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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD
DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS

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PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

BILL 130298 - An ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by amending the deadline for which certain property owners may apply for a designation of homestead property...

BILL 130306 - An ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by extending the deadline for the filing of applications for the homestead exclusion...

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good

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afternoon. We will call into session the

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Committee on Housing, Neighborhood

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Development and the Homeless. We will be

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holding a hearing on two bills, 130298

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and 130306.

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We will ask the Clerk to read

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both bills into the record.

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THE CLERK: Bill 130298, an

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ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate

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Taxes," by amending the deadline for

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which certain property owners may apply

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for a designation of homestead property;

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all under certain terms and conditions;

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and

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Bill No. 130306, an ordinance

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amending Chapter 19-1300 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate

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Taxes," by extending the deadline for the

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filing of applications for the homestead

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exclusion, under certain terms and

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conditions.

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair notes that we do have
4 a quorum. To my left is Councilman
5 William K. Greenlee, to my right
6 Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez, and
7 certainly we have the Majority Leader,
8 Curtis Jones.

9 Having said that -- and
10 Councilman Brian O'Neill will be here
11 shortly.

12 Having said that, we are going
13 to ask Mr. Dubow to begin his testimony.
14 And we note for the record that we have
15 PACDC here to testify, and we're going to
16 ask the Philadelphia Association of CDCs
17 if they could taper their testimony to
18 the bills being heard today. Thank you.
19 Thank you.

20 (Witnesses approached witness
21 table.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
23 Mr. Dubow.

24 MR. DUBOW: Good afternoon,
25 Chairwoman Blackwell and members of the

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2 Committee. I'm Rob Dubow and I'm the
3 Finance Director. With me today are Anna
4 Adams, Chief of Staff in the Finance
5 Department, and Kate Dreher from the
6 Office of Property Assessment, and I'm
7 here today to testify in favor of the two
8 bills, as amended. Both bills amend
9 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code by
10 amending the deadline to apply for a
11 homestead exemption.

12 As of mid April, the Office of
13 Property Assessment had approved about
14 190,000 exemptions out of the total of
15 almost 290,000 received. Most of the
16 applications that weren't approved were
17 duplicates, with about 30,000 denied or
18 returned to the applicant to send more
19 information. According to an analysis
20 undertaken jointly by the Administration
21 and Council staff, we think there are
22 approximately 340,000 residential
23 property owners in Philadelphia, and we
24 would assume that the vast majority of
25 those deem their property to be their

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2 primary residence, which would make them
3 eligible for the exemption.

4 We understand that the bills
5 intend to allow ample opportunities for
6 homeowners to apply for the homestead,
7 and we fully support those goals. Bill
8 No. 130306, as amended, extends the
9 deadline to apply for the homestead
10 exemption to September 13th, 2013. The
11 deadline would provide time for the OPA
12 to scan applications, enter the data into
13 the system, review those applications
14 that require manual reviews, such as
15 those with tangled title issues, and
16 process them into a file to send to the
17 Department of Revenue by mid November to
18 ensure they're included in the new tax
19 bills that are mailed out by the end of
20 November.

21 Bill No. 130298, as amended,
22 provides an opportunity for those
23 property owners who buy their properties
24 after September 13th or within 30 days of
25 the deadline to apply for the exemption

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2 up until December 1st. If the Department
3 of Revenue is unable to include the
4 homestead exemption on the tax bills that
5 are mailed in November, the City will
6 issue a rebate for the amount of the
7 homestead relief. The bill also sets out
8 deadlines by which OPA will notify
9 residents if they are declined.

10 The Administration is looking
11 forward to continuing to work with
12 Council for additional outreach around
13 the homestead exemption and to
14 significantly increase the participation
15 levels.

16 That concludes my testimony,
17 and we'd be happy to answer any questions
18 that you might have.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you. We have just two questions. One
21 is, how will people be notified that they
22 will -- what will that process be that
23 they will know of their eligibility for
24 the rebate?

25 MS. ADAMS: This is Anna Adams.

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2 I'm Chief of Staff in the Finance
3 Department.

