

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, November 30, 2023
11:12 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY LOZADA
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS
COUNCILWOMAN SHARON VAUGHN

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everybody. We're going to get
4 started. Thank you.

5 We've established our quorum
6 and we will begin with our invocation,
7 and to give our invocation this morning,
8 the Chair recognizes Father Bradley of
9 Holy Name of Jesus Christ. He is here
10 today as my guest.

11 I would ask all members and
12 guests and visitors please rise.

13 (Councilmembers, guests, and
14 visitors rise.)

15 FATHER BRADLEY: Good morning,
16 everyone.

17 (Good morning.)

18 FATHER BRADLEY: Let us pray.

19 Merciful and gracious God, we
20 thank you for the gift of life and for
21 this new day.

22 Jesus was born in a little
23 town. He grew up under the authority of
24 local leaders and officials who managed
25 the majority of his daily life.

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2 Today we lift up our local
3 leaders. We pray for our Mayor, our City
4 Council, our Commissioners, Police Chief,
5 judges, and all those who serve our local
6 communities. Strengthen them with wisdom
7 and grace for the heavy burdens they
8 carry.

9 May they manage their teams and
10 projects with love and care. Keep their
11 hearts pure and their eyes turned toward
12 your face as they work in the best
13 interest of your people, the people they
14 are called to serve.

15 Gratitude is at the heart of
16 prayer, so today on behalf of so many
17 members of my community, I want to
18 express my heartfelt gratitude to all of
19 you but especially to Council President
20 Clarke.

21 Over the past several years
22 being in Fishtown working with Venise, I
23 have come to know Council President
24 Clarke as a man who listens and cares for
25 the members of our community in countless

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2 ways. He's organized meetings with L&I
3 when we had a beautiful church that sadly
4 needed to be demolished and a school in
5 the neighborhood that needed to be kept
6 safe.

7 He brought people together with
8 police leadership and City officials to
9 discuss public safety. He listened to
10 the concerns of the elderly and the
11 young. He listened, but he also cared.

12 So in every encounter with him,
13 I am sure I will embarrass him by saying
14 this, but Council President Clarke spoke
15 with a clear voice of reason and he was
16 always a consummate gentleman.

17 On behalf of so many people,
18 the people in my parish and beyond, I
19 wish to ask God's blessing on him today
20 and in the days ahead by using the words
21 of Aaron, the brother of Moses.

22 Council President Clarke, may
23 the Lord bless you and keep you. May the
24 Lord let his face shine on you and be
25 gracious to you. And may the Lord turn

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2 his face toward you and give you his
3 peace and bless you now and in the days
4 ahead.

5 Amen.

6 (Amen.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Father, thank you. Thank you for the
9 promo also. Appreciate it. Thank you,
10 Father.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you very much. And, Father, again
15 thank you for your spiritual guidance
16 this morning. We really need it. We
17 appreciate you.

18 Our next order of business is
19 the approval of the Journal of the
20 meeting on Thursday, November 16th, 2023,
21 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
25 of the meeting of Thursday,

1 11/30/23 - STATED - LEAVES

2 November 16th, 2023 be approved.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. It has been moved and
6 properly seconded that the Journal of the
7 meeting of Thursday, November 16th, 2023
8 be approved.

9 All in favor indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it, and our Journal is
17 approved.

18 And our next order of business
19 is request for leave of absence, and the
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. On behalf of the members,
23 there are no requests for leaves of
24 absence today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 And we will now hear from

4 Councilman Squilla for a motion

5 concerning certain legislative matters

6 that may arise during the course of

7 today's session of Council that were not

8 listed on the Calendar for today's

9 session.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

13 Mr. President. I move that any of the

14 following matters, if considered today,

15 may be added to the agenda for this

16 session of Council and, as required by

17 law, subsequently published on the

18 amended agenda after the consideration of

19 those matters: resolutions authorizing

20 hearings, amendments to bills on first

21 reading, the reconsideration of a bill

22 vetoed by or re-called from the Mayor,

23 amendments to bills re-called from the

24 Mayor, resolutions taking substantive

25 action to be voted on in this session, a

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2 motion to withdraw a bill or resolution
3 that is not on the Calendar, and a motion
4 placing a bill or resolution on or
5 returning a bill or resolution from the
6 Suspension Calendar that is not on
7 today's Calendar.

8 The purpose of this motion is
9 to provide the public with notice
10 concerning possible actions by Council
11 that arose too late to be included in the
12 Calendar that was published prior to
13 today's session.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the legislative
18 matters stated by Councilman Squilla may
19 be added to the agenda for today, should
20 those matters arise during the course of
21 the Council session.

22 All in favor indicate by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it and the motion carries.

6 And our next order of business
7 is communications, and I would ask the
8 Clerk to please read the messages from
9 the Mayor and any other communications
10 that he may have in his possession today.

11 CHIEF CLERK: From the Mayor to
12 the President and members of the Council
13 of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to
14 Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule
15 Charter, I am today transmitting to the
16 Council the recommendation of the City
17 Planning Commission on the following
18 bills: Bill Nos. 230698, 230713, 230714,
19 230716, 230741, 230742, 230743, 230744,
20 230745, 230764, 230765, 230766, 230769,
21 230770, 230771, 230772, 230774, 230775,
22 230777, 230778, 230779, 230780, 230781,
23 and 230782.

24 And I am pleased to advise you
25 that on November 28, 2023, I signed the

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2 following bill, which was passed by
3 Council at its session on November 16,
4 23023: Bill No. 230654, and I am hereby
5 returning unsigned Bill No. 230574 passed
6 by City Council on November 16, 2023.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

9 The Chair at this time
10 recognizes Councilman Thomas to recognize
11 our guests for today.

12 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
13 morning, Council President.

14 First of all, I want to
15 apologize to the listening public. We
16 did start a little late today, but I want
17 people to know that Councilmembers were
18 taking care of the people's business as
19 it relates to negotiations around funds
20 that we feel like should be allocated to
21 things that are in need right now.

22 But in the midst of that
23 tension, some of the things that eased
24 that tension was the over 63 schools
25 that's represented here in City Council

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2 today.

3 So today our Champion of the
4 Week is the Philly Service Project. The
5 Director, Jen Jones, as well as Ed Lack,
6 they're here today with 63 different
7 schools representing all ten districts
8 across -- councilmanic districts across
9 the City of Philadelphia and representing
10 every type of school. So we have
11 traditional neighborhood schools like
12 Benjamin Franklin and George Washington
13 and Abraham Lincoln. We have private
14 schools such as Germantown Friends and
15 Cristo Rey. We have our special
16 admission schools here such as CAPA and
17 Central and Girls' High.

18 If I didn't say Girls' High, I
19 would be in trouble with somebody. We
20 all know who.

21 But, again, over 63 schools
22 here, and the reason that they're here
23 and the reason that they're our Champion
24 of the Week is because young people as
25 well as adults from each one of these

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2 schools decided to participate in the
3 Philly Service Project.

4 Each school will be given an
5 allotment of money, and the total amount
6 of money that's going to be spent is
7 \$100,000. \$100,000 will be spent on
8 service projects led by these young
9 people all across the City of
10 Philadelphia, and they're basically in a
11 challenge to see who has the best service
12 project that has the most impact on the
13 entire City of Philadelphia.

14 I'm thankful that I do not have
15 to be one of the judges to determine
16 whose project is the best, but what I can
17 say as a representative of this
18 legislative body is that in our mind, all
19 63 schools are winners, and every young
20 people who decided to participate in this
21 service project and decided to make their
22 school and their community a better place
23 are exactly what we want to encourage as
24 it relates to young people here in the
25 City of Philadelphia.

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2 Look, I know we're going to
3 take some tough votes today and make some
4 tough decisions around some issues and
5 conflicts that we have in the City of
6 Philadelphia, but every once in a while
7 it's good to feel good and hear some good
8 news about the great work that the young
9 people are doing.

10 So for those who cannot see,
11 our entire balcony is filled today with
12 young people who have their cameras out,
13 who is engaged and who is ready to make
14 Philadelphia a better place. These young
15 people are on fire, and if you could tell
16 from my energy, I'm on fire as a
17 reflection of what they've done to me
18 this morning.

19 So all of the young people that
20 are here, can you please stand up.

21 Let's give these young people
22 and their teachers a round of applause.

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24 (Standing ovation.)

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2 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: And I just
3 want to say thank you to all of the
4 adults, the facilitators who made this
5 happen. Thank you to the Board members
6 of Philly Service who are here, my good
7 friend Rob Zuritsky. And thank you to
8 the Councilmembers who took the time to
9 talk to young people, to take pictures
10 with them, to engage them, to explain the
11 legislative process and to help them
12 understand everything that was going on
13 here today.

14 I told them that today was a
15 historic day based on what we're voting
16 on as well as the decisions that we're
17 making, but the real history is the fact
18 that they're here, and I'm sure as we
19 begin to -- I'm sorry; I'm sure as we
20 continue this idea of intergenerational
21 leadership and training our replacement,
22 I'll bet you that we inspired the next
23 Darrell Clarke and Curtis Jones and
24 Kenyatta Johnson to run this city moving
25 forward.

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2 Thank you, Council President.

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4 (Applause.)

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you so much, Councilman.

8 Appreciate it.

9 And good morning to you all.

10 You get to see it firsthand, not filtered

11 through whatever. We really appreciate

12 you being here today, and God bless you.

13 Thank you.

14 Our next order of business is

15 the introduction of bills and

16 resolutions, and I would ask Mr. Decker

17 to please read the titles of the bills

18 that are being offered by our members and

19 resolutions today.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Gilmore Richardson offers a privileged

22 resolution declaring each Friday in

23 December 2023 as "Shop Black Business

24 Friday" in the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
3 Richardson.

4 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
5 you, Council President.

6 Today I rise to recognize and
7 thank Visit Philadelphia for declaring
8 each Friday in December of 2023 "Shop
9 Black Business Friday" in the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 Visit Philly is kicking off the
12 holiday season with dedicated marketing
13 efforts to support the economic growth of
14 the local Black and brown business
15 community here in the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 We know the 2023 holiday season
18 is a critical period for the economic
19 health of our small business community
20 and an opportunity for our residents and
21 visitors alike to strengthen Philadelphia
22 communities by shopping with Black and
23 brown-owned businesses.

24 So today, colleagues, as we
25 declare each Friday in December of 2023

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2 Shop Black Business Friday, I humbly ask
3 for your support for our small business
4 community.

5 And as an aside, colleagues,
6 you know that each year I post on social
7 media pictures of our Thanksgiving and
8 Christmas meals wherein we patronize all
9 Black-owned businesses here in the City
10 of Philadelphia. So I want to give a
11 shout-out to those old and new:

12 Ms. Tootsie's, KeVen Parker; Relish, the
13 Bynum brothers; Ma Lessie's Chicken and
14 Waffles; Denise's Delicacies; Barry the
15 Bartender; Ms. Dawn's Catering and so
16 many more. We thank you all for the
17 service you render not only here in City
18 Hall but across our city and our region.

19 So we encourage you today,
20 everyone under the sound of our voice, to
21 shop Black Business Friday in the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 Thank you, Council President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman. Hungry already.

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2 Appreciate it.

3 Today's Calendar.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Thomas

5 offers a privileged resolution honoring

6 and congratulating the Champions of the

7 Week, the student and faculty

8 participants of The Philly Service Award

9 of 2023, a high school community service

10 project competition promoting civic

11 involvement, community engagement, and

12 public service.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Today's Calendar.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones

16 offers seven resolutions. On behalf of

17 Council President Clarke, a

18 non-privileged resolution authorizing the

19 Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and

20 deliver to the Philadelphia Housing

21 Authority a deed conveying fee simple

22 title to 2342 through 48 North 27th

23 Street, also known as 2748 North 27th

24 Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next

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2 week's Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a
4 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to
6 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
7 Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying
8 fee simple title to 1218, 2020, 2022, and
9 2024 North 15th Street.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
11 week's Calendar.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a
13 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
14 Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and
15 deliver to the Philadelphia Housing
16 Authority a deed conveying fee simple
17 title to 1517 North 33rd Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
19 week's Calendar.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And on his own
21 behalf, Councilman Jones offers a
22 non-privileged resolution calling on the
23 Administration to further examine the
24 "consent-to-search" program in the City
25 of St. Louis, Missouri, as an alternative

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2 to gun buy backs to increase the
3 understanding of its potential impacts on
4 the continual efforts of gun seizures in
5 the City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
7 week's Calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a
9 non-privileged resolution calling on the
10 Pennsylvania State Senate to pass House
11 Bill 1752 declaring Eid al-Fitr a state
12 holiday and urging Governor Shapiro to
13 sign this legislation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
15 week's Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a
17 non-privileged resolution urging the
18 Baseball Writers of America Association
19 to induct Philadelphia legends Jimmy
20 Rollins and Chase Utley to the National
21 Baseball Hall of Fame in 2024.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
23 week's Calendar.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 resolution recognizing the Philadelphia

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2 Housing Authority for their partnership
3 with Zipcar to provide discounted car
4 shares to increase economic mobility for
5 residents of public housing within the
6 city.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
8 week's Calendar.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Jones.

