

1
2 INVESTITURE OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

3 ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

4 INAUGURATION OF THE MAYOR

5 and

6 INVESTITURE OF MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY

7 JUDGES OF TRAFFIC COURT

8 CITY COMMISSIONERS

9 SHERIFF

10 REGISTER OF WILLS

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13 The Academy of Music

Broad and Locust Streets

14 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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2 MR. HENDERSON: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, good morning and Happy New
4 Year. Welcome to the investiture of
5 members of Council, the organization of
6 City Council, the inauguration of the
7 Honorable Michael A. Nutter as Mayor, and
8 the investiture of members of the
9 Judiciary, City Commissioners, Register
10 of Wills, Sheriff, and Judges of Traffic
11 Court.

12 We ask that everyone please
13 turn off all pagers and cellular devices
14 for the remainder of the ceremony. Thank
15 you.

16 Ladies and gentlemen, please
17 rise and bow your heads for the
18 invocation given by His Excellency
19 Charles Chaput, Archbishop of
20 Philadelphia.

21 (All guests rise.)

22 ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT: Let us
23 pray.

24 Father in heaven, make us
25 honest stewards of the world you place in

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2 our hands. Make us good guardians of the
3 dignity that you give as a birthright to
4 every human person. Help us to reach out
5 to the suffering and the persecuted and
6 to protect the poor, the weak, and the
7 immigrant. Help us to reflect your light
8 to others and to show by our action that
9 truth, integrity and service still shape
10 the purpose of the community life we
11 share.

12 In a special way, bless our
13 leaders, especially Mayor Nutter for his
14 dedication and service to our city, but
15 also including all those who serve in
16 public life. Guide them in building a
17 civil order that honors your law and your
18 love.

19 Give us the eyes to see your
20 holy face in each other and to live and
21 love accordingly, and pour down your
22 grace on all of Philadelphia so that
23 those who come after us will see beyond
24 the buildings and history and industry of
25 our city to the greater beauty of the

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2 goodness and decency of her people.

3 We ask this as your sons and
4 daughters, confident in your love.

5 Amen.

6 (Amen.)

7 MR. HENDERSON: Ladies and
8 gentlemen, please remain standing as the
9 Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments
10 and the Prison Guards present the colors,
11 while the Philadelphia Boys Choir leads
12 us in singing our national anthem.

13 (Colors are presented; national
14 anthem is sung.)

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. HENDERSON: Thank you.

17 You may all now be seated as we
18 continue with this morning's proceedings.

19 Let's listen to a poetry
20 reading by Philadelphia Poet Laureate,
21 Ms. Sonia Sanchez.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. SANCHEZ: How nice, now I'm
24 tall.

25 Good morning, Philadelphia.

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2 (Good morning.)

3 MS. SANCHEZ: Since I was given
4 seven days to write this... I call this
5 "A Song for Philadelphia" for Mayor
6 Michael Nutter at our new beginnings.

7 Before birth or becoming,
8 before the pulse of a seed, before our
9 creation, our nothingness, our eyes
10 challenged, the death trumpeters. When
11 we turn in our birth nostalgic for blood,
12 when we show ourselves on the water into
13 the sleeves of winter, what does it
14 matter if we cannot taste the scene?

15 So precocious a city, how did
16 we learn to serve death with our hands in
17 our pockets, so young our breaths? How
18 did we inoculate our needs until we
19 genuflected death too?

20 A vigil of blood clotting on
21 steel and glass leaks into our pores, a
22 vigil of slot machine profits courting
23 our spirits, a vigil of hope rummaging
24 our eyes for food and shelter.

25 This earth perched on the heads

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2 of lower case luminaries. Dare reconfirm
3 this earth free of the corruption of war.
4 Can heroes be born without the fanfare of
5 bullets? How many times can we auction
6 off democracy whose heads are larger than
7 God, whose hands are larger than the sea,
8 whose eyes are larger than the stars?

9 Inside time we pilot laughter,
10 our mouths lassoing our poem souls, for
11 this day, this day, this day has the
12 precision of a pause. Old words become
13 great echoes on Monday morning
14 abstinence.

15 Can you hear the children's
16 breaths flying out of their skins? Old
17 words conjugate in wild colors.

18 Now hear this, now hear this,
19 our children are walking barefoot across
20 our souls. Their storefront laughter is
21 collapsing in the streets. Can you hear?
22 Can you hear the people's fears,
23 confessing to the cadence of forgotten
24 air?

25 Philadelphians, Philadelphians,

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2 walking, bending, raising, living inside
3 your words, practicing the rural of
4 neighborhoods, flowing from your thighs.
5 Can you hear them teasing the City with a
6 girlish glance? Oh, bluesy city.

7 Beat, beat. Beat, beat, beat,
8 beat, beat that base. Beat, beat, beat,
9 beat, beat that base.

10 Let the ghosts fly out. Play
11 the wonder in your fingertips. The City
12 is not dead. I am not dead. We are
13 merely occasional fallen nightingales.

14 No more breath smiles here. No
15 harpsichord teeth placing words into an
16 antique pillbox. On this January
17 landscape, we hear humming. We hear
18 humming of prayer on your tongues saying
19 step inside. Step inside. Step inside,
20 mi amor.

21 You are wild time, rosemary,
22 watermelon seeds, garlic, roses caught in
23 our throats. Your hands are anointed
24 with eyes. Your legs greet themselves at
25 the door. Step inside. Step inside.

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2 Step inside.

3 A moon wind, our bones join at

4 the spine. Our blue midnight breaths

5 sailing on urban tongues. Like Lorca, yo

6 quiero, I love, I want. Like Lorca, yo

7 quiero, I love, I want. Like Lorca, yo

8 quiero, I love, I want, I say. I say, I

9 say, I say step inside. Step inside.

10 Step inside, mi amor, as we untangle this

11 language of death. Stand words up and

12 say minuet our blood.

13 Step inside. I say step

14 inside. Step inside a moon wind.

15 As we commandeer our children's

16 legs and they become rivers, repelling

17 ice water ghosts, kneeling on razor-thin

18 knees at confession.

19 Step inside. Step inside.

20 Step inside, mi amor, as we become one

21 city, alive and apart from the elasticity

22 of the dead.

23 Give me the spirit, Lord. I

24 say give me the spirit, Lord. Give me

25 the spirit, Lord. Give me the quick

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2 civil courage, Lord. I say give me the
3 quick civil courage, Lord, so I can
4 spread it over my face and mouth. Give
5 me the spirit tongue of a thousand suns.
6 I say give me the spirit tongue of a
7 thousand suns to warm our hearts, oh
8 Lord.

9 Give me the spirit, Lord. I
10 say give me the spirit, Lord, to come
11 awake in your thunder so our eyes can see
12 behind trees.

13 Help us to remember, oh Lord.
14 Are we not more than hunger and music.
15 Are we not more than greed and poverty.
16 Are we not more than color and
17 homelessness. Are we not more than anger
18 and dance.

19 This day is walking towards us,
20 and I say give us the spirit, Lord, to
21 put on our eyes and forever, oh Lord, let
22 us be in the eyelash of your memory, in
23 the eyelash of your memory.

24 Our ebobo (ph), our ebobo, our
25 ebobo. Praise God. Praise God. Praise

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2 God for we, the people. For we, the
3 people. For we, the people.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. HENDERSON: Philadelphia
7 poet extraodinaire, Ms. Sonia Sanchez.

