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BILL: 210139

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COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good morning. It's Tuesday, April 6th. This is the Council Committee on Finance.

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Mr. Iannuzzi, will you please call the role to take attendance.

Members that are in attendance, please indicate that you are present for today's hearing when your name is called. Also, say a brief passage of prose when responding so that your image will be displayed on screen when you speak.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Allan Domb.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Morning, Chairman Green and colleagues and everyone listening.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Helen Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good morning, colleagues. Good morning, Mr. Chair.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Bobby Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. And good morning, colleagues.

THE CLERK: Councilmember David Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning,

Chairman. Good morning, colleagues.

THE CLERK: And, Chair Derek Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good morning. And I would like to thank all my colleagues for being here this morning for today's Finance Committee hearing. Thank you for being present. A quorum of the Committee is present and this hearing is now called to order. This is the public meeting of the Committee on Finance regarding Bill No. 210139.

Mr. Iannuzzi, will you please read the title of the bill.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 210139, amending Chapter 19-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Taxes and Rents General," by adding required conditions and information for reporting adjustments to taxable income, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Before we begin to hear testimony from the witnesses we have here for today, everyone who has been invited to the meeting to testify should be aware that this public meeting is being recorded. Because the hearing is public, participants and viewers have no reasonable expectation of privacy. By continuing to be in the meeting, you are consenting to being recorded.

Additionally, prior to recognizing Members for the questions or comments they may have for witnesses, I will note for the record at this time that we will use the chat feature available in Microsoft Teams to allow Members to signify that they wish to be recognized. In order to comply with the Sunshine Act, the chat feature must only be used for this purpose.

Before I call the first panel on Bill No. 210139, would any of my colleagues on the Finance Committee like to make an opening comment regarding this bill?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Seeing and

hearing none, Mr. Iannuzzi, will you please call the first panel of witnesses we have to testify this morning.

THE CLERK: Frank Breslin, Revenue Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Good morning.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good morning, Commissioner Breslin. Please state your name for the record and proceed with your testimony.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Thank you. Good morning, Chair Green and members of the Committee on Finance. I'm Frank Breslin, Revenue Commissioner and Chief Collections Officer. I'm here today to present testimony on Bill No. 210139. This bill provides language necessary to implement fair and efficient procedures for businesses who need to amend their Philadelphia business tax returns as a result of a change to their federal tax return.

If adopted, Philadelphia's rules will be consistent with recommended best practices for this common situation, which has been adopted by many states. First and foremost, this bill aims to reduce existing complexities and tax compliance barriers for taxpayers who have been audited by the IRS. When a taxpayer has been audited by the IRS, the federal return can change. In many cases, the taxpayer may also need to amend their Business Income and Receipts or Net Profits Tax returns for the City of Philadelphia for that year.

Currently, the trigger for reporting a tax change from a federal audit examination is undefined. This bill clarifies the definition, making it clear when taxpayers must provide updated information to Philadelphia. This bill also extends the reporting deadline from 75 days to 180 days. We believe that this extension provides taxpayers sufficient time to amend or file a previously unfiled return in order to stay compliant.

Second, this bill will improve the Department of Revenue's ability to audit and assess previously unreported taxes. Current law makes it difficult for the Department to audit and assess underreported taxes due to a three-year statute of limitations. This bill grants the Department a one-year extension to the current statute of limitations for reporting changes commencing on the date the IRS reports the change to Philadelphia Department of Revenue. Thus, the Department will have more time to assess taxpayers for adjustments arising directly from a change of federal tax return and ensure that everyone is paying their fair share.

