

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 26, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

ELIZABETH MCCOLLUM NAZARIO, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Members, please take your
4 seats. I note that the hour has
5 come and a quorum is present. All
6 visitors please retire outside the
7 Council chambers. Please put your
8 cell phones on vibrate and/or
9 silent.

10 To give our invocation
11 this morning, the Chair recognizes
12 Dr. Damone B. Jones, Senior Pastor
13 of the Bible Way Baptist Church.
14 He is here today as guest of
15 Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. I
16 will ask all members and guests to
17 please rise.

18 (Councilmembers,
19 visitors and guests rise.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Pastor Jones, the floor
22 is yours.

23 REV. DR. JONES: If
24 every head would bow and every eye

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2 closed. Dear Heavenly Father, I
3 come before you in the name of
4 Jesus Christ, our Lord. We gather
5 before you on this day with
6 humility, with gratitude, as we
7 acknowledge that every good and
8 perfect gift comes directly from
9 you.

10 And so, we pause on this
11 day, this beautiful day with which
12 you have blessed us, to thank you
13 for the gift, that is, the City of
14 Philadelphia. We thank you for its
15 rich history, its amazing
16 resilience, the diversity of its
17 people in the hope of its promises.

18 You said in your word
19 that we are to seek the peace and
20 the prosperity of the city. For
21 when the city prospers, we all
22 prosper. And so, today we lift up
23 this city, every neighborhood,
24 every community, every block, every

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2 family that calls Philadelphia
3 their home.

4 We pray for Mayor Parker
5 and Council President Johnson, for
6 City Council in its entirety, for
7 every elected official and every
8 individual who is entrusted with
9 leadership and responsibility and
10 decision-making, and most of all,
11 integrity.

12 And in lifting the
13 leadership of this city, I pray on
14 this day that you would grant them
15 wisdom beyond their experience,
16 clarity and moments of complexity
17 and confusion and courage to do
18 what is right, even when it is not
19 easy or politically expedient to do
20 so.

21 We pray that you would
22 let justice roll down like waters
23 and righteousness like a mighty
24 stream in this city, and he has

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2 given birth to an entire nation.

3 Where there is division, we pray

4 that You will bring unity. Where

5 there is confusion, bring clarity.

6 Where there is harm, bring healing.

7 Please, Dear God, allow

8 that every policy considered, every

9 vote taken, be guided by a spirit

10 of equity, compassion,

11 accountability and common sense.

12 And so, we pray that the voices of

13 the most vulnerable in this city be

14 heard in this chamber, the poor,

15 the overlooked, our seniors, the

16 victimized, the marginalized, the

17 incarcerated, our youth and every

18 family that struggles through

19 economic instability.

20 We pray for peace in our

21 streets, safety in our communities

22 and restoration in places that have

23 seen trauma and loss, violence,

24 addiction, destruction and

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2 devastation. And so, we simply
3 pray that You would strengthen
4 those on the front lines, community
5 leaders, public servants, all who
6 labor and fight daily for the good
7 of this city.

8 And please, God, remind
9 us all that leadership is not about
10 titles and power or even about
11 publicity, but about serving the
12 people who showed up at the polls,
13 waited in line and voted. May it
14 be that what is done here today
15 reflect not just political will,
16 but moral, ethical and above all,
17 spiritual responsibility.

18 So bless this session,
19 order every step, guard every
20 heart, control every word. And may
21 everything done today be for the
22 good of the people and ultimately
23 for the glory of Your name. For we
24 do ask it in the matchless, in the

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2 mighty name of Jesus Christ, our
3 Lord. Amen.

4 (Amen.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Amen. The Chair thanks
7 the Pastor for the invocation.
8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The next order of
12 business is the Approval of the
13 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
14 March 19, 2026.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
17 Richardson.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

19 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
20 Mr. President.

21 I move that the Journal
22 of the meeting of Thursday, March,
23 19, 2026, be approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the Journal
5 of the meeting of Thursday, March
6 19th of 2026, stand approved.

7 All those in favor will
8 indicate by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
15 Journal is approved.

16 The next order of
17 business is request for leaves of
18 absence.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
21 Richardson.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

23 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

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2 On behalf of the
3 Majority, a leave of absence is
4 requested for Councilmembers Landau
5 and Gauthier.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
8 Majority Leader. Leave will be
9 granted.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Minority Leader Councilwoman Kendra
12 Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 I would like to request
16 a leave of absence for Minority
17 Whip Nicolas O'Rourke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 The Chair thanks the
21 Minority Leader. Leave will be
22 granted.

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore

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2 Richardson for a motion concerning
3 certain legislative matters that
4 may arise during the course of
5 today's session of Council and that
6 were not listed on the Calendar
7 circulated prior to today's Council
8 session.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 I move that any of the
13 following matters, if considered
14 today, may be added to the agenda
15 for this session of Council and, as
16 required by law, subsequently
17 published on an amended agenda
18 after the consideration of those
19 matters: resolutions authorizing
20 hearings, amendments to bills on
21 first reading, the reconsideration
22 of a bill vetoed by or re-called
23 from the Mayor, amendments to bills
24 re-called from the Mayor, a

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2 resolution taking substantive
3 action to be voted on in this
4 session, a motion to withdraw a
5 bill or resolution that is not on
6 the Calendar, and the motion
7 placing a bill or resolution on or
8 returning a bill or resolution from
9 the Suspension Calendar that is not
10 listed on today's Calendar.

11 The purpose of this
12 motion is to provide the public
13 with notice concerning possible
14 actions by Council that arose too
15 late to be included on the Calendar
16 that was published prior to today's
17 session.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that the
22 legislative matters stated by
23 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
24 Richardson may be added to the

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2 agenda for today should those
3 matters arise during the course of
4 this Council session.

5 All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
13 motion carries.

14 The Chair will dispense
15 with the regular order of business
16 to recognize the guests and
17 visitors joining us in the Council
18 chambers this morning.

19 On behalf of all members
20 of City Council, I welcome you to
21 our Council session. We appreciate
22 you taking the time to join us as
23 we attend to the legislative
24 affairs of our great city. We

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2 certainly invite you to come again.

3 Chair recognizes

4 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

5 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

6 Thank you, Council President.

7 It is my distinct honor

8 and privilege to welcome the

9 Taiwanese Ambassador, Mr. Tom Chih-

10 Chiang Lee to this chamber today. I

11 would also like to recognize the

12 presence of Mr. James Shieh,

13 President of the Taiwanese

14 Association of American Greater

15 Philadelphia.

16 Ambassador Lee, on

17 behalf of my colleagues on the City

18 Council and the residents of

19 Philadelphia, we are grateful for

20 your presence here with us today.

21 Taiwan and Philadelphia share a

22 bond that goes well beyond

23 diplomacy. Our Taiwanese American

24 community has long been a

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2 cornerstone of the city. It is a
3 vital and beloved part of who we
4 are as a city. Thank you again for
5 joining us. If you would please
6 stand.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

9 Thank you, Council President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: You're welcome. Welcome
12 to Philadelphia City Council.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Quetcy Lozada.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

16 Thank you, Council President.

17 This morning I'd like to
18 welcome to chambers students from
19 Esperanza Cyber Academy. They're
20 here to see their government at
21 work.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

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2 Can we give our young people a
3 round of applause please.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
7 recognizes Councilmember
8 Dr. Anthony Phillips, who will
9 present a resolution honoring and
10 recognizing Chief Inspector
11 Nicholas Smith for his
12 distinguished service to community,
13 center and leadership and his
14 unwavering commitment to public
15 safety in the City of Philadelphia.
16 Would Chief Inspector Smith and
17 those accompanying him join
18 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips
19 at the podium.

20 Joining Councilmember
21 Dr. Anthony Phillips are
22 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada,
23 Councilmember Kendra Brooks,
24 Councilmember Jim Harrity,

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2 Councilmember Mike Driscoll and
3 Councilmember Squilla.

4 (Councilmembers and
5 visitors approached podium.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: The floor is yours,
8 Dr. Phillips.

9 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

10 Thank you so much, Council
11 President.

12 In the City of
13 Philadelphia, there are officers
14 and there are administrative
15 officers and commanders that exist,
16 but there are also ones who go
17 beyond the call of duty, and Chief
18 Inspector Nicholas Smith who served
19 as Inspector Nicholas Smith, also
20 as Captain Smith, for many
21 residents in Philadelphia's 9th
22 District was beyond someone who
23 went beyond a call of duty.

24 When you were looking

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2 for somebody that really understood
3 the importance of community
4 connection, collaboration and also
5 being responsive, it was Nicholas
6 Smith always being there for our
7 community. And in a short synopsis
8 before I go into the resolution, I
9 just want to say in a few seconds I
10 met Nicholas Smith one day when
11 unfortunately there was a crowd of
12 young people gathering outside of
13 Finley at night and it was a lot
14 going on. And I was like, who is
15 this guy coming to my car because
16 I'm out here trying to figure this
17 out. But he was able to be so calm
18 with understanding the situation
19 and was able to help quickly
20 resolve getting these young people
21 back safely into their homes.

22 He is beloved by
23 community members, by Northwest
24 Philadelphia. We miss him, but

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2 we're thankful for the fact that
3 the Philadelphia Police Department
4 has promoted him to leadership, and
5 he's patient. Because to be honest
6 with you, this was well-deserving
7 many, many years ago, and he really
8 just cares about doing a great job
9 and he deserves to be recognized.
10 Let's give him a round of applause.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

13 Honoring and recognizing Chief
14 Inspector Nicholas Smith for his
15 distinguished service, community-
16 centered leadership and unwavering
17 commitment to public safety in the
18 City of Philadelphia, and also I
19 would be remiss if I didn't
20 recognize Deputy Commissioner
21 Massey, who worked closely with
22 him, and Deputy Commissioner
23 Rosario, who's here in support of
24 him as well, and all of the

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2 officers who know him very well
3 that are here today too. All
4 right.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

6 Whereas, Chief Inspector Nicholas
7 Smith has built a distinguished
8 career with the Philadelphia Police
9 Department serving the people of
10 this city with professionalism,
11 integrity and steadfast commitment
12 to public safety; and

13 Whereas, Chief Inspector
14 Smith has consistently approached
15 policing as a partnership with the
16 community, emphasizing visibility,
17 accessibility and open
18 communications with the cornerstone
19 of effectiveness, equitable and
20 just law enforcement; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

22 Whereas, as Inspector of Northwest
23 Patrol Division, Nicholas Smith has
24 worked to strengthen trust,

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2 collaboration and safety throughout
3 Northwest Philadelphia, engaging
4 residents, businesses, faith
5 leaders and community stakeholders
6 as true partners in building a
7 safer and more resilient
8 neighborhood; and

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

10 Whereas, in May 2025 Nicholas Smith
11 was promoted to the rank of Chief
12 Inspector, reflecting his record of
13 exemplary service, dedicated
14 leadership and ongoing commitment
15 to the innovative accountability
16 and community-centered policing;
17 and

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

19 Whereas, in his current role Chief
20 Inspector Nicholas Smith serves in
21 a leadership capacity within the
22 Northwest Division of the
23 Philadelphia Police Department,
24 overseeing multiple districts,

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2 including the 5th, 14th, 35th and
3 39th Police Districts, and
4 providing strategic direction,
5 operational oversight and guidance
6 to ensure effective public safety
7 services across our diverse
8 communities; and

9 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

10 Whereas, Chief Inspector Smith has
11 been widely recognized as a model
12 of principled leadership,
13 exemplifying what it means to serve
14 with both strength and compassion
15 and setting his standard of
16 fairness, accountability and
17 respect for the officers under his
18 command; now, therefore, be it

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

20 Resolved, that the Council of the
21 City of Philadelphia, Hereby honors
22 and recognizes Chief Inspector
23 Nicholas Smith for his
24 distinguished service, exemplary

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2 leadership and unwavering
3 dedication and strengthening public
4 safety through meaningful community
5 partnerships, and extends its
6 sincere gratitude for his continued
7 service to the residents of
8 Philadelphia.

9 Further Resolved, that
10 an Engrossed copy of this
11 Resolution be presented to Chief
12 Inspector Nicholas Smith as
13 evidence of the sincere respect and
14 admiration and appreciation of this
15 legislative body. Congratulations,
16 Chief Inspector.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Inspector Smith, you can
20 please approach the podium and make
21 remarks.

22 INSPECTOR SMITH:

23 Listen, I'm at a loss for words. I
24 really am. I'm truly humbled at

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2 this recognition. So I want to
3 thank the Councilman. Thanks,
4 Councilmembers. Thanks, Deputy
5 Commissioner Massey, Deputy
6 Commissioner Rosario, for being
7 here today.

8 Almost 26 years with the
9 Philadelphia Police Department.

10 I'm honored and privileged to be
11 here. I'm honored to be serving
12 the city for 26 years. I never
13 thought I'd be here today in this
14 role, but I'm here. Public safety
15 is a priority for me. We have
16 great residents of this city. We
17 do experience problems at times,
18 but it takes everybody in this
19 room, literally everybody in this
20 room, to do their part to make this
21 city safer. So I just appreciate
22 again the recognition. I look
23 forward to working with everybody
24 in this room continuing to make the

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2 city of Philadelphia safer. Thank
3 you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilmember Isaiah
11 Thomas who will present a
12 resolution on my behalf
13 congratulating Donna Cooper on her
14 retirement and recognizing her for
15 her transformational leadership and
16 lifelong advocacy for children in
17 Philadelphia and across the state
18 of Pennsylvania. Would Donna
19 Cooper and those accompanying her
20 please join Councilmember Isaiah
21 Thomas at the podium.

22 Joining Councilmember

23 Thomas are the following members:

24 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips,

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2 Councilmember Brian O'Neill,
3 Councilmember Kendra Brooks,
4 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada,
5 Councilmember Mark Squilla,
6 Councilmember Jim Harrity and
7 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

8 (Councilmembers and
9 visitors approached podium.)

10 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
11 morning, everybody.

12 (Good morning.)

13 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
14 Thank you, Council President.

15 Good morning, everybody.

16 (Good morning.)

17 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Love
18 the energy, folks. It's an honor
19 to be here today to celebrate
20 somebody who's done so much for
21 children. The organization has
22 done so much for children and young
23 people in the City of Philadelphia.
24 So, Donna, thank you for being here

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2 with us. We know you're a little
3 nervous, but you deserve this
4 honor. And, Council
5 President, thank you for your
6 leadership.