8 Now please welcome City Council
9 President Anna C. Verna to the podium.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you all very much, and may I say good
13 morning. It is my pleasure to welcome
14 you to the inaugural proceedings for the
15 investiture of City Councilmembers, the
16 inauguration of the Mayor, and the
17 induction of the Judiciary and elected
18 officials.

19 Special guests joining us on
20 stage today are Archbishop Charles
21 Chaput, Reverend Dr. Albert Campbell,
22 Reverend John Roberts, Rabbi Solomon
23 Isaacson, former Governor Ed Rendell,
24 former Mayor John Street, former Mayor
25 William Green, former Mayor W. Wilson

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2 Goode, the Honorable Pamela Dembe, the
3 Honorable Matthew Carrifiello and the
4 Honorable Thomasine Tynes.

5 I also wish to acknowledge
6 elected officials joining us on stage
7 today as well as members of the Honorary
8 Inaugural Committee.

9 Please join me at this time in
10 welcoming the First Lady of our City,
11 Lisa Nutter, and the Nutter's lovely
12 daughter, Olivia.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Would
15 Councilwoman Tasco please make a
16 presentation of flowers to Mrs. Nutter
17 and Olivia.

18 (Presentation of flowers to
19 Mrs. Nutter and Olivia.)

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
22 being the day fixed by the Philadelphia
23 Home Rule Charter for the organization of
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
25 hour has arrived, and we will now proceed

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2 with the organization of Council and the
3 investiture of Councilmembers.

4 The first order of business
5 will be the election of a temporary
6 chairperson. Nominations are now in
7 order, and the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I nominate Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I second the
16 nomination.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
18 there any further nominations?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
21 Hearing none, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I move the nominations
25 be closed.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I second that
8 motion.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
10 in favor of the motion will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 ayes have it, and the nominations are
18 closed. There being no further
19 nominations, all in favor of the election
20 of Councilman Jones will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 ayes have it, and Councilman Jones has
3 been duly elected temporary Chairperson.

4 Before I relinquish this gavel
5 to my colleague, I'd like to take this
6 opportunity to reflect on my years as,
7 first, a Council staff member, then
8 Councilwoman for the 2nd Councilmanic
9 District, and finally as Council
10 President.

11 There are a few principles that
12 I followed over the course of my career
13 in public service, and I'd like to impart
14 them to all of those beginning or
15 continuing their journey in City Council.

16 Uphold the truth that has been
17 placed upon you by the citizens of this
18 great city. Treat your colleagues and
19 constituents with dignity and respect.
20 Remember that compromise is an essential
21 element in all successful legislative
22 bodies. And always remember public
23 service is a noble profession.

24 I believe that if you make
25 decisions with these ideals in mind, your

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2 careers will be as happy and fulfilling
3 as mine has been.

4 I'd like to thank my Council
5 colleagues, past and present, for sharing
6 their wisdom and generosity of spirit
7 with me, my staff for their dedication,
8 and mostly the people of the 2nd Council
9 District for having placed their trust in
10 me. Together we have accomplished so
11 much of which I am very, very proud.

12 Thank you, and God bless.

13 (Standing ovation.)

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

15 As the first order of business,
16 I appoint Mr. Michael Decker temporary
17 Clerk.

18 The next order of business is
19 the filing of certificates of election.
20 The Clerk will call the roll. I direct
21 the Clerk to call the roll beginning with
22 Councilpersons-at-large in alphabetical
23 order, then to proceed to the District
24 Councilpersons in order of their
25 district, beginning with the 1st

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2 District.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. W. Wilson
4 Goode, Jr.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Present.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. William
7 Green.
8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Present.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. William
10 Greenlee.
11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Present.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. James F.
13 Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Present.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Dennis
16 O'Brien.
17 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Present.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. David Oh.
19 COUNCILMAN OH: Present.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Blondell
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Present.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Mark Squilla.
24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Present.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Kenyatta

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2 Johnson.

3 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Jannie

5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

7 Present.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Curtis Jones,

9 Jr.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Darrell

12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Present.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Bobby Henon.

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: Present.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Maria

17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:

19 Presente.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Cindy Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Present.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Marian B.

23 Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Present.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Brian

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones,
5 a quorum of the members-elect is present,
6 and I have in my possession certificates
7 of election from the County Board of
8 Elections in Philadelphia, indicating
9 their election on November 8th, 2011, for
10 a term of four years, commencing the
11 first Monday of January, AD 2012.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: The
13 investiture of members will now proceed.
14 The members-elect will rise to take their
15 oath of office, which will be
16 administered by the Honorable Pamela
17 Pryor Dembe, President Judge of the Court
18 of Common Pleas.

19 JUDGE DEMBE: Please place your
20 left hands on the Bible and repeat after
21 me.

22 (Office of oath administered.)

23 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations,
24 and thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: The next

3 order of business is the election of the
4 President of City Council for the City of
5 Philadelphia to serve four years,
6 commencing January 2nd, 2012.

7 Nominations are now in order.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Henon.

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman. I proudly and with great
12 honor nominate Darrell L. Clarke.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: At this
15 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Brien.

17 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN:
18 Mr. Chairman, I second the nomination.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Are there
20 any further nominations?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Hearing
23 none, the Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

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2 Mr. Chairman, I move the nominations be
3 closed.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY:
7 Mr. Chairman, I second that motion.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: All those in
9 favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Those
12 opposed will say nay.

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: There being
15 no further nomination, all those in favor
16 of the election of the Honorable Darrell
17 L. Clarke as President of the City
18 Council will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: The ayes
24 have it. However, the temporary Clerk
25 will call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Johnson.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Brien.

4 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

9 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Quinones-Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Reynolds Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Squilla.

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 The ayes are 17; the nays are

25 zero. Councilman Clarke having been

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2 unanimously chosen by members of Council,
3 I declare Councilman Clarke is duly
4 elected President of this body.

5 (Standing ovation.)

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: I appoint
7 Councilman Henon, Councilman Greenlee,
8 Councilman O'Brien, Councilwoman Brown to
9 escort Council President Clarke to the
10 rostrum. Joining the Council President
11 will be his daughter, Nicole Bright, and
12 his grandson, Kadin Jones.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: It is my
15 pleasure to present to you the President
16 of City Council, the Honorable Darrell L.
17 Clarke.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman Jones, for
21 conducting the first order of business of
22 the City Council as temporary Chair.

23 Good morning, everyone.

24 (Good morning.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Wow,

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2 this is truly a good morning for me.

3 This is an exciting day for me
4 personally, as well for this City Council
5 and City government. The inauguration of
6 17 members of Council, six of them new,
7 and the selection of new officers is an
8 important moment, filled with promise and
9 opportunity for Philadelphia.

10 Oh, by the way, my grandson,
11 Kadin -- my daughter, Nicole, and I had a
12 conversation late last night and he was
13 in a rather rambunctious mode. He is
14 only one years old. Should he be on the
15 stage? Probably not. He's going to be
16 joining us a little later.

17 Before I speak about that
18 promise and some of the challenges we
19 face, I want to acknowledge the two most
20 important people in my life, my daughter,
21 Nicole, and that aforementioned grandson,
22 Kadin. They mean the world to me.