The Administration supports this bill as originally drafted to make tax compliance easier to follow and enhance the Department's auditing efforts. It is our understanding that an amendment to the bill has been proposed. This amendment adds language affecting the treatment of refunds that can result from changes to a return. The Administration has not yet had a full opportunity to analyze this amendment, but we are hopeful that the sponsor will work with us to address any potential concern before final passage. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I'm happy to answer any questions.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Breslin. Can you provide some perspective on how many taxpayers this amendment will be impacted by?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: It's really tough for us to determine that. Because when this happens, taxpayers are supposed to amend their tax return, but there's no indication -- and we then process the amended tax return, but we don't necessarily have an indication that the amended return is a result of an IRS change. But we do know that in 2020 we were able to identify 138 changes that resulted in about a little over a quarter of a million dollars of additional tax revenue.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: And then one of the things that was brought to your attention regarding the proposed amendment that I was discussing that applies to applicability of a refund for a taxpayer, can you speak on that to some perspective?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yeah. Well, right now the way refunds work, and this is pretty consistent, is that refunds have a statute of limitations that's based on the payment date. And right now the statute of limitations for Philadelphia is three years, so a taxpayer has three years from the payment date or the payment due date, whichever is later, to file for a refund. So that's a little different than the filing of a tax return. I guess basically the thinking here is that when a taxpayer files a return and makes a payment, they have three years from the date of that payment to file for a refund if for some reason they determined that they overpaid and to some degree that gives a degree of budgetary security to the Department and the City in knowing that after three years has passed from the time of that payment, that that money is not going to be refunded out of our funds.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'd like to note for the record that we've also been joined by Councilmember Cindy Bass.

And I think the question that came up is that my understanding is because there's a three-year statute of limitations in reference to filing a refund but if there's some change to your tax filing and the report of change, that will now entitle someone to have more of a refund, then they should be able to apply for that applicable refund based on this report of change?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Right, that is what I understand the amendment to say. And as I said, I haven't had a chance to fully vet that yet so we want to take a look at that, understand the implications of it and then work with you, Councilman, to discuss that and come to an agreement.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: And to my colleagues, this is language that was brought to my attention within the past day, so we're having ongoing conversations with both Law and Revenue about making this amendment possible. So the goal for today's hearing would be to vote the bill out of Committee as originally proposed and then work with the Law Department and the Department of Revenue on a combination to meet the goals of the amendment and amend the bill while the bill is on our Council calendar.

Are there any questions for Mr. Breslin from any members of Council?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm surprised that no one has any in-depth tax questions for Mr. Breslin. Any Section 1031 questions?

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: We do have

in-depth tax questions, Mr. Chair, but
not on this particular issue.
COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Thank
you.
COUNCILMAN GREEN: Mr. Breslin,
since I do have you here and
Councilmember Gym actually somewhat
opened the door, I'm curious a little
bit regarding collections that we're
seeing right now. We're getting ready
for the budget on April 15th. If you
can kind of give a perspective on that
and where we are compared to last year
now that we're one year into the
pandemic and business activity thus
seems to be improving as well as
individual activity, so if you can give
a little perspective from what --
COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Sure, I
can give some general perspective. I
wasn't prepared so I don't have any --
COUNCILMAN GREEN: I
understand.
COMMISSIONER BERLIN: --
information right in front of me. But

certainly, some of the taxes have been severely hit, Amusement Tax, Liquor Tax, Parking Tax. And we're seeing some recovery there but albeit slow, and that's going to take a while.

Parking Tax, for example, a lot of that income comes from -- the big three areas are Center City, sporting events and special events down at the stadiums and the airport. So we know with people working remotely, with travel being limited and just starting to resume some sporting events with spectators, that's taking a while and that will continue to take a while, and we're seeing some recovery with Liquor Tax.

Wage Tax, we're watching really closely. The concern there is the working remotely and how that is affecting -- nonresidents working remotely and how that is affecting our Wage Tax. Right now we're seeing the impact of that. It's still a little early to tell because we're right in the height of tax season where taxpayers are filing for their refunds. So if a nonresident of Philadelphia was working remotely and their employer continued to withhold Wage Tax, and we're talking about last year for 2020, they're entitled to file a claim for refund, and that generally gets done at the time that they file their taxes. If they have a preparer, the preparer would do that. So we're seeing the volume of those come in now and we're processing them and we're tracking them.

Right now I think we're trending towards the budget estimate. Budget Bureau has revised estimates and I think we're on estimate. We're watching that really closely. The other tax that we're watching very closely right now, and it's really too early to tell, is the Business Income and Receipts Tax. Again, we're right at our height of filing so those returns are coming in now and we're processing them and we're watching payments.

We're at a situation where now we watch payments almost daily and watch revenues. They seem to be holding, but it's way too early to tell because those returns will be coming in over the next month or two and we have an extended deadline until May 17th, so it will take even a little longer to tell this year. So that's kind of the summary of where we're at. We're watching closely.