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

13 One of those resolutions talks
14 about what they're doing in other cities
15 by way of voluntary searches, and when I
16 think of that and the reason why I put
17 this resolution in, I think of Member
18 Bass's slogan, what do you do when the
19 shooter lives with you, and that evolved
20 into Mattress Toss Fridays and things
21 like that. And as a result of the Crime
22 Summit that we conducted with St. Joe's
23 University, one of the things was that
24 there was an examination of gun buybacks,
25 and all of the members in this body have

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2 done them and we've turned in thousands
3 of guns, and many of them were high
4 priority weapons. But a lot of them were
5 grandpa's old shotgun that would not
6 probably be used other than misused for
7 exercise and misfirings in people's
8 homes, but what they're doing out in
9 Minneapolis is they're asking people,
10 mom, dad, do you know what's going on in
11 your house and is it okay for us to come
12 in and toss that mattress for you, and if
13 we find something, there will be no
14 questions asked.

15 And I just think that as we
16 start to move into the new year, that we
17 should try something old, something new,
18 something borrowed, something blue, and
19 the borrowed might be other ways that
20 people identify weapons within hard-hit
21 crime communities to try to eliminate
22 some of those weapons from that
23 community.

24 So stay tuned for that.

25 Thank you, Mr. President and

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2 colleagues.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Johnson offers, on behalf of Council

7 President Clarke, an ordinance

8 authorizing the Procurement Commissioner

9 to enter into agreements to purchase

10 electricity, natural gas and motor fuel

11 for use by the City in City facilities

12 and vehicles, including agreements that

13 obligate payment for delivery of such

14 energy supplies in future fiscal years.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Referred to committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass

18 offers a non-privileged resolution

19 renaming the 400 block of East

20 Rittenhouse Street "Dione Johns Dancy

21 Way."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

23 that will be on next week's Calendar.

24 CHIEF CLERK: There are no

25 other bills or resolutions being offered

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2 today by the members, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

5 That concludes our introduction
6 of bills and resolutions.

7 And our next order of business
8 is reports from committee, and the Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Johnson for a
10 report from the Committee on Rules.

11 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. The Committee on Rules
13 reports out five bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 Mr. Decker, please read that
18 report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
22 which was referred Bill No. 230698,
23 entitled "An ordinance to approve
24 amendments to the Temple University
25 Master Plan in the area bounded by Norris

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2 Street, Broad Street, Montgomery Avenue
3 and 15th Street related to Klein College
4 of Media and Communications and Center
5 for the Performing and Cinematic Arts
6 building at 1830 North Broad Street"; and

7 Bill No. 230714, entitled "An
8 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
9 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
10 designations of certain areas of land
11 located within an area bounded by Pratt
12 Street, Darrah Street, Dyre Street, and
13 Frankford Avenue"; and

14 Bill No. 230716, entitled "An
15 ordinance to approve amendments to the
16 University of Pennsylvania Master Plan in
17 the area bounded by Walnut Street, 33rd
18 Street, Spruce Street, and 34th Street,
19 related to the Stuart Weitzman Hall at
20 220 South 33rd Street"; and

21 Bill No. 230744, entitled "An
22 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
23 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
24 designations of certain areas of land
25 located within an area bounded by

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2 Dickinson Street, 23rd Street, Cross
3 Street and 24th Street"; and

4 Bill No. 230745, entitled "An
5 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
6 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
7 designations of certain areas of land
8 located within an area bounded by Wharton
9 Street, Newkirk Street, Reed Street, and
10 29th Street," respectfully reports it has
11 considered the same and returns the
12 attached bills to Council with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you very much.

16 The Chair again recognizes
17 Councilman Johnson.

18 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
19 Council President. I move that the rules
20 of Council be suspended so as to permit
21 first reading this day of Bills Nos.
22 230698, 230714, 230716, 230744, and
23 230745.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you. It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bills No.
6 230698, 230714, 230716, 230744, and
7 230745.

8 All in favor indicate by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and these bills will be
16 placed on our First Reading Calendar
17 today.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilman Squilla for a report from the
20 Committee on Commerce and Economic
21 Development.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. The Committee on Commerce
24 and Economic Development reports one bill
25 with a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 Mr. Decker, please read that
5 report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
7 Commerce and Economic Development, to
8 which was referred Bill No. 230109,
9 entitled "An ordinance adopting an
10 Amendment to Section V of the Articles of
11 Incorporation of the Philadelphia
12 Authority for Industrial Development by
13 increasing the Authority's term of
14 existence to a date fifty years from the
15 date of approval of Articles of Amendment
16 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth,"
17 respectfully reports it has considered
18 the same and returns the attached bill to
19 Council with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 The Chair again recognizes
23 Councilman Squilla.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move that the rules of

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2 Council be suspended so to permit the
3 first reading this day of Bill No.
4 230109.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to permit
10 first reading this day of Bill No.
11 230109.

12 All in favor indicate by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and this bill will be
20 placed on our First Reading Calendar
21 today.

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilwoman Bass for a report from the
24 Committee on Public Health and Human
25 Services.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
4 Health and Human Services reports one
5 bill with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you.

8 Mr. Decker, please read that
9 report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
11 Public Health and Human Services, to
12 which was referred Bill No. 230649,
13 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
14 6-400 of The Philadelphia Code, to end
15 the unlawful deportation of noncitizen
16 patients by hospitals to the patients'
17 countries of origin without their
18 consent," respectfully reports it has
19 considered the same and returns the
20 attached bill to Council with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you.

24 The Chair again recognizes
25 Councilwoman Bass.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No.
6 230649.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you. It has been moved and
10 properly seconded that the rules of
11 Council be suspended so as to permit
12 first reading this day of Bill No.
13 230649.

14 All in favor indicate by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that bill will be
22 placed on our First Reading Calendar
23 today.

24 The Chair now recognizes
25 Councilman Jones for a report from the

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2 Committee on Public Safety.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
5 Safety reports three bills with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you.

9 Mr. Decker, please read that
10 report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
12 Public Safety, to which was referred Bill
13 No. 230571, entitled "An ordinance
14 amending Chapter 9-3500 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Fair
16 Criminal Record Screening Standards,' to
17 add provisions regarding the
18 consideration of convictions that result
19 in exoneration"; and

20 Bill No. 230699, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Chapter 9-5900 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Prohibition
23 on Certain Gambling Machines and Skills
24 Games,' to add additional prohibitions";
25 and

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2 Bill No. 230700, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Regulation
5 of Businesses, Trades and Professions,'
6 to add a new Chapter creating penalties
7 for trespassing in retail
8 establishments," respectfully reports it
9 has considered the same and returns the
10 attached bills to Council with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

14 The Chair again recognizes
15 Councilman Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
17 again, Mr. President. I move that the
18 rules of Council be suspended as to
19 permit first reading of the Bills No.
20 230571, 230699, and 230700.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. It has been moved and
24 properly seconded that the rules of
25 Council be suspended so as to permit

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2 first reading this day of Bills No.

3 230571, 230699, 230700.

4 All those in favor indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and these bills will be
12 placed on our First Reading Calendar
13 today.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilwoman Gauthier for a report from
16 the Committee on Housing, Neighborhood
17 Development, and the Homeless.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
20 Housing, Neighborhood Development, and
21 the Homeless reports out one bill with a
22 favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you.

25 Mr. Decker, please read that

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2 report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
4 Housing, Neighborhood Development, and
5 the Homeless, to which was referred Bill
6 No. 230776, entitled "An ordinance
7 amending Section 7-202 of Title 7
8 ("Housing Code") of The Philadelphia Code
9 to modify the definition of 'affordable
10 housing property,'" respectfully reports
11 it has considered the same and returns
12 the attached bill to Council with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 The Chair again recognizes
17 Councilwoman Gauthier.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. I move that the
20 rules of Council be suspended so as to
21 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
22 230776.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. It has been moved and

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2 properly seconded.

3 All in favor of Bill No. 230776

4 indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and these bills will be
11 placed on our First Reading Calendar
12 today.

13 Councilman Johnson, did you
14 need to be recognized? I'm sorry. I
15 didn't see your name.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are
18 you okay? All right. Thank you.

19 It looks like that concludes
20 our reports from committee, and we will
21 now have the consideration of the
22 Calendar.

23 I note that the bills just
24 reported from committee with a suspension
25 of the rules have been deemed to have had

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2 their first reading. All those bills
3 will be on our Second Reading and Final
4 Passage Calendar at our next session of
5 Council.

6 There are no additional bills
7 on our First Reading Calendar, so the
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for the
9 purpose of calling up bills and
10 resolutions on the Final Passage and
11 Second Reading Calendar today.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. The following resolutions
14 and bills will be brought up from First
15 Reading to Final Passage Calendars today:
16 Nos. 230869, 230870, 230872, 230750,
17 230740, 230249, 230511, 230717, 230569,
18 230647, 230576, and 230510. All other
19 resolutions and bills are being held.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you very much, Councilman.

22 Before we proceed with our
23 Calendar on bills and resolutions, we
24 will have our public comment session.
25 The public comment session will go as

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2 follows:

3 If you have not already signed
4 up, you may sign up at the table outside
5 of the Chambers in the hallway at the
6 desk with the Sergeant-of-Arms.

7 When your name is called -- you
8 will be called in the order for which you
9 signed up. When your name is called, you
10 will go to the middle of the Council
11 Chambers. There's a podium. There's a
12 device on that podium with a light, and
13 when the light turns green, it will be
14 your time to speak. When the light turns
15 yellow, you will have 30 seconds to
16 conclude your remarks, and when the light
17 turns red, we'd ask that you please
18 adhere to our guidelines and conclude
19 your remarks.

20 Your subject matter must be on
21 bills that are listed on the Calendar for
22 second reading today.

23 I want to thank you very much
24 for your willingness to participate in
25 your government in action. We really

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2 appreciate you coming down here.

3 With that, Mr. Decker, would
4 you please call the first name on the
5 list.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Michael
7 DiBerardinis, commenting on 230576.

8 (Witness approached podium.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 morning. Long time, no see.

11 MR. DiBERARDINIS: Good
12 morning. Good morning, Council
13 President. Good morning, members of
14 Council. My name is Mike DiBerardinis
15 and I'm here -- I'm honored --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: A
17 little closer.

18 MR. DiBERARDINIS: This is all
19 new to me.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Right.

22 MR. DiBERARDINIS: It is an
23 honor and privilege for me to be here
24 today to support Bill No. 230576 that
25 would officially add Carol Baker Rice's

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2 name to the existing Charles Baker
3 Recreation Center, which is named after
4 her father. Carol, through her many
5 decades of service as a dedicated and
6 talented public servant, richly deserves
7 this honor.

8 I met Carol in 1992 when I was
9 appointed Rec Commissioner by then-Mayor
10 Ed Rendell. It was a challenging time
11 for the City, not unlike the challenges
12 we face today.

13 As a volunteer coach and father
14 of four in the Fishtown, Kensington
15 neighborhoods, I knew well of the
16 critical role the Rec Department played
17 in the life and lives of individuals and
18 families across the City, but it was
19 Carol Rice who took my understandings and
20 skill sets to higher levels. She was
21 generous with her wise counsel and
22 advice. She pushed and challenged and
23 mentored me during my tenure to lead with
24 vision. She taught me the importance of
25 staying close to the talented staff and

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2 to deepen their ownership and investment
3 in the Department and its works across
4 the City.

5 She was a master at nurturing
6 community relations and building
7 cross-sector partnerships with City
8 government, across communities, with the
9 School District and with the private
10 sector. She deepened my knowledge of
11 equity and race relations and the
12 Department's important role to ensure
13 quality programs and services were
14 available to every citizen.

15 The initiatives she advanced in
16 that time period were too many to mention
17 here today, but suffice it to say, she
18 worked tirelessly together with the
19 Department to ensure we provided the
20 level of quality service and programs to
21 all Philadelphians and especially those
22 in underresourced neighborhoods.

23 As she did this with -- she did
24 this with such grace, generosity,
25 kindness, and deep faith and a fierce

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2 determination to support neighborhoods
3 throughout our beloved city. It was
4 never for her own advancement but always
5 about the greater good.

6 Carol's practice, intellect,
7 love for the Rec Department, and its role
8 in the life of the City makes this honor
9 so fitting. I urge you to support this
10 bill and to lift the name of the
11 dedicated public service who was and
12 still remains an inspiration to many.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you for your testimony.

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17 (Applause.)

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: I want to
22 thank former Commissioner DiBerardinis
23 for coming back to the City of
24 Philadelphia. He's taking, at least on
25 part times, his talents to Italy. And so

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2 for him to come back to recognize Baker
3 Playground and the Rice family that
4 happened to be in the 4th District is a
5 true testament to the impact of that
6 family.

7 I want to also thank the AKAs,
8 who every year come to Baker Playground
9 to clean up, paint up, fix up that rec
10 center.

11 I will remind my colleagues
12 that that is the rec center where they've
13 had basketball tournaments, there's a
14 pool there. It's aging. We're giving it
15 tender loving care. We appropriated some
16 money actually to help bring it and give
17 it a facelift but, more importantly,
18 there were seven young people or people
19 shot at that playground a couple years
20 back, fortunately none of them killed,
21 but what we promised as a city when we
22 went out there, did the press conference,
23 you know how we do, we said we would not
24 abandon this playground and that we would
25 continue to invest in the playground and

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2 its people, and we have promises made,
3 promises kept, and I'm thankful to this
4 body for being a major part of that
5 process, in particular our Chair of Parks
6 and Rec.