7 Today, we are here to
8 present a resolution congratulating
9 Donna Cooper on her retirement and
10 recognizing her transformational
11 leadership and lifelong advocacy
12 for children in Philadelphia and
13 across the Commonwealth of
14 Pennsylvania.

15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

16 Whereas, from a young age, Donna
17 Cooper was an advocate. She first
18 stepped into activism in the fourth
19 grade, organizing a sit-in
20 process -- a sit-in to protest a
21 school policy prohibiting girls
22 from wearing pants, an action that
23 resulted in an immediate policy
24 change and inspired a career

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2 dedicated to public service and
3 policy reform on behalf of children
4 and families.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

6 And Whereas, from 1999 to 2002,
7 Ms. Cooper served the City of
8 Philadelphia as Deputy Mayor of
9 Policy and Planning under Mayor Ed
10 Rendell, where she ran the Greater
11 Philadelphia Works Program, one of
12 the largest welfare-to-work
13 initiatives in the nation, helping
14 thousands of families to move
15 towards economic self-sufficiency;
16 and

17 Whereas, in the 2000s
18 she founded and served as Executive
19 Director of Good Schools
20 Pennsylvania, a grassroots campaign
21 that successively elevated public
22 education funding and
23 accountability as a central issue
24 in statewide elections; and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Whereas, from 2003 to 2010, Donna
4 Cooper served as Secretary of
5 Policy and Planning for the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a
7 cabinet-level position in which she
8 led major initiatives, including
9 expanding health care coverage for
10 children, advancing equitable
11 school funding reforms and helping
12 to design Pennsylvania's landmark
13 school funding formula; and

14 Whereas, following her
15 state service, Ms. Cooper worked as
16 a Senior Policy Fellow at the
17 Center of American Progress,
18 contributing to national policy
19 work focused on economic
20 opportunity and early childhood
21 education; and

22 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

23 Whereas, in January 2013, she was
24 appointed Executive Director of

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2 Public Citizens for Children and
3 Youth, later renamed Children First
4 PA, making the role that would
5 become the capstone of her career;
6 and

7 Whereas, after over 13
8 years at the helm of Children First
9 PA, Ms. Cooper grew the
10 organization's budget seven-fold to
11 approximately 7 million, expanded
12 its reach and influence and
13 solidified its role as one of
14 Pennsylvania's leading child
15 advocacy organizations; and

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Whereas, under her leadership,
18 Children First PA spearheaded
19 transformative policy victories
20 such as the lead safety
21 protections, expanding early
22 childhood education subsidies and
23 the Philadelphia landmark beverage
24 tax, which funds free

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2 pre-kindergarten schools and
3 recreation centers; and

4 Whereas, in addition to
5 her advocacy and public service,
6 Ms. Cooper served as a Professor at
7 the Temple University in the
8 Master's of Public Policy Program,
9 educating and mentoring future
10 leaders in nonprofit management;
11 and

12 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

13 Whereas, in 2025, Donna Cooper
14 announced her retirement from
15 Children First PA, concluding a
16 career marked by an unwavering
17 commitment to placing children at
18 the center of public decision-
19 making; now, there, be it be

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I

21 got to remember that one,
22 Councilman.

23 Resolved, by the Council
24 of the City of Philadelphia, we

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2 Hereby honor and congratulate Donna
3 Cooper on her retirement,
4 recognizing her extraordinary
5 career of leadership, advocacy and
6 service on behalf of children and
7 families.

8 Be it Further Resolved,
9 that an Engrossed copy of this
10 Resolution be presented to Donna
11 Cooper as a symbol of the City
12 Council's appreciation.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Congratulations. The
16 Chair recognizes Aldustus Jordan.

17 MR. JORDAN: Good
18 morning, everyone.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Good morning.

21 MR. JORDAN: Thank you,
22 Council President Johnson and
23 distinguished Councilmembers, for
24 recognizing Donna's extraordinary

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2 legacy to the City of Philadelphia.

3 And you heard a lot about that a

4 minute ago. I'm AJ Jordan,

5 President of Vanguard's Foundation,

6 but I'm honored to speak and say a

7 few words as a longtime colleague

8 and friend and mentee of Donna's.

9 I actually met Donna

10 when I worked for Children First 25

11 years ago. Hard to believe how

12 fast time has flown. And she was

13 at Good Schools Pennsylvania at the

14 time, creating an organizing

15 campaign with everyday citizens to

16 build pressure in Harrisburg to

17 overhaul the Commonwealth's public

18 education funding formula.

19 And what I learned

20 quickly, I think many of you in

21 this chamber who had the honor of

22 working with Donna, she's really a

23 force of nature in neighborhoods,

24 engaging with parents and

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2 educators, organizing community
3 forums and media events in
4 Harrisburg, bringing busloads of
5 families to demand equity and
6 fairness in children's policies.
7 And she often very much on brand,
8 absolutely terrified elected
9 officials. No one could match your
10 intellect with a masterful command
11 of public policy.

12 But what's most
13 remarkable about Donna is she was
14 just as effective as a changemaker
15 inside of government as she was
16 outside of government as a
17 community organizer and political
18 organizer, from the neighborhood in
19 Fishtown where she lives, to City
20 Hall to serving as Governor
21 Rendell's right-hand leader on
22 policy and planning. Donna's
23 fingerprints are on the biggest
24 child and family policy wins of the

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2 last generation.

3 And I would say two
4 quick things that really stand out
5 to me as somebody who can work
6 really closely and have been a real
7 friend to Donna for 25-plus years.
8 She's always about the kids, right.
9 She elevates community voices and
10 keeps the work grounded in real
11 lives and real results. And she
12 operates with a sense of urgency
13 and unapologetic, courageous spirit
14 and sometimes takes real pleasure
15 to go against the status quo on
16 behalf of kids.

17 At a time when courage
18 is often in short supply, when too
19 many of our leaders often lack
20 courage, Donna's spirit and her
21 unwavering commitment to children
22 serves as an important model for
23 all of us. So let me close out
24 with this. I was reflecting on a

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2 poem, a short poem, a very short
3 poem, that I came across, that I
4 hadn't read in quite some time that
5 really captures to me the
6 courageous and purposeful
7 leadership that Donna has lived
8 throughout her life and why we're
9 celebrating her today.

10 More than 70 years ago,
11 Dr. Benjamin Mays, an iconic civil
12 rights leader, one of Dr. King's
13 most trusted mentors, wrote a
14 simple, 54-word poem that still
15 resonates today: I've only just a
16 minute. Only 60 seconds in it.
17 Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
18 Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
19 I must suffer if I lose it. Give
20 account if I abuse it. Just a tiny
21 little minute, but eternity is in
22 it.

23 This poem is about the
24 legacy we leave with the minutes

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2 we're given. And at a time when
3 too many children and families
4 remain disconnected from economic
5 opportunity, we can be grateful for
6 leaders like Donna, who spent her
7 minutes in life and in work
8 improving the lives and life
9 chances of Philadelphia's kids and
10 families. So thank you, Donna, for
11 your leadership, and thank you for
12 this Council for this great
13 recognition.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Donna
17 Cooper.

18 MS. COOPER: I just want
19 to thank City Council for taking
20 the time today. The fact that
21 you're recognizing my work and the
22 work of Children First and the work
23 of being a child advocate speaks
24 more about you than it does about

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2 me. It shows that you make this a
3 priority. And as you guys enter
4 into another heated budget battle,
5 I wanted to make sure you know that
6 we have a message that fits you.
7 And it says, City Council do more
8 for kids and the schools now.

9 Mahatma Gandhi told us
10 and called upon us all to be the
11 change we want to be. Your jobs as
12 Councilmembers is not easy. It's
13 hard to be attacked for being a
14 politician, but I respect you so
15 much for getting in the game and
16 using every day of your life to be
17 the change you want to be. And
18 Children First will remain working
19 with you every day to do that for
20 children. Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Thank You.

24 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Can we give Donna Cooper
5 another real big round of applause.
6 True advocate for our children.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilmember Cindy
11 Bass, who will present a resolution
12 honoring and recognizing the women
13 of the Philadelphia Sheriff's
14 Office during Women's History Month
15 2026 for their tireless service,
16 sacrifice and invaluable
17 contributions to the safety and
18 well-being of the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 Would Sheriff Bilal and
21 those accompanying her please join
22 Member Bass at the podium. Joining
23 Member Bass are the following
24 Councilmembers: Councilmember Mike

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2 Driscoll, Minority Kendra Brooks,
3 Councilmember Mark Squilla,
4 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad,
5 Councilmember Jim Harrity and
6 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

7 And I must say, I feel very safe
8 today. I wish somebody would.

9 (Councilmembers and
10 visitors approached podium.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
12 morning, everyone. The Sheriff
13 said, hurry up. She got to get
14 back to work.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Cindy Bass. The
18 floor is yours.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
20 Thank you, Mr. President.

21 Well, it's an honor and
22 a privilege and a pleasure to be
23 able to recognize Sheriff Rochelle
24 Bilal. Long before there were any

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2 titles before either of our names,
3 we were by the title of friend and
4 community activist and someone who
5 was serving in our neighborhoods.
6 So it's really an honor and a
7 privilege and a pleasure to be able
8 to present this citation today.

9 And as we recognize
10 Sheriff Rochelle Bilal, not just
11 for the office she holds, but for
12 the barriers she has broken and the
13 commitment she continues to show in
14 the face of intense public
15 scrutiny. Sheriff Bilal is a
16 trailblazer serving Philadelphia as
17 a Black woman in a role where
18 representation and leadership truly
19 do matter.

20 We've seen all the
21 criticism. And let's be clear,
22 accountability is essential, but
23 the challenges facing the Sheriff's
24 Office did not begin with Sheriff

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2 Bilal. Let's underscore that. We
3 know that real reform takes time,
4 persistence and courage. And we
5 can see that progress is being
6 pursued, that hard conversations
7 are happening and that leadership
8 is showing up in the face of
9 pressure.

10 Sheriff Bilal has done
11 exactly that. We must also
12 recognize how quickly narratives
13 can overshadow service, especially
14 in Black women's leadership. We
15 cannot demand -- we can demand
16 results while still acknowledging
17 resilience and commitment. And all
18 that to say, Sheriff Bilal
19 continues to stand, to serve and to
20 push this city forward. And
21 because that preservation deserves
22 recognition, we are here to honor
23 her with this resolution today.
24 And the resolution reads:

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2 A resolution honoring
3 and recognizing the women of the
4 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office
5 during Women's History Month 2026
6 for their tireless service,
7 sacrifice and invaluable
8 contributions to the safety and
9 well-being of the City of
10 Philadelphia;

11 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

12 Whereas, Women's History Month 2026
13 provides an opportunity to
14 recognize and celebrate the
15 historic achievements, leadership
16 and enduring contributions of women
17 in Philadelphia, public service
18 throughout the City of
19 Philadelphia;

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

21 Whereas, under the leadership of
22 the Honorable Rochelle Bilal, the
23 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office
24 continues to uphold its vital

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2 mission of safeguarding the courts,
3 maintaining public safety and
4 faithfully executing the
5 responsibilities entrusted to the
6 office; and

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Whereas, all the women of the
9 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office serve
10 with distinction across all ranks
11 and divisions, demonstrating
12 excellence, professionalism and
13 integrity in every aspect of their
14 duties; and

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

16 Whereas, during times of staffing
17 shortages and heightened
18 operational demands, these women
19 have shown exemplary, extraordinary
20 resilience, unwavering commitment
21 and a steadfast dedication to
22 ensuring the uninterrupted
23 performance of the office, critical
24 responsibilities, and

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2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

3 Whereas, their leadership,
4 collaboration, strength and
5 perseverance embody the highest
6 standards of public trust and civic
7 responsibility, serving as an
8 inspiration to colleagues and to
9 the citizens of Philadelphia; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

12 Resolved, by the Council of the
13 City of Philadelphia, that it
14 hereby recognizes and honors the
15 women of the Philadelphia Sheriff's
16 Office during Women's History Month
17 2026 for their tireless service,
18 sacrifice and invaluable
19 contributions to the safety and
20 well-being of the city of
21 Philadelphia; and

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Be

23 it Further Resolved, that an
24 Engrossed copy of this Resolution

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2 be presented to the Honorable
3 Rochelle Bilal, on behalf of the
4 women of the Philadelphia Sheriff's
5 Office as a lasting expression of
6 our sincere gratitude and
7 appreciation of the Council of the
8 City of Philadelphia.
9 Congratulations.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Sheriff
13 Rochelle Bilal.

14 SHERIFF BILAL: In the
15 name of God, the Most Gracious,
16 Most Merciful, good morning.

17 (Good morning.)

18 SHERIFF BILAL: Council
19 President Kenyatta Johnson and
20 members of City Council, as the
21 Sheriff of the City and County of
22 Philadelphia I am truly honored to
23 accept this recognition on behalf
24 of the incredible women of the

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2 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office --

3 (Applause.)

4 SHERIFF BILAL: --

5 during Women's History Month. This

6 moment is about creating her story.

7 In 2020, I was elected as the first

8 female African American and Muslim

9 Sheriff. And in 2026, under City

10 Council, the Office of Sheriff is

11 being recognized for the first time

12 ever during Women's History Month,

13 and that's a history moment right

14 here.

15 I want to thank my team

16 for their hard work, dedication,

17 professionalism and passion, which

18 do not go unnoticed. You are the

19 backbone of this office and I am

20 proud to stand with you today.

21 Many of you know are sworn and

22 unsworn and professional show up

23 every day, our professional staff

24 is here with us today, that show up

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2 every day with strength, resilience
3 and unwavering commitment to public
4 service, despite staffing shortage
5 and other challenges.

6 They continue to protect
7 our courts, serve our communities
8 and uphold the highest standards of
9 this office. Why? Because the
10 work continues. So thank you to
11 Council President Kenyatta Johnson
12 and the entire Council. Thank you
13 for the recognition and for your
14 continued support of the work we do
15 and keep doing in Philadelphia and
16 keeping them safe and moving
17 forward.

18 Just so that you know,
19 history is still being made because
20 women in the Sheriff's Office are
21 rising to the highest ranks
22 internally, not bringing somebody
23 from outside. They are growing.
24 We had Chief Inspectors,

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2 Inspectors, Captains, Sergeants,
3 Lieutenants, all in that office,
4 and they are rising to those ranks
5 and they are taking on that
6 responsibility.