I think some of the taxes, the taxes are reacting somewhat as expected. And I think the Budget Bureau has done a good job with estimating and we'll just continue to monitor very closely, especially the Wage Tax and the BIRT over the next couple of months.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you. And then you just made a statement -- I just want to make sure I understand this for the record -- that consistent with federal tax due date which was pushed back to May 17th, we've also pushed back various City taxes to May 17th like we did last year and those taxes would be which ones?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: That's the Business Income and Receipts Tax, the Net Profits Tax, the School Income Tax and the Earnings Tax. They're usually kind of companion taxes to the federal tax when a taxpayer goes to their income tax preparer or their tax professional. They get prepared at the same time, so we didn't want to create a hardship for taxpayers in having to try to prepare the City returns for us at an earlier due date than their federal tax return.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: And I see my colleague Councilmember Gym has a question.

And just to conclude, we really won't have a perspective on how we're doing until probably the end of the first quarter of 2022, because it does seem like a number of businesses and others are starting to have a return but probably a more robust return happening some time in September after Labor Day both for schools as well as businesses. By then, we will have had a significant amount of vaccinations. Everyone that would have wanted to receive a vaccination should have been able to receive one by then. Those that had some kind of vaccine hesitancy, hopefully that will have subsided.

And then after getting through the last quarter of 2021 and then as we go into the end of the first quarter of 2022, we will be able to get a better sense of what type of return and increase, especially on the areas that you talked about, the Nonresident Wage Tax, the BIRT as well as Parking and Amusement Taxes. Thank you, Commissioner Breslin.

Councilmember Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Yes. And I just want to keep this very brief because we can talk for a while I'm sure about the situation for the City going forward. But a very quick question because it has been brought up to me by a number of people who have been informed that they are receiving what I was told were sort of preemptive refunds for work if they lived outside the City from 2020. I think that's how it was presented to me.

And one of the questions that was asked was whether the City is allowed to give people an option about if they want to either claim their refund or if we're allowed to figure out any other ways to re -- I want to say this responsibly, but to be able to let people know that this is entitled to them of course, but is it conveyed to individuals that there's an option to either not claim the refund if they choose to support the City or whether there's a place where they could redirect it if they so chose or whether the City's even allowed to do that?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: That's interesting. I think what you're asking is if people would rather allow the refund to remain with the City, is that allowable. It's up to the discretion of the taxpayer to file for the refund, so they can choose not to and that happens.

Anecdotally, I know that there's taxpayers and whether the amount of money just isn't significant enough or they just for whatever personal reason, choose not to apply for the refund, they can do that. And then certainly, they can choose to take their refund and donate it back to the City. That's not something that happens through the Revenue Department though. But I know that there was initiative I think for contributions to the School District a few years ago. And I don't know if those still exist, but certainly taxpayers could do that.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: So anyone who received a refund check who lived outside of the City would have had to proactively file for that refund for that specific purpose or they would have filed the City tax returns and then -- I mean, are they conscious of it?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yes. The --

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: I guess this individual was surprised that they received a significant sum, would have preferred not to, was asking inquiries about what they can do.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yeah. The taxpayer would have to choose to file for a refund. We don't have a Philadelphia personal income tax filing requirement, so the wage taxes are withheld by the employer and submitted to the City. If the employee feels that it was withheld improperly, then they file for the refund. So that happens at the employee level and they have to kind of willfully and proactively choose to file a refund petition with the Department of Revenue that we would then process.

The only other way that it takes place in the situation where the taxpayer doesn't do anything to get that money would be in the situation where the employer chose to stop withholding --

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: So there was a third party?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: -- the tax. So, yes, that's the third party. Otherwise, the employee has to file a refund petition with us.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: This is a much longer conversation. I'm sure we'll have it at some later time, but I do appreciate that quick information and may follow up with you separately.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yeah. Happy to discuss that offline with you, if you would like.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Now recognize Councilmember Domb.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you, Chairman Green.