23 I want to thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 want to also acknowledge and thank two
3 people who taught me so much since I came
4 into City government 20 years ago. John
5 Street.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
8 would not be standing here today if it
9 were not for John Street. I learned many
10 things about government from him - paying
11 attention to detail, understanding the
12 importance of budget and its impact on
13 services. The list goes on and on.
14 However, the most important thing I
15 learned from him was not details or
16 facts; it was the value of hard work, and
17 I thank him for that.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Likewise, when I ran for Council, I
21 developed another significant
22 relationship. Council President Anna
23 Verna.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 learned not only the true importance of
3 listening to people and understanding the
4 views of the Councilmembers, but, more
5 importantly, I learned the true value of
6 fairness, and I think all of our members
7 can attest to that.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: If I
10 can work as hard as John Street and be as
11 fair as Anna Verna, I'll have a solid
12 foundation with which to lead this
13 Council.

14 Mayor Street, President Verna,
15 I just want to thank so much for your
16 years of guidance and support and
17 friendship. Thank you so much.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: When
20 I was growing up in Strawberry Mansion,
21 I, like most Philadelphians, was raised
22 in a row home community, with quality
23 public schools, thriving local
24 businesses, and strong families. But
25 unfortunately for many Philadelphia

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2 neighborhoods, that is no longer the
3 case. The economic downturn has caused
4 many local businesses to close, and our
5 neighborhood districts are not what they
6 used to be. Our public schools have made
7 strides, but too many remain dangerous,
8 the dropout rate is too high, and the
9 recent strife with the Superintendent and
10 the SRC serve no one well, least of all
11 our children.

12 To get where we must go, all
13 parties involved, City Council, the
14 Mayor, the SRC, the PFT and every, I mean
15 every parent must work together.

16 We must also create a strong
17 business-friendly environment. We must
18 send a clear message to the country and
19 the world that Philadelphia is open for
20 business. It is extremely important, let
21 me emphasize extremely important, that
22 this Council and this Mayor work
23 productively on the issues that unite us
24 rather on those on which we disagree.

25 Mayor Nutter --

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --

4 we wish you well in your second term, and
5 I'd like to say that this Council
6 President stands ready and willing to
7 work with you to move this great city of
8 ours forward.

9 MAYOR NUTTER: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: For
12 the last several years, Council and the
13 Mayor had to make some difficult
14 decisions as the economy worsened and tax
15 revenues declined, but we still had to
16 deliver services. So we collectively
17 agreed to several increases in taxes and
18 fees. And I will understand if you do
19 not applaud for that.

20 But as our economy begins to
21 stabilize, we need to generate creative
22 ideas to strengthen our budget and
23 deliver services without always resorting
24 to putting our hands in the taxpayers'
25 pockets. I believe we can use the assets

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2 we have in new ways to help create jobs
3 and revenues.

4 Last year, Council commissioned
5 a study on ways our City can think and
6 act differently when it comes to the
7 issues of taxes and generating revenues
8 and reducing our costs. That study
9 produced a report with some very good
10 ideas. Let me touch briefly on a very
11 few of them.

12 One such idea is to create a
13 series of development districts across
14 our city. We need to get the thousands
15 of City-owned parcels out of the City's
16 inventory and in the hands of developers
17 to create jobs, opportunity and revenue.

18 Also, we must explore municipal
19 marketing opportunities. Millions of
20 dollars are being generated in other
21 states and in other cities across our
22 country. No, Mary Tracy, I'm not saying
23 that we should put a billboard on top of
24 Billy Penn's hat. But if we work
25 together, we can realize revenues to help

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2 pay for essential services while still
3 preserving the character of our public
4 spaces.

5 We should also apply the same
6 kinds of creative thinking to reducing
7 the cost of government. We should
8 continue to aggressively retrofit our
9 municipal buildings with alternative
10 energy sources.

11 And, Mayor Nutter, I want to
12 thank you for the most recent bill that
13 you introduced and we passed to do just
14 that. In doing so, we'll save money and
15 we'll continue to support the environment
16 at the same time.

17 Additionally, proceeds from
18 aggressive municipal asset sales program
19 could be utilized to reduce long-term
20 debt.

21 Furthermore, we must continue
22 to attract businesses from other
23 countries -- and, Councilman Oh, I know
24 you like hearing that -- and further
25 stimulate the fast-growing sectors of our

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2 economy - our healthcare, institutions,
3 hospitals, colleges, and universities.

4 As we work cooperatively and
5 think creatively, we must also practice
6 fiscal responsibility. We must take
7 steps to confront a long-simmering
8 problem, the City's unfunded pension
9 liability. We must work together with
10 the Mayor, the Pension Board, and the
11 City's municipal unions to craft
12 solutions to the serious fiscal problem
13 before it overwhelms us.

14 I'd like to say now to the new
15 members of Council, I make this promise.
16 I will work hard every day to listen to
17 your proposals and to treat you as fairly
18 as Council President Verna treated me
19 when I was first elected.

20 And to my veteran colleagues,
21 also known as the "old heads," I say let
22 us start this term fresh and
23 reinvigorated, using our experience, but
24 also opening ourselves to new ideas to
25 move the great city of ours forward.

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2 And to the citizens of
3 Philadelphia, I ask for your help, your
4 prayers, and your ideas as I work every
5 day to keep the faith you have placed in
6 me today.

7 With that, I want to thank you
8 so much and thank you for this blessing.
9 I honor it, and I will do you proud.

10 Thank you all, and God bless
11 you.

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: The Honorable
14 Pamela Pryor Dembe, President Judge of
15 the Court of Common Pleas, will now
16 administer the oath of office to Council
17 President Clarke.

18 JUDGE DEMBE: Raise your right
19 hand and repeat after me.

20 (Oath of office administered.)

21 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you so much.

24 (Standing ovation.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Time

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2 to go to work. Thank you.

3 The next order of business is
4 the election of the Chief Clerk of the
5 Council of the City of Philadelphia.
6 Nominations are now in order, and the
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:

9 Mr. President, I nominate Mr. Michael
10 Decker.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Oh.

15 COUNCILMAN OH: Mr. President,
16 I second that nomination.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you. Are there any further
19 nominations?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: None
22 further. Hearing none, the Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Johnson.

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

25 Mr. President, I move the nominations be

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2 closed.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. I move the nominations be

5 closed.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Mr. President, I second the motion.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you.

12 It has been moved and properly

13 seconded that the nominations be closed.

14 All in favor of the motion will

15 say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed say no.

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

21 ayes have it and the motion is carried.

22 There being no further

23 nominations, all in favor of the election

24 of Mr. Michael Decker as Chief Clerk of

25 Council will say aye. Those opposed --

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2 (Aye.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
4 sorry. I got a little ahead of myself.
5 Those opposed?
6 (No response.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it. However, the Clerk will
9 call the roll.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Bass.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.
15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.
22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Johnson.
3 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 O'Brien.
11 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
16 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Quinones-Sanchez.
19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Squilla.
25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Clarke.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17; the nays are
9 zero. Mr. Decker, having received a
10 unanimous vote of the members of Council,
11 I now declare Mr. Michael Decker duly
12 elected Chief Clerk of the City Council
13 of Philadelphia.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Councilmembers Goode and Blackwell will
17 escort Mr. Decker to the rostrum, and
18 Judge Dembe will administer the oath of
19 office.

20 (Oath of office administered.)

21 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Congratulations, Mr. Decker.