7 I say again thank you,
8 City Council. Thank you, Council
9 President. Thank you my friend
10 Councilwoman Cindy Bass. We
11 appreciate all of this. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Congratulations.

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The next order of
19 business is communications. The
20 Chair requests that the Sergeant-
21 at-Arms deliver the messages from
22 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

23 Will the Chief Clerk
24 please read the messages from the

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2 Mayor and any other communications
3 in her possession.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the
5 President and the members of the
6 Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia, I'm submitting
8 herewith for the consideration of
9 your honorable body the following
10 proposed: An ordinance amending
11 Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled "Traffic Code," to amend
13 certain requirements applicable to
14 buses and areas designated for use
15 by buses, including applicable
16 penalties, all under certain terms
17 and conditions.

18 And pursuant to Sections
19 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule
20 Charter, I am today transmitting to
21 the Council the recommendation of
22 the City Planning Commission on the
23 following bill: Bill No. 260095.

24 And pursuant to the

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2 Sections 4-604 and 2-307, of the
3 Home Rule Charter, I'm today
4 transmitting to the Council the
5 recommendation of the City Planning
6 Commission on the following bills:
7 Bill No. 260131 and Bill No.
8 260161.

9 Finally, I'm pleased to
10 advise you that on March 25, 2026 I
11 signed the following bills which
12 were passed by Council at its
13 session on March 12, 2026: Bill
14 No. 250769, Bill No. 250917-A, Bill
15 No. 251066, Bill No. 260112 and
16 Bill No. 260113.

17 There are no further
18 communications in my possession,
19 Council President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
22 messages will be printed in the
23 Journal.

24 The next order of

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2 business is the introduction of
3 bills and resolutions.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

6 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
7 Thank you, Council President.

8 And good morning to
9 everyone who is in the chambers
10 today. I have no bills or
11 resolutions for introduction.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

14 Chair recognizes
15 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
16 Richardson.

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

21 Today I offer two
22 resolutions on your behalf; one
23 privileged and one non-privileged.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

3 Mr. Chief Clerk, please
4 read the titles of the resolutions.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A
6 privileged resolution honoring and
7 recognizing the women of the
8 Philadelphia Police Department
9 during Women's History Month 2026,
10 for their dedication and service to
11 the safety and well-being of the
12 City of Philadelphia and its
13 residents.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a
19 non-privileged resolution
20 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
21 Bank to dispose of 1212 South 17th
22 Street; 1511 South 20th Street;
23 1904 South 23rd Street; 1216 South
24 31st Street; 1911 Garritt Street;

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2 1932 and 2044 Titan Street located
3 in the 2nd Councilmanic District in
4 accordance with the terms of
5 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
6 Code.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
15 morning, Council President.

16 I have two bills and two
17 resolutions, one being
18 co-introduced with Councilmember
19 and Minority Leader Brooks. One
20 being co-introduced with
21 Councilmember Landau.

22 Thank you, Council
23 President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

3 Chief Clerk, please read
4 the titles of the bills and
5 resolutions.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An
7 ordinance to repeal in its entirety
8 Bill No. 241056 (approved March 10,
9 2026), entitled "An Ordinance
10 Providing for the submission to the
11 qualified electors of the City of
12 Philadelphia of the proposal set
13 forth in a Resolution approved by
14 Council proposing an amendment to
15 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
16 to eliminate the requirement that
17 City officers and employees resign
18 from their City office or
19 employment before becoming
20 candidates for public office; and
21 authorizing the appropriate
22 officers to publish notice and to
23 make arrangements for the special
24 election;" and to rescind the

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2 direction provided to various City
3 officers set forth therein.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: This bill will be
6 referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an
9 ordinance providing for the
10 submission to the qualified
11 electors of the city of
12 Philadelphia of the proposal set
13 forth in a resolution approved by
14 council proposing an amendment to
15 the Philadelphia Home Rule charter
16 to provide for the creation of a
17 Creative Philadelphia, to provide
18 for the powers and duties of such
19 office, and to otherwise provide
20 for incorporation of the office
21 into city government; and
22 authorizing the appropriate
23 officers to publish notice and to
24 make arrangements for the special

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2 election; all under certain terms.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This bill will be
5 referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 non-privileged resolution proposing
9 an amendment to the Philadelphia
10 Home Rule Charter to provide for
11 the creation of Creative
12 Philadelphia and providing for the
13 submission of the amendment to the
14 electors of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
17 referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a
20 privileged resolution authorizing
21 the Committee on Legislative
22 Oversight to hold hearings on
23 Philadelphia county's plan to
24 preserve election integrity, voter

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2 confidence and participation and
3 public safety on Election Day,
4 especially amid worries of the
5 federal government's potential
6 deployment of United States
7 Immigration and Customs Enforcement
8 to polling locations.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
16 morning, everyone.

17 Today I offer one
18 privileged resolution for one woman
19 in the Seventh Senatorial District,
20 the First Lady.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

23 Would the Chief Clerk
24 please read the title of the

1 3/26/26 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 privileged resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A

4 privileged resolution honoring and
5 recognizing Sheryl Lee Ralph for
6 being named one of TIME Magazine's
7 Most Influential Woman of the Year
8 in 2026.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

16 Thank you, Council President.

17 Today I offer three
18 privileged resolutions, one on
19 behalf of Member Landau.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the titles of the resolutions.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A

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2 privileged resolution recognizing
3 April as National Donate Life Month
4 and highlighting the critical need
5 for organ donations through the
6 work of the Gift of Life Donor
7 Program.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a
13 privileged resolution honoring the
14 Philadelphia Children's Alliance
15 (PCA) and the Department of Human
16 Services (DHS) for Their
17 Collaboration in Preventing Child
18 Abuse and Supporting Philadelphia
19 Children and Families During Child
20 Abuse Prevention Month in the City
21 of Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
24 placed on today's Final Passage

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2 Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a
4 privileged resolution declaring
5 April 4, 2026 as Women in Tech Day
6 in the City of Philadelphia, and
7 recognizing the importance of women
8 in technology, emphasizing their
9 contributions, promoting STEM
10 education and careers for women and
11 girls and expanding gender equity
12 in the technology field.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

17 Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

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

21 Today I offer two
22 privileged resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 Will the Chief Clerk
3 please read the titles of the
4 resolutions.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A
6 privileged resolution honoring
7 women veterans during Women's
8 History Month, recognizing the
9 distinct challenges they face in
10 health care, housing, safety and
11 reintegration, and commending the
12 National Alliance of Women
13 Veterans, Inc., for its advocacy on
14 behalf of women veterans.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a
20 privileged resolution authorizing
21 the Committee on Streets and
22 Services to hold hearings to
23 investigate the installation,
24 inspection, contract oversight,

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2 safety and possible remediation of
3 speed cushions and other traffic-
4 calming measures installed in the
5 vicinity of schools in the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 I have three privileged
16 resolutions to introduce today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A

23 privileged resolution recognizing
24 March as Colon Cancer and Rectal

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2 Cancer Awareness Month.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 privileged resolution recognizing
9 March as Brain Injury Awareness
10 Month.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a
16 privileged resolution celebrating
17 Viola Sanders for her life's work
18 and advocating for economic justice
19 and welfare rights for the
20 impoverished and underserved in
21 Philadelphia on the occasion of
22 Women's History Month.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

1 3/26/26 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 placed on today's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

6 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
7 Good morning, I think still,
8 Council President.

9 I have no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
16 Morning, Mr. President.

17 I have two bills on your
18 behalf.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

21 Chief Clerk, please read
22 the titles of the bills.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An
24 ordinance amending Title 12 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code and Title Traffic
3 Code to amend certain requirements
4 applicable to buses in areas
5 designated for use by buses,
6 including applicable penalties, all
7 under certain terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This bill will be
10 referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an
13 ordinance authorizing the
14 Procurement Commissioner to enter
15 into agreements to purchase
16 electricity, natural gas and motor
17 fuel for use by the City and City
18 facilities and vehicles, including
19 agreements that obligate payment
20 for delivery of such energy
21 supplies in future fiscal years,
22 all under certain terms and
23 conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

5 Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Brian O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 I have no bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 I offer one bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: An
23 ordinance authorizing an
24 encroachment in the nature of a

1 3/26/26 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 staircase in the vicinity of 611
3 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA,
4 19147, under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This bill will be
8 referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 I offer one privileged
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: A

22 privileged resolution honoring and
23 recognizing Mary Nolan and her
24 family for their leadership at the

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2 Commodore Battery Arts and Cultural
3 Center, also known as the Irish
4 Center in Mt. Airy, and their
5 lasting contributions to the Irish
6 American community, in recognition
7 of Women's History Month.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 Chief recognizes
13 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

14 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

15 Thank you, Council President.

16 I'm introducing one
17 privileged resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: A

24 privileged resolution recognizing

1 3/26/26 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING

2 Taiwanese Americans' contribution
3 to the City of Philadelphia and
4 showing support for the City of
5 Philadelphia to strengthen its
6 economic, educational and cultural
7 ties with the Republic of China
8 (Taiwan).

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 Being there are no
14 reports from committees today, the
15 next order of business is the
16 consideration of the Calendar. I
17 note that the bills just reported
18 from committees with the suspicion
19 of the rules have been deemed to
20 have had a first reading. These
21 bills will be placed on the Second
22 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
23 for the next session of Council.

24 As there are no

1 3/26/26 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING

2 additional bills on the First
3 Reading Calendar, the Chair
4 recognizes Councilmember Majority
5 Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson
6 for a motion concerning the bills
7 and resolutions on the Second
8 Reading and Final Passage
9 Calendars.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 The following bills and
14 resolutions are being called up
15 from the Second Reading and Final
16 Passage Calendars today: Nos.
17 260245, 260251, 260252, 260257,
18 250980-A, 251068, 251069, 251099,
19 251102, 260025, 260095, 260115,
20 260132 and 260161.

21 The following bills and
22 resolutions on the Calendar are
23 being held: 260244, 250768,
24 250807, 250844 and 260131.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Thank you. Before
4 considering these bills and
5 resolutions, we would consider
6 public comment as follows: The
7 public comment must concern matters
8 on the Second Reading and Final
9 Passage Calendars for possible
10 action at today's Council session.

11 All speakers must sign
12 up in order to testify. If you
13 have not already signed up for
14 today's Council session, please do
15 so now by giving your name to
16 Ms. Hasson at the table outside the
17 rails to my left. Once you have
18 been signed up, you will be called
19 in the order in which your name
20 appears on the sign-up sheet.

21 Under ideal
22 circumstances, public commenters
23 each will have three minutes to
24 speak. However, this time limit

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2 may vary from session-to-session.

3 Due to the super repetitious
4 comments of today's Calendar, the
5 time limit today will be one
6 minute. In order to be fair to all
7 who wish to speak, I will hold
8 faithfully to the one-minute limit.

9 When you begin speaking,
10 you will see a green light on the
11 podium. When there are 30 seconds
12 remaining to your time, the light
13 will turn yellow, which is your
14 reminder to conclude your remarks.
15 Once one minute has passed, the
16 light will turn red and the
17 Sergeant-at-Arms will disconnect
18 the microphone.

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

1 3/26/26 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 the same subject matter.

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Majority

7 Leader Councilmember Katherine

8 Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Council

11 President.

12 The following bills are
13 also being called up on the Second
14 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
15 today: 260244 and 260131. Thank
16 you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,

19 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore

20 Richardson.

21 We will now resume and
22 begin public comment. Chair
23 recognizes Councilmember Mark
24 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 I want to also recognize
5 we have a children from a school in
6 our District that's coming here to
7 take part in the civic process.

8 And I want to recognize all the
9 students here from Fanny Jackson
10 Coppin School in South
11 Philadelphia. Can you please give
12 them a great round of applause?

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.
18 And they will be participating in
19 public comment.

20 Please call the first
21 person.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Ambassador
23 Chih-Chiang Lee, Angela Chan,
24 Jeremy Blatstein, John McCauley,

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2 David Jenkins and Lynn Landes,
3 please make your way to the podium.

4 (Witnesses approached
5 podium.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease
8 for a second.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: I just want to take a
12 moment of personal privilege for a
13 moment. Can we let the children
14 speak first.

15 (Applause.)

16 STUDENT 1: We are 2nd
17 graders from Fanny Jackson Coppin
18 School, and we want Councilmembers
19 to vote for the Stop Trashing Our
20 Air bill. Before we ask you for
21 your help, we want to tell you how
22 we are already doing our part of
23 being stewards of our Mother Earth.

24 We are composters. We

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2 recycle and reuse things like
3 reusable bottles. When we do this,
4 we reduce waste that goes into
5 landfills or gets burned. We try
6 to clean up our litter so it
7 doesn't get into stormwater runoff.
8 We are part of the solution and we
9 want you to be part of the solution
10 too. So today we are advocating
11 for clean air for Chester and
12 everyone in Philadelphia. We
13 should stop burning trash. Thank
14 you.

15 (Applause.)

16 STUDENT 2: Burning

17 trash is dangerous because we don't
18 check or sort our trash before
19 incinerating it. We don't separate
20 out what's safe or unsafe to burn.
21 We could be burning things like
22 paint, car batteries or plastic.
23 In Europe, they sort and inspect
24 their trash before burning it, but

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2 we do not do that in Philadelphia.

3 We don't want toxic pollution, do
4 we? Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 STUDENT 3: Burning

7 trash is a bad idea because the ash
8 created by the burning is toxic.

9 If we burn 100 tons of trash, 30
10 tons become an ash, the ash gets
11 buried in landfills and that can
12 get into groundwater. Burning
13 trash not only causes air
14 pollution, but also water pollution
15 too.

16 (Applause.)

17 STUDENT 4: We used to

18 have trash incinerators in
19 Philadelphia, and even the district
20 attorneys sued the city because
21 they were causing so much
22 pollution. And we sent 37% of our
23 trash to Chester. That is a lot of
24 pollution that we send to one

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2 place. We eventually closed
3 Philly's incinerators because they
4 were so bad for the air. And now,
5 we are just letting Chester deal
6 with the deadly pollution. How is
7 that fair for Chester? Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 STUDENT 5: This is all
10 making people in Chester sick.
11 Many people in Chester have asthma.
12 The rate of asthma for the children
13 of Chester is 26% to 38%, which is
14 higher than the country's average.
15 Chester has been protesting and
16 rallying just to shut down this
17 incinerator for 30 years. Chester
18 also has other industrial places
19 besides the incinerator. They are
20 all in one neighborhood, which is a
21 lot of pollution for people living
22 in the community.