4 We will let them know -- first
5 of all, they'll get a notice if they've
6 been denied, as they are normally getting
7 a notice, but if they apply within the
8 deadline for the Bill 130298, which is
9 the one about if you bought a home in
10 August to December, we will let them know
11 by -- you'll get an approval notice, and
12 that's when they will know that they will
13 have a rebate, and we will make sure it's
14 clear on that the amount of the rebate
15 that they will be getting.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: So
17 they will be notified in short order?

18 MS. ADAMS: They will be
19 notified after they have applied. The
20 OPA will send them a letter.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And
22 the issue of people who will be getting a
23 rebate paying part of their tax due and
24 not all of it and interest on that, will
25 that be weighed since they will be

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2 getting a rebate?

3 MR. DUBOW: So before you
4 raised that issue with us, we hadn't
5 actually thought about that, so we need
6 to talk about that with Revenue. We
7 understand the issue, and we will see
8 whether there are ways to address it.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We are
10 happy to support these bills today, but
11 would you get that situation resolved for
12 us and get back to us before passage of
13 these bills?

14 MR. DUBOW: We will.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you very much.

17 Are there any questions?

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I know
19 we have a pending hearing or briefing
20 around the outreach. Can you for the
21 record go through the few things that are
22 done up to date, up to now, and has the
23 activities of outreach -- where are they
24 at?

25 MS. ADAMS: On all outreach?

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2 Is it easier if we wanted just to send
3 you everything that we've done or do you
4 want to -- do you want me to list a few
5 things?

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So you
7 have it in writing?

8 MS. ADAMS: We have it in
9 writing. We have kind of a whole package
10 of information we could send to you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So we'll
12 expect that?

13 MS. ADAMS: Yeah. We can send
14 that to you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
16 you.

17 When we are doing these notices
18 of denial, in the notice of denial are
19 people being told how to correct it?

20 MS. ADAMS: Yes. So when you
21 get -- if you've received a denial
22 notice, it will explain why you were
23 denied, and on the back of that it will
24 explain what you can do to reapply if you
25 still think you're eligible. So if you,

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2 for some reason, didn't complete the form
3 correctly, it will say that. So we have
4 a lot of people who forget to sign at the
5 end, and so this will explain that you
6 need to do that. Or, for example, if the
7 name is different from the name on the
8 deed, it will also explain what you need
9 to do. For example, for those people
10 with tangled title issues, we need them
11 to send more identification, and that's
12 clearly laid out in the letter.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So we've
14 turned people away because they haven't
15 signed even though people are able to do
16 it via the phone where they're not
17 signing?

18 MS. ADAMS: Yeah. When you do
19 it on the phone, under the state law, we
20 need to have a signature, but because we
21 record all of the phone calls, that
22 cancels the signature in our system or if
23 you complete it online, an electronic
24 signature counts. But if you mail in a
25 paper form and you don't sign it, we need

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2 to send it back to you to get you to sign
3 it or it denies you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: With the
5 notice of this rebate process, by that
6 you will explain -- how is that rebate
7 going to be done? Is it a credit?
8 Because I know you guys never issue a
9 check back to people.

10 MR. DUBOW: It will be probably
11 a check, actually.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: It will
13 be a check?

14 MR. DUBOW: Yes.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So it's
16 not for anything --

17 MS. ADAMS: We thought that was
18 the easiest way we could do this.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: All
20 right.

21 Thank you, Madam Chair.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
23 you very much.

24 The Chair notes that Councilman
25 O'Neill is present. Thank you very much.

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2 The next person to question is
3 Majority Leader Curtis Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Madam Chair, and thank you and the
6 Committee for bringing this issue forward
7 and potentially extending the deadline.
8 I cannot tell you how many constituents
9 of mine have called in in a panic
10 wondering if they would be excluded from
11 the exemption. So thank you for bringing
12 this forward.

13 I guess the two quick questions
14 I have are, what did we budget for the
15 exemption by way of the overall budget?

16 MR. DUBOW: So we assumed that
17 we'd have about 80 percent participation,
18 which I think is about 280,000, which is
19 around where we thought we'd wind up.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: So of that
21 to date, how --

22 MR. DUBOW: We're about
23 190,000.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Okay. So
25 help me with the math. You're the budget

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2 person.