And good morning, Commissioner Breslin. Just two quick questions: Real Estate Tax collection, this was our first year of no discount. How did we do on collections for the end of March this year versus last year?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: I don't want to give you -- I mean, we're so close to the deadline, only a week in and money's still coming in and being processed because there's a little delay as it comes in and gets process through some of the online processes so we're still tallying everything up. But the early indication, and I'll just say right now is it looks good considering everything that the citizens have been through in the past year and we'll know more in a week or so.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Okay. Great. And the second question -- just a quick response is fine -- the Wage Tax bill that this Council passed last January, have we started to see people apply for their Wage Tax refunds? This is for people making less than a certain amount of income.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yes,

we've started to see those refunds come in, those refund petitions come in. Because of what we just talked about with the Wage Tax refunds, our volume of Wage Tax refunds is really large this year so we're working through that and staying current on that. We try to turn refunds in around eight weeks.

My point there is I don't have a tally on the number because they would be in with all of the other refund petitions. But as we track things, I can take a look and see if we have a number and a comparison, but I don't have that for you right now.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: And last question: How do people know to qualify, like a family of four that makes less than 30,000 a year, how do they know to qualify for that refund?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: We do a lot through our communications team. That's been a challenge through the pandemic because our most effective communications, especially for those groups, are in person. We've worked closely with Council to do those inperson communication events that have been highly successful. We haven't been able to do those over the past year, so we've pivoted and we're using every other means that we can to get the word out there. We're working through tax professionals. We're working through social media. We're working through text and emails where we have that kind of information for taxpayers, so we're doing everything we can to try to get the word out there. But as you know and other Councilpeople, as champions for the EITC program, even when there's significant money out there that taxpayers are entitled to, it's really a challenge to get that communication out, so we do our best. And the other thing that we've found, and it's kind of a known fact, is that the most effective communication comes through partnerships with trusted organizations, whether that be City Council, whether that be faith-based groups, other community groups. That is our best way. Those partnerships are highly effective and they've been a challenge to do those kinds of events. So we're really going to be doing our best and hope that as we get into that time frame that the Chair talked about as we come out of this pandemic, that we can resume those inperson events again and get people enrolled. But this has been a challenging year and it's probably a year where a lot of people need that money more than ever so we really want to get it in the hands of taxpayers, but it is a challenge.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you. I know the EITC and Wage Tax refund for lower income this year more than any year as you said is crucial to get it to them, so thank you and thank your department for your great work.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Councilmember Domb.

I'd like to recognize Councilmember Bass for a question.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Good morning, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Good morning.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Just a couple of questions for you on the Wage Tax refund, just following up on my colleague's question. And I just wanted to go over the communications regarding refunds. I remember when we did the Homestead Exemption, which we wanted to make sure folks knew about that they had an opportunity to get out here and apply for the Homestead Exemption. There was like a mapping overlay that the City did so that we knew exactly what areas needed to be pinpointed and what areas were responding in an appropriate fashion to make sure that they got the refund.

Are we doing things like that as well? I just wanted to ask if that's something that we're looking at so that we know where the gaps are in terms of who we think would qualify and who's actually applying.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yeah. It's probably a little bit more challenging with the Wage Tax refund than with the Homestead because the Homestead obviously is property-based. And so, that makes it easier for us to identify. We can do kind of the overlay of where we think properties are owner-occupied and then we can look at the level of participation for the Homestead in those neighborhoods, and where we see a gap, try to get people on the streets and in those neighborhoods and it's a simple -- well, I'll say simple. It's a fairly simple application process so it's easier to get people enrolled.

Here we're dealing with confidential data. It's fairly -- although we try to make this process as simple as possible knowing the numbers of people that would qualify this year, it's certainly more complex. And as I said, we're trying to do our best to get out there and get the word out, there's certainly some challenges this year.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And I agree with you, it probably is a little more challenging than the Homestead Exemption because the Homestead Exemption is stationary, so to speak, and the Wage Tax refund can be transient, people move around. But I just think when I heard you mention that communications included things like social media in light of COVID, it makes me wince just a little bit because I know that our target population often isn't on social media and doesn't have access to the Internet, and that's something that we continuously try to drive home to decision-makers here in the City, but we lose a lot of people when we rely on the Internet access and social media to try to reach populations that are in need and would qualify for programs like this.

