Shot Mar, was recently
7 crowned the first-ever champion of
8 the Philadelphia Parallel Parking
9 Association, known as the PPA
10 Championship.

11 Mario participated in
12 the three categories of one chance,
13 the tight squeeze and parking under
14 the duress of distractions, aka the
15 average afternoon of driving around
16 South Philadelphia looking for a
17 spot. And he did it all in a 2012
18 Mazda hatchback with no backup
19 camera. Mario rose to the
20 challenge and earned the title of
21 Philadelphia's Parallel Parking. I
22 know many of us here in this
23 chamber are very proud of our own
24 parallel parking prowess. I am one

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2 of them. I've been stopped by
3 people on the street saying that is
4 a work of art while watching me
5 park.

6 But I think I also heard
7 that Councilmember Young and also
8 Council President Johnson feel like
9 they are in this category as well.
10 So good to hear a lot of fun.
11 Mario is also a wonderful artist.
12 And in addition to the joy that
13 this event brought and those who
14 attended or followed along on
15 social media, I applaud the PPPA
16 for its awareness campaign around
17 Safe Streets, Vision Zero and
18 something I've championed here in
19 City Hall alongside so many of my
20 colleagues here today.

21 I was also proud to
22 recognize Mental Health
23 Partnerships, an organization that
24 has spent 75 years making a

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2 meaningful difference in the lives
3 of Philadelphians. For 75 years,
4 Mental Health Partnerships has
5 understood that our mental health
6 and wellness affect our families,
7 our neighborhoods, our workplaces
8 and our communities. And
9 supporting mental health means
10 supporting people as a whole,
11 individuals with their own
12 experiences, strengths, and goals.
13 Beyond its direct
14 services, MHP has been a steadfast
15 advocate for the people it serves,
16 working with community
17 organizations and city leaders to
18 advance behavioral health funding,
19 access to care, and the full civic
20 participation of people living with
21 mental health conditions. To
22 everyone at Mental Health
23 Partnerships, thank you for your
24 decades of service, your advocacy,

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2 and your commitment to a more
3 compassionate Philadelphia.

4 Thank you, Council
5 President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
11 you, Mr. President.

12 I want to thank my
13 colleagues for the various pieces
14 of legislation that they put in
15 today. They impact those four
16 quarters I often talk about,
17 ranging from young people to people
18 entering the workforce, to people
19 established in the workforce,
20 trying to stay afloat and to our
21 most vulnerable seniors.

22 Kendra Brooks talked
23 about the Pennsylvania Human
24 Relations Commission. And I am the

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2 Chairman of the Board of the
3 Pennsylvania Human Relations, so we
4 are thankful for that. Member
5 Phillips put in information about
6 lunches affecting our young people
7 and how they can become more
8 nutrition and cost-effective to our
9 young people.

10 What I rise about today
11 though affects all of those four
12 quarters. Thanks to the Tribune,
13 they exposed some of the issues
14 related to the increased amount of
15 cut-offs for gas customers, close
16 to 30% increase in people getting
17 shut off. There are things that
18 will make you homeless -- I talked
19 to my colleague who is on the Gas
20 Commission. There are things that
21 make you homeless. Losing your
22 utilities, water will get you
23 homeless. Losing gas will make you
24 homeless and vulnerable. It

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2 affects our seniors who sit in the
3 cold. It affects our young people
4 trying to get a good night's sleep
5 that have to go to work.

6 So we want to take a
7 look and introduce a resolution
8 next week calling for the
9 examination of possibly suspending
10 shut-offs from PGW. This impacts
11 everyone. It's the kind of thing
12 where we can evaluate looking at
13 examples where the Water Department
14 has stricter measures about what
15 residential customers can be cut
16 off.

17 We need to now take a
18 harder look at eligibilities for
19 PGW, times of the year for PGW, and
20 modifying payment agreements that
21 are doable and who is eligible.
22 It's time. We often talk about
23 what the federal government is
24 doing to the cost of living to

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2 average-working people in
3 Philadelphia. But here is an
4 opportunity, a utility that we
5 control, that we can ease the
6 burden to customers in the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 I look forward to
9 working with my colleagues, in
10 particular Member Driscoll on the
11 Gas Commission, to take a hard look
12 at where the ways we can alleviate
13 some of that in the future.