23 (Applause.)

24 STUDENT 6: The trash

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2 incinerator is affecting
3 Philadelphia as well because the
4 smoke can spread here too. Many
5 people in Philadelphia also have
6 asthma. We should stop burning
7 trash because air pollution can
8 affect our health many years later.
9 People might get cancer and asthma
10 and we do not want that to happen,
11 do we?

12 We don't want children
13 to suffer from asthma. They
14 shouldn't have to miss school.
15 They need to learn too without pain
16 and distress. Chester deserves
17 clean air.

18 (Applause.)

19 STUDENT 7: Don't the
20 lives of the people in Chester
21 matter? They are people too and
22 all people should be treated the
23 same way, so Chester people deserve
24 clean air just like we do. We are

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2 passionate about other people in
3 other cities too. All humans have
4 the right to healthy lives, breathe
5 clean air and thrive safely.

6 We stand in solidarity
7 with Chester because we are all
8 connected. When others are
9 healthy, we are healthy too. When
10 others are sick, we should be upset
11 too. Solidarity means we don't
12 look away. We keep fighting for a
13 better world for everyone. So we
14 are asking Councilmembers to
15 support Councilmember Gauthier's
16 bill. Philadelphians can care
17 about others too. It makes us
18 better people. We want to live in
19 Philadelphia that stands up for our
20 neighbors. Thank you.

21 (Standing ovation.)

22 STUDENT 8: We are
23 asking our City Council to vote for
24 the bill to ban trash burning in

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2 Philadelphia. Rather than burning
3 trash, we should make sure people
4 recycle. We can encourage everyone
5 to compost. Composting reduces a
6 lot of food waste and gives back to
7 the earth. Also, because we don't
8 sort our trash, putting trash in
9 landfills is much safer than
10 burning it, and we can even burn
11 methane from the landfills. Then
12 we won't have to worry about so
13 much air pollution and toxic
14 (inaudible). These alternatives
15 can help Chester and everyone else
16 breathe. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 STUDENT 9: All this can
19 create even more jobs for people.
20 We should invest in jobs and
21 increase recycling. We talked to
22 Mr. Tim Bennett at Bennett
23 Composting. They already helped
24 the city's recreation centers pick

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2 up compost. We want to get all of
3 Philly to compost. We can create
4 jobs by burning methane too. We
5 can create jobs by sorting our
6 trash. We should create jobs that
7 don't pollute earth and make people
8 sick, jobs that take care of earth
9 and all our neighbors too. But we
10 don't need to wait to ban trash
11 burning. Ban trash burning now and
12 work on a new law to get to zero
13 waste. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 STUDENT 10: Everyone
16 here has a reason to be here today,
17 and my reason is to ask all
18 Councilmembers to vote for our Stop
19 Trashing Our Air bill. Ending
20 trash incineration can save
21 people's lives. If we can make
22 people healthier, why wouldn't we?
23 We hope you decide this is
24 important and vote yes. Thank you

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2 to Councilmember Squilla for the
3 warm welcome. You are a
4 Councilmember and we really hope
5 you vote yes to begin trash burning
6 now and make another law to get
7 zero waste too. As Dr. Martin
8 Luther King quoted, Justice too
9 long delayed is justice denied. We
10 need environmental justice now.
11 Thank you to Councilmember Gauthier
12 for introducing this bill. Thank
13 you from Fanny Jackson Coppin, Room
14 208. We appreciate having the
15 opportunity to speak to everyone
16 today.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Please proceed.

20 AMBASSADOR LEE: My name
21 is Tom Chih-Chiang Lee. I'm the
22 Director-General of Taipei Economic
23 and Cultural Office in New York.
24 Today I'm very honored to come to

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2 the Council and speak. In Taiwan,
3 we also follow the U.S. tradition.
4 We let the children speak first
5 because their voice is more
6 important.

7 And today I'm honored
8 and joined by the several Taiwanese
9 community leaders, Dr. Shieh and
10 also the Director Wang and
11 President and CEO of Asia Bank.
12 They are community leaders here and
13 we understand this year marks 250th
14 anniversary of the founding of
15 United States, and Philadelphia is
16 the founding place. It's the
17 birthplace of U.S.

18 So we are Taiwanese
19 community here. We are very eager
20 and participate in the celebrations
21 and we look forward to working with
22 you closely to make the big day
23 more grand. And our office, we
24 cover four states, including

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2 Pennsylvania. And even though we
3 are based in New York, we come to
4 Philadelphia all the time. As a
5 matter of fact, I have been to
6 Philadelphia more than 10 times and
7 I can consider Philadelphia is
8 another home away from home. I
9 hope Eagles and also the Phillies
10 can win this season. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. BLATSTEIN: Hello,
13 Philadelphia City Council. My name
14 is Jeremy Blatstein. I'm here to
15 talk about the Land Bank and Turn
16 the Key. For the record, I have no
17 financial interest in either of
18 these projects. Nobody asked me to
19 testify. Thank you, Councilmember
20 Young, for introducing your bill to
21 turn vacant lots into generational
22 wealth for 16 families in the City
23 of Philadelphia through Turn the
24 Key.

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2 I do have a question for
3 this body: What if the community
4 members are bringing up
5 unproductive feedback to the table?
6 Let me bring up an example. After
7 the second community meeting held
8 by Civetta Property Group, the
9 following was said and put in an
10 email. "Then things took a turn
11 when an elder community member, who
12 identified herself as working for
13 APM, made an openly racist comment.
14 She accused developers like us of
15 displacing Hispanic families and
16 "turning the neighborhood Black."
17 A couple of people clapped, which
18 is disappointing. I stopped the
19 conversation right there and called
20 it what it was, racism."

21 You should all have a
22 copy of that email on your desks.
23 I want this body to be conscious of
24 community feedback that may need to

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2 be looked at critically. Not all
3 opposition is created equal. And
4 sorry, Councilwoman Lozada, I'm not
5 going anywhere. Racism, anti-
6 Semitism, Islamophobia and all
7 forms of hate have no place in
8 Philadelphia. Introduce the bill.
9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. McCAULEY: Good
12 morning, everybody. My name is
13 John Alonte McCauley. I'm with a
14 grassroots organization called Flip
15 Philly Red. We're here to offer
16 you something different because
17 you've been voting Democrat for the
18 Mayor's Office for the past 70
19 years.

20 In regard to Bill No.
21 251068, another \$100 tax disguised
22 in the name of safety. Another red
23 light camera to fatten the pockets
24 of the communist Philadelphia

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2 Parking Authority. I often hear
3 that I shouldn't want people who
4 don't share my skin color that make
5 decisions for me. But every time I
6 look up, it's a Black politician
7 trying to take money from me.

8 Another red light camera
9 on a corner of Schoolhouse Lane and
10 Henry Avenue. Another backdoor
11 tax. Why don't Democrat voters
12 ever ask where the money go? 40%
13 of the backdoor tax pays the PPA
14 staff and administrative salaries,
15 inheritance of (inaudible) tickets.
16 So basically I'm paying the PPA to
17 implement predatory taxes on me in
18 the name of safety. Thank you for
19 your attention to this matter.

20 MR. JENKINS:

21 Mr. President, members and guests,
22 David Alexander Jenkins. I rise in
23 celebration the legacy of Ms. Viola
24 Sanders, a woman whose legacy,

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2 whether spoken in meetings,
3 community rooms or city hearing,
4 centers on something both simple
5 and often overlooked. That is
6 dignity.

7 Her dedication to the
8 City of Philadelphia was grounded
9 in the belief that welfare was not
10 charity but a public obligation to
11 human stability. She walked a path
12 that reminded officials that behind
13 every form was a family, a kitchen
14 table, a life in motion. Her
15 presence was described as soft but
16 unignorable, a steady moral force
17 in rooms that often preferred
18 abstraction to reality.

19 As I rise to address you
20 from this proverbial (inaudible)
21 box, I wonder what Madam Sanders
22 would have gifted the body by way
23 of wisdom today. Certainly, she
24 would have relayed the sentiment of

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2 pride and the commitment to address
3 legislation that has historically
4 rendered the Philadelphians in
5 (inaudible).

6 She would have provided
7 that the body's passage of this
8 expansion, the Commission on
9 Services of the Aging, and dare I
10 say she would even be proud of the
11 creation of the Kensington strategy
12 in its goals to reduce overdose
13 deaths and improve neighborhood
14 conditions. We're reminded this
15 morning of the words of Mahatma
16 Gandhi, Be the change you want to
17 be. No more befitting words could
18 crown the life of a legacy of
19 Ms. Sanders. No more befitting
20 could a motto be for us here today.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Will Lynn
23 Landes, Vanessa Zapata, David
24 Evans, Mike Ewall and BP Lyles,

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2 please make your way to the podium.

3 (Witnesses approached
4 podium.)

5 MS. LANDES: Good
6 morning. I'm Lynn Landes of
7 Philly's Republican Network. I'm
8 opposed, in principle, to business
9 improvement districts such as
10 Center City District, which is
11 referred to in Bill 250807. There
12 is little meaningful oversight of
13 their operations, even though they
14 tax property owners, condemn
15 property, take out loans and make
16 business deals.

17 Business improvement
18 districts are sold to the public as
19 entities that will keep our streets
20 clean, beautiful and safe, but
21 haven't we already paid for their
22 services. And regarding safety,
23 Center City District is good at
24 keeping its own venues relatively

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2 safe. However, in the rest of
3 Center City District, retail theft,
4 porch pirates, panhandlers are a
5 daily problem, while many of our
6 mentally disabled homeless continue
7 to sleep on the streets rather than
8 get the help they qualify for
9 through social security disability
10 and other government programs.

11 So why are we being
12 taxed twice by Center City District
13 and the City when our public safety
14 laws are not being fully enforced
15 and our mentally disabled homeless
16 are still not being protected?
17 Thank you.

18 MS. ZAPATA: Hello. My
19 name is Vanessa Zapata and I live
20 outside Philadelphia in Delaware
21 County. I'm a staff attorney with
22 the nonprofit Just Zero. We are a
23 national environmental advocacy
24 organization working to advance

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2 equitable zero-waste solutions.

3 And I'm here speaking in support of
4 Bill No. 250768, the Stop Trashing
5 our Air Act.

6 As you have heard from
7 the amazing students, incinerators
8 are one of the most toxic methods
9 of managing our waste. And these
10 facilities are outdated and
11 expensive and rely on volatile
12 revenue sources, making them
13 financially unsustainable. This is
14 why incinerators have been on the
15 decline and why communities fight
16 hard against prospects of new waste
17 burning facilities.

18 My own home, Delaware
19 County, has adopted a zero-waste
20 plan that will phase out
21 incineration of trash that is
22 collected there. Philadelphia
23 plays a critical role in turning
24 off the waste stream tap that

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2 allows incinerators to hop along.

3 These facilities are getting in the

4 way of progress and this bill is a

5 critical step towards real zero-

6 waste solutions in Philadelphia.

7 We urge the Council to pass the

8 Stop Trashing Our Air Act. Thank

9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. EWALL: Hi. My name

12 is Mike Ewall. I'm with Energy

13 Justice Network. I'm one of Quetcy

14 Lozada's constituents. The Stop

15 Trashing Our Air Act is about

16 asthma, cancer, environmental

17 racism and our air here in

18 Philadelphia. However, some are

19 trying to make this about jobs and

20 unions. So let's talk about that.

21 Union jobs in

22 Philadelphia would increase as we

23 move from a non-union transfer

24 station to one in the city

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2 organized by the Teamsters whose
3 letter of support for the Stop
4 Trashing Our Air Act is sitting on
5 your desks right now. The Reworld
6 incinerator company has nearly six
7 times more labor complaints than
8 the company that would most likely
9 replace them with 23 complaints
10 filed with the National Labor
11 Relations Board, compared to just
12 four at the facilities that we'd be
13 using instead.

14 Passing the Stop

15 Trashing Our Air Act would cut off
16 only 14% of the trash flowing to
17 the Chester incinerator and just 4%
18 of the waste to the one in
19 Montgomery County, not enough to
20 force them to close down. Despite
21 the squawking and fearmongering
22 from operating engineers who spread
23 a lot of misinformation, which I
24 would love to expose if we had

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2 actually two minutes to do so, but
3 thank you for the time.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. LYLES: Good

6 morning, everyone, Council

7 President, Councilmembers. I am BP

8 Lyles. I am with Delco

9 Environmental Justice and I'm also

10 with the Toxic Prisons Campaign. I

11 know I have a minute, but I first

12 want to say that I also am in

13 coalition with my brothers and

14 sisters that are here for the

15 Prison Oversight Board. That needs

16 to happen. It needs to happen

17 right now, so please vote for that.

18 As it relates to the

19 Stop Trashing Our Air Act,

20 Sanitation has delayed this

21 contracting process by several

22 months, pushing a decision to the

23 last minute so that Council has no

24 time to object to their choice.

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2 Will Council allow Sanitation to
3 run out the clock, i.e., May or
4 June, to run out the clock and
5 deliver a last-minute decision in
6 June for your rubberstamp, as it
7 did in 2012 and 2019 or will you
8 make it clear by passing the Stop
9 Trashing Our Air Act, that they
10 must choose the safer alternative
11 before them? Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

20 Thank you, Mr. President.

21 I just wanted to
22 acknowledge that today in our midst
23 we have Imhotep Charter High School
24 in the 8th District. They are

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2 going to be giving a presentation
3 after Council and they are the STEM
4 ambassadors, talking about the
5 programs that they've done abroad.
6 So very exciting and we're happy to
7 have them here. Welcome, Imhotep.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Can the students from
10 Imhotep please stand?

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Can the students from
14 Imhotep please stand?

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.
18 Council will resume.

19 MR. EVANS: David Evans.

20 What up, Council? Philly, I love
21 you. We as humans tend to make
22 things a lot more complicated than
23 they need to be. Please stop
24 burning our trash. I am Co-founder

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2 of Block by Block, which is a
3 nonprofit that organizes community
4 cleanups in Philadelphia County.
5 We've organized with over 50
6 organizations, cleaned up hundreds
7 of tons of trash. And to know that
8 that is then burned and then we
9 breathe that in is diabolical at
10 best. To end, yes, please Stop
11 Trashing Our Air Act. But also, I
12 second everything that those little
13 babies said. Peace.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Will
16 Vanessa Raymond Garcia, Lynn
17 Robinson, Queen Judith Robinson and
18 Rochelle Gordon, please make your
19 way to the podium.