3 MR. DUBOW: So 190,000 is
4 probably maybe like 60 percent.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: So we're 60
6 percent towards the 80 percent that we
7 anticipate?

8 MR. DUBOW: Yeah. So we
9 would -- so we've gotten 190. We would
10 need to get another roughly 90 to hit
11 where we thought, but we'd actually like
12 to go beyond that. We'd like to do more
13 than we had in the budget.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: All right.
15 I find that encouraging. We're going to
16 try to help you with that. So, again,
17 this goes a long way to making sure that
18 we can at least achieve the 80 percent
19 and beyond by extending that. So I just
20 want to thank you and thank the Committee
21 for bringing this forward.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you very much.

25 Councilman Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
3 you, Madam Chair.

4 Just very quickly, I should
5 have put on record that when it talks
6 about trying to work out problems, I have
7 called Ms. Adams many times, and she has
8 been extremely helpful in working out
9 issues. I know there's some
10 communication problems sometimes between
11 OPA and maybe the call center, and she's
12 always worked it out, so I appreciate
13 that very much.

14 That's how you wrote it right
15 here, Anna, right? That's how you wrote
16 it.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I just
19 want to interject that now I won't be
20 calling his office.

21 (Councilman O'Neill talking
22 without microphone.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you very much.

25 MR. DUBOW: This has worked out

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2 really well for me.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Any

4 other questions or comments?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

7 you. Now we'll call for the Philadelphia

8 Association of CDCs to come forward.

9 The Chair also notes that

10 Councilman Henon is here. Thank you,

11 Councilman.

12 (Witness approached witness

13 table.)

14 MS. McCONNELL: Good afternoon,

15 Chairwoman Blackwell and the rest of the

16 Committee, and thank you for the

17 opportunity to testify. My name is Beth

18 McConnell. I'm the Policy Director for

19 the Philadelphia Association of CDCs, a

20 citywide association of 100

21 organizations, including 50 CDC across

22 the City.

23 PACDC does support Bill No.

24 130306, which will give homeowners in

25 Philadelphia an additional two months to

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2 file a homestead property exemption. We
3 support the amendments that were offered
4 today as well, and also support Bill No.
5 130298, which would allow new owners of
6 property purchased after the homestead
7 deadline another 30 days from the time of
8 sale to apply and, again, support the
9 amendments offered today.

10 As we heard, OPA has informed
11 Council that just over half of the
12 eligible properties have been approved
13 for a homestead exemption and that the
14 lowest rate participation is among
15 non-English speaking households. We do
16 applaud OPA for its recent expansion of
17 its public education efforts around the
18 homestead exemption in multiple
19 languages, including the ability to
20 accept applications over the phone in any
21 language. But we do believe that the
22 timing of the notice to homeowners of the
23 homestead exemption, as well as the new
24 assessments under AVI, was less than
25 ideal, making it necessary to extend the

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2 deadline to apply. As you know,
3 homeowners were mailed their applications
4 for the homestead exemption no later than
5 September 2012, many months before they
6 received their new assessment notices.
7 So it's fair to assume that a significant
8 number of households were just not aware
9 that their property assessment would
10 change and did not understand the
11 importance of the homestead exemption in
12 meeting their new tax obligations. So
13 now the OPA has initiated a more
14 aggressive public education campaign
15 around the homestead exemption and AVI.
16 Homeowners are starting to get the
17 message, and we believe they need just a
18 little bit more time.

19 I submitted more detailed
20 written testimony. We didn't have an
21 opportunity to testify before the
22 Committee on a variety of property
23 tax-related measures that would protect
24 low-income homeowners as well as address
25 tax delinquency. I won't go over that

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2 verbally today, but I just want to point
3 you to that in our testimony, that there
4 are a number of measures that we support
5 and would like Council to take a look at,
6 and we'll provide written copies of our
7 testimony to the Committee of the Whole
8 as well.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you very much. Thank you.

11 Are there questions?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you very much.

15 MS. McCONNELL: Thank you.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Is
17 there anyone else who would like to
18 testify on this bill?

19 Councilman Henon.

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
21 Madam Chair. I appreciate it, and I
22 apologize for being late. Would it be
23 okay if we get Finance to come forward
24 one more time?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Not at

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2 all.