14 Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

19 Chair recognizes Member
20 Lozada.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 First, I'd like to thank
24 Minority Leader Brooks for joining

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2 me today introducing the bill or
3 the resolution that recognizes
4 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
5 This month reminds us that ending
6 abuse is a shared commitment and
7 responsibility of ensuring no
8 survivor has to face these
9 challenges alone. In partnership
10 with the City of Philadelphia, the
11 Philadelphia Domestic Violence
12 Collaborative, comprised of
13 Congreso de Latinos Unidos,
14 Lutheran Settlement House, Women in
15 Transition and Women Against Abuse,
16 provides critical domestic violence
17 services, including operating the
18 Philadelphia Domestic Violence
19 Hotline, which offers confidential
20 24-hour crisis intervention and
21 connection to essential community
22 resources.
23 Women Against Abuse
24 reaches more than 10,000 people

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2 each year through the Philadelphia
3 Domestic Violence Collaborative and
4 the city's Office of Domestic
5 Violence Strategies, community
6 organizations and government
7 agencies collaborate through a
8 Shared Safety Philadelphia to
9 strengthen prevention, improve
10 access to services and coordinate
11 services, support services to those
12 impacted by domestic violence.

13 Every survivor deserves
14 to be heard, respected and
15 supported regardless of language,
16 immigration status, gender
17 identity, sexual orientation or
18 financial circumstances and must be
19 empowered to make decisions about
20 their own safety and their future.
21 To every victim, you are not alone.
22 You're not alone. There are
23 resources out there. All you need
24 to do is make a phone call.

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2 I want to thank every
3 single organization, whether large
4 or small, doing the grassroots work
5 out there to ensure that all of our
6 families are safe and that they're
7 connected to the necessary
8 resources.

9 Thank you, Council
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you.

13 As there are no more
14 speeches, the Chair recognizes
15 Member Thomas for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
18 Thank you, Council President.

19 I just want to remind
20 everybody that there will be a
21 briefing immediately after Council
22 with the Pennsylvania Municipal
23 League.

24 And with that,

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2 Mr. President, I move that Council
3 stands adjourned until Thursday,
4 October 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that City Council
9 stand adjourned until Thursday,
10 October 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

11 All those in favor of
12 the motion will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. Motion
20 is adjourned.

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22 (Stated Meeting

23 adjourned at 12:45 p.m.)

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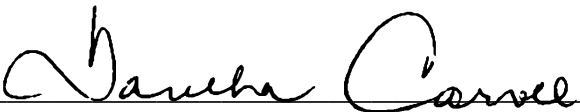
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City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, October 15, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

Speakers for public comment can sign up in advance, submit comments electronically, or sign up to speak the day of the meeting. To sign up in advance, speakers may call 215-686-3406 or email chiefclerk@phila.gov by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting. Speakers who sign up in advance will be added to the list. Speakers must sign up individually, not on behalf of others or groups, and provide the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

**Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage
Calendars – titles are printed below.**

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS ON FIRST READING**RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE****260823****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank a deed conveying title to 1811 W. Stiles Street, located in the 5th Councilmanic District, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

260824**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1808, 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819 N. Bailey Street, 2611 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 2438, 2442, 2456, 2648, 2651 N. Corlies Street, 1816, 1838, 1839, 1841, 1843, 1845, 1848, 1851, 1861, 1862, 1866 N. Etting Street, 2519, 2600, 2611, 3019, 3021, 3027, 3029, 3031, 3039 W. Oakdale Street, 2423, 2425, 2437, 2446, 2501, 2504, 2506, 2513, 2516, 2517, 2526, 2539, 2556 N. Stanley Street, 1726 N. 26th Street, 1735, 1747 N. 27th Street in the 5th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

260846**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 1200 Block of 46th Street at the intersection of Kingsessing Avenue “The Links, Incorporated Lane” to honor the service and impact of The Links, Incorporated on the Philadelphia community.

260847**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 3900 Block of Lancaster Avenue as “Chosen 300 Way” to honor the legacy and impact of the Chosen 300 Ministries on the West Philadelphia community.

260848**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution also designating and ceremonially renaming the corner of East Ashmead Street and Wakefield Street as “Ennis Way,” in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments in boxing, his representation of Philadelphia on the world stage, and his commitment to inspiring and giving back to the young people of his hometown.

260849**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad for Council President Johnson

Resolution calling upon the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enact Senate Bill 1465, also known as the “Pennsylvania Universal Healthcare Act”, which would establish the Office of Health Care and the Pennsylvania Care Board with responsibility to implement a comprehensive single-payer healthcare model that would provide healthcare coverage to all Pennsylvanians.

BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

250649**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of a travel lane around City Hall, under certain terms and conditions.

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

260076**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Philadelphia Child Welfare Commission; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

260298**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Spring Lane, Hagy's Mill Road, Port Royal Avenue, River Road, and the Montgomery County Line.

260342-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by East Washington Lane, Crittenden Street, East Tulpehocken Street, East Haines Street, and Ardleigh Street.