So I just really want to make sure that we're keeping that in mind and that we really got to do something different and bold, something very different than what we've been doing to try to reach those target populations.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: I think we're aligned there. And as Council knows, prepandemic our Communications team did over 300 live events in a year. Many of their evenings and weekends right out in the community and we know that's how we're most effective, and that's what we want to get back to doing as soon as that is safe.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Has there been any conversation or thought about going in particular areas going door-to-door or is that something not really that you think Revenue could do?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Not -- two things there. One, I don't know that it would be safe yet for our staff --

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Sure, not this second, but I'm just --

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: -- to do that. Yeah, but we have done door-to-door and we actually did a study of that, an academic study of it. And what we found was door-to-door was very effective for Homestead and it was the only program that it was effective for. When we get into any of the programs that we tried to do it where the information was confidential, then it was a real challenge and it proved ineffective going door-to-door. But it was very effective for the Homestead so that kind of highlights the difference in how we have to address some of these programs.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Okay. And in closing, I just want to clarify when I say door-to-door, I don't actually mean people going door-to-door and trying to talk to somebody at their front door about their personal financial business. I mean actually just leaving information, lit-dropping, if you will, about this is a program and spreading the word. So that's what I mean by door-to-door.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Understood. I was taking it more literally because we actually have done door-to-door.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No, I'm not going to discuss my personal financial business with somebody who just shows up at my front door, so I agree. So I just really wanted to emphasize that the social media thing, I think we just need to look a little bit deeper than that, especially in light of COVID.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: You're welcome.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Councilmember Bass.

Are there any other questions from members of the Committee?

COUNCILMAN JONES:

Mr. Chairman.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Yes.

COUNCILMAN JONES: I just want to be for the record logged on that I'm here.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman --

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Are there any other --

COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Councilwoman --

COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Councilmember Sanchez. I want to let folks know that I'm also here for the record. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you as well.

Any other additional questions from members of the Committee?
I see Councilmember Domb is raising his actual hand, not his virtual hand.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I just have a quick comment for Commissioner Breslin. I don't know if we did this already, but when we sent out the Real Estate Tax bills, is it possible to put a notice -- and this is in the line of questioning to my colleagues. Is it possible to put a notice in there that says, notice to help you pay your Real Estate Tax bill, you may qualify for EITC, Wage Tax, OOPA, LOOP, et cetera, put all the programs in there to help pay the Real Estate Tax bill; is that a possibility?

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Sure. We have utilized stuffers in the past. We've utilized stuffers within Real Estate Tax bills and within our water bills as well, and that's a good methodology for reaching taxpayers.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

Seeing no additional questions from members of this Committee, I want to thank you, Commissioner Breslin, for being here and testifying this morning.

Are there any other members of the public that wish to testify on this Bill No. 210139?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you. With there being no further questions from members of the Committee and no other witnesses to testify, I will ask for those who have been here, which is Mr. Breslin, if you can leave the public hearing so we can go into the public meeting.

COMMISSIONER BRESLIN: Yes. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you. And we'll pause briefly as Mr. Breslin leaves the public hearing so we can go into our public meeting.

This concludes the public hearing of this Committee. We will now go into a public meeting to consider action we're taking on the bill before this Committee today.

Mr. Iannuzzi, will you please call the roll to take attendance. And Members who are here, please indicate that you are present when your name is called to say a few words when responding so that we can make sure that your image is displayed on screen when you speak.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Cindy Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good morning. I am present. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Allan Domb.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: I'm present.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Helen Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Present.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Bobby Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: I am

present, Mr. Chairman.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of the Committee and the public. I'm present.

THE CLERK: Councilmember David Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: I'm present.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-SANCHEZ: Buenos dias. Buenos dias. I am present.

THE CLERK: And, Chair Derek Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: I am present. And thank you to my colleagues, members of the Finance Committee. We will now go into our public meeting.

The Chair would now like to recognize Councilmember Bobby Henon for a motion for Bill No. 210139.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,

Mr. Chair. And I thank you.

I move that Bill No. 210139 be reported from this Committee with a favorable recommendation and further move that the rules of Council be suspended to permit the first reading of this bill at our next session of Council.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: It's been seconded by Councilmember Curtis Jones. This bill has been moved and properly seconded that Bill No. 210139 be approved.

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

(Aye.)

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN GREEN: The ayes have it and the motion carries and has been approved for our next reading of Council.

With that, that concludes the

business before the Finance Committee today. I want to thank all of my colleagues for their attendance for today's hearing.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you. Have a great day.

(Committee on Finance concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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