3 (Witnesses approached witness
4 table.)

5 MR. DUBOW: I knew I should
6 have left.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.
8 And this is a good thing. So I'm
9 encouraged by the thought of possibly
10 extending the homestead. And, again, I'm
11 sorry if I missed a lot of your questions
12 and answers and testimonies.

13 So if it were to be extended,
14 could you tell me some ways that we
15 could -- and maybe we plan on reaching
16 the community. And could you tell me
17 ways that you have stepped up? And I'm
18 actually giving you credit for it and
19 thanking you for some of the ways that
20 you have communicated so far with
21 technology innovation, with the telephone
22 town hall. So if you can maybe explain
23 the telephone town hall success and rate
24 and how moving forward, how we plan to
25 reach not only those -- to hit the

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2 benchmarks that we're looking to get,
3 also in coordination with the CDCs and
4 communicating with them.

5 MS. ADAMS: So we did three
6 telephone town halls, and each time we've
7 dialed out about 100,000 homeowners, and
8 then each time I think we got about
9 15,000 altogether people who participated
10 in the telephone town halls. From there,
11 we had -- and each call was an hour long,
12 and it was hosted by Marisa Waxman from
13 the Office of Property Assessment with
14 Rob and Richie McKeithen participating
15 and answering questions live when people
16 called up, and we screened the calls and
17 then we put them through to Marisa, who
18 had people ask the questions live on the
19 phone for everybody to hear, and then Rob
20 and Richie answered the question.

21 We also had people be able to
22 leave a voice mail or leave a message for
23 us at the end, and we got back to
24 everybody who left us a message. And we
25 asked people during the call -- we had a

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2 couple of poll questions in the call.

3 One was saying, which would you like to

4 hear more about, the homestead exemption,

5 the first-level review process or about

6 how your assessment was done. And

7 actually, interestingly, the three

8 different calls had a slightly different

9 result in each of the polls. The first

10 poll I think most people wanted to know

11 about the homestead exemption. So we

12 tailored as we were in the call, we

13 tailored a lot of the conversation about

14 the homestead exemption to try and get

15 that information out.

16 And then the other poll

17 question we asked was, Would you

18 recommend this to a friend. And every

19 time I think the results were either in

20 the late 80's or up to 96 percent, I

21 think was one of the highest. Clearly,

22 we did really well on that telephone town

23 hall.

24 MR. DUBOW: That's the one

25 where we gave out dollars.

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2 MS. ADAMS: But one of the
3 things that we found in the feedback from
4 that and some of the people who left us
5 messages at the end asked specific
6 questions, but some of them were just
7 sort of generally giving us feedback, and
8 we heard a lot of senior citizens who
9 found it really helpful to not have to
10 leave their home to go to a community
11 meeting and they found it very -- they
12 really enjoyed it and thanked us for
13 having that ability, and they said they
14 wanted to participate in more, which we
15 found really encouraging as another way
16 to kind of get to a few people. And one
17 of the things we actually had a
18 conversation with Councilwoman Sanchez
19 about was the idea of doing a telephone
20 town hall in Spanish and the idea that
21 maybe we could reach some people whose
22 first language isn't English but would
23 like to hear about this in Spanish. And
24 so some of the ideas we were talking
25 about is using a technology like that.

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2 We could target it by zip codes in a sort
3 of heavily Spanish-speaking population
4 where we could do it. So press 1 if you
5 want to speak English, and you'd hear a
6 message saying call 686-9200 to hear
7 about the homestead exemption, or press 2
8 if you speak Spanish, and you'd enter
9 into the Spanish-speaking town hall.

10 So we're coming up with
11 different ideas like that. We're
12 planning on mailing out in the water
13 bills a flyer that has -- it's English on
14 one side and Spanish on the other, really
15 directing people just -- we're
16 simplifying the message around the
17 homestead. One of the feedback that
18 we're getting is even the word "homestead
19 exemption" is a complicated term. So
20 we're changing the language on the form
21 to say, Do you want a discount on your
22 real estate tax or on your property tax,
23 this will save you money, and call
24 686-9200, because we're finding that
25 that's the easiest way to apply. You can

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2 apply in any language. It's easier for
3 senior citizens. If you don't have
4 online access, this is the easiest way
5 and it's actually the quickest way for us
6 to process them and manage it. So really
7 directing people as often as we can to
8 that phone number.