7 Thank you very much.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 Next name.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
12 is Lorina Marshall Blake, commenting on
13 230576.

14 (Witness approached podium.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
16 morning.

17 MS. MARSHALL BLAKE: Good
18 morning.

19 Good morning, President Clarke
20 and Councilmembers. My name is Lorina
21 Marshall Blake and I'm the former
22 President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
23 Incorporated, Omega Omega Chapter,
24 representing our present President,
25 Ms. Charlene Collins.

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2 I am here today to testify in
3 support of Bill No. 230576, an ordinance
4 renaming and designating the Charles
5 Recreation Center, located at 5433
6 Lansdowne Avenue, Philadelphia,
7 Pennsylvania 19131 to the "Charles Baker
8 and Carol Baker Rice Recreation Center."

9 Carol Baker Rice is the
10 daughter of Charles Baker and was born on
11 April 11th, 1943, one block south of the
12 Charles Baker Recreation Center. She
13 attended Heston Elementary and graduated
14 from the Philadelphia High School for
15 Girls.

16 Upon graduation from Penn State
17 University, she began her career with the
18 Philadelphia Department of Recreation,
19 where she served as the summer play
20 leader and retired as a deputy director.
21 Her continuous advocacy for our youth is
22 demonstrated in the numerous roles she
23 held within the Department of Recreation
24 over her 35 years of service.

25 In addition to her service to

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2 the families and youth of Philadelphia,
3 she was also an active member of Alpha
4 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Omega
5 Omega Chapter. Carol had 59 years of
6 service in the sorority and had reached
7 the status of a golden member for her
8 50 years of service.

9 Upon her retirement from the
10 City of Philadelphia, she still remained
11 an advocate for sustaining our local
12 recreation centers as an outlet for the
13 City's youth.

14 Carol also served as the
15 co-chairman of Omega Omega's AKA 1908
16 Playground Project where we beautified a
17 playground in West and North Philly. She
18 was honored to spearhead the renewal of
19 Baker Recreation Center, which culminated
20 in the dedication of a mural of her
21 father, Charles Baker, in November 2016.
22 Carol remained a member of the Baker
23 Recreation Advisory Council to ensure the
24 community voice was heard.

25 Carol Baker Rice was a founding

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2 member of the 1926 Foundation,
3 Incorporated where she served as
4 President for nine years. During her
5 tenure, the 1926 Foundation, Incorporated
6 provided hundreds of thousands of dollars
7 in scholarships to Philadelphia high
8 school students pursuing higher
9 education.

10 Carol Baker Rice was a proud
11 native of West Philadelphia, who never
12 forgot the roots. She was a servant
13 leader.

14 On behalf of the over 550
15 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
16 Incorporated, the 1926 Foundation,
17 Incorporated, we respectfully request
18 that City Council approve Bill No. 230576
19 renaming the Charles Baker Recreation
20 Center to the Charles Baker and Carol
21 Baker Rice Recreation Center.

22 Thank you for the opportunity
23 to speak. Sincerely, Charlene M.
24 Collins, our President, and I, Lorina
25 Marshall Blake.

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2 Thank you so much.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.

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6 (Applause.)

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
10 Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
12 you, Council President.

13 I wanted to rise just to
14 recognize the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha
15 Sorority, Incorporated and welcome them
16 to our Chambers and just wanted to
17 memorialize our former member, the second
18 African American woman to ever serve City
19 Council at-large, Augusta "Gussie" Clark.

20 So thank you all so much for
21 being here.

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23 (Applause.)

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 Thank you all for being here.

4 We appreciate it.

5 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
6 is Evelyn Sample.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
8 for the record, I think I forgot to
9 indicate that we have three minutes to
10 speak today.

11 No reflection on you.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 MS. SAMPLE-OATES: Good
14 morning, Council President Clarke and
15 members of City Council. My name is
16 Evelyn Sample-Oates and I am the Chief
17 Communication and Community Affairs
18 Officer for the Fairmount Park
19 Conservancy.

20 I come before you in support of
21 Bill 230576, the ordinance to rename the
22 Charles Baker Recreation Center to the
23 Charles Baker and Carol Baker Rice
24 Recreation Center, located at 5433
25 Lansdowne Avenue in West Philadelphia.

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2 I had the pleasure and honor to
3 know Mrs. Carol Baker Rice up close and
4 personal as a sorority sister, a friend,
5 and a family member, not by blood but by
6 love, and a staunch advocate for parks
7 and recreation centers.

8 Since the first day I met her
9 over 20 years ago, she was a consummate
10 advocate for parks and recreation centers
11 for children in Philadelphia.

12 Although she had already
13 retired from the City, it was obvious in
14 all her volunteer work and philanthropic
15 giving that she believed in making every
16 park in Philadelphia a great place and
17 every recreation center a safe and viable
18 place for children and families to grow.
19 Her entire professional career was
20 devoted to the work of parks and
21 recreation.

22 After serving for 35 years for
23 the Parks and Recreation Department and
24 rising to the position of Deputy
25 Commissioner, in her retirement she never

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2 said no to volunteering or serving on
3 various committees that would enhance the
4 quality of parks and recreation centers.

5 She worked tirelessly to
6 spearhead programs at the Charles Baker
7 Recreation Center, a community staple,
8 that would enhance the lives of people in
9 the neighborhood, a center named after
10 her father, who was her hero.

11 Carol loved many things in this
12 lifetime, but what she loved the most was
13 family, the City of Philadelphia, and its
14 people. She believed that every person
15 had a right to a quality park in their
16 neighborhood and programs and centers.

17 Although we lost this great
18 humanitarian, Carol Baker Rice, on
19 June 17th, 2023, I ask members of this
20 Council to vote favorably for the
21 Ordinance 230576 and rename the Charles
22 Baker Recreation Center the "Charles
23 Baker and Carol Baker Rice Recreation
24 Center." And I would especially thank
25 Councilman Curtis Jones for his support

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2 of this center and all the work that he
3 gives to make sure that this center is a
4 place for the community to enjoy and a
5 safe haven.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you so
8 much for your testimony.

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10 (Applause.)

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12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Next
13 speaker.

14 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
15 is Stephanie Marsh, commenting on 230576.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 MS. MARSH: Good morning.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
19 morning.

20 MS. MARSH: You're not Council
21 President Clarke. You are Majority
22 Leader Jones. Good morning, and esteemed
23 members of Council, also Mike Decker. I
24 am Stephanie Marsh, and I'm not here to
25 speak on behalf of the Administration or

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2 as a 40-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
3 Sorority, Incorporated but as an admirer
4 and friend of Carol Baker Rice. Thus, I
5 am supporting Bill No. 230576, which will
6 add her name to the Baker Rec Center
7 already named for her father, Charles
8 Baker.

9 Carol had 35 years with the
10 Department of Recreation. Thank you to
11 Councilman Jones for sponsoring the bill.
12 Thanks also to acting Parks and Rec
13 Commissioner, Orlando Rendon, who
14 testified in support of the bill in
15 committee.

16 To understand Girls' High
17 School grad Carol, you had to understand
18 who her dad was, Charles Baker. Both
19 were born leaders. Baker was the first
20 Black City department head in the City of
21 Philadelphia. He was the Commissioner of
22 Records and died in office in 1963. At
23 that time, there were only two Black
24 people on City Council, Thomas McIntosh
25 for the 5th District and Marshall

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2 Shepard, Sr., who was at-large.

3 Many of us sports fans know of
4 the Baker League founded in 1960 by Sonny
5 Hill. We know the names of Wilt, Banks,
6 Rasheed, Kobe. Well, they all played in
7 the Charles Baker League.

8 In 2008, I watched the City
9 Council and then-Mayor Nutter choose
10 Carol as part of the nine-member newly
11 created Parks and Recreation Commission.
12 She served two terms. Later, Carol and I
13 worked together, along with Ruth Butler,
14 another sorority sister, as leaders for
15 years on several AKA playground service
16 projects. We started with renewing Baker
17 in West Philadelphia with Councilman
18 Jones and Parks and Recreation. We went
19 back to Baker several times and even
20 advocated for the dedication of a mural
21 of Charles Baker.

22 Carol and I would drive around
23 West and North Philly searching for
24 playgrounds that needed attention by AKA.
25 As a former Deputy Commissioner of

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2 Recreation, Carol would say that she was
3 most concerned about the recreation
4 centers in the City and their users. And
5 then came Rebuild, to her delight.

6 Thank you for your
7 consideration. Please pass this bill.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

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11 (Applause.)

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13 COUNCILMAN JONES: One of the
14 most beautiful things I've ever seen is a
15 playground filled with pink and green.

16 Next speaker, please.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
18 is Queen Judith Robinson, commenting on
19 230750, 230740, and 221015.

20 (Witness approached podium.)

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Queen
22 Robinson, state your name for the record
23 and please begin your testimony.

24 QUEEN ROBINSON: Queen Judith
25 Robinson here to speak on the

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2 aforementioned bills, specifically the
3 one about the RCO process.

4 I am speaking as a
5 representative emeritus of the 32nd Ward
6 RCO after a decade of service to my
7 community. So I'm asking, is this bill
8 retroactive? Because I observed a
9 Council -- I'm sorry; an RCO process in
10 the Northeast where not only was the RCO
11 sued but all the members of the Board.
12 So I'm wondering is this bill a little
13 too little, too late if it's not
14 retroactive.

15 There's a whole lot of
16 shenanigans going on with this RCO
17 process I observed after a decade. We're
18 having a proposed police station being
19 proposed on our historic corridor,
20 Diamond Street, the first historic
21 corridor in the City of Philadelphia.
22 There's no planning going on. That
23 should not happen. So quite a lot of
24 shenanigans going on with the RCO
25 process.

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2 Every other time it's been
3 changed over the years since 2012 or '13
4 or so, it's been to try to usurp Black
5 women, I'm going to say, shut us up. But
6 it ain't going to happen. You know, we
7 not going to allow that to happen.

8 So public participation is
9 important. It's the process. Every
10 citizen who is requesting notification of
11 any development in the City of
12 Philadelphia should be able to receive
13 it. Notification to the public is very
14 important. No secrecy and hoarding of
15 information. It's not democratic. We
16 may have to even start all over with this
17 RCO process. I'm going to say to be
18 continued.

19 The indemnification process
20 would have to go a long way to try to
21 protect those of us who worked very hard
22 in our community from the political
23 shenanigans that I see as a result of the
24 RCO process. I'm going to suggest that
25 you all do a little more thorough

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2 investigation of RCO process, PHA, and
3 any other housing development that's a
4 governmental process.

5 We're right now completing a
6 process with the Board of License and
7 Inspection Review, a very little obscure
8 board. We never got any information from
9 the RCO as to how to navigate that
10 process. So it's a whole lot of things
11 we're going to have to do as we move
12 forward with our 100th Mayor.

13 I want to say I'm going to be
14 on board, God willing. I'm going to be
15 engaged, but the process must be
16 transparent in order that we get all the
17 information we need to make the best
18 decisions. To be continued.

19 Thank you very much for your
20 attention. Great holiday.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
22 for your comments. Thank you for your
23 testimony.

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25 (Applause.)

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3 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
4 is Solomon Furious World.

5 (Witness approached podium.)

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
7 afternoon. State your name for the
8 record and please begin your testimony.

9 MR. WORLD: I'm Solomon Furious
10 World, staff attorney with the ACLU of
11 Pennsylvania. I have four main points.
12 This is about the ski mask proposed
13 ordinance.

14 My first point, the proposed
15 ordinance is fundamentally unfair, will
16 disproportionately impact young people,
17 mostly young men of color. Safety is
18 important, but there's no evidence to
19 suggest that ski masks cause or encourage
20 violent crime. If you'd like to address
21 violent crime, I'd suggest housing, food
22 assistance, childcare, things like that.

23 Like I said, safety is
24 important. This proposal feels more like
25 an attempt to further criminalize young

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2 people of color than it does to actually
3 get at safety concerns.

4 My second point, this proposal
5 violates the spirit of Bailey, et al.
6 versus the City of Philadelphia, the
7 ongoing 13-year lawsuit against the City
8 that's meant to address disproportionate
9 levels at which PPD officers are stopping
10 and frisking Black and brown people.
11 Under Bailey's court-ordered
12 requirements, PPD officers are not to
13 stop anyone for low-level offenses.

14 Implementation has not been
15 perfect, but the City and PPD have been
16 improving over the years. By
17 continuing -- by creating, rather, a new
18 low-level offense, this proposal seems to
19 try to get around that lawsuit, and it
20 has the potential to halt the progress
21 and force regression towards more racist
22 and violent policing tactics.

23 My third main point, this
24 proposal purports to give PPD officers
25 the authority to stop civilians without

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2 suspicion of an actual unlawful activity,
3 but that's unconstitutional. This is the
4 exact reason the Bailey lawsuit was filed
5 13 years ago. Both the U.S. and
6 Pennsylvania Constitutions demand that
7 officers have reasonable and
8 particularized suspicion of criminal
9 activity in order to execute a stop.

10 The City cannot pass an
11 ordinance to try to find an end run
12 around that constitutional requirement or
13 any other. Giving PPD officers a
14 pre-textual reason to stop people will
15 only lead to more prejudicial policing
16 practices.

17 My fourth and final main point,
18 PPD leadership has already publicly
19 admitted that they will use this to
20 target specific people. During
21 November 14th's Committee on Safety
22 Public -- Committee on Public Safety,
23 rather, meeting, Deputy Commissioner
24 Frank Healy said that PPD officers are
25 going to selectively enforce this.