20 (Witnesses approached
21 podium.)

22 MS. GARCIA: Hello,
23 Vanessa Raymond Garcia. Good
24 morning, Council President Johnson

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2 and all Councilmembers, and thank
3 you for the opportunity to speak
4 today. My name is Vanessa Raymond
5 Garcia and I'm here to voice
6 support for Bill 250980. I come
7 representing Regional Housing Legal
8 Services as their Senior Policy
9 Analyst.

10 Philadelphia feel the
11 effects of how large scale,
12 absentee and LLC-shielded property
13 owners are reshaping our housing
14 market in ways that harm renters,
15 aspiring homeowners and entire
16 neighborhoods. No property owner,
17 especially those operating from
18 out-of-state or behind-the-web LLCs
19 should be able to avoid
20 accountability for tenants or to
21 the city.

22 When landlords hide
23 behind anonymous or unverifiable
24 contact information, the people who

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2 suffer are the tenants who cannot
3 get repairs, the neighbors who
4 cannot report ongoing safety issues
5 and the city departments that
6 cannot enforce basic codes.

7 Requiring a verifiable physical
8 address and a designated local
9 agent is a basic expectation of
10 responsible property ownership.

11 Thank you, Councilmember Phillips,
12 for your leadership on this issue.

13 And I urge Council to pass
14 Ordinance 250980. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHIEF CLERK: Will
17 Robert Simms, Amaris Hernandez,
18 Nadia Graves and Mitch Chanin,
19 please make your way to the podium.

20 (Witnesses approached
21 podium.)

22 MS. GORDON: Hi. My
23 name is Rochelle S. Gordon and I
24 would like to highlight about

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2 trauma brain injury, TBI, today.

3 TBI is a disruption of the normal
4 brain function caused by a blow or
5 jolt to the head. It can lead to
6 symptoms ranging from temporary
7 confusion, physical and emotional
8 impairment.

9 On April 28, 2008 at the
10 age of 42, I was hit by a drunk
11 driver, which caused for me to
12 suffer trauma brain injury. I had
13 severe head trauma and a long stay
14 in the hospital and rehab. I had
15 to relearn how to walk and talk
16 again. It was one of the most
17 difficult times in my life.

18 I am grateful that I
19 received such good care and my
20 family were there for me. Every
21 day I thank God in Moss Rehab for
22 guiding me through my recovered
23 journey. I stand here today to
24 share my story and raise awareness

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2 of TBI. In additional, I would
3 like to thank Councilmember Brooks
4 for recognizing the importance of
5 Brain Injury Awareness Month and
6 supporting those living with brain
7 injury. Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. ONAS: I'm Adison
10 Onas. Good morning. Thank you for
11 the opportunity to be here today to
12 request the recognition of April
13 4th as Women in Tech Day in
14 Philadelphia. I've spent over 20
15 years in technology, leading
16 organizations, navigating
17 everything from transformations to
18 emerging tech.

19 Across every role in
20 every room, I've seen the same
21 thing, women are still
22 underrepresented in the very field
23 shaping our future. Today women
24 make up only about 25% of

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2 technology workforce. Here in
3 Philadelphia that number is
4 slightly higher, but still far from
5 where it should be. If you break
6 that down by women in color, it's
7 about 9% to 10% of technology jobs.
8 The gap doesn't just exist in
9 numbers. It exists in influence,
10 in leadership who is building the
11 systems that power our world,
12 because technology is not neutral.

13 Here's an opportunity
14 for the City of Philadelphia to use
15 our universities, our startups, our
16 public sessions to expand access,
17 strengthen pathways and make sure
18 every girl in the city can see a
19 future for herself in technology.
20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. GRAVES: Hello. I'm
23 Nadia from the Kingsessing
24 neighborhood of Philadelphia. I

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2 live in the 3rd Councilmanic
3 District, and Philadelphia burns
4 millions of pounds or a million
5 pounds of trash every year in the
6 largest incinerator in the United
7 States.

8 Chester City is a
9 majority Black city. And so, we
10 cannot ignore the environmental
11 racism against the community of
12 Chester City, but Philadelphia is
13 directly downwind. So you cannot
14 ignore the environmental racism of
15 Philadelphians who have to endure
16 the dirtiness of trash
17 incineration.

18 There's high impacts on
19 health, such as high rates of
20 asthma in Chester City, cancer and
21 we deserve better health. Stop
22 Trashing Our Air Act would ban
23 these contracts that are expiring
24 on June 30th and City Council can

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2 stand with greedy polluters or
3 stand with communities and
4 prioritize our health.

5 Incinerator lobbyists
6 will come to City Council and
7 testify just like we are and make
8 misleading claims that burning
9 trash waste is affordable, and that
10 argument ignores that incineration
11 generates toxic ash and creates
12 more pollution than coal plants.
13 This is a choice between
14 environmental racism, environmental
15 classism or standing with the
16 people. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. CHANIN: Mitch
19 Chanin. Appreciate the opportunity
20 to speak. I live in Northeast
21 Philly and organize with folks in
22 Lawncrest. I want to start by just
23 expressing appreciation for
24 Councilmember Phillips' Landlord

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2 Transparency bill. I'm also here
3 to talk about the Stop Trashing Our
4 Air Act.

5 Just correcting one
6 thing that was said earlier.
7 Philadelphia sends a million pounds
8 of trash every day to be burned in
9 the incinerator in Chester, 1
10 million pounds per day. The most
11 credible study showed that because
12 of the proximity to neighborhoods
13 and because of the volume of toxic
14 pollution, the impact of burning
15 trash is 23 times worse for human
16 health than landfilling, 23 times
17 worse, a million pounds a day.

18 Seven years ago when
19 Council debated what to do with our
20 trash, there were a lot of promises
21 from the Sanitation Department that
22 we would reduce waste later. We
23 were going to do digesters. All
24 these good things would happen, but

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2 we need to keep incinerating now
3 and we'll get to it, we'll fix it
4 later. We can't do that again. We
5 can't have broken promises. We
6 need to stop incineration now to
7 protect people's health. Thank
8 you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Will John
11 Thompson, Andre Dawkins, Chrisann
12 Smith, Tachelle Mays Matthews and
13 Mary Nolan, please make your way to
14 the podium.

15 (Witnesses approached
16 podium.)

17 MS. SMITH: Good
18 morning. My name is Chrisann Smith
19 and it's a pleasure to be here this
20 morning --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Can you speak a little
23 closer to the microphone please?

24 MS. SMITH: Good

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2 morning. My name is Chrisann
3 Smith. It's an honor and pleasure
4 to be here this morning. And I
5 want to thank Councilwoman Kendra
6 Brooks and my niece Farah Muhammad.
7 I don't know who else is behind
8 me -- well, my family's behind me.

9 So we received a
10 resolution from the Councilwoman's
11 Office, and her staff was just
12 incredible with giving us
13 thoughtful comments and encouraging
14 us to come here today in honor of
15 my mother who was Viola Sanders, a
16 phenomenal woman. She was a
17 founding member of the Welfare
18 Rights Organization in the 1960s.
19 So many of you weren't even thought
20 of at that time. But I am here to
21 thank the Councilwoman and all of
22 her staff who treated us well.

23 My mother was a
24 legendary woman. And it saddens me

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2 that many of you don't know about
3 her, but she was an activist and an
4 advocate. She was a woman that
5 slept in the State Capitol Building
6 in the 1980s when there was
7 negotiations with the Governor of
8 Pennsylvania. She gave her life --
9 she gave her life to helping
10 Philadelphia with love and care and
11 compassion and advocacy. Thank
12 you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. THOMPSON: John
15 Thompson, J-o-h-n, T-h-o-m-p-s-o-n.
16 I'm here today on behalf of the
17 Oversight Board, the Prison
18 Oversight Board. And the ordinance
19 that's going to create this, the
20 timing is right. It really is a
21 good thing that we have oversight
22 now into our county prisons.

23 Having people to be able
24 to look in on our county prisons,

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2 where it's much suffering,
3 marginalized people, people are
4 dying in there, so I'm urging
5 everyone to vote yes when this
6 ordinance comes around for its
7 final passage.

8 And one of the things I
9 want you to also remember is it's
10 about humanity too. It's about
11 those people in there being human
12 beings. And as they are human
13 beings, we need to understand that
14 human beings make mistakes, but
15 they still deserve to be treated
16 humanely. So that's all I have to
17 say. I'm asking everyone vote yes.
18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Tashelle
21 Mays Matthews, Mary Nolan, Solomon
22 Williams, Ogbonna Hagins, William
23 Small and Heather Smith, please
24 make your way to the podium --

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2 Heather Miller, please make your
3 way to the podium.

4 (Witnesses approached
5 podium.)

6 MS. MATTHEWS: Oh, I'm
7 sorry --

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Please begin.

10 MS. MATTHEWS: My name
11 is Tashell Mayes Matthews. Good
12 morning, Councilmembers. I'm the
13 founder of Community Takeover
14 Project and the President of the
15 BBRC. Before I begin, I have a
16 question for Council. Raise your
17 hand if you are paid to protect the
18 people in our community.

19 All right. So keep that
20 in mind while I speak today because
21 what separates you for me is that I
22 am not paid. Yet I am here. Not
23 because I have to be, but because I
24 can't afford not to be. This is

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2 not policy for me. This is
3 personal. This is community. This
4 is -- for over 50 years,
5 Philadelphia have received billions
6 of dollars in development funding.
7 Yet the people those dollars were
8 meant to serve are still standing
9 on the outside looking in.

10 When you follow the
11 money, up to 85% goes to large
12 developers, while 5% goes to
13 grassroots organizations like
14 myself. This does not create
15 stability, ownership or equality
16 but a crisis. Homelessness has
17 tripled since the 1970s. What used
18 to be 1000 to 2000 people, homeless
19 is now 5000 to 6000 any given day.

20 So I'm asking for the
21 3rd District to introduce the
22 resolution recognizing and
23 supporting community, first-led
24 organizations and equality. Thank

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2 you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MS. NOLAN: I'm Mary
5 Nolan. First, I want to thank City
6 Council for all you do to keep
7 Philly a thriving world-class city,
8 and especially Cindy Bass, who
9 surprised me with this honor. I've
10 known her over the years, even had
11 her daughter in my one of my
12 preschools -- speak into the mic.
13 Okay. I don't do this often.

14 Anyways, I landed in Mt.
15 Airy which we just love, a perfect
16 neighborhood in the city. People
17 help each other, solve problems. I
18 came from Boston. My parents came
19 from Ireland, so it's an honor to
20 kind of respect the immigrants
21 tradition at the center. It's
22 basically a function hall. But we
23 pull people in from all parts of
24 the neighborhoods. You know,

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2 you'll have jazz, you'll have a
3 fashion show, you'll have a
4 political lecture and a movie at
5 the same time so that people are
6 always crossing each other.

7 And it's an honor to
8 accept for all of the people that
9 keep the building intact. It's
10 quite old. And my family, a couple
11 are here, my daughter who's on the
12 board now, the Council at the
13 Commodore Barry, my husband who's
14 the manager and we just love it.
15 And thank you so much for all you
16 do in Philadelphia. And come to
17 the Irish Center in Mt. Airy, the
18 Commodore Barry. Okay. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Congratulations.

22 MR. DAWKINS: My name's
23 Andre Dawkins. How y'all doing. I
24 spoke to y'all before. My name

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2 Andre Dawkins. How y'all doing. I
3 spoke with y'all before. I do
4 appreciate y'all for listening to
5 us and everything that we go
6 through in this city. The city is
7 a beautiful city.

8 It's just certain things
9 need to be straightened out, like
10 safe and healthy homes. So people,
11 like older people older than me can
12 have a safe place to live, you know
13 what I mean, comfortably. And
14 another thing, I be around Wyoming,
15 Wingohocking, 2nd Street off of
16 Rising Sun, there's a dump there
17 that burn trash once a month, that
18 the ashes from the trash go from
19 there all the way up to The
20 Boulevard. The whole area smell
21 like fire.

22 We done called the Fire
23 Department, the Police Department.
24 They said it's nothing they could

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2 do. They don't have a canister.

3 They burning -- they have a hole in

4 the ground and they just burn

5 trash. And who gets it in, gets it

6 in. And it really ain't healthy.

7 And I hope the Council could find a

8 way to get something done about

9 that area so it'd be better for

10 people, you know what I mean.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 Good morning. I would like to give

15 respect to the Council President.

16 I'd like to give respect to all the

17 Councilmembers and the staff that

18 are all present and help our city

19 go. I'm here to speak in regards

20 to Bill 250768 that was brought on

21 by Councilmember Gauthier. It's

22 concerning trash, air quality and a

23 better way of life.

24 I am part of a group

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2 called the Earth Day Kids who
3 advocate for anti-violence. They
4 advocate for cleanliness, greenery.
5 I've been their photographer for
6 over 10 years and seen some grow
7 up. The leader of this group wrote
8 a song called Put The Guns To
9 Sleep. She was shot in her eye and
10 lost her eye.

11 She has gone and
12 advocated at many different events
13 throughout the city and outside of
14 the city. And right now, she is in
15 need of help and support. And we
16 are trying to make sure that we
17 bring awareness as well as the
18 Brain Trauma Awareness Month that
19 was brought up by Councilmember
20 Brooks. We'd like to thank you and
21 please help support our youth.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. HAGINS: Ogbonna
24 Hagins, fourth generation chattel

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2 slavery survivor. The Stop
3 Trashing Our Air bill is a badge of
4 slavery and the 13th Amendment
5 violation. In honor of the 250th
6 anniversary of the country and the
7 brave Freedman who fought for the
8 13th Amendment, I pledge allegiance
9 to the flag of the United States of
10 America and to the republic for
11 which it stands, one nation under
12 God, indivisible with liberty and
13 justice for all, and most
14 importantly, the constitutional
15 citizens of the United States of
16 America, the American Freedmen.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Will
19 William Small, Heather Miller and
20 Lynn Robinson, please come to the
21 podium.

22 (Witnesses approached
23 podium.)

24 MR. SMALL: How you

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2 doing? William Small. So
3 everybody's, you know, enjoying
4 their snacks, looking in their
5 phones like this isn't serious,
6 right. I'm going to give y'all
7 some numbers. All right. About 1
8 in 5 students in Philadelphia are
9 not reading at grade level. That
10 means over 80% of our kids are not
11 proficient readers.