9 Some of the other things that
10 we're looking at and we're working
11 actually in partnership at the moment
12 with the School District to find ways
13 that we can actually include the same
14 flyers either in the report cards for all
15 children in the School District, and
16 they're being really good working with
17 us. We're trying to work out some of the
18 logistics to see if we can print it and
19 get it out in time to go in the report
20 cards. Or even targeting elementary
21 school children in particular. One of
22 the things that we're hearing is that
23 middle school children and high school
24 students are less likely to take things
25 home to their parents, but elementary

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2 school kids will. And so we're thinking
3 if we can work with principals of schools
4 to give them information, they can apply.
5 And one of the feedback that actually
6 Councilwoman Sanchez suggested is that in
7 that we actually provide a way that they
8 can either drop off a form, a location
9 that they can actually take that to and
10 then be sort of serviced in other areas,
11 or even if it just says call and apply
12 over the phone, this will save you money.

13 And we're also looking at sort
14 of coming up with a menu of options for
15 different ways that you could -- that
16 Councilmembers could perhaps tailor
17 things to their neighborhoods. Some
18 things that we've been thinking about are
19 street teams, having people with iPads at
20 particular locations that are heavily
21 trafficked areas, like bus stops and
22 other areas, where people with iPads and
23 just saying, Have you applied for your
24 homestead, let me just do that with you
25 now. And we've got a whole variety of

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2 ideas that we can send to you and you can
3 have a look at and see if you want to
4 tailor any of this to any of your areas
5 in your district that you think we need
6 to really focus our outreach upon.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: I appreciate
8 that. I do have -- I look forward to
9 taking a look at some of those ideas.

10 MS. ADAMS: That's great.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: I have a
12 volunteer team broken out by streets and
13 walkable districts.

14 MS. ADAMS: Great.

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: So I know
16 the number of folks who have not applied
17 for homesteads, so I'm knocking on their
18 doors --

19 MS. ADAMS: Yeah.

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: -- now as we
21 speak. So I started that two weeks ago,
22 knocking on doors. But some other
23 creative ways where we can continue to
24 press on. I mean, almost like the census
25 when you had the census canvas and you

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2 put the census team together, I think the
3 Mayor's Office, you guys did a great job
4 with that. So, I mean, I think you have
5 models in place, just with a little more
6 specific and creative ways to
7 communicate. So I think you're there,
8 so...

9 MS. ADAMS: Great. We will
10 talk -- we'll hopefully get this menu
11 over to you all in the next few days and
12 we can work from there.

13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Great.
14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Madam
16 Chair?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
18 Councilwoman.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Just for
20 the record, Councilwoman Blondell
21 Reynolds Brown did a resolution calling
22 for hearings. So we've been trying to
23 work through some things. Rather than
24 have a hearing, have a briefing for
25 Councilmembers. So part of the

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2 discussions have been what have they
3 done, what other things can they do they
4 can present, and let Councilpeople figure
5 out what they want to do. So we don't
6 know if it's going to be a hearing or a
7 briefing, but Councilwoman Blondell
8 Reynolds will follow it up as part of her
9 resolution.

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And
12 let me note, Councilman Henon, that even
13 for our bill, 130298, we have a few
14 questions, really just two, that they're
15 going to tweak and get back to us so that
16 when we vote for this, we're clear, like
17 on whether -- only two. Whether people
18 would be taxed who are due a rebate who
19 can't afford or don't pay all of their
20 tax, and certainly the other one was on
21 notification.

22 So we got a couple of issues to
23 tighten up, although we won't hold the
24 bill today, but they're going to work
25 with us before it passes and make sure

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2 we're satisfied with what happens in
3 those two areas as well.

