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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
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COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 afternoon. This is a public hearing of
4 the Committee of the Whole regarding Bill
5 Nos. 110546 and 110547.

6 MR. AUERBACH: Bill No. 110546,
7 an ordinance amending Chapter 20-500 of
8 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
9 "Councilmanic Districts," by revising the
10 boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts,
11 under certain terms and conditions; and

12 Bill No. 110547, an ordinance
13 amending Chapter 20-500 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmanic
15 Districts," by revising the boundaries of
16 the Councilmanic Districts, under certain
17 terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you. And our first witness, Wilfredo
20 Rojas.

21 (Witness approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
24 afternoon.

25 MR. ROJAS: I was getting ready

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2 to say good evening, but I guess it's
3 good afternoon.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Sorry
5 you were kept waiting, sir. Please
6 identify yourself for the record and
7 proceed with your testimony.

8 MR. ROJAS: My name is Wilfredo
9 Rojas and I am the President of the
10 Delaware Valley Voter Registration
11 Education Project, and I'm here to
12 testify on behalf of the Project.

13 City Council President Anna
14 Verna, members of City Council's
15 Redistricting Committee, members of City
16 Council, members of the media, members of
17 the voter rights advocacy groups and
18 everyone present here today, first I want
19 to recognize and commend the Committee on
20 Reapportionment of City Council for
21 holding your public hearings in the
22 neighborhoods, but, most importantly, I
23 want to commend the media, particularly
24 the Philadelphia Inquirer, the
25 Philadelphia Daily News, the City Paper

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2 and Al Dia newspaper for keeping citizens
3 informed of the process involving
4 redistricting and ensuring that City
5 Council went out into the neighborhoods
6 to hold these meetings.

7 Now, ten years ago I testified
8 in this Chamber and Councilman Frank
9 DiCicco asked me a question, very pointed
10 question, and I was here testifying on
11 behalf of my friend, Darrell Clarke, and
12 on behalf of my good friend, Rick
13 Mariano, on a bill that they had
14 proposed, which is the current
15 redistricting bill/redistricting map that
16 we have now. And he asked me point
17 blank, he says, Do you think that you can
18 elect a Latino with those numbers?

19 And I said, Well, given the
20 population growth, I'm sure that we can.

21 Anyway, that year Rick Mariano
22 went on to win, but then Maria Quinones
23 was able to capture the seat, and she
24 holds it today.

25 My issue is the issue of a

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2 sustainable Latino district, and I have a
3 problem with the deviations that is
4 created by both plans that are presented
5 by Council.

6 I would submit to you, Madam
7 President and members of City Council,
8 that if we look at the City Council bill
9 as proposed by Councilwoman -- by the
10 committee that Councilwoman Tasco, Maria
11 Quinones, yourself and Wilson Goode were
12 working on, that if you look at the 18th
13 Ward on the south side, we're not asking
14 you to pack the district with Latinos.
15 We're just asking you to unpack years of
16 neglect and lack of political
17 representation for the Latino community.

18 While Latinos are -- it's true
19 that there is a national growth going
20 northward, the fact is that given the
21 economy right now, more and more of those
22 residents of Latino origin that are
23 moving up into the Northeast are not
24 homeowners but actually are renters, and
25 it's a prudent fact that renters don't

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2 vote in the same numbers that people who
3 have a vested interest as homeowners.
4 What we would like to see is that the
5 54th Ward be stricken from the 7th
6 Councilmanic District and that we add the
7 rest of the 62nd Ward into the 7th
8 Councilmanic District. That would in
9 fact give us a more compact community of
10 interest, because what's going to happen
11 naturally is while the northern part is
12 going to go in Latino numbers,
13 deviation-wise the voting population,
14 according to our review, is like 40
15 percent of the population, making it
16 tough for a candidate of Latino origin to
17 win if a well-financed candidate or two
18 Latino candidates ran in that district.

19 Also, in the 18th Ward where
20 gentrification is taking place, you're
21 having more and more people that are not
22 of Latino origin that are taken away from
23 the numbers that we're gaining on the
24 north side.

25 So the Delaware Valley Voter

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2 Registration Project supports the bill as
3 proposed by the City Council committee,
4 with the amendment that we delete the
5 54th Ward and we add the rest of the 62nd
6 Ward.

7 Now, we're also cognizant of
8 the fact that that's going to create
9 deviation problems for the rest of the
10 councilmanic districts, and we respect
11 that, but we believe that it's our time.

12 When William Penn first came to
13 Philadelphia and the Quakers, they
14 believed in a very diverse society, and
15 at the same time, they believed in
16 diverse representation. I think creating
17 a Latino sustainable Council district
18 will in fact increase diversity of our
19 city.

20 Thank you, Madam Chairperson,
21 and I will entertain any questions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 Are there any questions from
25 members of the Committee?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Any
4 comments?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you very much, Mr. Rojas.