25 At this time, I will name the

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2 officers of the City Council. Please be
3 advised that at a meeting of the
4 democratic members of Council, the
5 Honorable Curtis Jones, Jr. was elected
6 Majority Leader, the Honorable Blondell
7 Reynolds Brown was elected Majority Whip,
8 and the Honorable William Greenlee was
9 elected Majority Deputy Whip of the City
10 Council of Philadelphia.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
13 be advised that at a meeting of the
14 republican members of Council, the
15 Honorable Brian J. O'Neill was elected
16 and the Honorable David Oh was elected
17 Minority Whip.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 next order of business is the
21 introduction of a resolution concerning
22 the rules of government of the Council of
23 the City of Philadelphia, and the Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I offer the
3 following resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Chief Clerk will read the title of the
6 resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution to
8 provide rules for the government of the
9 Council of the City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:
13 Mr. President, I move that the rules as
14 set forth in this resolution be adopted
15 as the temporary rules of this Council
16 until the permanent rules are adopted.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I second the motion.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
22 in favor of that motion will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Those opposed, nay.

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it and the motion is carried.
5 The rules contained in this resolution
6 have been adopted temporarily. The
7 resolution will be placed on the Final
8 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
9 next session of Council.

10 The organization of the Council
11 of the City of Philadelphia and the
12 investiture of the City Councilmembers
13 are complete, in accordance with the
14 provisions of the Home Rule Charter.

15 The Council is honored by the
16 presence of Reverend John Roberts. I ask
17 you to all please to rise as I invite
18 Reverend Roberts to lead us in prayer.

19 By the way, that's my Reverend.

20 (All guests rise.)

21 REVEREND ROBERTS: Let's bow
22 our head.

23 Lord, thou has been our
24 dwelling place in all generations, before
25 the mountains were brought forth and

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2 forever thou has formed the earth and the
3 world. Even from everlasting to
4 everlasting, thou art God.

5 We ask now that you would bless
6 us as we stand in your presence. We're
7 blessed to come, and we're glad we're
8 here. Thank you for waking us up this
9 morning and giving us strength to get up.
10 Thank you for blessing us to come safely
11 to this place.

12 We thank you for the great
13 leaders of this great city. We thank you
14 for our Mayor. We thank you for his
15 family. We thank you even now for our
16 President of City Council, my friend and
17 brother, the Honorable Darrell Clarke.

18 We pray now for his daughter, his
19 granddaughter (sic), even his brother
20 that is not well at this time.

21 We ask, God, for your wisdom
22 and for your knowledge, for your word
23 says that when the righteous are in
24 authority, the people rejoice, but when
25 the wicked rule, the people mourn. And

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2 there have been people that have been
3 crying for a long time.

4 But we ask that you would give
5 wisdom and knowledge to these great
6 leaders of this great city. Bless our
7 brother, President Clarke, as he leads
8 City Council.

9 We serve God by serving one
10 another. So we ask for your divine
11 wisdom now. We pray for your choice
12 blessings in this new year. So many have
13 gone on, but we are still here, and
14 because of this, we're grateful and in
15 our spirits, we say thank you.

16 Now continue to lead us. Bless
17 this City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly
18 Affection. We thank you for how you
19 brought us, because we realize that
20 promotion comes from God, and if we
21 continue to put you first and seek you
22 first, everything else will be added on.

23 Bless us now and we shall be
24 blessed. Heal us and we shall be healed.
25 Save us and we shall be saved, as we

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2 continue in the spirit of oneness and of
3 love.

4 I ask this in your precious
5 name, and as always, Lord, I thank you
6 for listening.

7 Amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Reverend Roberts.

11 Will everyone please be seated.

12 At this time, I invite the
13 Greater Exodus Baptist Church Choir to
14 perform "Faithful is Our God." The choir
15 is directed by Carol Nathaniel.

16 (Greater Exodus Church Choir
17 performs "Faithful is our God.")

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you so much. Thank you so much.

21 We are also honored by the
22 presence of Reverend Dr. Albert Campbell.

23 I ask you all to please rise as I invite
24 Reverend Campbell to lead us in prayer.

25 (All guests rise.)

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2 REVEREND CAMPBELL: Except the
3 Lord build the house, they labor in vain
4 that build it. Except the Lord keep the
5 City, the watchmen waketh, but in vain.

6 Let us pray.

7 Oh thou who art the source of
8 all light and life, wisdom and truth, we
9 are pleased again to pause to pay homage
10 to you for this day, for this hour, and
11 for this significant investiture and
12 inaugural event that brings us together
13 across many diverse lines. We are both
14 glad and grateful.

15 We pray earnestly that this
16 gathering today omens a new beginning in
17 our common quest for the common good in
18 this great City of Brotherly Love.

19 We intercede on behalf of the
20 Mayor, the Honorable Michael A. Nutter,
21 that he will continue to be endowed with
22 wisdom and with courage for the facing of
23 the complex issues of these times. May
24 he be provided with the statesman-like
25 tools and resources necessary for the

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2 leadership that will be required.

3 We also ask for an incredibly
4 exciting and productive spirit of
5 cooperation and dedication between the
6 high offices of Mayor and those of City
7 Council so that the best possible results
8 for this city might be achieved.

9 And we ask that the citizenry
10 will join the elected leadership in
11 working and watching and praying for
12 peace, for the reduction of violence in
13 our communities, for the lifting of the
14 quality of education for all of our
15 children, and for the raising of the
16 quality of human relations in every
17 sphere of our life together.

18 In thy holy name we pray.

19 Amen.

20 (Amen.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you, Reverend Campbell.

23 Will everyone please be seated.

24 At this time, I invite

25 Priscilla Coblentz and Claude Donaldson

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2 to perform "The Prayer," composed by
3 Carole Bayer and David Foster.
4 (Priscilla Coblentz and Claude
5 Donaldson perform "The Prayer.")
6 (Applause.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you so much.
9 We will now proceed with the
10 induction of the Mayor of the City of
11 Philadelphia.
12 The Chair appoints Councilman
13 O'Brien, Councilman Kenney, Councilman
14 Oh, and Councilman Goode to escort the
15 Honorable Mayor Michael Nutter to the
16 rostrum.
17 The Chair invites Mayor
18 Nutter's wife, Lisa, and daughter,
19 Olivia, to join him at the rostrum.
20 (Applause.)
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 Chief Clerk will read the certificate of
23 the election of the Honorable Michael A.
24 Nutter as Mayor of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Michael A.

3 Nutter, at an election held November 8,
4 2011, you were duly elected the Mayor of
5 the City and County of Philadelphia, for
6 a term of four years, commencing the
7 first Monday of January, AD 2012.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Honorable Theodore A. McKee will
10 administer the oath of office.

11 JUDGE McKEE: Raise your right
12 hand, place your left hand on the Bible
13 and repeat after me.

14 (Oath of office administered.)

15 (Standing ovation.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: To
17 the members of City Council, Reverend
18 clergy, elected officials, distinguished
19 guests, ladies and gentlemen, I have the
20 distinct honor to present to you His
21 Honor, the Mayor of the City of
22 Philadelphia, the Honorable Michael A.
23 Nutter.

24 (Standing ovation.)

25 MAYOR NUTTER: Good morning.

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2 (Good morning.)