4 Thank you. Are there any other
5 questions?

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Madam Chair,
7 if I may, just something -- so I'm
8 concerned with seniors, and I'm just
9 sitting here thinking the census and
10 Councilwoman Sanchez just in her brief
11 conversation here, have we ever thought
12 about -- so when somebody registers to
13 vote and somebody -- well, somebody 65, a
14 person who is 65 and older automatically
15 is eligible for an absentee vote, right?
16 So would there be worth a conversation
17 anybody who is 65 and older who would be
18 exempt from -- who has not applied, that
19 automatically get the exemption?

20 MS. ADAMS: The challenge we
21 have on sort of that automated process of
22 applying is that we need to have a
23 signature from the homeowners to declare
24 that it is their primary residence. So
25 we've talked about the ideas of how could

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2 we kind of include this in other forms,
3 but the only way of doing it is that they
4 have to declare to us that it is their
5 primary residence. And for other voting,
6 you don't have to use that as your
7 standard, and that's a state requirement.

8 One of the things we have
9 found -- and we actually are planning on
10 working with Corporation of Aging in
11 their Meals on Wheels, including
12 information about the homestead in that,
13 but part of it is the phone has actually
14 been -- having the call center and having
15 that phone number to apply has been
16 really, really useful for senior
17 citizens, who feel very comfortable
18 talking on the phone and feel very
19 comfortable using that method to apply.
20 But we're actually going to work a little
21 closer with the Corporation of Aging to
22 find other ways we can reach that
23 population, because it's challenging,
24 because obviously they don't use any of
25 our social media or Facebook or websites

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2 or even some of the sort of other
3 traditional means. It's a little harder
4 for them. And so we're trying to come up
5 with other creative ways to reach that
6 population.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you very much.

10 Any other questions?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you very much. That will conclude our
14 hearing. We will now enter into a
15 meeting.

16 I will call on Councilwoman
17 Sanchez with regard to Bill No. 130298.
18 We will ask that you report it out of
19 Committee with a favorable recommendation
20 and a recommendation for -- it's only my
21 bill.

22 I will now call on Councilwoman
23 Quinones-Sanchez for the adoption of an
24 amendment to Bill No. 130298.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill

3 130298 be amended.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has

6 been moved and seconded that Bill No.

7 130298 be amended.

8 All in favor say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

11 Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The

14 ayes have it and Bill No. 130298, the

15 amendment has been adopted.

16 I will now call on Councilwoman

17 Quinones-Sanchez to pass out Bill No.

18 130298, as amended, with a favorable

19 recommendation, also a recommendation for

20 suspension of the rules so as to permit

21 first reading at our next session of

22 Council.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

24 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill

25 130298, as amended, be moved out of the

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2 Committee with a favorable recommendation
3 and the rules of Council be suspended to
4 allow first reading at our next public
5 session.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has
8 been moved and seconded.

9 All in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
12 Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The
15 ayes have it and Bill No. 130298, as
16 amended, is passed out of Committee with
17 a favorable recommendation.

18 The Chair also notes that
19 Councilwoman Bass is here, and we thank
20 her for being here.

21 The Chair now recognizes
22 Councilman Greenlee to adopt the
23 amendment to Bill No. 130306.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
25 you, Madam Chair. I move that the

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2 amendment to Bill No. 130306 be adopted.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has

5 been moved and seconded that that

6 amendment to Bill No. 130306 be adopted.

7 All in favor say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

10 Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The

13 ayes have it and so Bill No. 130306 has

14 been amended.

15 We will now call on Councilman

16 Greenlee for an adoption -- this is not

17 my day. We will now call on him to pass

18 out Bill No. 130306, as amended, with a

19 favorable recommendation and a

20 recommendation for suspension of the

21 rules so as to permit first reading at

22 our next session of Council.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

24 you, Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.

25 130306, as amended, be reported out of

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2 this Committee favorably and with a rules
3 suspension to allow for first reading at
4 our next session of Council.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It has
7 been moved and seconded that Bill No.
8 130306 be reported out of Committee, as
9 amended, and also with a suspension of
10 the rules so as to permit first reading
11 at our next session of Council.

12 All in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

15 Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: The
18 ayes have it, and so this bill is
19 likewise passed out.

20 Thank you all, and we'll see
21 you the next time. This is adjourned.

22 (Committee on Housing,
23 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless
24 concluded at 3:40 p.m.)

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