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2 They're not going to use it against every
3 person who is wearing the ski mask. They
4 also said that they would allow -- that
5 this would better allow officers to,
6 quote/unquote, put their hands on people.

7 I ask the Council, I ask people
8 who are listening, who are they going to
9 put their hands on? I ask, who will they
10 pick to enforce this against?

11 We know history and current
12 practices clearly shows that this will be
13 against young Black people, mostly young
14 Black men and other Black -- other people
15 of color, specifically young men of
16 color.

17 In conclusion, all of my points
18 kind of very quickly, this proposed
19 ordinance seems like another targeted
20 attempt to get at young people of color.
21 It violates the spirit and the purpose of
22 ongoing litigation and risks sliding us
23 backwards. It violates the U.S. and
24 Pennsylvania Constitutions, and these
25 concerns are not speculative. They're

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2 based on real comments from your Deputy
3 Commissioner.

4 Thank you.

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6 (Applause.)

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8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
9 for your comments. Thank you for your
10 testimony.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
12 is Tara Schiraldi, commenting on 230510.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
15 afternoon. Please state your name for
16 the record and begin your testimony.

17 MS. SCHIRALDI: Yes. Thank
18 you. Can you hear me? So my name is
19 Tara Schiraldi. I come before you to
20 speak on behalf of United Auto Workers
21 Local 5502 in opposition to the ban on
22 ski masks and balaclavas.

23 We are the unionized attorneys
24 from the Defender Association of
25 Philadelphia. We represent 70 percent of

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2 the men, women, and children charged with
3 crimes in Philadelphia and the majority
4 of abused and neglected children with
5 open dependency cases, and we are here to
6 oppose this bill.

7 The criminalization of fashion
8 popular with Black and brown youth puts
9 Philadelphia in terrible company. And
10 I'm reading from a passage that I found
11 when I was looking this bill up, and it
12 says that chief features are a broad felt
13 hat, a long chain, and the pocket knife
14 of a certain size and shape worn in the
15 vest pocket of boys and in the stockings
16 of girls, the whiskey flask and the
17 particular shape of it that fits into
18 girls' bosoms, the men's haircut of
19 increasing density and length at the
20 neck, all of which paraphernalia has
21 symbolic and secret meanings for the
22 initiatives. In some places, the wearing
23 of the uniform by the whole gang is a
24 danger signal indicating a pre-determined
25 plan for concerted action and attack.

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2 That's a description of a zoot
3 suit that was printed in the Washington
4 Post in 1943 in an article written in
5 support of the Los Angeles Police
6 Department deeming jazz fashion so
7 dangerous that they were publicly
8 stripping Black and brown teenagers for
9 wearing them out.

10 More recently in my lifetime,
11 conservative jurisdictions have focused
12 their efforts on criminalizing sagging.
13 As with this bill, public safety was the
14 reason that was most often cited in
15 places like Jefferson Parish, Louisiana,
16 which many of you probably learned about
17 at the same time I did as they were
18 blocking people from evacuating during
19 Hurricane Katrina.

20 That is not company which I
21 want my city to be a part of and what we
22 see in this bill, in this act, in the
23 announced intention to only target
24 certain people who are wearing ski masks
25 or scarves, because let's be clear, this

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2 criminalizes all head coverings, with a
3 couple of addendums.

4 You have made the First
5 Amendment in this proposed language a
6 footnote and one which I just want to
7 remind this Council, based on the planned
8 fine scheme, people would have to raise
9 themselves without an appointed attorney
10 because they would not have the right to
11 counsel appointed by this city to
12 represent them were they charged only
13 with wearing head scarves. So they would
14 have no representation from our office
15 and offices like ours should they want to
16 raise the fact that it was religious or
17 an act of political speech.

18 So I ask you to vote against
19 this bill. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

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23 (Applause.)

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you for your testimony.

3 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
4 is Mary Henin, commenting on 230510.

5 (Witness approached podium.)

6 MS. HENIN: Good morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
8 afternoon.

9 MS. HENIN: My name is Mary
10 Henin. I am here as the President of UAW
11 Local 5502 and also a West Philadelphia
12 resident.

13 I will echo the concerns of my
14 colleagues and of the ACLU.

15 Just yesterday, Deputy
16 Commissioner Healy reiterated his view
17 that the police will use Bill 230510 as
18 another excuse to stop and harass Black
19 and brown young people in this city. The
20 same people that the Council have invited
21 to view this hearing today are the people
22 that are being put at risk by this bill.

23 He has said we are not going to
24 use this bill to stop everyone wearing a
25 ski mask, just those they deem -- "they,"

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2 the police -- deem to be untenable or
3 suspicious.

4 There is no legal right for
5 them to do this, and this is only going
6 to reinforce the existing lack of trust
7 between community members and public
8 safety officers. It is going to increase
9 that lack of trust, which increases crime
10 and decreases the police's clearance
11 rates.

12 We know that the police are not
13 successful not because every single
14 criminal in this city is wearing a ski
15 mask. We know that ski masks, clothing
16 are not inherently dangerous. The same
17 people wearing ski masks are wearing
18 shirts, shoes, jackets, anything that you
19 can imagine an ordinary person is
20 wearing. Are those next to be
21 criminalized?

22 I don't see how any of this
23 does anything but target the same people
24 that we are trying to protect in this
25 city. This bill says that the targeting

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2 of ski masks is because it is a trend. A
3 trend is fashion that comes and goes.
4 That is the language of the bill.

5 What is the next trend that
6 this Council will criminalize and how
7 does that increase public safety? It is
8 a very dangerous precedent for this
9 Council to join the company of the Deep
10 South of Jackson, Mississippi;
11 Birmingham, Alabama, all these places
12 where Black and brown trends have been
13 historically criminalized.

14 We thank those who stand in
15 opposition to this bill and who stand in
16 support of the young people in this room
17 today, and we ask the rest of you to join
18 them.

19 Thank you.

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21 (Applause.)

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.

25 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker

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2 is Jetson Cruz, commenting on 230510.

3 (Witness approached podium.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
5 afternoon.

6 MR. CRUZ: Good afternoon,
7 everybody. My name is Jetson Cruz. I'm
8 a youth activist with an organization
9 called YASP and I'm here to speak out
10 against the ski mask ban.

11 Like everybody before me, I
12 feel like that's just another reason to
13 stop and harass people. That's another
14 reason to -- all we're doing is giving
15 people fines, and right now me wearing
16 this doesn't mean I'm about to go commit
17 a crime or do anything wrong.

18 I'm a little nervous right now
19 because this mean a lot to me, because I
20 honestly feel like this is just a reason
21 to target the young people. The majority
22 of the people wearing these masks is our
23 young people. We're talking about giving
24 fines to our young people, \$250, \$2,000
25 to our young people. How does that help

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2 the people is my question. How does that
3 help the people? That don't help me.

4 I like this for fashion. This
5 is my choice of clothing, and it's
6 getting cold. Just because I'm wearing
7 this don't mean I'm about to go commit a
8 crime.

9 This is being brought in the
10 conversation because of the people that's
11 out there committing crimes wearing this
12 choice of clothing. I don't think
13 banning ski masks is going to stop those
14 people from committing any crimes. If
15 we're going to talk about anything, let's
16 talk about the crimes and not the
17 clothing that people using to commit it.

18 Like I had this whole little
19 speech prepared, and now that I'm up
20 here, I'm like fumbling a little bit and
21 I apologize for that, everybody, but --

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23 (Applause.)

24 - - -

25 MR. CRUZ: I don't see -- you

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2 know, how does that help me? Banning ski
3 masks, how does that help me? It hurts
4 me. I got to worry about going out there
5 and get stopped and harassed by the
6 police for wearing something that I
7 choose to wear. I got tattoos and I'm
8 already a person of color. So now my
9 choice of clothing, I get stopped and
10 harassed too. That scares me. That
11 scares me.

12 And with that being said, I
13 don't think this bill should be passed.

14 Thank you.

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16 (Applause.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate
20 it.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
22 is Michael Moore, commenting on 230510.

23 (Witness approached podium.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
25 afternoon.

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2 MR. MOORE: Good afternoon. My
3 name is Michael Moore and I am a member
4 of UAW Local 5502 for unionized attorneys
5 at the Defender Association of
6 Philadelphia and I'm currently assigned
7 to our Children and Youth Justice Unit.
8 I'm also a resident of this great city,
9 and I have grave concerns about this ski
10 mask ban and how it will be selectively
11 enforced, because make no mistake, this
12 will be selectively enforced, as the
13 police have already publicly said.

14 The young people in this city
15 are over-policed and often perceived as
16 criminal by their very presence. This
17 ban only makes clear how this City
18 Council truly feels about its young
19 people: They are criminals in need of
20 heavy-handed policing, policing that
21 prevents you from protecting yourself
22 against the cold on the streets or in the
23 parks of this city, policing that says
24 what you wear on your body is for a cop
25 to decide, policing that says young

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2 people don't have autonomy over their
3 clothing choices, the state does.

4 That is the kind of policing
5 that will only engender more distrust and
6 anger amongst our young people towards
7 police. It will not make us safer. It
8 should not become law.

9 Thank you.

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11 (Applause.)

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13 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
14 is Lynn Landes, commenting on 210913.

15 (Witness approached podium.)

16 MS. LANDES: Good afternoon.

17 My name is Lynn Landes. I'm founder of
18 the wildfoodies.org and
19 protocolsfordemocracy.org.

20 I support Resolution 210913
21 authorizing City Council to retain legal
22 counsel to file a lawsuit to require the
23 Administration to implement and enforce
24 the Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces Act,
25 which was designed to end the use of

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2 pesticides on City property.

3 This is an enforcement issue.

4 The non-enforcement of local, state, and
5 federal laws has become a problem,
6 particularly when it applies to our
7 constitutional right to free speech.

8 I want to take this moment to
9 thank City Council President Darrell
10 Clarke for his wit and wisdom in
11 maintaining decorum during City Council
12 meetings. It is much appreciated. And I
13 would also like to congratulate City
14 Councilmember Kenyatta Johnson for his
15 unofficial election to President of City
16 Council for the new year.

17 I would like to specifically
18 request that both he and the new City
19 Council amend public meeting policies so
20 that public comment is no longer
21 restricted to agenda items only, which is
22 a systemic form of censorship and a clear
23 violation of the Sunshine Act.

24 In addition, I would like to
25 request that the complete agenda for City

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2 Council meetings be made available to the
3 public three days before meetings so that
4 new items are not added on at the last
5 minute, unless it is a true emergency.

6 The front-loading of the agenda
7 at the beginning of every City Council
8 meeting has made the printed agenda
9 almost meaningless and make it difficult,
10 if not impossible, for members of the
11 public to make informed comment,
12 particularly before any vote.

13 Lastly, City Council committees
14 should hold regularly scheduled monthly
15 meetings so that the public may comment
16 on issues of concern. By holding
17 meetings only when specific bills are
18 being considered is to systemically
19 censor the public.

20 We cannot count on the
21 mainstream news media to inform the
22 public. Therefore, City Council meetings
23 are the public's opportunity not only to
24 bring their issues to the attention of
25 City Council members but also to the

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2 public's attention.

3 For example, most people
4 haven't heard that Children's Health
5 Defense recently sued the City for a
6 15-year policy of allowing 11-year-olds
7 to get vaccines without their parents'
8 knowledge or permission. This is a
9 health regulation that should have been
10 thoroughly discussed at City Council
11 meetings but wasn't.

12 It is time to change City
13 Council meetings and let the sunshine in
14 on City Council all together.

15 Thank you very much.

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17 (Applause.)

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you for your testimony.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
22 is Saud Salahuddin, commenting on 230510.

23 (Witnesses approached podium.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
25 afternoon.

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2 MR. SALAHUDDIN: How y'all
3 doing today? My name is Saud Salahuddin,
4 here with me Kyleem --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Move
6 it up a little so we can hear you.

7 MR. SALAHUDDIN: I'm from YEAH
8 Philly. I'm 19. I'm from Somerville.
9 It's in the uptown area of Philadelphia.
10 We're here speaking on the bill of the
11 ski mask.

12 I have a ski mask on. I didn't
13 cause any harm to anybody. I don't plan
14 on causing any harm to anybody. I never
15 been arrested. I never plan to be
16 arrested. Therefore, I don't agree with
17 banning ski masks, because it's used for
18 positive duties and activities, like
19 work, like sports. People wear this in
20 sports. Also it's used for fashion and
21 it's also used for when you're cold and
22 you might need warmth.

23 So I don't think we should be
24 fined or punished because of an item that
25 the media panned out to be negative. In

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2 fact, it's not negative. It's just
3 something that the media pans out to be
4 negative. Like she said, it's a trend.
5 That's all it is.

6 So me personally, I feel as
7 though just because somebody carried out
8 an act in this particular item doesn't
9 make the item bad. The person chose to
10 do that. We cannot connect an item with
11 a negative act or a crime. You connect a
12 person with that. The item did not cause
13 the person to do that. The item did not
14 force the person to do that. The person
15 chose to do that act.

16 Therefore, we shouldn't ban it,
17 and I think it's absurd, because a person
18 committing a crime was their choice, not
19 the item's choice. So everybody else
20 should not be affected by something that
21 a specific group of people chose to do.