12 By 3rd grade, around 65%
13 of students are already behind
14 math. 20% to 25% of students
15 perform at grade level. And
16 roughly 35% to 40% are chronically
17 absent. That means they're not
18 going. So while y'all eating y'all
19 snacks and looking at your phones
20 and y'all honor these principals
21 that y'all did last week that are
22 failing, we're at the bottom, fifth
23 or sixth to the bottom in every
24 major statistical category in the

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2 country when it's regarding
3 education.

4 Y'all can go ahead and
5 sign these ordinances and have the
6 land banks give the properties to
7 investors in New York, because
8 y'all really don't care about the
9 everyday person because there's no
10 easy programs for none of these
11 people to acquire none of the
12 properties y'all having the land
13 bank give away. Everything y'all
14 do in here is a joke. So go ahead
15 and eat your peanuts, scroll on
16 Tiktok and I hope you have a good
17 day.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

20 Next please.

21 MS. MILLER: Good
22 afternoon. My name is Heather
23 Miller. Good afternoon, everyone.
24 Good afternoon, Council President.

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2 I'm here today to express my
3 support for amending Philadelphia
4 Code Chapter 9-3900 regarding
5 property licensing and owner
6 accountability. This amendment is
7 critical to proving the quality of
8 life of our neighborhoods.

9 Too often we see
10 properties owned by nonresident
11 landlords fall into disrepair with
12 ongoing code violations that
13 negatively impact the surrounding
14 community. These conditions are
15 not just inconvenient. They are
16 harmful to the neighborhood
17 stability, public safety and
18 overall well-being of the
19 residents.

20 From my direct
21 experience working in the
22 community, I have seen how some
23 nonresident landlords evade
24 accountability through lack of

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2 transparency, limited
3 accessibility. When issues arise,
4 residents, community organizations
5 and other neighborhood stakeholders
6 are too often left without a clear,
7 reliable and timely way to contact
8 those responsible. This must
9 change. Thank you, Council.

10 MS. ROBINSON: Hi. Lynn
11 Robinson. Thank you for allowing
12 me to speak again, City Council. I
13 am here in favor of Stop Trashing
14 Our Air Act. Is it redundant to
15 mention news from last April that
16 the American Lung Association gave
17 our city straight Fs for air
18 quality and that our air is out of
19 EPA compliance for fine
20 particulates and ground ozone.

21 We all know the
22 consequences of adding poisonous
23 greenhouse gases to the air.
24 Climate crisis, asthma, cancer,

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2 central nervous system, disease and
3 heart --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Excuse me one second,
6 ma'am.

7 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Please proceed, ma'am.

10 MS. ROBINSON: Thanks.

11 Is it fair for City Council, for
12 city government to choose to keep
13 incinerating trash when such
14 devastating quality-of-life
15 consequences occur? No, it's not
16 fair or constitutionally legal in
17 Pennsylvania for a city to
18 incinerate trash when landfilling
19 in sparsely populated areas is
20 available, affordable and vastly
21 less polluting.

22 It is a violation of
23 Article 1, Section 27 of
24 Pennsylvania's Constitution, which

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2 protects our right to breathe clean
3 air -- is that one minute?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: You have a little bit
6 more because I stopped.

7 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.

8 For now, the Stop Trashing Our Air
9 Act would not shut down the Reworld
10 refinery in Chester. It would only
11 remove 14% of the trash being
12 burned there. But that 14% less
13 air pollution would make a dent in
14 Philly's pollution levels, because
15 the Reworld Chester incinerator is
16 our region's worst-standing source
17 of air pollution. Some
18 Councilmembers seem fuzzy -- that's
19 it?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Just wrap it up. Go
22 ahead.

23 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.

24 Some Councilmembers seem fuzzy on

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2 the financial cost of the city.

3 When masses of people are ill, they

4 have their head in the sand about

5 human activities causing climate

6 change. They support food

7 giveaways in low-income

8 neighborhoods, but don't seem to

9 care that unchecked climate change

10 will lead to widespread famine. I

11 say to them, be more like the

12 ostriches, who actually do not put

13 their heads in the sand because

14 being in denial is not good for

15 survival. Come up for air and pass

16 the Stop Trashing Our Air Act.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council

21 President, this concludes our

22 listing for public comment today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 We will now consider the
3 bills and resolutions on the Second
4 Reading and Final Passage
5 Calendars.

6 Would the Clerk please
7 read the title of Resolution No.
8 260245.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A
10 resolution also naming the 5100
11 block of Chester Avenue as "Paul
12 Ellis Hill Way" to honor the life,
13 legacy and community impact of Paul
14 Ellis Hill in the Kingsessing
15 neighborhood.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
19 Richardson for a motion on behalf
20 of Councilmember Jamie Gauthier
21 regarding Resolution No. 260245.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
23 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
24 Mr. President.

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2 On behalf of
3 Councilmember Gauthier, I move for
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded Resolution No.
9 260245 be adopted.

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
18 motion carries. The resolution is
19 adopted.

20 Will the Clerk please
21 read the title of Resolution No.
22 260251.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A
24 resolution authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose
3 of 1601, 1605, 1616, 1618 and 1620
4 North 16th Street located in the
5 5th Councilmanic District, in
6 accordance with the terms of
7 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
8 Code.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Young for a motion
12 regarding Resolution No. 260251.

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

15 I move for its adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
19 properly seconded that Resolution
20 No. 260251 be adopted.

21 All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
6 motion carries. The resolution is
7 adopted.

8 Would the Clerk please
9 read the title of Resolution No.
10 260252.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A
12 resolution authorizing the
13 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose
14 of 3001 Martha Street now
15 subdivided, resulting in the
16 creation of 20 individual parcels
17 known as 3011, 3013, 3015, 3017,
18 3019, 3021, 3023, 3025, 3027, 3029,
19 3031, 3033, 3035, 3037, 3039, 3041,
20 3043, 3045, 3047 and 3049 Martha
21 Street located in the 1st
22 Councilmanic District, in
23 accordance with the terms of
24 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia

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2 Code.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
6 motion regarding Resolution No.
7 260252.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 I move for the adoption
11 of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that Resolution
16 No. 260252 be adopted.

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

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

5 Will the Clerk please
6 read the title of Resolution No.
7 260257.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A
9 resolution authorizing the
10 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose
11 of 2726 North 15th Street located
12 in the 8th Councilmanic District in
13 accordance with the terms of
14 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
15 Code.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
19 motion regarding Resolution No.
20 260257.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 I move for the adoption
24 of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that Resolution
6 No. 260257 be adopted.

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

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

18 Would the Clerk please
19 read the title of Bill No. 250844.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An
21 ordinance regulating the direction
22 of movement of traffic on West
23 Lippincott Street, between 22nd
24 Street and 23rd Street, all under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This bill has been read
5 on two different days. The
6 question now is shall the bill pass
7 finally.

8 Chief Clerk, please call
9 the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Phillips.

12 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

17 RICHARDSON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Thomas.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

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2 Councilmember Lozada.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Young.

7 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Brooks.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Harrity.

14 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Driscoll.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Squilla.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

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2 Councilmember Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Ahmad.

6 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And,

9 Council President Johnson.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 13.

12 The nays are 0. Majority of all

13 members having voted in the

14 affirmative, the bill passes.

15 Would the Clerk please

16 read the title of Bill No.

17 250980-A.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An

19 ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900

20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

21 "Property Licenses and Owner

22 Accountability" by requiring

23 nonresident landlords to provide

24 verifiable contact information and

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2 a designated local contact and
3 establishing penalties for
4 noncompliance, all under certain
5 terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

11 Chief Clerk, please call
12 the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK:
14 Councilmember Phillips.

15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:
18 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
20 RICHARDSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:
22 Councilmember Thomas.

23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

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2 Councilmember Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Lozada.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Young.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Harrity.

17 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

18 Aye. I may have missed.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Driscoll.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Ahmad.

9 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And,

12 Council President Johnson.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 13.

15 The nays are 0. Majority of all

16 members having voted in the

17 affirmative, the bill passes.

18 Chief Clerk, please read

19 the title of Bill No. 251068.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An

21 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000

22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

23 "Use of An Automated Red Light

24 Enforcement System To Prevent Red

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2 Light Violations" by authorizing
3 the installation of red light
4 enforcement systems at the
5 intersection of Schoolhouse Lane
6 and Henry Avenue, all under certain
7 terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 Chief Clerk, please call
14 the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Phillips.

17 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Thomas.

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2 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Lozada.

8 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Young.

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Brooks.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Harrity.

19 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Driscoll.

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

24 Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Ahmad.

11 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And,

14 Council President Johnson.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 13.

17 The nays are 0. Majority of all

18 members having vote in the

19 affirmative, the bill passes.

20 The Chair recognizes

21 Councilmember Brian O'Neill. Would

22 you like to be voted aye on all

23 bills and resolutions?

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

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2 Yes. Thank you, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 Shall be noted.

6 Would the Clerk please

7 read the title of Resolution No.

8 260244.

9 Council will be at ease.

10 (Council at ease.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Chief Clerk, please read

13 the title of Bill No. 251069.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An

15 ordinance regulating the direction

16 of movement of traffic on Adams

17 Avenue between Wingohocking Street

18 and Frankford Avenue, as well as

19 Leiper Street between Adams Avenue

20 and Ruan Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: This bill having been

23 read on two different days, the

24 question now is shall the bill pass

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 finally.

3 Chief Clerk, please call
4 the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Phillips.

7 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Thom -- Councilmember
15 Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I'm
17 aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Lozada.

23 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

24 Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Young.

4 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Brooks.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Harrity.

11 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Driscoll.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Ahmad.

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And,

10 Council President Johnson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 15 and
13 the nays are 0. Majority of all
14 members having voted in the
15 affirmative, the bill passes.

16 The -- let me run that back again.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Yeah, I knew I was off on
21 that.

22 Officially, the ayes are
23 14. The nays are 0. Majority of
24 all members having voted in the

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 affirmative, the bill passes.

3 Chief Clerk, please read
4 the title of Bill No. 251099.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An
6 ordinance amending Title 20 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Officers and Employees," to
9 provide for compensation of the
10 Director of Office of Prison
11 Oversight and members of the
12 Philadelphia Prison Community
13 Oversight Board, and amending Title
14 21 of The Philadelphia Code,
15 entitled "Miscellaneous," to add a
16 new chapter, providing for the
17 powers and duties of Office of
18 Prison Oversight and Philadelphia
19 Prison Community Oversight Board
20 and the manner in which other
21 officers, employees and agencies
22 shall fulfill their respective
23 responsibilities with respect to
24 the Office and Board, all under

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This bill having been

5 read on two different days, the

6 question now is shall the bill pass

7 finally.

8 Chief Clerk, please call

9 the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Phillips.

12 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

17 RICHARDSON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Thomas.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Lozada.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Young.

7 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Brooks.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Harrity.

14 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Driscoll.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Ahmad.

10 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And,

13 Council President Johnson.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

16 The nays are 0. Majority of all

17 members having voted in the

18 affirmative, the bill passes.

19 Chief Clerk, please read

20 the title of Bill No. 251102.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An

22 ordinance authorizing encroachments

23 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in

24 the vicinity of 1001 South 10th

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19147,
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

9 Chief Clerk, please call
10 the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK:
12 Councilmember Phillips.

13 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:
16 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
18 RICHARDSON: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:
20 Councilmember Thomas.

21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:
23 Councilmember Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Lozada.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Young.

8 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Brooks.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Harrity.

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Driscoll.

19 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

24 Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Ahmad.

11 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And,

14 Council President Johnson.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 13 and

17 the nay are 0. Majority, all

18 members having voted -- excuse me.

19 The ayes are 14. The nays are 0.

20 Majority of all members having

21 voted in the affirmative, the bill

22 passes.

23 Would the Clerk please

24 read the title of Bill No. 260025.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: An
3 ordinance authorizing the
4 installation, ownership and
5 maintenance of various
6 encroachments along the 300 block
7 of South Broad Street, Philadelphia
8 PA, 19102, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
11 JOHNSON: This bill having been
12 read on two different days, the
13 question now is shall the bill pass
14 finally.

15 Chief Clerk, please call
16 the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK:
18 Councilmember Phillips.

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:
22 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
24 RICHARDSON: Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Thomas.

4 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Lozada.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Young.

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Brooks.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Harrity.

21 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Driscoll.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Squilla.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Bass.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Ahmad.

17 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And,

20 Council President Johnson.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

23 The nays are 0. A majority of all

24 members having voted in the

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 affirmative, the bill passes.

3 Chief Clerk, please call
4 the roll -- Chief Clerk, please
5 read the title of Bill No. 260925.
6 I think somebody put something in
7 my water.

8 CHIEF CLERK: 260095, an
9 ordinance authorizing the
10 installation, ownership and
11 maintenance of an elevator
12 encroachment in the vicinity of
13 3400 Aramingo Avenue, Philadelphia
14 PA, 19134, under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: This bill having been
18 read on two different days, the
19 question now is shall the bill pass
20 finally.

21 Will the Chief Clerk
22 please call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK:
24 Councilmember Phillips.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

7 RICHARDSON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Thomas.

10 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Lozada.

16 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Young.

20 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Brooks.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

24 Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Harrity.

4 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Driscoll.

8 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Ahmad.

23 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

24 Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: And,
3 Council President Johnson.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
5 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.
6 The nays are 0. Majority of all
7 members having voted in the
8 affirmative, the bill passes.

9 Chief Clerk, please read
10 the title of the bill -- 260115.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An
12 ordinance authorizing Mukeshkumar
13 Patel, owner and operator of the
14 newsstand at the northwest corner
15 of 34th Street and Convention
16 Avenue and Civic Center Boulevard
17 to construct, use, and maintain
18 conduits in, under, and across the
19 northwest corner of 34th Street and
20 Convention Avenue and Civic Center
21 Boulevard for the purpose of
22 supplying electrical service to
23 said newsstand, under certain terms
24 and conditions.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This bill having been
4 read on two different days, the
5 question now is shall the bill pass
6 finally.

7 Chief Clerk, please call
8 the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK:
10 Councilmember Phillips.

11 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:
14 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
16 RICHARDSON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:
18 Councilmember Thomas.

19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:
21 Councilmember Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:
24 Councilmember Lozada.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Young.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Brooks.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Harrity.

13 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Driscoll.

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Squilla.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Ahmad.