3 MAYOR NUTTER: To our elected

4 officials, our members of Congress,

5 members of the General Assembly in

6 Harrisburg, Archbishop Chaput, Reverend

7 Griffith, Reverend Campbell, Reverend

8 Roberts, Rabbi Isaacson, and all members

9 of our faith community, Judge McKee,

10 Judge Pryor Dembe, Judge Carrifiello, and

11 Judge Tynes and all the members of the

12 Judiciary, Governor Rendell, Mayor Green,

13 Mayor Goode, Mayor Street and our good

14 friend from across the river, Mayor Dana

15 Redd of Camden, to all the members of

16 Philadelphia City Council, to the

17 retiring members of Council and the new

18 members of Council, welcome to City

19 government.

20 To former President Anna Verna,

21 who I enjoyed many, many years of getting

22 to know and working with. Let us please

23 recognize one more time 60 years of

24 public service to this great city.

25 (Standing ovation.)

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2 MAYOR NUTTER: And to our new
3 Council President, Council President
4 Darrell Clarke, who I've also worked with
5 for a long period of time and gotten to
6 know well, and I look forward to our
7 partnership in moving this city forward
8 and deeply appreciated your remarks this
9 morning.

10 Our new Council President,
11 Councilman Clarke.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR NUTTER: To Lisa, Olivia,
14 Christian, my mother, Catalina, my
15 sister, Renee.

16 First and foremost, thank you
17 to the people of Philadelphia for once
18 again bestowing upon me this tremendous
19 honor.

20 I will never be able to fully
21 express what it means to me, a kid from
22 West Philadelphia, to stand on this stage
23 at the Academy of Music as Mayor of my
24 hometown and to have this wonderful
25 opportunity --

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR NUTTER: And just to have
4 this wonderful opportunity to continue to
5 serve the city and the people that I love
6 so much.

7 Since that January day four
8 years ago when we were last gathered in
9 this place, we've made tremendous
10 progress together. On that day, I made a
11 promise that we would be a safer city, a
12 more educated city, a growing city, a
13 number one city for art and culture in
14 the United States, a more green city
15 where businesses would come and invest
16 and create jobs, and a city that people
17 all across America will be talking about
18 in good ways.

19 And because of the hard work of
20 our public servants, our workforce, the
21 dedication of our elected officials and
22 the ingenuity of our citizens and
23 neighborhoods all across this great city,
24 I've kept those promises, and we have set
25 Philadelphia on a fundamentally different

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2 course, a different path, a new
3 trajectory.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR NUTTER: But we're not
6 done yet.

7 And so as I stand before you
8 today at this beginning of a second term,
9 it is not my intention to celebrate what
10 has been done, but to talk briefly about
11 the values I believe that are needed to
12 guide us in doing what must be done.

13 I'm not motivated by pride and
14 satisfaction and past accomplishments.
15 I'm motivated by a vision of what can be,
16 by an urgency to tackle and take on the
17 challenges that are holding us back as a
18 city, and the deep concern and sense that
19 though we are making progress, there are
20 too many Philadelphians who do not share
21 in the success and promise.

22 I'm motivated by a
23 determination that as we continue to
24 transform Philadelphia, we cannot, we
25 must not, and we will not leave anyone

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2 behind.

3 (Applause.)

4 MAYOR NUTTER: The sense of
5 community and togetherness has guided
6 America since its earliest days. In
7 April of 1630 when a band of colonists
8 set sail from England for opportunity and
9 freedom in the New World, one among them,
10 John Winthrop, composed a message to his
11 fellow immigrants describing how they
12 were going to succeed and set an example
13 for those who are to follow.

14 Winthrop said, "We must be knit
15 together in this work as one man. We
16 must entertain each other in brotherly
17 affection. We must delight in each
18 other, make others' conditions our own,
19 rejoice together, mourn together, labor,
20 and suffer together, always having before
21 our eyes our commission and community in
22 the work as members of the same body."

23 Philadelphia, of course we have
24 our own way of saying it. We have the
25 City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly

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2 Affection. We're proud of our city. We
3 look out for each other. We stand up for
4 each other. We fight for each other.

5 And that's certainly how it was
6 when I was growing up at 55th and
7 Larchwood. On Saturday morning, all the
8 kids on the block grabbed a broom,
9 grabbed a bucket. We mopped our steps.
10 We cleaned up our block together. And
11 when one of us went to the movies or to
12 the rec center, we all went together.

13 We had respect for each other
14 and for our elders. When my mother told
15 me to be back on the steps before that
16 streetlight came on, you can best believe
17 that I was there.

18 (Applause.)

19 MAYOR NUTTER: Community,
20 togetherness, respect, pride - that's the
21 Philadelphia way. It's who we are. We
22 stand together - together as a block,
23 together as a community, as a
24 neighborhood, and as a city, all working
25 to make our city a better place.

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2 I see that togetherness almost
3 every day as I travel through the
4 neighborhoods all across Philadelphia. I
5 see young people in after-school
6 activities learning a second language,
7 painting stained glass on a church, or
8 expressing themselves through spoken word
9 or poetry.

10 I see community leaders working
11 with us through our Philly Rising
12 initiative to clean up their
13 neighborhoods or through our Health
14 Department's MOMS program to help young,
15 first-time mothers access the early
16 childhood services their baby needs.

17 And I'm going to see it this
18 afternoon when I visit Project HOME
19 residents who are in our workforce
20 development and job training programs,
21 trying to build a better life for
22 themselves and play a role in the future
23 of this city, all of us working together
24 as members of the same body.

25 But I also see in our City of

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2 Philadelphia that William Penn, a Quaker,
3 founded with the values of community,
4 fairness, and inclusiveness as its
5 bedrock, that there are too many
6 neighborhoods where we have lost that
7 sense of community, that pride in our
8 city, that commitment to each other.

9 There are too many
10 Philadelphians who don't feel safe in
11 their own neighborhoods, whose children
12 are stuck in low-performing schools, who
13 are struggling to find work, and some who
14 have even given up looking for a job.

15 And I refuse to accept that we
16 can or should move forward as a city if
17 we have not done all that we can to
18 include all Philadelphians in our
19 progress.

20 We must be willing to have an
21 honest conversation about the things that
22 are holding us back as a city and ask
23 ourselves, What are we prepared to do
24 about them, together.

25 We must be willing to do

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2 something about the fact that of the 317
3 people who were murdered in Philadelphia
4 last year, 83 percent of them were killed
5 with a handgun; nearly 75 percent of
6 those killed, African American men;
7 nearly 80 percent of those doing the
8 killing, African American men, a local
9 and national epidemic that is
10 insufficiently discussed, let alone taken
11 on.

12 What are we going to do about
13 this?

14 We're going to put more police
15 on the streets. A hundred and twenty new
16 officers will be on foot patrol by this
17 summer. But we must do more.

18 We're going to continue to
19 build partnerships with the community
20 through community policing and our Philly
21 Rising program.

22 Working with mayors around the
23 country and with leaders in our own
24 community, we've begun a serious, adult
25 conversation and have started to develop

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2 strategic plans to deal with the
3 proliferation of illegal guns and the
4 fact that people and their guns are
5 wiping out an entire generation of
6 African American men and boys.

7 And we're deploying and
8 developing a new approach, which we'll
9 roll out in the next few months, to
10 getting these illegal guns off our
11 streets, targeting the people who have
12 them, the people who are supplying them,
13 and the neighborhoods where they're
14 operating in, and the five police
15 districts in the City where nearly 50
16 percent of the homicides occur, and
17 working with our partners at all levels
18 of government to go after them
19 aggressively and relentlessly every day.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR NUTTER: But while we say
22 to those who hide behind their illegal
23 guns that we will come after you and the
24 people who are supplying these weapons
25 harder and tougher than ever before, we

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2 must also be brave enough to extend a
3 hand to those who want to put that gun
4 down to make a different choice. We must
5 show them that if you put that gun down,
6 we'll put work in your hands, we'll put a
7 job in your hands, we'll put a book in
8 your hands, we'll put a paycheck in your
9 hands.

10 (Applause.)

11 MAYOR NUTTER: And we'll work
12 with you to put your future back in your
13 hands.

14 Because some of these young
15 kids that are terrorizing our
16 neighborhoods are themselves just
17 frightened kids. They're not all bad
18 kids, and they weren't born like this.
19 These are kids who lack opportunity, who
20 believe that they have no future, that
21 there is no door open to them. And when
22 we have to lock them up, we also lock up
23 their potential.

24 Two days ago I visited our city
25 prisons. This is a tradition started by

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2 Mayor Street. Two days ago I met a young
3 man in juvenile detention on State Road.
4 His name is Kent. He's 17 years old.
5 Kent was sentenced to 7 to 20 years for
6 four armed robberies. He told me that he
7 got about \$2,000 as a result. But he
8 also told me that he's carrying a 3.6 GPA
9 at John Bartram High School and he scored
10 a 1400 on his SATs. Colleges are still
11 sending him letters at his home, not
12 knowing where he is right now, asking him
13 to apply to college.

14 He told me that he's sorry for
15 what he's done, and he knows that he has
16 to pay a high price for his actions.

17 He's our kid, and he and all
18 the other juveniles on State Road and all
19 the other young people in Philadelphia
20 have to know that we care about them and
21 that there is a future for them here in
22 Philadelphia. We have to show them --

23 (Applause.)

24 MAYOR NUTTER: We have to show
25 them all that they do have a future, that

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2 they can get a job, that to be a real man
3 or real woman takes responsibility and
4 good behavior, taking care of your own
5 life, to earn a wage and provide for your
6 family.

7 We can reach these kids, and I
8 will not accept that we can leave any of
9 them behind either.

10 I also won't accept that we can
11 leave behind so many of our students in
12 failing schools and that they and their
13 families shouldn't have access to the
14 same opportunities that the kids or the
15 people in this entire hall here today
16 have themselves. Not only is it unfair,
17 but it also holds all of us back.

18 I'm on the phone every day
19 talking to companies, fighting to bring
20 jobs to Philadelphia, and the number one
21 thing that the executives talk with me
22 about is our workforce. If we don't have
23 educated, trained, skilled workers, we
24 will continue to struggle to attract new
25 businesses, grow the companies that we

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2 already have, and create the new jobs
3 that our city so desperately needs.

4 We must better educate and
5 train our young people, and that's going
6 to require serious and difficult changes
7 in our school system and in the way in
8 which we provide education here in
9 Philadelphia.

10 I committed on day one that my
11 Administration would work in cooperation
12 with the State, the School Reform
13 Commission, and the School District. And
14 now through the Philadelphia Great
15 Schools Compact, we will turn around the
16 lowest-performing schools in our system,
17 and if they can't be turned around, close
18 or replace them with high-quality
19 alternatives.

20 Reform, restructure, replace.

21 (Applause.)

22 MAYOR NUTTER: Because the
23 alternative is abandoning some children
24 in some schools in some communities,
25 effectively saying that they don't

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2 deserve every opportunity that we can
3 give them, whose education somehow must
4 take a back seat to political agendas,
5 historic mismanagement, and the tradition
6 of low expectations, who can be left
7 behind as we try to move this city
8 forward.

9 Well, I'm a public school
10 parent too, and I can't accept that, I
11 won't accept that, and neither should
12 you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MAYOR NUTTER: These two
15 issues - high crime rates in many
16 neighborhoods and too few quality public
17 education options - are holding us back
18 as a city. They stretch the fabric of
19 our society to its breaking point.

20 And this is not some moral or
21 social crusade. This is an economic
22 imperative for our city.

23 We spend one-third of our city
24 budget on our criminal justice complex,
25 one-third of your tax dollars dealing

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2 with bad decisions and bad behavior.

3 It's a waste of your money. That money
4 could be better spent on education and
5 after-school programs and libraries and
6 parks and recreation centers and job
7 opportunities.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR NUTTER: If more of our
10 young people went to school, stayed in
11 school, graduated, went on to higher
12 training or college, we'd have less
13 poverty, less crime, more jobs. We'd be
14 able to cut your taxes and, at the same
15 time, generate more revenues to invest in
16 our communities all across Philadelphia.

17 Imagine what the City can be if
18 we changed the mentality of those who
19 think they can carry and use illegal
20 weapons in our neighborhoods and get away
21 with it.

22 Imagine what this city can be
23 if every child, fueled and driven by high
24 expectations, gets a high-quality
25 education in a safe environment,

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2 supported and encouraged by their parents
3 and their community.

4 Imagine what the City can be if
5 we continue to attract new companies and
6 new jobs and train our Philadelphians so
7 that they can succeed in these new
8 industries.

9 Imagine what the City could be
10 if we restore to all parts of
11 Philadelphia the values of community,
12 togetherness, respect, and pride that
13 should define our city and that I see in
14 some parts of Philadelphia.

15 This is all within our reach.
16 These are the challenges that we must
17 confront, and we will tackle them.

18 There must be no issue too
19 uncomfortable or too complicated for us
20 to take on, no discussion too awkward or
21 sensitive for us to have. We will say
22 what needs to be said but hasn't been.
23 We will do what needs to be done but
24 hasn't happened.

25 We cannot accept the status

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2 quo. This cannot be just how it is.

3 We're bigger than that, we're bolder than

4 that, and we're better than that,

5 Philadelphia.

6 (Applause.)

7 MAYOR NUTTER: And so today I

8 make a pledge, and I ask you to join me

9 in this commitment, that we will focus on

10 the forgotten, we will shine a light on

11 areas of darkness, we will give a voice

12 to those not heard, and that we will

13 continue to build a better Philadelphia

14 to move our city in a positive direction

15 and that we will not leave anyone behind.

16 That, as I said earlier, we

17 must be knit together in this work as one

18 city.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: We must reject

21 this notion of a tale of two cities, a

22 society divided into the rich and the

23 poor, the affluent and the oppressed, the

24 educated and the enslaved. We are not

25 two cities. We must not become two

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2 cities.

3 We are one city, one
4 Philadelphia, and we will succeed
5 together as one Philadelphia.

6 Despite enormous challenges
7 over the last few years, we are building
8 our way back, and Philadelphia is
9 undergoing a transformation. My job is
10 to keep pushing us forward, faster and
11 farther, and to make sure that we don't
12 leave anyone behind.

13 This city took a young black
14 boy from West Philadelphia, growing up
15 with his mother and father and sister and
16 grandmother, and found a way to keep him
17 out of trouble and give him the best
18 education possible, even though his
19 family couldn't afford it. It gave him a
20 sense of community, of right and wrong,
21 of the notion that we are our brothers'
22 and sisters' keepers.

23 The City introduced that young
24 man to a political leader, John C.
25 Anderson, who would inspire him to

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2 dedicate his life to serving others, and
3 ultimately this city allowed that man to
4 serve as the Mayor of his hometown.

5 You didn't leave me behind, and
6 I won't leave any of you behind, not in
7 this city, not now.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR NUTTER: I will spend
10 every waking moment of every day of this
11 new term working with our City Council,
12 working with our state, working with our
13 federal government, working with all of
14 you and all Philadelphians, and fighting
15 for you and fighting for this city each
16 and every day.

17 We're in this together, one
18 city, one Philadelphia, no one left
19 behind.

20 May God bless you. May God
21 bless Philadelphians. May God bless the
22 City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly
23 Affection, our great city, Philadelphia.

24 Thank you, Philadelphia, so
25 much.

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2 (Standing ovation.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Mr. Mayor, again, congratulations.

5 I now invite Reverend Terrence
6 Griffith to offer a prayer for the City.

7 REVEREND GRIFFITH: Let's all
8 stand as we honor the Lord.

9 (All guests rise.)

10 REVEREND GRIFFITH: God of our
11 years, God of our silent tears, thou has
12 brought us thus far on our way, thou who
13 has by thy might led us into the light.
14 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

15 Our Father and our God, we
16 first pause to acknowledge you as a maker
17 and a king. We pay homage to you because
18 you are God and God alone. You change
19 times and seasons, set up kings and
20 depose them. You give wisdom to the wise
21 and knowledge to the discerning. For
22 this we praise your name and bow in
23 humble submission to your will.

24 We ask your blessings on your
25 servant, Michael Nutter. You have given

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2 him another term to lead this great city.

3 Give him the faith of Abraham, the

4 fortitude of Noah, the patience of Moses,

5 the charisma of David, the savvy of

6 Nehemiah, the wisdom of Solomon, the fire

7 of Jeremiah, the fight of Peter, and the

8 compassion of Jesus. As he desires to

9 heal our city, let prayer and the word be

10 his foundation, and instill in him the

11 desire to always seek your face.

12 For City Council we pray. You

13 have tasked them to represent and to

14 speak on behalf of the people. As they

15 deliberate from day to day, may the

16 interest of the people be paramount, not

17 self-interest or special interest, but an

18 interest of the people they were chosen

19 to represent. Give each the courage to

20 stand alone on principle and the decency

21 to say yes for the benefit of

22 Philadelphia.

23 For the Judiciary we pray. May

24 they operate not only by the letter of

25 the law, but also the spirit of the law.

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2 And may they be just, fair,
3 compassionate, merciful, and function
4 free from external influences.

5 We pray, Father, for your
6 blessings on the City Commissioners,
7 Register of Wills, Sheriff, judges of
8 Traffic Court. Bestow your blessings on
9 them.

10 But most of all, God, we pray
11 for Philadelphia. We humble ourselves.
12 We pray. We seek your face. We turn
13 from our wicked ways. Therefore, we ask
14 that you heal our city. Heal the City of
15 gun violence. Heal the land. Heal the
16 City of domestic violence. Heal the
17 land. Heal the City of those who molest
18 our children. Heal the land. Heal the
19 land of hatred. Heal the land. Make
20 Philadelphia that shining city on the
21 hill, where the poor find hope and the
22 homeless shelter, where our children
23 receive quality education and our seniors
24 are respected.

25 We know you can do it. We know

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2 it's possible. And so, God, make justice
3 roll down like waters and righteousness
4 as a mighty stream.

5 We ask all of this in the name
6 of Jesus Christ.

7 Amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Reverend Griffith.

11 To celebrate the inauguration
12 of the Mayor, the Philadelphia Boys Choir
13 will perform "Lift Every Voice," under
14 the direction of Jeffrey Smith.

15 (Philadelphia Boys Choir
16 performs "Lift Every Voice.")

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you. Thank you so much.

20 At this time, the Chair invites
21 the newly elected officials to take the
22 oath of office in the presence of
23 Council, the Mayor and other dignitaries.
24 Would the retention judges of the Common
25 Pleas Court please rise and take the oath

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2 of office.

3 The Clerk will read the
4 certificates of the election for the
5 judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Philadelphia,
7 November 8, 2011, office of the Judge of
8 the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia:
9 Joan A. Brown, Dennis P. Cohen, Rose
10 Marie DeFino-Nastasi, Thomas Dempsey,
11 Kevin M. Dougherty, Gary S. Glazer,
12 Elizabeth Jackson, James Murray Lynn,
13 Margaret T. Murphy, Arnold L. New, George
14 W. Overton, Paul P. Panepinto, Nitza I.
15 Quinones Alejandro, Lisa Rau, Robert J.
16 Rebstock, Gregory E. Smith, Albert John
17 Snite, Jr., Earl W. Trent, Jr., and Chris
18 Wogan. You are duly retained Judge of
19 the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia
20 County for a ten-year term, commencing
21 the first Monday of January, AD 2012.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Judge Dembe will administer the oath of
25 office.

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2 JUDGE DEMBE: Please put your
3 left hand on your Bible and raise your
4 right hand.

5 (Oath of office administered.)

6 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair now invites the newly elected
10 judges of the Common Pleas Court to
11 please rise and take the oath of office.

12 The Clerk will read the
13 certificates of the election for the
14 judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Philadelphia,
16 November 8, 2011, office of the Judge of
17 the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia:
18 Diana Anhalt, Charles Ehrlich, Angelo
19 Foglietta, Jonathan Q. Irvine, Vincent L.
20 Johnson, Sean Kennedy, Barbara A.
21 McDermott, Maria McLaughlin, Carolyn H.
22 Nichols and Thomas M. Nocella. You are
23 duly elected Judge of the Court of Common
24 Pleas of Philadelphia County for a
25 ten-year term, commencing the first

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2 Monday of January, AD 2012.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Judge Dembe will administer the oath of
6 office.

7 JUDGE DEMBE: I hate to tell
8 you, but nobody cheers like that in the
9 courtroom.

10 Please hold your Bible and
11 raise your right hand and repeat after
12 me.

13 (Oath of office administered.)

14 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair now invites the retention judges of
18 the Municipal Court of Philadelphia to
19 stand and take the oath of office.

20 The Clerk will please read the
21 certificate of election for the retention
22 judges of the Municipal Court of
23 Philadelphia.

24 CHIEF CLERK: James M. DeLeon,
25 Thomas F. Gehret, Nazario Jiminez, Jr.,

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2 William A. Meehan, Jr., Bradley K. Moss,
3 Harvey W. Robbins, David C. Shuter, and
4 Karen Yvette Simmons, at an election held
5 November 8, 2011, you were duly retained
6 Judge of the Municipal Court of
7 Philadelphia County for a six-year term,
8 commencing the first Monday of January,
9 AD 2012.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: In
12 the absence of the President Judge of
13 Municipal Court, Judge Dembe will
14 administer the oath of office.

15 JUDGE DEMBE: Please raise your
16 right hand.

17 (Oath of office administered.)

18 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair now invites the newly elected
22 judges of the Municipal Court of
23 Philadelphia to stand and take the oath
24 of office.

25 The Clerk will please read the

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2 certificate of election for the newly
3 elected judges of the Municipal Court of
4 Philadelphia.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Joyce Eubanks and
6 Marvin Williams.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: At an election
9 held November 8, 2011, you were duly
10 elected Judge of the Municipal Court of
11 Philadelphia County for a six-year term,
12 commencing the first Monday of January,
13 AD 2012.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Judge Dembe will administer the oath of
16 office.

17 JUDGE DEMBE: We let you watch
18 all the others.

19 Raise your right hand.

20 (Oath of office administered.)

21 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you.

25 The Traffic Court judges were

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2 not able to be with us today, but the
3 Chair would like to recognize and happy
4 that the President Judge of Traffic
5 Court, Thomasine Tynes, joins us.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you for being here.

9 The Chair now invites the City
10 Commissioners to stand as their names are
11 called. They are Anthony Clark,
12 Stephanie Singer, and Al Schmidt.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chief Clerk will read the certificates of
16 the election for the City Commissioners.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Anthony Clark,
18 Stephanie Singer, and Al Schmidt, at an
19 election held November 8, 2011, you were
20 duly elected City Commissioners for the
21 City and County of Philadelphia for a
22 term of four years, commencing the first
23 Monday of January, AD 2012.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Honorable Dembe will administer the oath

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2 of office.
3 JUDGE DEMBE: Please raise your
4 right hand.
5 (Oath of office administered.)
6 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.
7 (Applause.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair now invites the newly elected
10 Sheriff of Philadelphia, Jewell Williams,
11 to stand and take the --
12 (Applause.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --
14 (continued) to stand and take the oath of
15 office.
16 The Clerk will read the
17 certificate of election for the Sheriff
18 of Philadelphia.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Jewell Williams,
20 at an election held November 8, 2011, you
21 were duly elected Sheriff of the City and
22 County of Philadelphia for a term of four
23 years, commencing the first Monday of
24 January, AD 2012.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The Honorable Pam Dembe will
4 administer the oath of office.

5 JUDGE DEMBE: Please raise your
6 right hand.

7 (Oath of office administered.)

8 JUDGE DEMBE: Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair now invites Ron Donatucci, Register
12 of Wills, to stand to take his oath of
13 office.

14 The Chief Clerk will read the
15 certificate of election for the Register
16 of Wills.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Ronald Donatucci,
18 at an election held November 8, 2011, you
19 were duly elected Register of Wills for
20 the City and County of Philadelphia for a
21 term of four years, commencing the first
22 Monday of January, AD 2012.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you.

25 The Honorable Matthew

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2 Carrafiello will administer the oath of
3 office.

4 JUDGE CARRAFIELLO: Raise your
5 right hand and repeat after me, please.

6 (Oath of office administered.)

7 JUDGE CARRAFIELLO:
8 Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you.

12 For our final musical selection
13 today, the Philadelphia Boys Choir will
14 perform "America the Beautiful."

15 (Philadelphia Boys Choir
16 performs "America the Beautiful.")

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you so much. That was so
20 inspirational.

21 As we conclude the ceremony, I
22 want to thank the Inaugural Committee for
23 their hard work for today's ceremony. I
24 also want to thank our clergy members for
25 being with us and offering their prayers

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2 for us and our city.

3 In Rabbi Henry Cohen's absence,
4 Rabbi Solomon Isaacson will deliver
5 benediction. I ask you all to stand for
6 the prayer.

7 (All guests rise.)

8 RABBI ISAACSON: He didn't call
9 me his Rabbi. I don't know why.

10 City Hall Rabbi, all right.
11 I'll settle for that.

12 You know, I'm so used to
13 hearing all these swearing in's, so how
14 about I, Rabbi Solomon Isaacson, do
15 solemnly ask the Almighty to bless all
16 those that have been elected to these
17 offices and to bless especially the
18 congressional delegation from Washington,
19 who they all work, have worked and, God
20 willing, will work to help to make this a
21 better city for all of us.

22 Just as the Maccabees faced
23 adversity and they overcame tremendous
24 odds to be able to sanctify the holy
25 temple, we ask the Almighty to assist our

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2 beloved Mayor, present City
3 Councilmembers, and newly elected members
4 and guide them and give them the wisdom
5 to do what is most beneficial for the
6 citizens of our great city.

7 For our present and newly
8 elected judges, may the Almighty pass on
9 to them the wisdom as he does to preside
10 in a just and fair manner.

11 For the Register of Wills, I
12 say the will of the people is health and
13 happiness.

14 For Traffic Court judges, less
15 tickets.

16 (Applause.)

17 RABBI ISAACSON: And, of
18 course, to my dear friend, the Sheriff,
19 good luck.

20 And now, Hashem, the Almighty,
21 spoke to Moses saying...

22 (Rabbi speaking in Hebrew.)

23 RABBI ISAACSON: Let me see if
24 she can do that in Hebrew. Can you do
25 that in Hebrew? I didn't think so.

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2 The Almighty said to Moses,
3 Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, so
4 shall you bless -- and I take a little
5 bit of freedom here -- all of us, saying
6 to them, may Hashem, the Almighty, bless
7 you and safeguard you.

8 May Hashem illuminate his
9 contenance for you and be gracious to
10 you. May Hashem turn his contenance to
11 you and establish peace for you.

12 And let my name be mentioned
13 and used in holiness and sanctification.
14 And let us always remember that the
15 Almighty is in every corner in every room
16 in every place in the world, and when we
17 call upon him, his line is never busy,
18 he's always listening and, God willing,
19 he should always answer you with goodness
20 and health and happiness and success.

21 And, Mr. Mayor, a special
22 blessing to you. It's not easy to be
23 Mayor of our great city. We have various
24 different types of people, as you have
25 well reiterated here. I ask the Almighty

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2 to give you special strength that you
3 should be able to oversee and manage this
4 great city with our new President of City
5 Council, his Rabbi, Darrell -- well, John
6 Street called me his Rabbi. Remember
7 that?

8 Anyway, City Hall Rabbi,
9 whatever it is.

10 God bless all.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHIEF CLERK: Will you all
13 please remain standing as the
14 Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments
15 and the Prison Honor Guards remove the
16 colors.

17 (The removal of colors.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you so much.

20 Before I call for an
21 adjournment, I just want to say two quick
22 things.

23 To my colleagues, as we travel
24 around, I'm sure you've heard, there are
25 some extremely high expectations of us.

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2 But I know that we're going to fulfill
3 them, because I know all of -- I've
4 gotten to know all of you and I've known
5 some of you for a long time. I'm really
6 excited about what we're going to be able
7 to do. We're going to help this Mayor in
8 every possible way. Every now and then
9 we will disagree, but we will disagree on
10 the substance of the issue and it will
11 not be personal.

12 So, Mayor, I just want to say
13 this Council is ready and willing to work
14 with you. We're going to give you a 115
15 percent.

16 MAYOR NUTTER: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
19 last, for those of you who do not have
20 lunch reservations anywhere, we will be
21 feeding people up in City Hall. We have
22 a reception with some good food and some
23 music. So if you just walk right up and
24 go to City Hall, we hopefully can join
25 you there.

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2 With that, Councilwoman Brown,
3 I'd like to recognize you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move that City Council
6 stand adjourned until Thursday, January
7 26th, 2012.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
10 has been moved and properly seconded that
11 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
12 January 26th, 2012.

13 All in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and this Council stands
20 adjourned until Thursday, January 26th,
21 2012.

22 Thank you all very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. HENDERSON: Thank you to
25 all newly elected, incumbent, and

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2 retained City officials. And thank you,
3 Philadelphia, for being in attendance
4 today. I'm Doug Henderson. Have a very
5 Happy New Year and a prosperous 2012.

6 (Proceedings adjourned at 12:02
7 p.m.)

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