22 This item is a fashion
23 statement. This item is a lot of things
24 to a culture. So in fact I think it's an
25 attack on culture. A lot of people, a

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2 lot of these people that are doing these
3 things, they can be just as incognito
4 with a black hope mask, shades, and a
5 hoodie as someone with a ski mask. Also,
6 there are religious items that people
7 wear, clothing items, where you can be
8 just as incognito as someone with a ski
9 mask, yet we're not banning these items.
10 We're targeting the ski mask, a specific
11 item of the culture.

12 I don't agree with it. I'm
13 going to continue wearing this ski mask,
14 and that's all I got.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

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18 (Applause.)

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20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you for your testimony.

22 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
23 is Jenea Robinson.

24 (Witness approached podium.)

25 MS. ROBINSON: Good morning --

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 afternoon.

4 MS. ROBINSON: -- members of
5 City Council. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to speak today. I'm Jenea
7 Robinson, the Senior Communications
8 Director at Visit Philadelphia, the
9 City's official destination marketing
10 organization.

11 Today I'm here to express our
12 support for Councilmember Katherine
13 Gilmore Richardson's resolution on Shop
14 Black Business Friday. This initiative
15 was first introduced in 2020 to counter
16 the accelerated closures of Black and
17 brown businesses serving as a crucial
18 lifeline to these establishments during
19 the pandemic. These businesses are not
20 only vital to the communities they serve,
21 they are also extremely important to our
22 economy.

23 According to the Brookings
24 Institute, Black-owned businesses
25 nationally generated almost 142 billion

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2 in gross revenue. With City Council's
3 support, we will use every Friday in
4 December as an opportunity to drive
5 traffic to these businesses and encourage
6 visitors and residents to spend their
7 dollars with Black and brown-owned
8 businesses.

9 Visit Philadelphia will
10 leverage the power of VisitPhilly.com and
11 our social media channels to amplify the
12 reach of these businesses, connecting
13 them with thousands of potential new
14 customers.

15 I stand before you today not
16 only as a representative of Visit
17 Philadelphia but also as a small business
18 owner who once owned and operated a store
19 on South Street for four years. I
20 understand firsthand the critical
21 importance of holiday sales to small
22 businesses. While year-round support is
23 indispensable, the revenue generated
24 during the holiday season often
25 determines whether your favorite small

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2 business will remain open another year.

3 On behalf of Visit

4 Philadelphia, I extend my gratitude to

5 Councilmember Richardson for once again

6 championing this initiative, and I

7 appreciate your time today.

8 Thank you.

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10 (Applause.)

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you for your testimony. We

14 appreciate it.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker

16 is Bianca van Heydoorn, commenting on

17 230869 and 230510.

18 (Witness approached podium.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

20 afternoon.

21 MS. VAN HEYDOORN: Good

22 afternoon. Thank you for having me here

23 and having the opportunity to speak. My

24 name is Bianca van Heydoorn. I am the

25 Executive Director of the Youth

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2 Sentencing and Reentry Project. We work
3 with young people who are involved in the
4 criminal legal system, specifically young
5 people who are charged as if they were
6 adults.

7 Our client partners at the JJSC
8 are not only living in inhumane
9 conditions but are being forced to
10 effectively endure multiple periods of
11 incarceration. This is a terrible
12 strategy, and I want to thank
13 Councilmember Gauthier and Councilmember
14 Jones for addressing this issue.

15 While we support Resolution
16 230869, we also want to strongly
17 encourage Council to continue working
18 with your colleagues in Harrisburg on
19 legislation that would bring a variety of
20 solutions to the over-incarceration
21 crisis at the JJSC.

22 We are also here in strong
23 opposition to Bill 230510, which would
24 criminalize the wearing of certain face
25 coverings, specifically in places where

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2 young people congregate. I will not
3 repeat what so many have said before me,
4 so I want to bring two other points.
5 One, fining children has never worked as
6 a policy solution to anything, and I wish
7 we understood that that was obvious. If
8 this policy were implemented, the most it
9 would do is heighten fear of police among
10 young people and make them afraid to
11 visit the very places we want them to be
12 engaging in pro-social activities, like
13 rec centers. It makes no sense to
14 discourage teenagers from spending their
15 free time at rec centers, at schools, at
16 places where we actually want them to be
17 that would limit their exposure to things
18 that might have them in contact with the
19 criminal legal system.
20 Young people need care,
21 investment, belief, and nurturing from
22 adults. I am begging, can we please put
23 more of our energy into creating
24 opportunities for young people to thrive,
25 not more opportunities for them to be

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2 fined, arrested, and shuffled into a
3 deeply harmful criminal legal system.
4 All of our safety depends on that.

5 I fear for our city when we are
6 making these decisions instead of leaning
7 on our law enforcement to do better jobs
8 at investigating, at building community
9 with young people, at doing the things
10 that actually make us be safe. And why
11 City Council -- why the City Council of
12 Philadelphia would knowingly create a
13 policy that is intended to be enforced in
14 a racially disparate manner is really
15 beyond me and quite terrifies me.

16 This bill, a brown face mask,
17 quite frankly, is a racist dog whistle
18 that will not do a single thing to reduce
19 violence, provide support for young
20 people who desperately need it, or make
21 any of us more safe.

22 Thank you for your time.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you for your testimony.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
7 is Artie Tillman, commenting on 230510.

8 (Witness approached podium.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 afternoon.

11 MR. TILLMAN: Good afternoon.
12 My name is Artie Tillman. I come from a
13 journey. I'm 70 years old, and this
14 journey, a process of good against
15 injustice.

16 I am -- I have experienced
17 racism, injustice from the age of 17. So
18 I know how it feels to have people treat
19 you in their prejudice, even though they
20 pretend to have good intentions.

21 So I am a direct descendent of
22 that harm and ask almighty God every day
23 to soften my heart so I won't be like you
24 that make decisions of prejudice.
25 Haven't you had enough for 400 years to

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2 come to these conclusions that prejudice
3 is wrong? How much more or how many
4 young men is going to come out like me?

5 I'm here identifying how I feel
6 in my heart toward the things of your ill
7 treatment towards me, because I believe
8 in a certain way of my color of my skin,
9 or I wear a hoodie and I'm 70 years old,
10 and I wear it because I had a fire. It
11 burned down my house. It burned up my
12 wife, and I live in a trailer because
13 it's cold. So I have to put this ski
14 mask on.

15 But I experience all those
16 young brothers that walk past there.
17 They're good human beings, and they're
18 just following a trend. They not
19 criminals.

20 What's enough? When is it
21 enough? To produce people like me? I
22 didn't intend to be like this. This is
23 what you produced me. No foreign country
24 produced me. You produced me with your
25 prejudice, making decisions without

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2 thinking.

3 No, I'm against this for them
4 young brothers. What opposes me even
5 more, that I had to wake up this morning
6 to look at the TV set and find two hoodie
7 masks with a ban in the City of
8 Philadelphia with arabic writing on the
9 side. That means Latin, Latin little law
10 (ph).

11 I've been witness there is but
12 one God. Knowing that you're creating
13 the ideology of terrorism with these
14 brothers with these hoodies. A religion
15 you're identifying.

16 I'm not like you. I'm better
17 than you, because to have your symbolism,
18 I would be just upset today if they had
19 Christianity a symbolism. I would be
20 just upset today for the justice, whether
21 religion or not, is not under prejudice.

22 We are all one human race, many
23 sizes and many shapes and many colors.
24 We come from one creator.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for
3 your testimony.

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5 (Applause.)

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7 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
8 is Kyleem Washington, commenting on
9 230510.

10 (Witness approached podium.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
12 afternoon.

13 MR. WASHINGTON: Good
14 afternoon. How y'all doing today? My
15 name is Kyleem Washington. I'm here to
16 speak on the ski mask ban.

17 I understand a lot of your
18 perspective on wearing ski masks
19 nowadays, but me personally, I also know
20 and believe that not everyone who wears a
21 ski mask is a criminal or harmful to the
22 community. Some people wear them to
23 protect themselves from being seen by a
24 person that is harmful to them.

25 With that being said, I feel as

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2 though to ban ski masks is more harmful
3 than it is helpful to the community. On
4 top of that, with these upcoming weather
5 conditions, I just feel as though it
6 would be inconsiderate and inconvenient,
7 because they will be sold and wore
8 regardless of what I have to say or the
9 law has to say. And the fine of 250 for
10 wearing what keeps me warm or makes me
11 feel safe and secure around groups of
12 people in certain areas, I feel as though
13 that is outrageous. And we walk past
14 burglars and murders without masks on a
15 daily basis.

16 So with that being said, I
17 oppose the ski mask ban. Thank you.

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19 (Applause.)

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you for your testimony. Appreciate
23 it.

24 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
25 other speakers today, Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

4 That concludes our public
5 comment for today.

6 We will now move to our
7 Calendar, and Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of 230869.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 calling on the Pennsylvania General
11 Assembly to pass comprehensive
12 legislation providing sustainable relief
13 to an overburdened system and to protect
14 children held at the Philadelphia
15 Juvenile Justice Services Center by
16 recognizing time spent as time served.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Can
22 I get a second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you. It's been moved and properly

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2 seconded.

3 All in favor indicate by saying

4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and that resolution is
11 adopted.

12 Mr. Decker, 230870.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to
15 dispose of 3000 Ruth Street located in
16 the 7th Councilmanic District.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Thank
20 you, Council President. I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
24 been moved and properly seconded.

25 All in favor indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it, and that resolution is
9 adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of Resolution No. 230872.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
16 deeds conveying fee simple title to 1221
17 Saint Bernard Street in the Third
18 Councilmanic District.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Gauthier.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
24 you, Council President. I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and properly seconded.

5 All in favor indicate by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it, and that resolution is
13 adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, 230750.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 proposing an amendment to The
17 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
18 for indemnification and defense by the
19 City in connection with claims made
20 against any registered community
21 organization arising directly out of the
22 lawful participation by such an
23 organization in zoning matters and
24 related land-use process.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

4 I move for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. It's been moved and properly

8 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

9 Because Resolution No. 230750

10 is an amendment to the Home Rule Charter,

11 it requires a two-thirds vote.

12 Therefore, the question is shall this

13 resolution be adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, you'll call the

15 roll, please.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Bass.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Brooks.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Driscoll.

24 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Gauthier.
3 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Gilmore Richardson.
6 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Harrity.
9 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Johnson.
12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Lozada.
17 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Phillips.
23 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Thomas.
5 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Vaughn.
8 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Clarke.
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
12 The ayes are 15; the nays are
13 zero. Two-thirds of all members having
14 voted in the affirmative, Resolution No.
15 230750 has been adopted.
16 Mr. Decker, please read the
17 title of Bill No. 230740.
18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 providing for the submission to the
20 qualified electors of the City of
21 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
22 a Resolution approved by Council
23 proposing an amendment to the
24 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
25 for indemnification and defense by the

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2 City in connection with claims made
3 against any registered community
4 organization arising directly out of the
5 lawful participation by such an
6 organization in zoning matters and
7 related land-use process; and authorizing
8 the appropriate officers to publish
9 notice and to make arrangements for the
10 special election.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you.

13 This bill having been read on
14 two different days, the question now is
15 shall the bill pass finally.

16 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Brooks.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Driscoll.

25 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Gauthier.
4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Gilmore Richardson.
7 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Harrity.
10 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Johnson.
13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Lozada.
18 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 O'Neill.
21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Phillips.
24 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Thomas.

6 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Vaughn.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Clarke.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

13 The ayes are 15; the nays are
14 zero. A majority of all members present
15 voting in the affirmative, the bill
16 passes. Thank you. The bill passes.

17 Mr. Decker, please read the
18 title of 230249.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 establishing a no truck parking
21 regulation on both sides of 52nd Street
22 between Arlington Street and West Berks
23 Street; and a no truck parking regulation
24 on both sides of 53rd Street between
25 Lebanon Avenue and Arlington Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

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

7 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Bass.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Driscoll.

16 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Gauthier.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Gilmore Richardson.

22 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Harrity.

25 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Johnson.
4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Lozada.
9 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Phillips.
15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Squilla.
18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Thomas.
21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Vaughn.
24 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

4 The ayes are 15; the nays are
5 zero. A majority of members present
6 voting in the affirmative, the bill
7 passes.

8 Mr. Decker, 230511.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 authorizing encroachments in the nature
11 of a sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of
12 4001 Cresson Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
14 bill having been read on two different
15 days, the question now is shall the bill
16 pass finally.

17 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Brooks.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Driscoll.

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2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Gauthier.
5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Gilmore Richardson.
8 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Harrity.
11 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Johnson.
14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Lozada.
19 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Phillips.
25 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Squilla.
4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Thomas.
7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Vaughn.
10 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
12 Clarke.
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
14 The ayes are 15; the nays are
15 zero. A majority of members present
16 voting in the affirmative, the bill
17 passes.
18 Mr. Decker, 230717.
19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 extending the term of existence of The
21 Philadelphia Parking Authority.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
23 bill having been read on two different
24 days, the question now is shall the bill
25 pass finally.

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2 Mr. Decker, call the roll.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Bass.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Brooks.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Driscoll.
11 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Gauthier.
14 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Gilmore Richardson.
17 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Harrity.
20 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Johnson.
23 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Lozada.
4 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 O'Neill.
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Phillips.
10 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Squilla.
13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Thomas.
16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Vaughn.
19 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
21 Clarke.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
23 The ayes are 15; the nays are
24 zero. A majority of members present
25 voting in the affirmative, the bill

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2 passes.