9 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And,

12 Council President Johnson.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

15 The nays are 0. Majority of all

16 members having voted in the

17 affirmative, the bill passes.

18 Chief Clerk, please read

19 the title of Bill No. 260131.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An

21 ordinance authorizing the City of

22 Philadelphia to install, own and

23 maintain right-of-way encroachments

24 on the 7600, 7700 and 7800 blocks

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 of Ogontz Avenue, all under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

9 Chief Clerk, please call
10 the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Phillips.

14 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

19 RICHARDSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Thomas.

22 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Jones.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Lozada.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Young.

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Brooks.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Harrity.

16 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Driscoll.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Ahmad.

12 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And,

15 Council President Johnson.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

18 The nays are 0. Majority of all

19 members having voted in the

20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 Chief Clerk, please read

22 the title of Bill No. 260132.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An

24 ordinance regulating the direction

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 of movement of traffic on Hermit
3 Street between Manor Street and
4 Manayunk Avenue.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 Chief Clerk, please call
11 the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Phillips.

14 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

19 RICHARDSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Thomas.

22 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Jones.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Lozada.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Young.

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Brooks.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Harrity.

16 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Driscoll.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Ahmad.

12 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And,

15 Council President Johnson.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

18 The nays are 0. Majority of all

19 members having voted in the

20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 Chief Clerk, please read

22 the title of Bill No. 260161.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An

24 ordinance authorizing the

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 installation, ownership and
3 maintenance of right-of-way
4 encroachments in various parts of
5 the City, under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 Chief Clerk, please call
13 the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Phillips.

16 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

21 RICHARDSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Thomas.

24 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Lozada.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Young.

11 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Harrity.

18 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Driscoll.

22 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Squilla.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Ahmad.

14 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And,

17 Council President Johnson.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 14.

20 The nays are 0. Majority of all

21 members having voted in the

22 affirmative, the bill passes.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Clerk, please read any
4 additional resolutions on today's
5 Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A

7 privileged resolution honoring and
8 recognizing the women of the
9 Philadelphia Police Department
10 during Women's History Month 2026
11 for their dedication and service to
12 the safety and well-being of the
13 City of Philadelphia residents.
14 Introduced by Councilmember Gilmore
15 Richardson on behalf of Council
16 President Johnson.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Majority
19 Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson
20 for a motion on the resolution.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
23 Mr. President.

24 On your behalf, I move

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

6 properly seconded that the

7 resolution be adopted.

8 All those in favor

9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the

16 resolution is adopted.

17 Chief Clerk, please read

18 the title of the next resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A

20 privileged resolution authorizing

21 the Committee on Legislative

22 Oversight to hold hearings on

23 Philadelphia county's plan to

24 preserve election integrity, voter

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 confidence and participation and
3 public safety on Election Day,
4 especially amid worries of the
5 federal government's potential
6 deployment of United States
7 Immigration and Customs Enforcement
8 to polling locations. Introduced
9 by Councilmember Thomas.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
13 motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

15 Thank you, Council President.
16 Thank you to Minority Leader Kendra
17 Brooks as well for your leadership
18 on this issue.

19 And with that spirit, I
20 move for the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All those in favor
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
12 resolution is adopted.

13 Chief Clerk, please read
14 the title of the next resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A
16 privileged resolution honoring and
17 recognizing Sheryl Lee Ralph for
18 being named one of Time magazine's
19 Most Influential Women of the Year
20 in 2026. Introduced by
21 Councilmember Jones.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.,

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 for a motion on the resolution.

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

5 I move for the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

11 All those in favor will
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
19 resolution is adopted.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A
23 privileged resolution recognizing
24 April as National Donate Life Month

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 and highlighting the critical need
3 for organ donation through the work
4 of the Gift of Life Donor Program.
5 Introduced by Councilmember Lozada.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada for a
9 motion on the resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

11 Thank you, Council President.

12 I move the adoption of
13 the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

19 All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: A
8 privileged resolution honoring the
9 Philadelphia Children's Alliance
10 (PCA) and the Department of Human
11 Services (DHS) for their
12 collaboration in preventing child
13 abuse and supporting Philadelphia
14 children and families during Child
15 Abuse Prevention Month in the City
16 of Philadelphia. Introduced by
17 Councilmember Lozada.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada for a
21 motion on the resolution.

22 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

23 Thank you, Council President.

24 I move for the adoption

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2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

8 All those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: A
20 privileged resolution declaring
21 April 4, 2026 as Women in Tech Day
22 in the City of Philadelphia, and
23 recognizing the importance of women
24 in technology, emphasizing their

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2 contributions, promoting STEM
3 education and careers for women and
4 girls, and expanding gender equity
5 in the technology field.

6 Introduced by Councilmember Lozada
7 on behalf of Councilmember Landau.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

13 Thank you, Council President.

14 On behalf of Member
15 Landau, I move for the adoption of
16 the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

22 All those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 privileged resolution honoring
12 women veterans during Women's
13 History Month, recognizing the
14 distinct challenges they face in
15 health care, housing, safety and
16 reintegration, and commending the
17 National Alliance of Women
18 Veterans, Inc., for its advocacy on
19 behalf of women veterans.

20 Introduced by Councilmember Young.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
24 a motion on the resolution.

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

4 I move for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

19 Chief Clerk, please read
20 the title of the next resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution authorizing
23 the Committee on Streets and
24 Services to hold hearings to

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2 investigate the installation,
3 inspection, contract oversight
4 safety and possible remediation of
5 speed cushions and other traffic-
6 calming measures installed in the
7 vicinity of schools in the City of
8 Philadelphia. Introduced by
9 Councilmember Young.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

16 I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

22 All those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
7 resolution is adopted.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 privileged resolution recognizing
12 March as Colon Cancer and Rectal
13 Cancer Awareness Month. Introduced
14 by Councilmember Brooks.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

20 Thank you, Council President.

21 I move for the adoption
22 of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

5 All those in favor.
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

14 Chief Clerk, please read
15 the next resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A
17 privileged resolution recognizing
18 March as Brain Injury Awareness
19 Month. Introduced by Councilmember
20 Brooks.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Kendra Brooks for a
24 motion on the resolution.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

3 Thank you, Council President.

4 I move for the adoption
5 of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

11 All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
19 resolution is adopted.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A

23 privileged resolution celebrating
24 Viola Sanders for her life's work

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2 and advocating for economic justice
3 and welfare rights for the
4 impoverished and underserved in
5 Philadelphia, on the occasion of
6 Women's History Month. Introduced
7 by Councilmember Brooks.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Kendra Brooks for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

13 Thank you, Council President.

14 I move for the adoption
15 of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

21 All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 3/26/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
6 resolution is adopted.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: A
10 privileged resolution honoring and
11 recognizing Mary Nolan and her
12 family for their leadership at the
13 Commodore Barry Arts and Cultural
14 Center, also known as the Irish
15 Center in Mt. Airy, and their
16 lasting contributions to the Irish
17 American community in recognition
18 of Women's History Month.

19 Introduced by Councilmember Bass.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
23 motion on the resolution.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 I move for the adoption
4 of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
18 resolution is adopted.

19 Chief Clerk, please read
20 the title of the next resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution recognizing
23 Taiwanese Americans' contribution
24 to the City of Philadelphia and

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2 showing support for the City of
3 Philadelphia to strengthen its
4 economic, educational and cultural
5 ties with the Republic of China
6 (Taiwan). Introduced by
7 Councilmember Ahmad.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Dr. Ahmad for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

13 Thank you, Council President.

14 I move for the adoption
15 of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

21 All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
6 resolution is adopted.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council
10 President, there are no further
11 resolutions in my possession.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: That completes our
14 Calendar for today.

15 Are there any speeches
16 on behalf of the Minority.

17 Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

20 Thank you, Council President.

21 Today in the final
22 Council session of Women's History
23 Month and today we are honoring and
24 celebrating Ms. Viola Sanders.

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2 Ms. Sanders was a champion in
3 economic justice and the founder of
4 Philadelphia Welfare Rights
5 Organization. Her legacy lives on
6 in her children and grandchildren,
7 including Salah and Farah Muhammad,
8 who have devoted their lives to
9 building community power here in
10 Philadelphia.

11 I also brought forward a
12 resolution recognizing March as
13 Brain Injury Awareness Month. I
14 worked many years at MossRehab
15 Brain Drucker Center with
16 individuals who experienced brain
17 injuries and were adapting to the
18 living conditions that they have.
19 We realized that too many people
20 with brain injuries suffer in
21 silence because their condition
22 does not make it easy for people to
23 recognize on the outside. So
24 increasing awareness is the first

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2 step towards folks getting the care
3 that they need and the support that
4 they need to be thriving citizens.

5 I also want to take a
6 moment to recognize Colon Rectal
7 Cancer Awareness Month in
8 partnership with my colleague
9 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.
10 Colorectal cancer is becoming more
11 and more common among younger
12 people and is highly treatable, but
13 it's very important if it's
14 detected early. So anyone over the
15 age of 45, this is a reminder to
16 get a colonoscopy.

17 And I also want to
18 recognize that this resolution, I
19 honored some folks on Sunday in a
20 separate venue about fearless
21 women. And I wanted to introduce
22 this in honor of a fearless woman
23 that I know, which many of us know
24 is Tiffany Harris, who also

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2 experienced this and is no longer
3 with us now. She was a huge
4 inspiration to me and inspired me
5 to recommit my life and my faith.

6 And lastly, I want to
7 wish the best to a member of my
8 staff who will be departing my
9 office after this week. Ebony
10 McCoy joined my office as my
11 Executive Assistant in 2021 and
12 ever since then, she has been quiet
13 but an indispensable leader in my
14 office. Ebony radiates calm,
15 strength and compassion and good
16 judgment, even on the most chaotic
17 days here in City Hall.

18 The work I have done in
19 the past four years would not have
20 been possible without her
21 foresight, careful planning and
22 steady guidance. She will be
23 greatly missed, but I know that
24 whatever she does next she will

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2 excel in whatever comes. Thank you
3 so much.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you and
7 congratulations.

8 Speeches on behalf of
9 the Majority. Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 Good afternoon,
14 colleagues. I'm going to be very
15 brief. I just want to first say
16 thank you all for your support as
17 it relates to the Prison Oversight
18 legislation. That was a two-year
19 journey that started with --
20 actually more than a two-year
21 journey now, probably about a
22 three- to four-year journey that
23 actually started with enabling
24 legislation that former

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2 Councilmember Gym introduced that I
3 picked up the baton and also worked
4 with Councilmember O'Rourke's
5 office as well too. So I want to
6 start by thanking them.

7 I also want to thank the
8 many voters who overwhelmingly seen
9 that this is something that we
10 significantly need and voted for on
11 the budget. I also want to thank
12 Saleem Holbrook who testified
13 today, as well as John Thompson and
14 the Abolitionist Law Center. I
15 want to thank our Chief Public
16 Defender Keisha Hudson as well as
17 Tom and Kate on her team and the
18 entire Defender Association.

19 I want to thank Noah and
20 the entire team from the
21 Pennsylvania Prison Society. And
22 also want to thank the Committee of
23 Seventy as well as Mayor Parker,
24 Commissioner Resnick, Chief Public

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2 Safety Director Adam Geer and every
3 member of the Administration and
4 the working group who was able to
5 make that legislation possible.
6 Thank you all. We've made history.

7 I also introduced
8 legislation today to create the
9 Creative PHL Office to make it
10 permanent. That will be an
11 initiative that we will ask the
12 voters to support and I look
13 forward to us continuing to invest
14 in the arts and culture community
15 here in the City of Philadelphia.

16 I also introduced a
17 resolution today in collaboration
18 with -- I'm sorry. That PHL
19 Creative resolution was in
20 collaboration with Councilmember
21 Landau. And in her absence, I want
22 to say thank you to her.

23 I also introduced a
24 resolution today in collaboration

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2 with Minority Leader Brooks.

3 There's no secret that we are

4 seeing ICE agents at airports.

5 There are a lot of people who

6 believe that the airport is just a

7 pilot program and a trial run to

8 put ICE agents at polls on Election

9 Day and we want to make sure that

10 we avoid that in the City of

11 Philadelphia. So our resolution

12 will examine what we're doing to

13 make sure that our elections are

14 secure and safe.

15 My office has worked

16 with all of our Commissioners in

17 the past as it related to Election

18 Day issues, along with Majority

19 Leader Katherine Gilmore

20 Richardson. And we look forward to

21 continuing that work.

22 Last but not least,

23 thank you to Councilmember Bass.

24 She got my brother here so I know

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2 she's going to recognize him as
3 well, but CEO Andre Noble is my
4 brother, that's my man. He's in
5 City Council today along with the
6 Imhotep family. So thank you to
7 Councilmember Bass for inviting
8 them.

9 For those of you don't
10 know, Andre Noble is arguably,
11 arguably the greatest coach to ever
12 coach in a public league. So we
13 appreciate you being here, brother,
14 and thank you for the work that you
15 do.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Congratulations. Chair
19 recognizes Councilmember
20 Dr. Anthony Phillips.

21 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 In the 9th District,
24 we've heard directly from neighbors

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2 about the importance of making sure
3 their homes are stable and there's
4 always investment in their homes.
5 We can't build stability for homes
6 for neighbors in the 9th District
7 if we have landlords who are not
8 being held accountable for their
9 property ownership.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: So
12 I'm so proud and so thankful that
13 members of City Council supported
14 the Nonresident Landlord
15 Accountability ordinance, which
16 affirms that property ownership in
17 Philadelphia comes with real
18 responsibilities. What this bill
19 does, it addresses an age-old
20 problem where nonresident landlords
21 are more likely to ignore repair
22 requests.

23 Often times they leave
24 tenants and city inspectors with no

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2 way to reach them when it comes to
3 violations. And so, what this
4 ordinance does, it requires that
5 all landlords have either
6 themselves or an agent provide a
7 verifiable physical address, a
8 phone number where they can be
9 reached, a local Philadelphia -- of
10 course a local Philadelphia agent,
11 but also current reachable contact
12 information, including email
13 addresses. So no PO boxes or
14 virtual addresses.

15 And so, what is this
16 going to do? It's going to impact
17 our neighborhoods to have faster
18 response times, real accountable
19 point of contact and stronger
20 enforcement of housing safety laws.
21 What we're trying to do is trying
22 to save Philadelphia so that
23 Philadelphia can have an
24 opportunity. Residents can have an

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2 opportunity to live in peace and
3 tranquility without having
4 landlords who don't care about
5 Philadelphia, truly continue to run
6 down our neighborhoods.