260343-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by East Washington Lane, Stenton Avenue, East Haines Street, and Ardleigh Street.

260344-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by N. 18th Street, Colonial Street, N. 17th Street and Cheltenham Avenue.

260345-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by West Seymour Street, Knox Street, West Logan Street and Keyser Street.

260462**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Thompson Street, 17th Street, Girard Avenue, Ridge Avenue, 19th Street, Cabot Street, and 18th Street, and amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts" by amending Section 14-529, entitled "VDO, Fifth District Overlay District," all under certain terms and conditions.

260566**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 6238 Bustleton Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

260609**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of parking on Roberts Avenue from Henry Avenue to King Street, under certain terms and conditions.

260691**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between The City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the financing of the buildout, construction, equipping, installation and implementation of improvements for the development of a forensics laboratory for the Philadelphia Police Department at a specified property or properties owned or leased, and operated, by the City; approving the issuance by such Authority of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in one or more series to finance or refinance the costs of such project and authorizing and approving the obligation of the City to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement; authorizing certain City officers to take certain actions required to issue such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness; covenanting that the City will make necessary appropriations in each of the City's fiscal years to provide for, and will make timely payments of, the Service Fee and other amounts due under the Service Agreement; and authorizing City officials to take other necessary or appropriate actions to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance; all under certain terms and conditions.

260692**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance amending Section 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Cafés," to authorize additional locations for sidewalk cafés, all under certain terms and conditions.

260693**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 4201 Manayunk Ave, Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and conditions.

260706**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 319-25 N 11th St, Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and conditions.

260707**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 544 E. Girard Ave., under certain terms and conditions.

260758**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance regulating the placement of a truck loading zone on S. 23rd Street between South Street and Naudain Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

260762**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance regulating the placement of a truck loading zone on 1716 Frankford Avenue between Palmer Street and E. Columbia Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS

260856**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

Resolution recognizing National School Lunch Week, celebrated in schools October 12-16, 2026, and honoring the role of school meals and school food service employees in addressing food insecurity and supporting the health, learning, and well-being of Philadelphia's students.

260857**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring Philadelphia Eagles Legend Lane Johnson on the occasion of his retirement after 14 incredible seasons with the organization and earning two Super Bowl rings and numerous other accolades.

260858**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring Justin Edwards on the occasion of the renaming of Smedley Elementary's school gym, commemorating his community involvement and career in the National Basketball Association.

260859**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring Merrill Reese as the voice of the Philadelphia Eagles and congratulating him on his 50th season as the Eagles radio play-by-play announcer.

260860**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution celebrating the Philadelphia Department of Prisons on the opening of the Skills Center, improving the career readiness and reentry process of incarcerated individuals.

260861**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring and recognizing the Please Touch Museum on its 50th anniversary in recognition of its longstanding commitment to childhood learning through play and its lasting impact on millions of children and families from all walks of life since its founding.

260862**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution honoring and recognizing Mario Zucca, also known as “One-Shot Mar,” as the first ever winner of the Philadelphia Parallel Parking Association (PPPA) Championship held on October 3, 2026.

260863**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution honoring and recognizing Mental Health Partnerships, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, for advancing mental health, recovery, and peer-led support for the people of Philadelphia for three quarters of a century.

260864**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution the Council of the City of Philadelphia proudly recognizes and celebrates the historic legacy, enduring service, and contributions of Second Baptist Church of Frankford and the Black community of Frankford

260865**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution declaring October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia

260866**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution honoring Philadelphia Firefighter Joshua Pagan for his extraordinary courage and selfless service in saving the lives of four fellow firefighters, and celebrating his historic distinction as the first Latino recipient of the Philadelphia Firefighter of the Year award.

260867**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Council President Johnson

Resolution recognizing the late Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, former Councilmember of the Fifth Councilmanic District, the first African American Philadelphia City Councilmember, and the first African American judge on the Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, on the occasion of his Judicial Portrait Rededication Ceremony.

260868**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution commending the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) for issuing guidance, affirming that waiving admission fees for personal care assistants at public and commercial properties is an important reasonable accommodation and recognizing the work of Michael Anderson of The Arc of Philadelphia for his successful advocacy.

260869**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Harrity

Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Martin “Marty” Weinberg, attorney and former City Solicitor, celebrating his lifetime commitment to the City of Philadelphia and extending the deepest condolences to his family and friends upon his passing

260870**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Licenses and Inspections to hold hearings to examine the maintenance, inspection, enforcement, and demolition of deteriorating, blighted, and unsafe properties in the City of Philadelphia

260871**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing October 18, 2026 as World Menopause Day in Philadelphia