8 Our next witness.

9 MR. FICHLANDER: Michael
10 McCrea.

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
13 Michael McCrea here?

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: He had
15 to leave.

16 MR. FICHLANDER: Angel Ortiz
17 and Joe Garcia.

18 (Witnesses approached witness
19 table.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
21 Hello. Welcome.

22 MR. GARCIA: Hello.

23 MR. ORTIZ: Good afternoon.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
25 afternoon. Good seeing you.

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2 MR. GARCIA: My name is Joe
3 Garcia. I come before you today
4 representing LatinoLines Redistricting
5 Coalition and the National Congress of
6 Puerto Rican Rights. My reason for
7 testifying before you today is very
8 personal.

9 I'm a lifelong resident of this
10 great city, specifically the 7th
11 Councilmanic District. I'm speaking on
12 behalf of my wife, my children, my unborn
13 son, my mother, my nephews, my in-laws
14 and the rest of the residents of the 7th
15 District who are with me today and those
16 who do not have a voice.

17 The 2010 census clearly shows a
18 growth in strength of the Puerto Rican
19 and Latino community in North
20 Philadelphia. However, your newly
21 proposed boundaries for the 7th
22 Councilmanic District do not adequately
23 reflect that strength. It takes away
24 from the good that we are doing and the
25 progress that we are making as a

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2 community. That simply is unacceptable.

3 Must I remind you that we are
4 the fastest growing community in the
5 City? City Council has only increased
6 our district by 3 percent, taking us from
7 49 percent to a 52 percent Latino
8 population in the 7th District. Latinos
9 grew 46 percent and represent 12.3
10 percent of the total city population.
11 Most of that growth occurred in the areas
12 within and around the 7th District.

13 The proposed maps by City
14 Council clearly do not represent that
15 growth. They are unjust and intolerable.
16 We are seasoned professionals and
17 reasonable, but there is a difference
18 between what you will settle for and a
19 slap in the face. To suggest 52 percent
20 is a slap in the face. Our census
21 numbers are clear, and we should finally
22 have voting numbers that reflect our
23 strength and clarity.

24 Your shortsighted action has
25 long-term consequences. This proposed

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2 map perpetuates the state of flux and
3 instability in our community. Worse yet,
4 it perpetuates the disenfranchisement of
5 our residents. It reinforces our
6 community's belief that the government is
7 so detached and self-serving that voting
8 is useless, hence perpetuating the lack
9 of voter turnout. The lack of voter
10 turnout perpetuates lack of
11 representation. Lack of representation
12 perpetuates lack of access to resources.
13 Lack of access to resources perpetuates
14 lack of progress. You then blame us for
15 not caring because we don't vote. You
16 blame us for being voiceless. You blame
17 us for our plight.

18 You blamed us for a long time
19 now that we are a people who have nothing
20 but hope despite our circumstances. We
21 have developed organizations in our
22 district that boasts collectively over
23 \$100 million in service production.
24 Those services include quality schools
25 that actually meet AYP. I know, my wife

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2 is an administrator with one of those
3 schools. She's up half the night
4 virtually each night ensuring that her
5 teachers and students have all the tools
6 that they need to succeed.

7 Our community organizations
8 established those schools and they
9 possess the fundamental belief that in
10 order for us to ensure our children's
11 success, we must teach them ourselves.
12 We are holding ourselves accountable. We
13 have businesses that are being built and
14 are set to be built, thanks to the
15 collaboration and support of our
16 community organizations, our City
17 Councilperson and community stakeholders.
18 We can clearly show that our community is
19 developing toward a positive outcome. We
20 are holding ourselves accountable.
21 However, you want to take it from us.

22 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez
23 has worked so hard to build Evelyn
24 Saunders I and II, Glenwood Park and the
25 Save-A-Lot at 8th and Lehigh, only to see

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2 pieces of her district and success
3 stories being given away to another
4 district. The current efforts of
5 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez are being
6 disrespected. Frankly, it's an outrage
7 to see the callous disregard for all our
8 work these last two decades and these
9 last few months.

10 Seven divisions in the 39th
11 Ward that were historically Latino are
12 now moving to someone else's district.
13 We want them back. Take the 54th and
14 62nd Wards, which you have so carelessly
15 put in our district, and give us back our
16 seven divisions in the 37th Ward.

17 As LatinoLines, we repeatedly
18 said we want our district back and our
19 neighbors back in our district. We never
20 thought you would try to take away that
21 seven divisions. The divisions are the
22 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and
23 21st.

24 Do what is right and just.
25 Don't give us what you want. We've

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2 endured it long enough. Please, for

3 once, give us what we need and deserve.

4 You have adjusted part of our
5 problem by cutting off part of the tail,
6 but that is not enough to help us develop
7 a strong and viable community. Increase
8 our population to at least 56 percent and
9 cut off the stump. Take away the 62nd
10 and the 54th and give us the 37th, 43rd,
11 42nd and part of the 45th. The 7th
12 District Latino community and its
13 leadership, LatinoLines Redistricting
14 Coalition and its allies, and the
15 National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights
16 are willing and prepared to pursue a
17 district that is just and fair for its
18 residents now and in the future.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 Good afternoon.

22 MR. ORTIZ: Good afternoon,
23 Madam Chair.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 Welcome back.

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2 MR. ORTIZ: And I say hello to
3 all my former colleagues and the members
4 of City Council.

5 I'm very glad actually to come
6 before you, because District 7 has lost
7 its title as the most gerrymandered
8 district in the City and the State of
9 Pennsylvania. I think now the 6th
10 Councilmanic District and the 10th
11 probably deserve the title of most
12 gerrymandered districts. And we have to
13 understand what the word "gerrymander"
14 means. It means creating lines and
15 bringing together communities that before
16 were separate and disparate in order to
17 create supposedly a majority of a certain
18 type of voters.

19 In the 7th Councilmanic,
20 although we are more compact, we still do
21 not close the circle that we started over
22 25 years ago. Since that time, over 25
23 years, we have gone from 70,000 Puerto
24 Ricans in the City of Philadelphia to
25 over 190,000 Latinos, of which 65 percent

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2 of those are Puerto Ricans and reside in
3 the geographical area where the District
4 7 that we gave you as a map currently
5 live.

6 All that we're saying is that
7 we are now, at the present time, at 49
8 percent. A growth of 52 with a voting
9 age of 42 or 41 really is not
10 commensurate with the growth that the
11 Latino community has had in that district
12 and in that area.

13 You have created a map that has
14 a standard deviation between the lowest
15 district in population and the highest
16 district in population of 17.6 percent,
17 and that's really, really almost
18 unfindable in this process. It does not
19 adhere to the one man, one vote/one
20 woman, one vote aspect of the Voting
21 Rights Act when you have districts of
22 such disparate population in one city.
23 And when you have a community that has
24 growth within certain geographical lines,
25 it does not make sense and it's not

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2 giving that community the respect that it
3 deserves in terms of being able and
4 struggle to create a district within
5 those lines for over 30 years to go from
6 49 to 52 and really not give it the same
7 numbers in terms of the voting age.

8 So although we have made
9 progress, we have taken the Councilmanic
10 7th District out of the most
11 gerrymandered area, we still in terms of
12 the Latino/Puerto Rican community, we
13 have not gone the step that we thought
14 was necessary.

15 I think Joe has expressed the
16 thoughts and feelings of the National
17 Congress of Puerto Rican Rights,
18 LatinoLines and other community Puerto
19 Rican and Latino organizations in the
20 City. We thought we would do better in
21 this process. We thought we would come
22 out with a district of at least over 55
23 percent Puerto Rican/Latino. The fact
24 that we had to adjust our percentages to
25 the political aspects that Council is

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2 finding itself in hurts our development,
3 both politically, economically and
4 socially, to participate in this city.

5 I would hope that you would
6 reconsider. I would hope that you go
7 back.

8 I've been in many struggles
9 over this issue in this Council over
10 20-some years and I know how difficult it
11 is. That's why when I was outside
12 waiting and I knew that you guys were
13 inside discussing, I didn't ever want
14 Maria to leave the room, because I know
15 that if she left the room, something
16 would happen.

17 The thing is, we should be much
18 more mature as a body and as a political
19 institution, and we should address those
20 issues that are before us. I don't think
21 you go a long stretch to give the Puerto
22 Rican/Latino community the district that
23 they have asked for. Not all of it, but
24 at least one that meets that community
25 halfway. I don't think Council has gone

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2 halfway in terms of the current mapping
3 that is before us.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you.

7 Are there any questions or
8 comments from members of the Committee?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
11 Seeing none, thank you.

12 Our next witness.

13 MR. FICHLANDER: Ellen Kaplan.

14 (Witnesses approached witness
15 table.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
17 afternoon. Thank you for your patience.
18 Please identify yourself for the record.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Sure. I'm Ellen
20 Mattleman Kaplan. I'm the Vice-President
21 and Policy Director of the Committee of
22 Seventy, and I'm here with Rob Byron, who
23 is the Deputy Policy Director of four
24 days at the Committee of Seventy.

25 First of all, I just -- I'm

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2 going to be very short, which my family
3 says I can never be, but I'm going to
4 really do my best here.

5 I'm here to urge two things.

6 One, the first one is to urge Council
7 just to take its time in approving a city
8 redistricting plan. I know that this
9 Council has talked about having a plan in
10 place by September 22nd, and while the
11 Committee of Seventy has no desire to see
12 you lose your paycheck -- and as I'll say
13 in a few minutes, we're going to testify
14 today in favor of uncoupling
15 redistricting and the receipt of your
16 paycheck -- we urge you not to rush to do
17 a redistricting plan just to avoid this
18 outcome.

19 And we say this not because
20 we're opposed to any of the plans.
21 Because of our non-partisanship, we have
22 purposefully not taken a position on what
23 is a very partisan political process of
24 drawing the district lines, but our
25 request again is prompted by our belief

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2 that the public needs a little more time
3 to digest these plans.

4 As we all know, the first
5 public hearing was held 24 days before
6 the deadline. We had two neighborhood
7 hearings after that, and I do thank
8 Council for having the neighborhood
9 hearings. I thought they were very
10 interesting, and I really enjoyed going
11 to particularly the neighborhood hearings
12 to hear some input from the public. But
13 I do think that having the three hearings
14 in such a short period of time really
15 doesn't comport with what I thought was a
16 very good resolution by this Council,
17 which you approved on June 23rd, to have
18 an open and transparent opportunity for
19 public engagement.

20 So although the public has an
21 opportunity to talk today, we would
22 really urge you just to take your time in
23 coming up with a plan that really listens
24 to the public input and that has buy-in
25 from everybody.

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2 I just want to talk a little,
3 just for a moment about some long-term
4 reforms. Even though we're not doing
5 redistricting for another ten years, we
6 can start early on to make sure that the
7 next redistricting process is as good as
8 it possibly can be. And one thing we
9 would urge, even though this takes a
10 Charter change -- and that in and of
11 itself takes time -- six months is too
12 short a time to do a process of this
13 importance. It just is. This Council
14 had many things to do in the spring, not
15 the least of which is the budget, and
16 when you add on top of that that this is
17 a municipal election year, it is just too
18 short a time, and we urge you to look at
19 a change in the Charter that would extend
20 the period of time so that it is more
21 reasonable.

22 We also urge you to create a
23 permanent Citizens Redistricting
24 Commission, as there are in many other
25 cities, and the Committee of Seventy has

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2 plenty of research on that that we're
3 happy to share.

4 And, lastly, we're urging you,
5 eliminate the requirement that you lose
6 your paychecks if redistricting is not
7 done by a certain date. You have many
8 other functions that the Charter requires
9 you to do that don't have that punitive
10 measure attached. We think it's
11 demeaning and it puts a greater premium
12 on getting the job done than getting the
13 job done correctly.

14 And, again, I just want to say
15 that the Committee of Seventy is more
16 than happy to share the research with
17 City Council, and we look forward to
18 engaging with you further on this issue.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
23 there any questions or comments from
24 members of the Committee?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Again, thank you. We did get a letter
4 from the Committee of Seventy. I will
5 give it to the stenographer, so it will
6 be made a part of the record.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
8 President?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
10 sir. Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.
12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 I certainly and I think many
14 members of City Council agree with your
15 position that we should have more time.
16 I intend, as I said at a forum at WHY, Y,
17 to introduce a Charter change to
18 accomplish just that. So I look forward
19 to the Committee of Seventy's support for
20 that.

21 I will point out that there
22 have been hearings within various
23 districts. I think there was one in
24 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez's district
25 and one in Councilwoman Tasco's district,

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2 and that the Committee has met with a lot
3 of people about that. There also has
4 been a very public planning process where
5 hundreds of plans were submitted in
6 Azavea's contest, and we've had the
7 opportunity to look at those plans that
8 were submitted, the winning plans and
9 others, and have put together, I think,
10 the best plan -- we have a couple of
11 alternatives on the table today. You're
12 going to hear maybe debate about them. I
13 don't know.

14 But I will point out that only
15 five people signed up to testify, and
16 they really only dealt with kind of one
17 substantive issue so far, the testimony
18 on the plans. And so it makes me feel
19 like we've had a process that's basically
20 gotten it right, and I just wanted to put
21 that on the record.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you, Ms. Kaplan. Thank you.

4 Our next witness.

5 MR. FICHLANDER: John
6 Attanasio.

7 (Witness approached witness
8 table.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
10 Aren't you the winner of the contest?

11 MR. ATTANASIO: That's true, I
12 am.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Again
14 I say congratulations.

15 MR. ATTANASIO: Madam President
16 and members of City Council, my name is
17 John Attanasio. I live in Center City in
18 what is now Councilman DiCicco's
19 district, but I am not here to represent
20 any section of the City or any
21 organization. I'm here to speak for the
22 basic democratic principle that the
23 purpose of redistricting is to enable
24 voters to elect their representatives of
25 City Council and not the other way

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2 around.

3 I had the opportunity to
4 present my own redistricting plan, as you
5 said, to a panel of this committee last
6 Tuesday as the overall winner in the
7 recent Fix Philly Districts competition
8 sponsored by some media organizations and
9 Azavea and the University of
10 Pennsylvania. My proposed plan and my
11 earlier testimony are in the record of
12 that hearing.

13 Having carefully studied the
14 geographical and political contours of
15 the City in preparing my plan and as a
16 citizen, I have both a civic and
17 technical interest in the two
18 redistricting proposals that were
19 introduced in Council last week. So I
20 mapped both of those plans onto the Fix
21 Philly Districts system in order to
22 analyze them better. For convenience,
23 I'll refer to the two plans by reference
24 to their primary sponsors as the Verna
25 Plan and the DiCicco Plan, the two bills

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2 left to right up there.

3 The most charitable thing I can
4 say about both of these plans is that
5 they could have been worse. The most
6 egregious aspects of the current
7 gerrymanders in Districts 5 and 7 are
8 gone, although District 1 is still
9 artificially elongated. And there is
10 finally a near majority Latino district
11 as measured by voting age population
12 that's in both proposals, and actually
13 both proposals come in just under a
14 fraction of a percentage below 50
15 percent.

16 The DiCicco Plan is clearly the
17 better of the two plans, and I commend
18 Councilman DiCicco for improving on the
19 Verna Plan. His plan eliminates the
20 jigsaw puzzle of political creativity
21 that carves up the 56th and 57th Wards on
22 the current map. Much of that political
23 jigsaw puzzle remains intact in the Verna
24 Plan.

25 But there are two major

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2 problems with both plans. First, most
3 districts continue to support these
4 panhandles and other oddly shaped
5 appendages that cry out for explanation,
6 because they seem to serve no purpose
7 other than presumably to help produce or
8 preserve some intended political outcome.
9 Apart from trimming the gerrymandered
10 appendages of Districts 5 and 7, nothing
11 much was done to improve the compactness
12 of any districts. The boundaries of most
13 districts were virtually untouched.

14 Second, and most regrettably,
15 neither plan comes close to achieving the
16 essential purpose of the redistricting
17 requirement, which is to equalize
18 population among the districts. There
19 remains an unnecessary and shortsighted
20 population imbalance among the ten
21 districts, which is likely to grow worse
22 over the next few years if recent
23 population trends continue.

24 Both plans have a population
25 disparity of more than nine percentage

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2 points, as measured by how much the most
3 populus and least populus districts
4 deviate from the average district
5 population of 152,601. That disparity
6 represents a difference of about 14,000
7 people between the most populus district
8 and the least populus district.

9 But these high and low
10 districts are not the end of the story.
11 Both plans systematically leave far too
12 little population in the districts on the
13 west side of the City and far too much
14 population in the districts on the east.
15 In particular, the four contiguous
16 districts that lie mostly west of Broad
17 Street and west of the Wissahickon -
18 that's Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 - have an
19 average population of less than 148,000
20 people, while the remaining six districts
21 have an average population of nearly
22 156,000. This gives the residents of the
23 four western districts greater
24 representation per person than the
25 residents of the other six districts.

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2 And within a short time and
3 perhaps long before the next mandatory
4 redistricting that will follow the 2020
5 census, it may well be that this
6 representation disparity will have grown
7 to a level that violates the
8 constitutional standard of one person,
9 one vote, even as that standard is
10 applied to state and local legislative
11 districts. Why should a plan that is so
12 flawed at its inception be considered
13 acceptable?

14 A related problem in both plans
15 is lack of compactness. And I say
16 "related" because the failure to improve
17 compactness seems to stem from the same
18 reluctance to change existing boundaries
19 even where change could have improved
20 population equality.

21 The ten current districts have
22 an average compactness ratio of only 49
23 percent based on the calculation method
24 used in the Fix Philadelphia Districts
25 system. The DiCicco Plan has an average

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2 compactness ratio of 55 and a half
3 percent, while the Verna Plan has an
4 average ratio of 52 percent. That's not
5 much of an improvement.

6 To put these metrics in
7 perspective, many of the top entries in
8 the Fix Philly Districts competition
9 achieved average compactness ratios in
10 excess of 70 percent, along with
11 population variances below 0.6 percent,
12 while maintaining considerable
13 neighborhood integrity.

14 It appears that the two
15 proposals were drawn in order to preserve
16 current district boundaries as much as
17 possible. Rather than attempt to improve
18 the map while equalizing populations,
19 these proposals simply tweak current
20 districts around their edges in order to
21 achieve a population distribution that
22 barely meets the legal limits, if at all.

23 We need to hit the reset
24 button. There is nothing sacrosanct
25 about current district boundaries.

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2 Unlike the 50 states, our Council
3 districts don't lay claim to specific
4 geographical territories, and unlike the
5 states, they have no permanent or
6 continuous existence that needs to be
7 preserved. Council districts are
8 analogous to congressional districts,
9 which also have no permanent tie to
10 geography. What might be called District
11 No. X today and what might be called
12 District No. X after redistricting are
13 not the same district in any sense other
14 than that they share the same number.

15 More to the point, once it
16 becomes necessary to draw a line that
17 moves even one person's residence into or
18 out of a district in order to balance
19 population, it's really not the same
20 district.

21 A corollary principle is that
22 no particular person's residence should
23 be considered an anchor around which a
24 new district must be drawn, and that
25 includes the residences of incumbent or

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2 nominated members of Council. The
3 districts that Council adopts today will
4 not go into effect until a future Council
5 takes office in January 2016. Yet, some
6 members of Council seem to believe -- I
7 heard it said last week -- that it is
8 appropriate to draw boundaries that
9 purposefully include the personal
10 residences of today's incumbents or their
11 presumptive successors. The proposed
12 plans bear this out. Every proposed
13 district incorporates not only most of
14 the district area that is currently
15 served by an incumbent, but also includes
16 the incumbent's home. This longstanding
17 practice of protecting incumbents
18 prevents a principled realignment of
19 districts that could, among other things,
20 both equalize their populations and make
21 them more compact.

22 Some states have specifically
23 outlawed from their redistricting process
24 the practice of considering where
25 incumbents live. For example, California

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2 and Florida have done this for
3 congressional redistricting and maybe
4 more. Neither Pennsylvania nor
5 Philadelphia has done so, but the fact
6 that the practice is not specifically
7 illegal certainly does not make it right.

8 Redistricting by incumbent
9 officeholders is a terrible conflict of
10 interest. It amounts to politicians
11 selecting their own constituencies. To
12 the extent we must live with this
13 conflict of interest in the current
14 redistricting process, Council should at
15 least make an honest effort to apply
16 objective and transparent principles to
17 the task. If it were to do so, it could
18 certainly come up with a plan that is far
19 better than either of the proposals that
20 are now before it.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
22 you very much. We certainly want to
23 thank you for taking the time to do all
24 of that research and work on the map and
25 come in to testify. I think that your

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2 testimony was very good, and I applaud
3 you for your interest.

4 MR. ATTANASIO: Thank you.
5 I'll be happy to answer any questions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I see
7 there are a couple people that would like
8 to be recognized.

9 Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Good afternoon, and thank you
13 for your testimony. Thank you for your
14 work. I'm quite interested in a portion
15 of your testimony that deals with what
16 our principles are or are not, when
17 clearly along the process I'm not sure
18 many of us have voiced what our
19 principles are or not. I was asked that
20 question at a redistricting hearing. I
21 answered the question. I essentially
22 want to see the districts be
23 proportional, I want to make sure they
24 are not as gerrymandered as they were,
25 and I want to do no harm. So I'm trying

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2 to be clear about what are the three main
3 principles you used in your
4 decision-making.

5 MR. ATTANASIO: Well, I didn't
6 actually do decision-making other than
7 draw one map that was --

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So what were
9 the three main principles that you
10 used --

11 MR. ATTANASIO: The three main
12 principles there are compactness of
13 districts, that they are -- that they're
14 as close to a circle as possible,
15 theoretically; that the population among
16 all districts is as close to equal as
17 possible; and that there is as little
18 disruption of existing neighborhood
19 boundaries as possible. And when I did
20 my own mapping, that was based under
21 competition rules on a number of wards
22 that were split. I split only -- there
23 were only 21 splits. Ten wards were
24 affected.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So that's

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2 for your three main principles. Then you
3 added on.

4 MR. ATTANASIO: Well, the other
5 principles is to maintain communities of
6 interest, and I did specifically look
7 at --

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No. I asked
9 the question what were your three main
10 principles.

11 MR. ATTANASIO: Those are the
12 three main principles.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And where
14 did you derive those principles from?
15 Are they personal principles?

16 MR. ATTANASIO: The compactness
17 always has been a personal principle when
18 I see gerrymandered maps. That's the
19 most obvious assault I think on
20 democracy, when you can actually see
21 visually that something has been done to
22 manipulate --

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So are all
24 three principles personal principles?

25 MR. ATTANASIO: Yes.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Did you ask
3 anyone what their principles were? Did
4 you --

5 MR. ATTANASIO: No. I'm only
6 one person. I didn't do a complete
7 investigation.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So these are
9 your personal principles?

10 MR. ATTANASIO: Those are my
11 personal principles.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: They're not
13 based upon a democratic process?

14 MR. ATTANASIO: I believe they
15 are what should be a democratic process
16 as opposed to --

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: But I'm
18 asking were the principles you used to
19 design your map, were they based upon a
20 democratic process?

21 MR. ATTANASIO: Of course not.
22 I was one person.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

24 Next question is, what were the
25 goals in your mapping with regard to

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2 demographics?

3 MR. ATTANASIO: First, I
4 hesitate to elevate the contest to the
5 actual redistricting. I think the
6 contest provided Council with starting
7 points.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I'm not
9 asking about the contest. You came here
10 to testify about your map.

11 MR. ATTANASIO: No. I did.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And how
13 great your map was and how neither of our
14 maps were as good.

15 MR. ATTANASIO: No. Today I
16 did not compare my map to your map.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In the
18 process, you talked about what our
19 principles were and were not. So I'm
20 asking about your principles.

21 MR. ATTANASIO: First, I think
22 it would be helpful for Council to tell
23 the public what its principles are.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I just told
25 you what mine were, but I'm asking you

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2 about your principles, since you came
3 here to testify about them. I'm asking
4 what were your demographic goals in your
5 mapping of districts?

6 MR. ATTANASIO: I did not have
7 specific demographic goals, other than
8 the one that has risen to considerable
9 public attention, which is the Latino
10 district, which is highly gerrymandered
11 because it disrupted or divided an
12 existing community of interest.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So your
14 demographic goals were limited just to
15 the 7th District?

16 MR. ATTANASIO: Not entirely.
17 I also looked at other districts -- I
18 focused on compactness and not -- I
19 certainly never --

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I'm asking
21 about your demographic goals.

22 MR. ATTANASIO: The demographic
23 goals were to create one Latino district
24 and to maintain at least four majority
25 black districts.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Are there
3 four majority black districts right now?

4 MR. ATTANASIO: There are five
5 right now.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And so now
7 there are four?

8 MR. ATTANASIO: There would be
9 four -- well, no. There are five under
10 these plans, but my plan is not even
11 before Council.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: How many
13 majority black districts are there right
14 now?

15 MR. ATTANASIO: I believe there
16 are five.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And under
18 your mapping, there would be?

19 MR. ATTANASIO: Four, but
20 others that are close.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: And no one
22 voted on how you should do your mapping?

23 MR. ATTANASIO: No.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So if people
25 voted on how you should map and how it

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2 should be mapped demographically, do you
3 believe that your map would win?

4 MR. ATTANASIO: Voting by whom?

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: By the
6 voters.

7 MR. ATTANASIO: Of the entire
8 City?

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Yes.

10 MR. ATTANASIO: Putting my map
11 up against those, it might.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Why would
13 it?

14 MR. ATTANASIO: Well, because I
15 think many people would look at this not
16 as dividing up of political interests,
17 but as a dividing up of geography.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I didn't say
19 anything about the political interest. I
20 asked what your principles were and I
21 asked you how you changed demographic
22 districts.

23 MR. ATTANASIO: Okay. And so I
24 don't really know how the voters would,
25 if placed before the voters, how this

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2 would turn out. I can hazard a guess
3 that it would get pretty good reception.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: But you
5 would admit that what's been described as
6 a public map or a map based upon
7 democracy is actually a map done by a
8 private citizen?

9 MR. ATTANASIO: No. No. I
10 didn't say my map -- no. I'm not saying
11 my map is based on democracy at all.
12 What I'm saying is that the maps that are
13 presented by City Council, the existing
14 map and the two proposals, are not based
15 on democracy. They're based on politics.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So you
17 didn't say that, but it's been widely
18 said that some of these maps are,
19 quote/unquote, public maps while they
20 were done by private citizens. It's been
21 said that it was a more democratic
22 process while it was actually just a
23 contest.

24 MR. ATTANASIO: It was a
25 contest, and it was a contest that

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2 brought public attention to this process
3 probably in a way that has not been
4 focused on -- that has not been focused
5 on in the past. I think that was a good
6 thing. I think the fact that the contest
7 existed caused Council to hold public
8 hearings. The fact that the contest
9 existed raises the questions of
10 compactness. It raises the question of
11 equal population and is a means of
12 showing --

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Let me ask
14 you a question. Doesn't federal law
15 raise those questions in and of itself?

16 MR. ATTANASIO: It does, but
17 the federal law is not complete in terms
18 of principles such as compactness.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The federal
20 law suggests that districts should not be
21 gerrymandered. The federal law suggests
22 that they should be of equal population.

23 MR. ATTANASIO: Right.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So federal
25 law dictates that, not contest rules.

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2 MR. ATTANASIO: I'm not here to
3 advocate for the contest rules. I came
4 here because I saw maps that didn't look
5 much better than those that existed
6 before and were gerrymandered.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Let me say
8 this to you: My third principle was do
9 no harm. I wouldn't vote for your map.

10 MR. ATTANASIO: Okay.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: But I
12 appreciate the work that you did. Thank
13 you.

14 MR. ATTANASIO: Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you both.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Brown. Councilwoman Brown,
19 you want to be recognized?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes. I
21 wanted to make sure that I heard what I
22 thought I heard.

23 We're starting out with how
24 many districts with African Americans?

25 MR. ATTANASIO: The current map

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2 has five.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And your
4 analysis would arrive at the number?

5 MR. ATTANASIO: Well, my
6 analysis that I talked about today was
7 about these other two plans, and I
8 believe those both have five majority
9 African American and one almost -- and
10 I'm looking at voting age population
11 obviously.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And your
13 recommendation would be for how many?

14 MR. ATTANASIO: I'm not making
15 a recommendation at all for that -- I am
16 suggesting that Council should look at
17 those issues, but start from a point that
18 does not involve carving up the City in a
19 way that looks like either of those maps.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And I'm
21 trying to get a handle on what I thought
22 I heard with regards to your answer to
23 Councilman Goode's question of how many
24 districts of color your map would end up
25 being, and what number did you give

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2 Councilman Goode?

3 MR. ATTANASIO: Four and one
4 Latino, four African American and one
5 Latino.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All right.
7 Are you aware that the City of
8 Philadelphia is 82 percent black, brown,
9 yellow and women?

10 MR. ATTANASIO: Well, of course
11 when you add women, it's going to be very
12 high. That's not exactly a fair
13 comparison.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
15 for your testimony.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 Any other questions or comments
20 from members of the Committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Mr.
23 Attanasio, thank you very much.

24 MR. ATTANASIO: Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do we

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2 have anyone else that would like to

3 testify on these bills?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

6 Seeing no one, we will go into our public
7 meeting.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
11 President, I offer amended -- several
12 amendments to Bill 110546.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Have
14 the amendments been circulated?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I think
16 so. Have they been circulated?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
18 Councilwoman Tasco, we'll just give
19 everyone the opportunity to look at the
20 amendments.

21 (Pause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We
23 are going to stand in recess for ten
24 minutes. Thank you.

25 (Recess.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We
3 are now going to circulate revised
4 proposed amendments to Bill 110546, along
5 with a copy of the map. So disregard the
6 amendments that were circulated earlier,
7 please.

8 Councilwoman Tasco, can we make
9 a motion.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I make a
11 motion -- I offer amendments to Bill 546.
12 I move for the adoption of the
13 amendments.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
15 don't think you were heard.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for
17 the adoption of the amendment.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
20 has been moved and seconded that the
21 amendments as circulated regarding Bill
22 110546 be adopted.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Whoa,
5 say it again. I didn't hear you.

6 Can we have a roll call,
7 please.

8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
11 Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
14 Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
17 Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
20 Councilman Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
23 Councilman Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

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2 Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Councilman Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

8 Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

11 Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

17 Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

23 Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

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2 Councilwoman Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

8 Councilwoman Verna, aye.

9 The adoption fails. The motion
10 fails. The vote was 8 yes; 9 no.

11 Are there -- Councilman Kenney,
12 do you have amendments to Bill 110547?

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No, ma'am.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

15 Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Very
18 well.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion on Bill
21 No. 110546.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move the
23 bill out of committee, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: With
25 a favorable recommendation, unfavorable?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Just
3 report it out of committee.

4 Madam President, can we have a
5 recess, please.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A
7 recess?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Excuse me.
11 Can we go on to 547?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
13 don't know whether they want to act on
14 doing something with 472.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: What's 427?
16 I'm sorry. 547?

17 Madam President?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
19 Mr. Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.
21 Are we going to recess or are we going to
22 vote on 547 before we recess?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
24 don't think we're going to recess.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam

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2 President, I move that we vote Bill 546

3 out of --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Suspend the rules.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- out of

7 committee and suspend the rules so we

8 have the first reading of this bill at

9 Council's next session.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

11 Councilwoman Tasco, is that with a

12 favorable recommendation or no

13 recommendation?

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: No

15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No

17 recommendation?

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: With a

19 favorable recommendation, 546 with a

20 favorable recommendation and that the

21 rules of Council be suspended --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I

23 hear a second for the suspension of the

24 rules?

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- so it

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2 can be heard at Council's next session.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
5 has been moved and properly seconded that
6 the rules of Council be suspended so as
7 to -- boy, I'll tell you, they're making
8 me -- okay. All in favor of the motion
9 will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We're
12 going to have a roll call vote now.

13 Those voting in favor of the
14 bill. Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCIO: What are
17 we doing, Madam President?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
19 Pardon me? A vote on your motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCIO: Okay.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
22 Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

4 Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Councilman Green.

8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Councilman Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

13 Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

16 Councilman Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

19 Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

22 Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

25 Councilwoman Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

4 Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

13 Councilwoman Sanchez.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

19 Councilwoman Verna, aye.

20 So the motion passes 9; 8.

21 Councilman DiCicco, do you want
22 to be recognized?

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yes, Madam
24 President. I make a motion that Bill No.
25 547 be called up for a vote.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Very
3 well.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Be
5 reported out of committee with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And
8 suspension?

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: With a
10 suspension, yes.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
13 in favor of the adoption of that motion
14 will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 ayes have it. The motion carries. So we
21 will now vote on that bill.

22 I'm sorry. Listen, you people
23 have me going up a wall.

24 Is there any other business for
25 the Committee of the Whole?

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Did we do a
3 roll call?

4 MR. AUERBACH: No. We did a
5 voice vote.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
7 Anyone have any comments to make?

8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I don't
10 have a copy of the map for 547 or the
11 amendments.

12 (There's no amendments.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: All
14 right. Well, I don't have a copy of the
15 map.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

17 (Stated Meeting reconvened.)

18 (Committee of the Whole
19 concluded at 4:55 p.m.)

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