3 Mr. Decker, 230569.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 9-4400 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Responsible
7 Business Operations," to expand the
8 provisions for video monitoring of
9 nuisance businesses and to provide
10 additional enforcement mechanisms in
11 connection with certain nuisance
12 businesses engaged in drug paraphernalia
13 sales.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
15 bill having been read on two different
16 days, the question now is shall the bill
17 pass finally.

18 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Brooks.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Driscoll.
3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Gauthier.
6 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Gilmore Richardson.
9 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Harrity.
12 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Johnson.
15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Lozada.
20 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Phillips.

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2 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Squilla.
5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Thomas.
8 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Vaughn.
11 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Clarke.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
15 The ayes are 15; the nays are
16 zero. A majority of members present
17 voting in the affirmative, the bill
18 passes.
19 Mr. Decker, 230647.
20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia
22 Administrative Code) and Subcode "PM"
23 (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance
24 Code) of Title 4 and Chapter 9-3900
25 ("Property Licenses and Owner

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2 Accountability") of The Philadelphia Code
3 to modify prohibitions, remedies,
4 including fines, and licensing and
5 certification requirements related to
6 shared retaining walls.

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

11 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Bass.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Brooks.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Driscoll.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Gauthier.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Gilmore Richardson.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Harrity.
5 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Johnson.
8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Lozada.
13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Phillips.
19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Squilla.
22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Thomas.
25 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Vaughn.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Clarke.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

8 The ayes are 15; the nays are

9 zero. A majority of members present

10 voting in the affirmative, the bill

11 passes.

12 Mr. Decker, 230576.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

14 renaming and designating the property

15 commonly referred to as the Charles Baker

16 Recreation Center, located at 5433

17 Lansdowne Avenue, Philadelphia,

18 Pennsylvania as the "Charles Baker and

19 Carol Baker Rice Recreation Center".

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

21 bill having been read on two different

22 days, the question is shall the bill pass

23 finally.

24 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Bass.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Brooks.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Driscoll.
9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Gauthier.
12 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Gilmore Richardson.
15 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Harrity.
18 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Johnson.
21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Lozada.

1 11/30/23 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Neill.
5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Phillips.
8 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Squilla.
11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Thomas.
14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Vaughn.
17 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Clarke.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
21 The ayes are 15; the nays are
22 zero. A majority of members present
23 voting in the affirmative, the bill
24 passes.
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2 (Applause.)

3 - - -

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Mr. Decker, please read the title of Bill
6 No. 230510.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Chapter 10-600 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
10 Spaces - Prohibited Conduct," by
11 prohibiting certain facial coverings from
12 being worn in certain spaces.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Phillips.

15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
16 Mr. President, Council colleagues, and
17 citizens both here and those connected to
18 this body by the miracles of modern
19 technology, this is a good afternoon. It
20 is a good afternoon because of the
21 glimmer of hope that we see as we make
22 our communities safer, more prosperous,
23 and better places to live, learn, and
24 work.

25 This afternoon we will consider

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2 a critical piece of legislation that will
3 return both power and safety to the
4 people, many of them, hundreds, thousands
5 who are not here today to really speak on
6 how important this ski mask bill is to
7 them.

8 This ski mask ban legislation
9 has been carefully considered by all of
10 us. We all bring our ideological lenses
11 and experiences to this task. We cannot
12 help but to bring who we are, what we
13 believe, and what we have experienced and
14 how we have walked through life to this
15 moment.

16 Now, we all come from all walks
17 of life and from every possible corner of
18 this city, North, South, Southwest,
19 Northwest, Northeast. We hail from
20 diverse enclaves, but not with us
21 understanding our differences and
22 variations. We all seek a safer, better
23 city for every resident and visitor in
24 the City of Philadelphia.

25 What unites us today is more

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2 powerful than what divides us. I
3 encourage us all to stand together as we
4 head towards a better city, with the
5 promise of more safety and decency.

6 I encourage all of us to
7 support this measure because of its
8 unifying principles about who we are as a
9 city. Heretofore, this legislation has
10 been read in this Chamber, considered in
11 committee, and it returns to us today
12 with significant support from people from
13 all corners of the City of Philadelphia
14 and across ideological spectrum.

15 Similarly, many of you have
16 expressed confidence in this bill, my
17 colleagues, and it aims to create a
18 safer, more transparent and loving
19 community. Your co-sponsorship, your
20 encouragement and determination to see
21 this through is a great sign that we are
22 focusing on moving to a post-COVID
23 normalcy that has evaded us.

24 I was overjoyed this morning
25 when I saw hundreds of kids, and one

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2 individual came up to me and said,
3 Phillips, I told the students that we're
4 going to vote on this bill today to ban
5 ski masks in their schools, among some
6 other public spaces, and they were
7 overjoyed overwhelmingly.

8 We must make decisions that
9 often sometimes people are afraid to say
10 but in their households they're
11 encouraged to say that they are wanting a
12 brighter tomorrow for Philadelphia.

13 Today is the day where we take
14 a stand for what we know is right and
15 proper. It won't solve all issues,
16 because like my colleagues and many
17 others, I do believe in prevention. I do
18 believe in the idea of doing as much as
19 we can to support preventive measures and
20 interventions, but nevertheless, this
21 bill is not without controversy. No
22 legislation is perfect, Philadelphia, but
23 this bill goes a long way with addressing
24 a lingering quality of life and safety
25 issues that plagues our city, unnecessary

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2 ski masks that are not worn for safety or
3 warmth or religious reasons. We're fine
4 with that. But oftentimes the ski masks
5 are concealed for criminal conduct.

6 We must do our duty and place
7 the highest premium on restoring the
8 public trust by having safer communities.
9 This is what our neighbors have sent us
10 to Council to do.

11 We are faced in making hard
12 choices at tough times for a city
13 confronted by challenges on every front
14 in places for public servants, like
15 recreation centers' personnel, teachers,
16 social workers, nurses, cleaning people,
17 bus drivers, and other people go out to
18 do their jobs every day. They should not
19 be to allowed -- should not be allowed to
20 do -- they should be allowed to do so in
21 safety. This legislation does just that.

22 Senior citizens, our most
23 vulnerable population, are crying for us
24 to pass this measure. For too long and
25 too many instances, they have lingered in

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2 the shadows of our inaction. Too many
3 seniors have told me on their way to
4 public spaces that they felt unsafe as
5 folks hid their identities and created a
6 sense of anxiety in the midst of
7 historical crime levels.

8 Our actions today and City
9 enforcement of this policy begin the
10 process of restoring order and decency to
11 the parts of the City immediately.

12 I am the youngest member of
13 Philadelphia City Council. I'm also a
14 Black man raised by a Black woman and a
15 Black grandmother, and too often we
16 understand the negative narratives about
17 Black men, but I'm also soberly aware of
18 this reality, and in fact, that is why
19 I'm eager for the passage of this
20 legislation today.

21 We must send a message that
22 masks serve no discernible public or
23 private good when they just create fear
24 and anxiety. We must act to show our
25 children. Many of the folks in the City

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2 will not even allow their own children to
3 wear these masks in our communities, that
4 we are better than what we have been.

5 This is a message that must be conveyed
6 across the City of Philadelphia in a
7 crystal clear manner. It must be
8 conveyed directly to the elders as they
9 seek the best results for their lives.

10 This is why I've chosen to
11 author this bill. And I know it's not
12 popular, but we must make effective
13 conclusions to the passage of this law
14 that sends the right passage about safety
15 in our city, because it's popular in
16 communities that really care about us.

17 There are too far committed
18 crimes in the City, people who take
19 advantage of the license to wear ski
20 masks after we all donned to keep each
21 other safe post-COVID.

22 We are during an important
23 moment when our people are looking to
24 define anew what kind of city or society
25 we'll be at this critical juncture in our

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2 history. We will either cosign
3 lawlessness or demand decency and high
4 quality of life in the City.

5 Lastly, I'm reminded of the
6 great Paul Laurence Dunbar who wrote the
7 poem "We Wear the Mask." At an earlier
8 time in our nation's history when African
9 Americans were forced to wear masks,
10 strutting their brilliance and their
11 beauty, Dunbar's torture-writing soul
12 text into how awful it is when we feel we
13 have to hide who we are. Listen to
14 Dunbar's words:

15 We wear the mask that grins and
16 lies. It hides our cheeks and shades our
17 eyes. This debt we pay to human guile.
18 With torn and bleeding hearts we smile,
19 and mouth with myriad subtleties.

20 But let the world dream
21 otherwise. We wear the mask.

22 In passing this legislation
23 today, we are fighting for our city's
24 youth. Many of them I've worked with,
25 thousands of them that I've guided and

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2 supported, helping them understand why
3 ski masks are important, why leadership
4 is important -- ski masks are important
5 to take off, why leadership is important,
6 why careers, why college, and
7 opportunities are important. Many of
8 them I worked with, that they can shed
9 every veil that stands between them and
10 their greatness, that there's nothing for
11 them to hide. They, like all of us, need
12 to see their greatness unmasked and
13 uncovered.

14 They reassure Dunbar that we no
15 longer wear the mask because our
16 brilliance, our sense of hope, and our
17 positivity are far too bright and
18 beautiful and bold to be veiled behind
19 ski masks or the negative connotations.
20 We no longer need to wear the ski mask.

21 The picture of the easel next
22 to me is a mentor of mine from Morehouse
23 College in Atlanta, the college that
24 produced Martin Luther King, Jr., Maynard
25 Jackson, the college that produced Spike

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2 Lee, Samuel L. Jackson, a school that
3 shows and teaches young Black men that
4 masks will never work when your real face
5 is the face of naturally great and shines
6 so-everly bright.

7 What this photo is showing is
8 this young man from Olney as he lifts his
9 face mask and helmet from his head is
10 that the real game of life does not take
11 place on football fields or street
12 corners. No. We do not advance our
13 lives wearing ski masks. We move forward
14 and we make progress as a people and city
15 when we remove our masks and show who we
16 are, with all of our beautiful potential.
17 That doesn't happen when we wear ski
18 masks.

19 Council President, I urge all
20 of us who love this city and have
21 listened to every person in this city to
22 support this legislation and show our
23 entire City of Philadelphia that we are
24 prepared to do everything that we can to
25 advance our city and its people.

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

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6 (Applause.)

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gauthier.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank

11 you, Council President.

12 Thank you, Councilmember

13 Phillips, for your speech. I'm going to
14 be voting no on the bill, but I just
15 wanted to say -- I wanted to say some
16 words about that.

17 I came in actually leaning
18 towards yes. I can understand
19 objectively why we wouldn't want people
20 to be wearing ski masks. I want to help
21 PPD solve crimes. However, at the same
22 time, I can't in good conscience vote for
23 something that I feel would further
24 criminalize and marginalize young Black
25 men in our city, particularly when I

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2 don't feel like as a city we've done
3 enough to engage them, listen to them,
4 and support them.

5 I was very moved by the
6 testimony, particularly of the young
7 people. Leem who testified, number one,
8 looks like my son, and it's also very
9 hard for me to vote for someone -- for
10 something that would create a harsher
11 city for the young Black men that I'm
12 raising.

13 But further I sat with Leem and
14 with many of the young people from YEAH
15 Philly as well as other youth-serving
16 organizations to talk about what they
17 need, right, to talk about their
18 experiences and touch points with the
19 criminal legal system and to get their
20 perspective as impacted people in the
21 City on what we can do to keep young
22 people out of the path of violence. And
23 not only do I think that we lose
24 credibility if we do this without doing
25 more of those conversations, if we

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2 increase the enforcement and the
3 marginalization without increasing the
4 support of young people, I also feel like
5 that exercise of listening, hearing, and
6 then following up, following up with the
7 support, whether that be housing or
8 mentorship or change in the conditions in
9 PJJSC, whatever it is, I think it's
10 incumbent upon us as a city to deliver
11 that support, you know, and to prioritize
12 that over making enforcement harsher on
13 young Black men in our city in ways that
14 might not even be constitutional.

15 So I wanted to just take some
16 time to explain that. I also wanted to
17 commend Councilmember Phillips. I
18 greatly respect your work. I think that
19 Council has been made better with your
20 addition. I particularly like the work
21 that you've done around quality of life
22 issues. You know, you did the bill on
23 taking away all of the red tape around
24 getting speed bumps around schools. I
25 got like 50 schools that have like speed

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2 bumps now, right, in the 3rd District.
3 And I also appreciate your legislation on
4 nuisance businesses.

5 So I just want you to know how
6 much I value you, even though I'm going
7 to be a no on this bill today, and thank
8 you so much for your leadership and
9 thanks to everyone for a thoughtful
10 consideration on these issues. And I
11 think that, you know, wherever we're
12 coming from on these issues, we all have
13 the same goal of making our city safer
14 and more peaceful and helping to create
15 neighborhoods where people can thrive. I
16 believe that fully.

17 Thank you, Council President.

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19 (Applause.)

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you, Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Thomas.

25 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good

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2 afternoon, Council President.

3 This is a tough vote. I
4 listened to that young man talk earlier
5 about how nervous he was. I'm nervous
6 too, right? But let me provide some
7 context as to where I am on this
8 particular situation.

9 On Friday, high school
10 basketball season starts, and when
11 basketball season starts, outside of my
12 City Council, I myself, along with 100,
13 maybe even 200 other coaches, will be
14 responsible for the lives of young people
15 for the next couple months to make sure
16 that they can participate in an
17 extracurricular activity in positive
18 ways.

19 Sometimes we get on vans to
20 travel to games. Sometimes we use the
21 Cheesebus, but we all know that there's a
22 shortage in buses and sometimes we have
23 to get on SEPTA to travel to and from
24 games.

25 Last year I remember playing a

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2 game at West Philly High School, and if
3 you know anything about West Philly High
4 School, the level of participation from
5 the neighborhood and from the students is
6 pretty active, especially because they're
7 good right now.

8 The lighting outside of West
9 Philly High School is terrible, and I
10 talked to the Superintendent and the
11 Office of Athletics about that, and I
12 remember leaving that game last year and
13 it being pitch dark. And, you know, in
14 that space I'm not Councilman Thomas.
15 I'm a nut blank old head. So, you know,
16 the nut old head with the baggy clothes
17 on, you know, they had a lot of choice
18 words for me and my team as we was
19 leaving West Philly High School, and
20 while I can hear everything that was
21 said, I could see nothing and nobody.
22 And as I left that building, I ended up
23 calling the School District and I snapped
24 on them, because I said if you're going
25 to put me in a position to be in this

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2 type of danger, what are you doing to
3 other schools?

4 Two days later, another school
5 played at West Philadelphia High School,
6 and unfortunately a young man was jumped
7 as they left the game, beat up pretty
8 bad, and at the end of the day, we don't
9 know who did that, because the people who
10 jumped him had a ski mask on.

11 Councilmember Phillips said
12 he's the youngest member in City Council.
13 I'm only a couple years older than him.
14 Me and Councilmember Phillips, we fit the
15 description. We do. That's the reality
16 of it.

17 And, look, I hate wearing a
18 suit. I try to wear it as little as
19 possible. If it was up to me, I'd be in
20 a sweat suit and a hoodie as often as I
21 could be, but the reality is is that
22 that's not the job. The job says this is
23 the decorum, this is what we have to
24 wear, this is what we have to do.

25 And at the end of the day, I

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2 listened to all the testimony. I heard
3 the young man talk about wearing the ski
4 mask with sports. You can still wear
5 them on the football field if this bill
6 gets passed. I heard the young man talk
7 about wearing them when you're walking
8 down the street when it's cold. You can
9 still do that.

10 I listened to some of the
11 concerns as it relates to this being a
12 tool to stop crime. I don't think any of
13 us think this ban will stop crime, but
14 Councilmember Jones, who chairs the
15 Public Safety Committee, and
16 Councilmember Johnson, who chairs the
17 Committee on Gun Violence, I sit in those
18 committees often. I listen to police,
19 and I agree with the testimony that we
20 have to push law enforcement to do a
21 little bit more to solve crimes, but at
22 end of the day, as a legislator every day
23 I listen, I listen. That's our job, to
24 listen, and one of the things that police
25 have told us is that the number one way

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2 that they have to stop crime is cameras
3 and technology. That's their best tool.
4 It's not witness testimony. It's not
5 forensic evidence. It's cameras. It's
6 technology.

7 And so when I put out my gun
8 report and when members of this
9 legislative body decided multiple times
10 to give the Administration more money for
11 cameras than what they can purchase at
12 the rate that they're moving right now,
13 we did it because we wanted to do
14 something about public safety. And at
15 the end of the day, if we know in good
16 faith that this bill doesn't prevent
17 crime -- I want to be clear, no one feels
18 like this bill prevents crime, but if we
19 know as legislators in good faith that
20 police have told us multiple times that
21 the number one way they have to solve
22 crimes in this city is with cameras, it's
23 our job to try our best to equip them to
24 be able to use technology to do so.

25 When you're in rec centers,

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2 which I'm in often, I had 150 kids in it
3 my camp last summer at Finley Rec Center,
4 when you're in a library, when you're on
5 a SEPTA bus, most importantly, when
6 you're in a school, you should not be
7 able to wear them. You shouldn't.

8 I'm all for trends and things
9 that's cool for young people, very
10 supportive of that stuff, but what am I
11 supposed to say to a parent when we leave
12 a basketball game and harm is done to a
13 child and there's no way to tell who did
14 that harm or why that harm was done?

15 At the end of the day, like I
16 said, this is a tough bill. I agree we
17 have to do more. We started City Council
18 an hour late today, am I right,
19 Mr. Chairman, because we're arguing over
20 trying to do more. We want to put more
21 money in arts and rec centers, and we
22 don't want just, what, 7 million to be
23 able to discuss. We want to get that
24 number up to 15 million so we can have
25 more money to be able to provide for

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2 resources and initiatives and activities
3 for people in neighborhoods across the
4 City of Philadelphia.

5 So, again, this is a tough
6 bill, and as someone who fits the
7 description, I'mma close out with this,
8 I'mma be honest with y'all. Young
9 people, you gotta take them jaws off,
10 seriously.

11 Thank you, Council President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

14 How much did you say? 15?

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: 15.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
17 just wanted to make sure I heard you.
18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Brooks.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank
22 you, Council President.

23 So I will be voting no on this
24 bill, and me and the bill sponsor had a
25 long conversation about this legislation

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2 and he's very clear on, you know, my
3 feelings around it. And I do understand
4 the perspective of many of my colleagues
5 around this, but I in good faith cannot
6 vote to support this.

7 And I do have a long prepared
8 statement, which I'm not getting ready to
9 go through right now, but I just want to
10 recognize the hard work of Councilmember
11 Phillips and just, you know -- one of the
12 things I take away from our conversation
13 is a story that one of my young people
14 came in the house with a mask and I made
15 them take it off. Not because I thought
16 they was going to commit a crime. My
17 fear is that people would assume that
18 that would happen to them, and that was
19 my fear in my household. Realizing that,
20 you know, it's a fashion trend and all
21 the things that the young people said,
22 but also I realize that the risks that we
23 put young people under -- and I'm using
24 this because I just -- I passed a piece
25 of legislation during my first time in

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2 Council that I fought very hard for. It
3 was the paid sick leave legislation that
4 sunsets in December, and to this day, we
5 have thousands of Philadelphians that
6 don't even know that that exists.

7 So my concern is when we pass
8 legislation and it doesn't have the
9 opportunity to reach the people that
10 would be most affected by it. So we pass
11 this ban and young folks don't even know
12 that it's reality, because believe it or
13 not, the folks that we're targeting with
14 this bill, they ain't paying attention to
15 us in City Council, you know, the same
16 young folks that have to take off their
17 hoods at school every day, and the
18 teachers in the room know that that's an
19 all-day process from class to class.

20 So my fear is that we're
21 putting legislation on the books for a
22 certain population that don't even
23 realize that this is going to victimize
24 them until it does, which further
25 tarnishes the relationships between the

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2 police officers and young people.

3 So I will be voting no on this
4 resolution, but those are my sticking
5 points, and Councilmember Phillips and I
6 had long conversations about my feelings
7 on this, and I tried. I told him, I
8 would try. I'mma sleep on it for a
9 couple days. It's a couple of days and I
10 still can't in good faith vote in support
11 of this bill.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman.

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16 (Applause.)

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES:

21 Mr. President, colleagues, I respect
22 legislation that makes us think, makes us
23 question, makes us debate which way we
24 should go on a situation, but at the end
25 of the day, we got to make a decision.

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2 We don't get the luxury of kicking the
3 can down the road.

4 I went back and forth on this
5 myself, struggled with this myself.

6 Early on I had asked to co-sponsor this
7 legislation, not because I don't respect
8 what YASP Philly does. Some of my people
9 are part of their organization at this
10 point. But when I think about what the
11 a/k/a name of pooh shiesties represent, I
12 have to weigh that to say does the good
13 outweigh the bad.

14 One of the most compelling
15 parts of the testimony was that if you
16 have to wear this to feel safe in a
17 neighborhood because others might attack
18 you for who you are, we got a lot of work
19 to do. We got a lot of work to do to
20 make them feel safe. And I encourage and
21 I would be a part of any dialogue, Member
22 Gauthier, that you want to do to listen
23 more. I'm all in. And we ain't always
24 got to agree on everything, but we agree
25 on loving our kids.

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2 So this is just a piece of
3 cloth, but it represents to some a lot
4 more, and if somebody came in here with a
5 Klan hood on, I'd be concerned, and it
6 represents to my ancestors a threat. It
7 represents danger to my ancestors and so,
8 therefore, I would be as concerned as I
9 am about this.

10 And God help whatever inspired
11 you today, Martin Luther King, III. You
12 helped push me in this direction to
13 support this ban today, but I want to put
14 on the record it did not come easy. It
15 came with internal strife about what
16 direction we should go in. And
17 sometimes, every now and then, we got to
18 protect our kids from themselves. Like
19 that's real.

20 I'm not the youngest member of
21 Council, and I damn sure like my suits,
22 but if I put this on, I'm the defendant
23 suspect too. And so we have to -- we
24 have to balance what our civil liberties
25 are to our public safety, but we all

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2 always, always need to listen to our
3 young people.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilman.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Vaughn.

9 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Thank
10 you, Council President.

11 Anthony Phillips, you dropped
12 the mic with that speech, you know. I
13 got a couple dollars for your collection
14 plate. But like my colleagues, I did
15 struggle with my decision with this
16 legislation. I don't want to do anything
17 else to harm our young children, but I
18 also don't want to keep giving criminals
19 or people with criminal-like minds the
20 permission to wear these masks to commit
21 crimes.

22 There's a time and place for
23 everything, like Councilman Thomas said.
24 You can still wear them for sporting
25 events and things like that, if

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2 necessary, but we don't want you to wear
3 them in the public so that you're hiding
4 your face. I feel safer when I can see
5 what you look like, and if a crime is
6 committed, I can see you and I'm going to
7 tell.

8 I feel that cameras can't see
9 behind masks, just like we cannot. So we
10 can't help solve a crime if we can't see
11 who is committing it.

12 I'm hoping that this
13 legislation will deter criminals from
14 trying to commit crimes by wearing them
15 and also that our community as a whole
16 will feel safer because we will see less
17 of them.

18 Yes, I do think it's going to
19 be a challenge, and I also said to my
20 colleague Councilman Phillips why not
21 just amend it to say that if someone
22 commits a crime wearing a mask, we can
23 give them a tougher penalty for wearing
24 it to commit a crime. But as it states,
25 it is what it is. And as far as

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2 respecting people's religions and things
3 like that, we're not saying don't wear
4 your garb. We're not saying don't cover
5 your head if that's something that you
6 believe in that needs to be done to show
7 your faith, but at the same token,
8 covering your face is not something
9 that's normal and we have to stop trying
10 to pretend that it is.

11 Also, we will do our jobs in
12 making sure that those that don't know
13 about this legislation get informed,
14 however that looks. If it means posting
15 flyers at the doors of the schools, if it
16 means putting flyers on the public
17 transportation. I'm looking back at the
18 representative from SEPTA here. Whatever
19 it takes, we'll make sure that the public
20 understands that wearing ski masks in
21 public is no longer acceptable.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Harrity.

3 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Good

4 afternoon, everyone.

5 Good afternoon, Council

6 President.

7 You know, Council President, I

8 co-sponsored this bill with Anthony

9 because of an incident that happened when

10 me and you were together. We went to

11 celebrate what we thought was a good

12 thing of putting cameras up on 11th

13 Street in a rec center in North

14 Philadelphia. We were happy because we

15 thought, you know, maybe that would bring

16 a little sense of, you know, safety. And

17 what was it, two, three days later, a

18 young man rode into the park wearing one

19 of the pooh shiesties and shot another

20 child and killed him.

21 We're here to make some hard

22 decisions, and this is hard. We don't

23 want to point anybody out. Kids wear

24 them. I mean, I have a

25 20-something-year-old kid. He wears

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2 those things every once in a while for
3 different outfits or whatever they're
4 doing. As they say, maybe they use it as
5 a fashion statement, some people. But
6 the harsh reality is, in my neighborhood
7 where I live in Kensington, there's a
8 reason for people to be scared of
9 somebody wearing ski masks. That's the
10 harsh reality. That's what the seniors
11 in my neighborhood have to deal with
12 every day, you know.

13 And as I said, it may be a hard
14 vote for some people, but I'm voting
15 trying to save kids' lives, whatever it
16 takes. If they want to be mad about it,
17 that's okay. You know, we were put here
18 to make tough decisions, and not
19 everybody is going to like everything we
20 do. That's why we have a voting process.

21 But I stand with Councilman
22 Phillips, and I appreciate that you had
23 the courage to do this.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Bass.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
6 Mr. President.

7 I just wanted to -- well,
8 number one, I wanted to thank
9 Councilmember Phillips for his speech and
10 its delivery. You know, I love passion
11 with a purpose, and I think that he
12 really did, you know, send this as a --
13 hit this as a home run in terms of really
14 delivering the thought process behind
15 this particular piece of legislation.

16 I just wanted to add briefly
17 that the day before Thanksgiving in my
18 district there was a shooting in broad
19 daylight. A young man was killed, and
20 after he was shot several times, the
21 person who shot him walked away. He
22 didn't run. He walked away. And I
23 believe he was wearing a ski mask,
24 although I don't have that exact detail,
25 but I will clarify, waiting for that

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2 information now. But there was no worry
3 or concern about being identified or
4 caught as he walked away from someone
5 dead laying in the street.

6 But the one thing I wanted to
7 point out really is that, you know, as
8 his friends were trying to get him --
9 scoop him up and get him into a vehicle
10 to get him to the hospital, the police
11 arrived on the scene and, you know, saw
12 what was going on, grabbed him up really
13 quick, were able to get him in the car,
14 because they weren't able to get him in
15 the car. The police got him in the car,
16 rushed him to the hospital.

17 But one of the things that came
18 back to me from some of the folks in the
19 neighborhood was a sentiment from the
20 guys -- and this happened in the
21 neighborhood, in Germantown. The
22 sentiment that came back was, we don't
23 fool with the police. And that wasn't
24 the F word that they used. We don't fool
25 with the police, but they tried to save

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2 our friend's life. And that goes so much
3 further in terms of police and community
4 relationships than anything else that,
5 you know, you can think of.

6 When police and communities are
7 working together in action, even under
8 duress, it sends a signal that these are
9 working relationships, these are
10 relationships that are valuable, that are
11 important, and that can be built on. And
12 I think that we as members of Council,
13 one of the things that we can do is
14 really take instances like these
15 unfortunate things that happen in our
16 neighborhoods and really find ways to
17 bind community with police so that we can
18 work together and build relationships.

19 So I just wanted to put that
20 out there. There's too many of these
21 cases in which we continue to hear no
22 arrest and no suspects. And so if
23 removing the ski mask is a way to help
24 the police do their job and take people
25 off of the street -- because if you shoot

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2 somebody in broad daylight and you walk
3 away, there's a good chance that wasn't
4 your first hit, that wasn't your first
5 time, that wasn't your first homicide,
6 that wasn't your first shooting. You
7 know, this is somebody who is dangerous
8 that we need to get out of our community.

9 And so, you know, we hate that
10 it's at the expense of people who are
11 minding their own business and going
12 about their own day and not causing any
13 harm or any trouble to anyone, but at the
14 same time, we have to protect all, and so
15 that's why I'm going to be voting for
16 this bill.

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Johnson.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
23 Council President.

24 About 20 years ago I had an
25 opportunity to meet a young man who

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2 served as the President of an
3 organization called Philadelphia Youth
4 Action, and that's an organization that
5 organizes young people all across the
6 City of Philadelphia to get involved in
7 their civic duty and become leaders here
8 in the City of Philadelphia, and that
9 young man is Anthony Phillips.

10 And so I know that this
11 legislation comes from a place of
12 compassion and a place of caring for our
13 young people. But also I remember about
14 a year ago we were having the Special
15 Committee on Gun Violence hearing
16 addressing the significant homicides and
17 shootings that were taking place here in
18 the City of Philadelphia, and I remember
19 going home and getting a phone call from
20 one of the guys that I know inside the
21 neighborhood who said, hey, Councilman, I
22 know that now that you're an elected
23 official, you're not as close to the
24 streets as you used to be, but I just
25 want to let you know that y'all are

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2 getting it all wrong.

3 I'm like, what do you mean
4 we're getting it all wrong?

5 He said, it's the mask. It's
6 the mask, Councilman. That's why they're
7 getting away with so many homicides.

8 In the streets they say, no
9 face, no case. No face, no case. And so
10 when I heard about this legislation being
11 introduced, I thought about that
12 conversation that someone pulled me aside
13 from the neighborhood and talked to me
14 about, because they are closer to the
15 streets than I am. They know the
16 shooters and they know about the
17 homicides and shooters that are taking
18 place. And he said, I know now that
19 you're an elected official, but here's
20 something that you need to understand
21 that's going on day in and day out in our
22 streets.

23 And it's not a coincidence that
24 the homicides and shootings that we seen
25 start to increase were during the

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2 pandemic when we start seeing these masks
3 being worn day in and day out.

4 But then to take it further,
5 since we want to talk about listening to
6 our young people, we also had a Special
7 Committee on Gun Violence hearing in the
8 Caucus Room with young people and talked
9 about the issue of public safety and gun
10 violence. And so the conversation came
11 up about ski masks, and the young people
12 responded when we asked why are you
13 wearing a ski mask when it's 90 degrees,
14 95 degrees, 100 degrees outside, and the
15 response was, because I got to make sure
16 my opps don't identify me.

17 Well, what are your opps?

18 The opposition, the individuals
19 that you are going back and forth to war
20 with.

21 These are young people, not
22 experts from the University of
23 Pennsylvania, right? These are young
24 people who are telling their lived
25 experiences as relates to what's going on

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2 that they see day in and day out when it
3 comes to the actual wearing of ski masks.

4 And so I have full confidence
5 that our incoming Police Commissioner,
6 Kevin Bethel, who is not an individual
7 who is going to take a total approach
8 strictly around law enforcement but will
9 look at this issue comprehensively and
10 make sure we're addressing the education
11 standpoint in a public campaign to make
12 sure that young people know that this is
13 coming down the pipeline. But also
14 Anthony Phillips talks about basically
15 young people just having pride in just
16 who they are, right, and not hiding
17 behind a mask. You shouldn't have to
18 wear a mask to hide yourself because you
19 think somebody is going to actually kill
20 you.

21 And the last but not least, we
22 will continue, as this body that we have
23 done, making historical significant
24 investments and investing in our young
25 people, because, yes, we have to make

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2 sure that they have necessary support
3 that they need so you don't have to put
4 on a mask in the first place because
5 you're scared that somebody might
6 identify you, right, who you're going to
7 war with.

8 So I just want to thank the
9 young Anthony Phillips for his leadership
10 around this issue. I know it's coming
11 from a place of compassion and caring and
12 probably more than just about anybody
13 inside this body, with the exception of
14 Councilman Isaiah Thomas. Y'all both
15 come from organizing young people to
16 become leaders here in the City of
17 Philadelphia. So I know very well that
18 this was a very thoughtful approach in
19 addressing this issue.

20 Thank you very much, Council
21 President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.
24 (Audience member talking
25 without microphone.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Ma'am, just hold it down, please.

4 (Audience member talking
5 without microphone.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Ma'am? Ma'am?

8 (Audience member talking
9 without microphone.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Excuse me. You had an opportunity for
12 public comment. Thank you.

13 All right. We'll start all
14 over. Mr. Decker, we will start over
15 reading the title of 230510.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 10-600 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
19 Spaces - Prohibited Conduct," by
20 prohibiting certain facial coverings from
21 being worn in certain spaces.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you.

24 This bill having been read on
25 two different days, the question now is

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2 shall the bill pass finally.
3 Mr. Decker, please call the
4 roll.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Bass.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Brooks.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Nay.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Driscoll.
13 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Gauthier.
16 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Nay.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Gilmore Richardson.
19 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Harrity.
22 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Johnson.
25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Lozada.
6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Phillips.
12 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Squilla.
15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Thomas.
18 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Vaughn.
21 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
23 Clarke.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
25 The ayes are 13; the nays are

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2 two. A majority of all members voting in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 Mr. Decker, do you have any
5 additional resolutions?

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 declaring each Friday in December 2023 as
8 "Shop Black Business Friday" in the City
9 of Philadelphia, introduced today by
10 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
13 Richardson.

14 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
15 you, Council President. I move the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
19 been moved and properly seconded.

20 All in favor indicate by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it, and that resolution is
4 adopted.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 honoring and congratulating the Champions
7 of the Week, the student and faculty
8 participants of The Philly Service Award
9 of 2023, a high school community service
10 project competition promoting civic
11 involvement, community engagement, and
12 public service, introduced today by
13 Councilman Thomas.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Thomas.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
21 been moved and properly seconded.

22 All in favor indicate by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it, and that resolution is
6 adopted.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 recognizing the Philadelphia Housing
9 Authority for their partnership with
10 Zipcar to provide discounted car shares
11 to increase economic mobility for
12 residents of public housing within the
13 city, introduced today by Councilman
14 Jones and Councilwoman Gilmore
15 Richardson.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
19 the adoption, along with Councilwoman
20 Gilmore Richardson.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
23 been moved and properly seconded.

24 All in favor indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and that resolution is
8 adopted.

9 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
10 other resolutions on the Final Passage
11 Calendar, Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you very much.

14 That concludes most of our
15 Calendar today.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones for a motion to recess.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Mr. President. I move that --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
21 sorry. Hold on one second, Councilman.

22 Councilman Thomas.

23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Council
24 President, before we make a motion, I
25 just want to announce to the members of

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2 the Education Committee, immediately
3 following this Council session we will be
4 jumping on a quick hearing as it relates
5 to the Education Committee. We're going
6 to try to start that hearing at 1:45
7 p.m., and the hearing should not last too
8 long. I will send a text message out
9 with details to all of the members of the
10 Education Committee.

11 Thank you, Council President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you for
14 that housekeeping issue.

15 Councilwoman Vaughn.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VAUGHN: Thank
17 you, Council President. Just a quick
18 comment or I will not be able to go home
19 today. Today is my husband's, Kevin
20 Vaughn's, birthday. If we can just wish
21 Kevin happy birthday.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 That's a heck of an incentive to make
24 sure that we get this business done.

25 Councilman Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I know we'll be coming
4 back after recess, but I'd just like to
5 take the opportunity to highlight
6 December as National Small Business Month
7 and encourage everyone to shop at our
8 small businesses throughout the month of
9 December.

10 Small businesses employ
11 approximately 60 million people
12 throughout the country, and 70 percent of
13 every dollar spent in our local small
14 businesses is recirculated within the
15 surrounding communities.

16 Now more than ever, it's
17 important to recognize and encourage to
18 support our local small businesses,
19 especially during the holiday season.

20 Thank you so much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

23 Again, I'll recognize
24 Councilman Jones for a motion to recess.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I move that we and
3 Council stand at recess until the
4 completion of the business of the
5 Committee on Appropriations, which will
6 convene at 3:00 p.m. today.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you. It's been moved and seconded
10 that Council stand at recess until the
11 completion of the public meeting of the
12 Committee on Appropriations, which is
13 scheduled to convene at 3:00 p.m. today.

14 All those in favor indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it. The motion carries.

22 Council will stand at recess
23 until the completion of the public
24 meeting of the Committee on
25 Appropriations.

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3 (Recess from 1:29 p.m. until
4 8:42 p.m.)

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Okay. We will now reconvene today's
8 Stated Meeting, and the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended to permit an
13 additional set of committee reports.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the rules of
18 Council be suspended so as to permit the
19 receipt of an additional committee report
20 and the first reading of bills at this
21 time.

22 All those in favor indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it. The motion carries.

6 The Chair again recognizes
7 Councilman Jones for a report from the
8 Committee on Appropriations.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
10 again, Mr. President. The Committee on
11 Appropriations reports four bills with a
12 favorable recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you.

15 Will the Chief Clerk please
16 read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
18 Appropriations, to which was referred
19 Bill No. 230765, entitled "An ordinance
20 amending Bill No. 230144, entitled 'An
21 ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for
22 the six Fiscal Years 2024 through 2029
23 inclusive,' by revising various
24 appropriation amounts and totals to
25 conform to amendments to the FY2024

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2 Capital Budget Ordinance"; and

3 Bill No. 230766, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Bill No. 230145,
5 entitled 'An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal
6 2024 Capital Budget,' by revising various
7 appropriation amounts and totals"; and

8 Bill No. 230767, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing transfers in
10 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 from
11 the General Fund, certain or all City
12 offices, departments, boards and
13 commissions, the Grants Revenue Fund,
14 certain or all City offices, departments,
15 boards and commissions, to the General
16 Fund, certain or all City offices,
17 departments, boards and commissions"; and

18 Bill No. 230768, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing transfers in
20 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 from
21 the General Fund from certain or all City
22 offices, departments, boards and
23 commissions, the Water Fund, from certain
24 or all City offices, departments, boards
25 and commission, the Grants Revenue Fund,

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2 from certain or all City offices,
3 departments, boards and commissions, and
4 the Aviation Fund, from certain or all
5 City offices, departments, boards and
6 commissions, to the General Fund, certain
7 or all City offices, departments, boards
8 and commissions," respectfully reports it
9 has considered the same and returns the
10 attached bills to Council with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

14 The Chair again recognizes
15 Councilman Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
17 again, Mr. President. I move that the
18 rules of Council be suspended to permit
19 first reading on this day of Bills No.
20 230765, 230766, 230767, and 230768.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
24 seconded that the rules of Council be
25 suspended so as to permit first reading

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2 this day of Bills No. 230765, 230766,
3 230767, and 230768.

4 All in favor indicate by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it. These bills will be placed
12 on our First Reading Calendar for today.

13 I now note that the bills just
14 reported from committee with a suspension
15 of the rules have been deemed to have had
16 a first reading. These bills will be
17 placed on our Second Reading and Final
18 Passage Calendar at our next session of
19 Council.

20 That completes our Calendar for
21 today. Someone deleted the part about
22 speeches, so we're going to skip over
23 that. I don't know. Somebody must have
24 taken the page out.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Bass for a motion to
3 adjourn.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
6 adjourned until Thursday, September 7th,
7 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you. It has been moved and
11 seconded that Council stand adjourned
12 until Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10:00
13 a.m.

14 All in favor indicate by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it. The motion carries.

22 Thank you all very much. Job
23 well done.

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2 8:46 p.m.)
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