7 So I want to thank all
8 the members of City Council who are
9 here today and present and
10 supported this legislation. And my
11 hope is that our Administration,
12 led by the Department of Licenses
13 and Inspections, will work closely
14 with us to ensure that this problem
15 is resolved in the future.

16 Thank you so much,
17 Council President.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you, Dr. Phillips.

21 Councilmember Dr. Nina
22 Ahmad.

23 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

24 Thank you, Council President.

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2 I just wanted to once
3 again acknowledge our visitor
4 Ambassador Chih-Chiang Lee of
5 Taiwan, and I want to thank the
6 Council President for meeting with
7 him and the delegation who came
8 with them and showed them around.

9 It was a very good conversation.
10 And as an immigrant to this great
11 city, I take pride in welcoming
12 people from all over the world to
13 Philadelphia and showing them what
14 a welcoming place our home is.

15 Thank you again to all
16 my colleagues for unanimously
17 voting on this legislation, the
18 resolution that was introduced, and
19 putting that into the record,
20 legislative record.

21 And very briefly, moving
22 on I want to again acknowledge my
23 position on school closures, for
24 advocating for all of this to be

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2 reviewed and advocating
3 particularly for one school, which
4 is the Lankenau Environmental
5 Magnet School. I just had an op-ed
6 published in the Philadelphia
7 Tribune titled, Closing Lankenau
8 Undermines Environmental Justice
9 Education.

10 And I laid out
11 explicitly how closing Lankenau
12 would be an injustice, not only to
13 its students but to our city as a
14 whole, the only environmental
15 science magnet school. And if we
16 close it, we are destroying a
17 valuable public asset. Our
18 children deserve a safe space to
19 grow academically, physically,
20 emotionally. And by closing
21 Lankenau, the District is taking
22 that resource away from some of our
23 most vulnerable students. And so,
24 I continue to stand with Lankenau

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2 and all the students, parents,
3 educators impacted by school
4 closures across the city.

5 So I thank you, Council
6 President, and yield back.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

9 Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I'm
14 going to be brief. I just wanted
15 to make two announcements. One is
16 that I wanted to remind my
17 colleagues that, as my colleague
18 Isaiah Thomas mentioned, we have
19 Imhotep here to talk about their
20 STEM program and all of the work
21 that they've done abroad. So, you
22 know, I don't know about Andre
23 Noble's basketball skills. You
24 know, it's not my lane.

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2 But I do know on the
3 academic side, right, he's bringing
4 something to the table there. So
5 we want to check him out and all
6 the good work he does with the
7 students at Imhotep. And we look
8 forward to hearing from them. So
9 we really hope that we can get
10 every member to stop by just for at
11 least a few minutes and hear from
12 our students and also feel free to
13 bring a staffer, number one.

14 Number two, this coming
15 Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 we're
16 going to be doing a street renaming
17 that we mentioned previously for
18 Saudia Shuler. Many of you know
19 Saudia from some of her posts on
20 social media. But you also might
21 know her from some of the enormous
22 giveaways, whether it's food or
23 things people need back to school,
24 all kinds of activities that she

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2 does for the community, and she
3 does them out of her own pocket.

4 So we thought it would
5 be a good thing to name the
6 intersection of Broad Street and
7 Pike "Saudi Shuler Way." We really
8 hope folks can come out. It's
9 going to be again this coming
10 Saturday between 9:00 and 12:00 at
11 that intersection. So please come
12 and participate and be a part of
13 this momentous occasion.

14 Thank you,
15 Mr. President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Thank you.

18 Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

20 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
21 you, Mr. President.

22 First, I want to thank
23 Councilmember Brooks for
24 introducing the resolution just

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2 raising awareness of traumatic
3 brain injury. It's very personal
4 to me because when I was 11 years
5 old, my mother was in a terrible
6 car accident where she was in a
7 coma for weeks. She had to learn
8 how to walk, talk, eat, every
9 everything again over in life. She
10 was in MossRehab for four months
11 learning how to, you know, be a
12 person again.

13 And so, there's a very
14 big stigma about how people with
15 brain injuries, you know, they seem
16 to be invisible because they just
17 don't know. But my mom has been
18 disabled technically since I was 12
19 years old. And so, it's very
20 important that we raise awareness
21 for these types of issues because
22 it caused turmoil in my life,
23 right.

24 I mean, our house got

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2 foreclosed on and we had moved back
3 to the projects. It was a lot of
4 stuff happening, right. So just
5 thank you for that awareness
6 because this is real and people
7 live with that every single day.

8 I also want to thank
9 Councilwoman Brooks and Council
10 President for their significant
11 contributions to our Ramadan toy
12 drive. We had an amazing Post-Eid
13 toy giveaway this past weekend at
14 Penrose Recreation Center. It
15 would not have been a success
16 without those who donated and our
17 partners, the Philly Majalis,
18 Councilmember Jones, the
19 Philadelphia City Commissioners,
20 Commissioner Omar Sabir, the
21 Mayor's Office of Muslim Engagement
22 and the Department of Parks and
23 Recreation.

24 This really brought out

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2 families in North Philadelphia.

3 And families made friendships with

4 one another because they had a

5 common bond over their religion and

6 now they know each other and are

7 going to continue to be in

8 community with one another.

9 As we close out the

10 month of March, I want to recognize

11 women veterans for Women's History

12 Month. Their service, their

13 sacrifice and their leadership have

14 often gone unseen and unrecognized.

15 Women veterans are one of the

16 fastest-growing segments of the

17 veteran communities and our

18 policies and commitments must

19 reflect that reality. And I also

20 want to recognize the National

21 Alliance of Women Veterans, Inc.

22 for their decades of advocacy,

23 support and empowerment for women

24 veterans in Philadelphia.

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2 We held a School
3 Facilities Plan meeting this week
4 in Fairmount to discuss the plan
5 for Bache-Martin, Waring and Robert
6 Morris School communities.
7 Parents, students, educators and
8 neighbors raised concerns about
9 overcrowding, aging buildings,
10 swing spaces, lack of transparency,
11 etc.

12 So just so folks know
13 who are coming in here, we are
14 working on issues that affect your
15 everyday life, particularly when it
16 comes to education in our school
17 district. Just because you don't
18 see us in this chamber working on
19 it at that moment does not mean
20 that we aren't doing it, right. So
21 let that be clear, we're working
22 hard each and every day to ensure
23 that our residents can get the best
24 education that our School District

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2 of Philadelphia can provide.

3 But what we heard was a
4 clear, consistent message from the
5 community, that they don't really
6 want this plan to move forward.
7 They want to go back to the drawing
8 board and come back with a plan
9 that is stronger, more transparent
10 and truly responsive to community
11 needs. Our residents are the
12 experts on the ground and they are
13 not asking to be informed after the
14 fact. They're demanding a seat at
15 the table. So again, as I have
16 been doing from the beginning, I
17 urge the School Board to listen,
18 engage and do the right thing.

19 Today we also, with the
20 support of our colleagues, passed
21 legislation for projects in the
22 Turn the Key program. So there are
23 going to be 20 affordable homes in
24 the North Philadelphia area. These

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2 homes, in particular, are a
3 different model. They're going to
4 be condos. So if you don't want
5 that space of a single family home
6 in a tight, dense area, you can be
7 a homeowner in a condo unit.

8 We have to start looking
9 at different types of homeownership
10 options, giving our community
11 options to continue to create
12 viable communities. So I thank my
13 colleagues for supporting us in
14 those efforts, in passing those
15 resolutions today.

16 And finally,
17 Mr. President, we introduced a
18 resolution authorizing the
19 Committee on Streets and Services
20 to hold a hearing on speed cushions
21 and traffic-calming measures near
22 schools across Philadelphia. There
23 have been recent findings,
24 particularly by the Controller's

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2 Office, that questions whether what
3 was designed on paper is being
4 properly delivered in the field
5 when it comes to some of these
6 speed traffic-calming measures and
7 speed cushions.

8 So we have an obligation
9 to take a closer look, not to
10 undermine that goal, but to ensure
11 that it's being achieved safely,
12 consistently and with
13 accountability. So as the Chair of
14 the Streets and Services Committee,
15 I intend to convene a hearing that
16 brings together all stakeholders in
17 this process to voice your concerns
18 and just provide some oversight
19 with this process.

20 So we're going to ask
21 the public to trust these safety
22 investments around our schools,
23 that we need to be confident that
24 they're built correctly, inspected

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2 properly and functioning as they
3 intended. So I look forward to
4 having that conversation and
5 others.

6 So thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you.

10 Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 I just wanted to have
15 everybody know that there's a flag
16 placed on your kiosks today and
17 they'll be celebrating the annual
18 birthday of the Philadelphia Flag
19 with a flag raising tomorrow at
20 noon. All are welcome to attend.
21 Hope to see members there. Thank
22 you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. And

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2 before we call on Member Thomas to
3 adjourn, I wish everyone a Happy
4 Easter and Resurrection Sunday and
5 Happy Spring Break for all of our
6 children.

7 With that being said,
8 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
9 Isaiah Thomas for a motion to
10 adjourn.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

12 Thank you, Council President.
13 Agree with you. Happy holidays to
14 everybody.

15 With that being said, I
16 move that Council stands adjourned
17 until Thursday, April 9th, Thursday
18 April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that this Council
23 stand adjourned until Thursday,
24 April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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2 All those in favor
3 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Anybody opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and this
10 Council is adjourned.

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13 adjourned at 12:35 p.m.)

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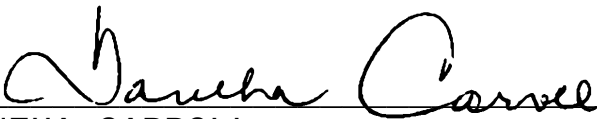
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

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

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

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

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

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

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

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

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260244****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the intersection of 40th and Chestnut Street as “Darcenia Burrell Way” to honor the life and legacy of Darcenia V. Burrell and her lasting contributions to the community.

260245**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 5100 Block of Chester Avenue as “Paul Ellis Hill Way” to honor the life, legacy, and community impact of Paul Ellis Hill in the Kingsessing neighborhood.

260251**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1601, 1605, 1616, 1618, 1620 N. 16th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

260252**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3001 Martha Street, now subdivided resulting in the creation of twenty (20) individual parcels known as 3011, 3013, 3015, 3017, 3019, 3021, 3023, 3025, 3027, 3029, 3031, 3033, 3035, 3037, 3039, 3041, 3043, 3045, 3047 and 3049 Martha Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

260257**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2726 N.15th Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

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

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

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

250844**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on West Lippincott Street, between 22nd Street and 23rd Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

250980-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” by requiring non-resident landlords to provide verifiable contact information and a designated local contact and establishing penalties for non-compliance, all under certain terms and conditions.

251068**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use of an Automated Red Light Enforcement System to Prevent Red Light Violations,” by authorizing the installation of red light enforcement systems at the intersection of School House Lane & Henry Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

251069**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Adams Avenue between Wingohocking Street and Frankford Avenue, as well as Leiper Street between Adams Avenue and Ruan Street.

251099**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

An Ordinance amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Officers and Employees,” to provide for compensation of the Director of Office of Prison Oversight and members of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board, and amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous,” to add a new chapter, providing for the powers and duties of Office of Prison Oversight and Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board and the manner in which other officers, employees and agencies shall fulfill their respective responsibilities with respect to the Office and Board, all under certain terms and conditions.

251102**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1001 S 10th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147, under certain terms and conditions.

260025**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the installation, ownership, and maintenance of various encroachments along the 300 Block of South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, under certain terms and conditions.

260095**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

An Ordinance authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of an elevator encroachment in the vicinity of 3400 Aramingo Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions.

260115**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance authorizing Mukeshkumar Patel, owner and operator of the newsstand at the northwest corner of 34th Street and Convention Avenue and Civic Center Boulevard to construct, use, and maintain conduits in, under, and across the northwest corner of 34th Street and Convention Avenue and Civic Center Boulevard for the purpose of supplying electrical service to said newsstand, under certain terms and conditions.

260131**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Philadelphia to install, own, and maintain right-of-way encroachments on the 7600, 7700, and 7800 blocks of Ogontz Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

260132**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Hermit Street between Manor Street and Manayunk Avenue.

260161**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS

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260268**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring and recognizing the women of the Philadelphia Police Department during Women's History Month 2026 for their dedication and service to the safety and well-being of the City of Philadelphia and its residents.

260271**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings on Philadelphia county's plan to preserve election integrity, voter confidence and participation, and public safety on Election Day especially amid worries of the federal government's potential deployment of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to polling locations.

260272**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring and Recognizing Sheryl Lee Ralph for being named one of TIME Magazine's Most Influential Women of The Year in 2026.

260273**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution recognizing April as National Donate Life Month and highlighting the critical need for organ donation through the work of the Gift of Life Donor Program

260274**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution honoring the Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) for Their Collaboration in Preventing Child Abuse and Supporting Philadelphia Children and Families During Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia

260275**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada for Councilmember Landau

Resolution declaring April 4, 2026 as Women in Tech Day in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the importance of women in technology, emphasizing their contributions, promoting STEM education and careers for women and girls, and expanding gender equity in the technology field.

260276**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution honoring women veterans during Women's History Month, recognizing the distinct challenges they face in health care, housing, safety, and reintegration, and commending the National Alliance of Women Veterans, Inc. for its advocacy on behalf of women veterans.

260277**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada for Councilmember Young

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services to hold hearings to investigate the installation, inspection, contract oversight, safety, and possible remediation of speed cushions and other traffic calming measures installed in the vicinity of schools in the City of Philadelphia.

260278**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution recognizing March as Colon Cancer and Rectal Cancer Awareness Month

260279**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks for Councilmember

Resolution recognizing March as Brain Injury Awareness Month

260280**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution celebrating Viola Sanders for her life's work in advocating for economic justice and welfare rights for the impoverished and underserved in Philadelphia on the occasion of Women's History Month

260281**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring and recognizing Mary Nolan and her family for their leadership at the Commodore Barry Arts and Cultural Center, also known as the Irish Center in Mt Airy, and their lasting contributions to the Irish-American community in recognition of Women's History Month

260282**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing Taiwanese Americans' contribution to City of Philadelphia, and showing support for City of Philadelphia to strengthen its economic, educational, and cultural ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan).