

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Via Microsoft Teams
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 24, 2022
10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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1 2/24/22 - STATED - ROLL CALL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, and good morning to everyone.
4 We're going to get started, but before we
5 begin the Council session today, I would
6 like to make the following announcement:

7 Due to the continuing threat to
8 public health from COVID-19, City Council
9 is currently meeting remotely. We are
10 using Microsoft Teams to make this remote
11 meeting possible. Instructions for how
12 the public may view the meeting and offer
13 public comment are included in the Stated
14 Meeting notice that was published in the
15 Daily News, the Inquirer, and the Legal
16 Intelligencer prior to the meeting, and
17 can also be found on PHLCouncil.com.

18 I now note that the hour has
19 come. The Clerk will please call the
20 roll to take attendance, and members that
21 are in attendance, just say a couple of
22 words to make sure that your image is
23 displayed on the screen.

24 Mr. Decker, please call the
25 roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
5 morning, Council President, colleagues,
6 and the City of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
8 morning.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
10 morning.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Brooks.

13 (No response.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

15 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good morning,
16 Council President, colleagues, and the
17 City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
19 morning.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Gauthier.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: I'm so
23 sorry. Present.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
25 morning.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Gilmore Richardson.

4 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Good
5 morning, Council President. Good
6 morning, colleagues. And good morning,
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
9 morning.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good
12 morning, Council President. Good
13 morning, colleagues. And good morning to
14 our city.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
16 morning.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good
19 morning, Council President. Good
20 morning, colleagues. I am present.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
22 morning.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Johnson.

25 (No response.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES:

4 Mr. President, members, Philadelphia, I'm
5 present.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

9 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning,
10 Council President. Good morning, Council
11 colleagues. I'm present.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
17 morning, everyone.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
19 morning.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Parker.

22 (No response.)

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Good

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2 morning, Council President. Good
3 morning, colleagues.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
5 morning.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
9 morning, Council President, colleagues.
10 Present.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
12 morning.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
16 morning, Council President. Good
17 morning, colleagues. I'm present.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
19 morning.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
23 good morning. And I think Councilwoman
24 Brooks is here now.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Good

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2 morning, Council President. I'm present.
3 Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
5 morning, Council President. I'm present.
6 Councilman Johnson.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman
9 Brooks are in fact present.

10 Thank you very much. We've
11 established our quorum. So we're going
12 to start with our invocation, and to give
13 our invocation this morning, the Chair
14 recognizes Pastor Clarence Wright of Love
15 Zion Baptist Church. He is here today as
16 my guest.

17 I would ask all members and
18 guests to please bow your heads for the
19 invocation.

20 PASTOR WRIGHT: Good morning to
21 all, to our honorable Councilmembers and
22 the President of our Council.

23 This is the final week of Black
24 History Month, so to start off this
25 Council session, I would like to

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recognize a member of our city who is worth recognizing and share some of his words.

In our Black christian faith tradition, we have the Bible, which is our sacred text, but we also have the hymn book, which is also important. So as an invocation today, I want to read the words of the hymn "We'll Understand It Better By and By," which is by Philadelphia native Charles Albert Tindley. This hymn has encouraged me and I think it speaks to all that we're going through in our city and our nation.

It says, we are often tossed and driven on the restless sea of time, somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine. In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, we will understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute of the things that life demands, want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and

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barren lands. We are trusting in the Lord, and according to his word, we will understand it better by and by.

Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand, all the way that God would lead us through this blessed promise land. But he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow until we die, for we'll understand it better by and by.

Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares, and our hearts are made to bleed, many a thoughtless word or deed, and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, but we'll understand it better by and by.

By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story how we've overcome, and we'll understand it better by and by.

Gracious God, our creator, bless our city, bless this Council, and help us to do your work.

In the name of the one who

1 2/24/22 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL
2 created us and who still guides us, we
3 pray.

4 Amen.

5 (Amen.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Pastor, thank you so much. Thank you.
8 We really appreciate your spiritual
9 guidance this morning. Thank you so
10 much.

11 And our next order of business
12 is the approval of the Journal of the
13 meeting of Thursday, February 17th, 2022,
14 and the Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
18 of the meeting of Thursday,
19 February 17th, 2022 be approved.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the Journal of the
24 meeting of Thursday, February 17, 2022
25 stand approved.

1 2/24/22 - STATED - LEAVES

2 All in favor indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it, and our Journal is
10 approved.

11 And our next order of business
12 is request for leave of absence, and the
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. On behalf of the members
16 of Council, there are no requests of
17 leave of absence today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 We're now going to have a
21 motion on the Sunshine Act, and the Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Squilla for a
23 motion concerning certain legislative
24 matters that may arise during the course
25 of today's session of Council that were

1 2/24/22 - STATED - MOTION REGARDING CALENDAR
2 not listed on the Calendar prior to the
3 circulation of today's session.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move that any of the
6 following matters, if considered today,
7 may be added to the agenda for this
8 session of Council and, as required by
9 law, subsequently published on the
10 amended agenda after the consideration of
11 those matters: resolutions authorizing
12 hearings, amendments to bills on first
13 reading, the consideration of bills
14 vetoed by or re-called from the Mayor,
15 resolutions taking substantive action to
16 be voted on in this session, a motion to
17 withdraw a bill or resolution that is not
18 on the Calendar, and a motion placing a
19 bill or resolution on or returning a bill
20 or resolution from the Suspension
21 Calendar that is not listed on today's
22 Calendar.

23 The purpose of this motion is
24 to provide the public with notice
25 concerning possible actions by Council

1 2/24/22 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 that arose too late to be included in the
3 Calendar that was published prior to
4 today's session.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
8 seconded that the legislative matters
9 stated by Councilman Squilla may be added
10 to the agenda for today, should those
11 matters arise during the course of the
12 session of Council.

13 All in favor indicate by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it and the motion carries.

21 And our next order of business
22 is communications. And I would ask the
23 Clerk to please read the messages from
24 the Mayor and any other communications
25 that he may have in his possession.

1 2/24/22 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 CHIEF CLERK: From the Mayor to
3 the President and members of the Council
4 of the City of Philadelphia, I am
5 transmitting herewith for the
6 consideration of your honorable body an
7 ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and
9 Littering," by revising the annual fee
10 for neighborhood sanitation and cleaning
11 services and exempting owner-occupied
12 duplexes from the annual neighborhood
13 sanitation and cleaning services fee
14 requirements; all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is
17 that it? Thank you. Thank you,
18 Mr. Decker.

19 Our next order of business is
20 the introduction of bills and
21 resolutions. And by way of a reminder,
22 we are asking that all resolutions,
23 including privileged resolutions, be
24 placed on the Final Passage Calendar for
25 the next session of Council, unless they

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2 are being referred to committee. In our
3 current remote environment, this
4 procedure will provide the appropriate
5 opportunity for public comment.

6 I would like to thank you very
7 much in advance for your anticipated
8 cooperation.

9 Mr. Decker, would you please
10 read the titles of the legislation that's
11 being offered today by our members.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Yes,
13 Mr. President.

14 Councilwoman Parker offers one
15 bill and one resolution. On behalf of
16 Council President Clarke, an ordinance
17 amending Section 2-305 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Office of
19 Property Assessment; Chief Assessment
20 Officers; Powers and Duties," by further
21 providing with respect to the manner in
22 which assessments are determined for
23 certain properties that are subject to
24 resale restrictions; and by providing for
25 additional reporting requirements with

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2 respect to such properties.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Mr. Decker, I just want to make sure
5 everything is formalized. It's not clear
6 that Councilwoman Parker may be here
7 today, so I'm a little concerned by
8 having the legislation being offered by
9 her if she's not present. Can you read
10 that again and have it being offered by
11 Councilman Jones.

12 Sorry about that.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones
14 offers one bill and one resolution,
15 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
16 2-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 'Office of Property Assessment; Chief
18 Assessment Officers; Powers and Duties,'
19 by further providing with respect to the
20 manner in which assessments are
21 determined for certain properties that
22 are subject to resale restrictions; and
23 by providing for additional reporting
24 requirements with respect to such
25 properties."

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Referred to committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Also on behalf of
5 Council President Clarke, a resolution
6 authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to
7 dispose of 809 West Firth Street and 2955
8 North 8th Street located in the 5th
9 Councilmanic District.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Gilmore Richardson offers one resolution,
14 entitled a "Resolution declaring March 6
15 through 13, 2022, during Women's History
16 Month, as Women in Construction Week in
17 the City of Philadelphia, and honoring
18 Women in Nontraditional Careers for their
19 commitment to support, increase, and
20 advance the participation of women in
21 construction, manufacturing, and transit
22 careers in the Philadelphia region."

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones

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2 offers two resolutions, entitled a
3 "Resolution honoring and congratulating
4 Philadelphia native Arthur 'Art' McNally,
5 for his career's outstanding impact on
6 modern football officiating and his
7 revolutionary induction into the
8 Pro-Football Hall of Fame as the first
9 ever on-field official to be enshrined."

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 recognizing and honoring former
14 Philadelphia Eagles coach Richard Albert
15 "Dick" Vermeil for his distinguished
16 15-year NFL coaching career and
17 congratulating him on being inducted into
18 the National Football Hall of Fame in
19 2022.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
21 week's Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Johnson offers two resolutions, entitled
24 a --

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Excuse me.

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2 Excuse me. For the record, just for the
3 record, Mr. President, that's co-authored
4 by the sports member, which is Isaiah
5 Thomas.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

8 Mr. Decker.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Yes,
10 Mr. President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go
12 ahead.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Johnson offers two resolutions, entitled
15 a "Resolution honoring the life and
16 legacy of comedy legend Bob Saget, a
17 Philadelphia native and Temple University
18 graduate, on the occasion of his
19 passing."

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
21 week's Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 recognizing Philadelphia's own DJ Diamond
24 Kutz for her selection as a co-host of
25 the upcoming reboot of the seminal

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2 television program, "Yo! MTV Raps."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
4 week's Calendar.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Just point
6 of information, Council President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Just for
10 clarify for the listeners, Michael
11 Decker, It's DJ Diamond Kutz, just for
12 the record.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 There you go. Got to get it right.
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: You're
17 welcome, Council President.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green
19 offers one resolution, entitled a
20 "Resolution recognizing Temple University
21 James E. Beasley School of Law on the
22 125th Anniversary of its founding."

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

25 Did you want to be recognized?

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Not on this
3 matter. It's in reference to the Consent
4 Agenda and bills called up. I'll ask to
5 be recognized later.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Okay.

8 Next week's Calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Brooks offers two resolutions, entitled a
11 "Resolution expressing the Philadelphia
12 City Council's firm support for workers
13 at Starbucks in Philadelphia who are
14 attempting to form a union, and urging
15 Starbucks to accept card check
16 neutrality."

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 honoring the life, work, and
21 accomplishments of Jacqueline "Jackie"
22 Wiggins, whose dedication to serving,
23 teaching, and advocating for marginalized
24 populations has immeasurably strengthened
25 Black communities and the City of

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2 Philadelphia as a whole.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
4 week's Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Gauthier offers two resolutions, entitled
7 a "Resolution honoring the life and work
8 of Reverend Dr. Evelyn C. Graves, for her
9 lifetime of dedication to community
10 activism and innovation in the creative
11 and performing arts through the founding
12 and leadership of Evelyn Graves
13 Ministries."

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Philadelphia City Council
18 Committee on -- the City Council Special
19 Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to
20 conduct public hearings to explore the
21 role of the Philadelphia Roadmap for
22 Safer Communities Tactical Team as part
23 of the City's comprehensive response to
24 unprecedented gun violence.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Today's Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Thomas
4 offers one resolution, entitled a
5 "Resolution honoring and congratulating
6 Champion of the Week and Black Business
7 Crawl organization, the Philadelphia
8 76ers Buy Black program, and past
9 recipients Spergo and Girl Contracting,
10 Incorporated."

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Squilla offers one resolution recognizing
15 and honoring Michael J. Bradley Jr. as
16 the Grand Marshal of the 250th Annual
17 Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass
21 offers one resolution, entitled a
22 "Resolution honoring the Philadelphia
23 Tennis Club for being the oldest
24 Black-owned tennis club in the country."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next

1 2/24/22 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 week's Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh
4 offers two resolutions, entitled a
5 "Resolution recognizing and honoring
6 Dr. Delana Wardlaw and Dr. Elana
7 McDonald - the 'Twin Sister Docs' - for
8 their outstanding contributions to the
9 City of Philadelphia and crucial
10 leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic."

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing and celebrating March 6th as
15 Lithuanian Independence Day in the City
16 of Philadelphia.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
20 other bills or resolutions being offered
21 today by the members, Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

24 That concludes our introduction
25 of bills and resolutions.

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2 There are no reports from
3 committee, so our next order of business
4 is the consideration of the Calendar.

5 Being no bills on our First
6 Reading Calendar, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Squilla --

8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Council
9 President?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
11 sorry. The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
14 Council President. I'd like to request
15 that Resolution 220125 be moved from the
16 Consent Agenda to be put on the Final
17 Passage Calendar and that Bill No. 210685
18 be held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: 685.
20 Thank you.

21 And, Mr. Decker, you got it?

22 CHIEF CLERK: I've got it,
23 Mr. President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, sir.

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2 All right. Thank you,
3 Councilman Green.

4 Our next order of business is
5 the consideration of the Calendar. There
6 being no bills on our First Reading
7 Calendar, the Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Squilla for a motion concerning the
9 resolutions on the Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
13 Council be suspended as to permit the use
14 of a Consent Agenda to consider the
15 following resolutions on the Final
16 Passage Calendar: Resolution Nos.
17 220146, 220147, 220148, 220150, 220151,
18 220152, 220154, 220156, 220157, 220158,
19 220159, and 220160.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you. It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the rules of
24 Council be suspended to permit the use of
25 a Consent Agenda to consider the

1 2/24/22 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 resolutions just read by Councilman
3 Squilla.

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, the motion carries, and we
12 will consider the Resolution Consent
13 Agenda shortly.

14 The Chair again recognizes
15 Councilman Squilla for the purpose of
16 calling up bills and resolutions on the
17 regular Second Reading and Final Passage
18 Calendar today.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. In addition to the
21 resolutions being considered on the
22 Consent Agenda, the following resolutions
23 and bills are being called up from the
24 Second Reading and Final Passage
25 Calendars today: No. 220155, 220009,

1 2/24/22 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 220010, 220082, 210956, 220006, 220079,
3 220080, 220001, 220002, 220077, 210902,
4 and 220051. All other bills and
5 resolutions are being held.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
7 I think 125 should also be added to the
8 regular and Second Reading.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: 220125?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 That's on the regular. It was taken off
14 Consent.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you. Thank you.

18 Before we --

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Council
20 President, real quick for clarification,
21 how about 210685?

22 CHIEF CLERK: That's being
23 held, Councilman. He didn't call that
24 one up.

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Oh, that's

1 2/24/22 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 being held. Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. Thank you, Councilmembers.

5 Before we proceed, we will have
6 our public comment session. We're going
7 to take a brief five- to ten-minute
8 recess to give our technology
9 professionals some time to connect the
10 speakers we have for today's meeting. It
11 looks like we have a significant amount
12 of individuals testifying today, so we'll
13 probably need all of that time.

14 Let's take a brief recess to
15 allow our technology people to connect
16 our speakers. Thank you. Be back
17 shortly.

18 - - -

19 (Short recess.)

20 - - -

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Thank you, and we are back.
23 Thank you very much for your patience.

24 So now that everyone is
25 connected to the meeting and before

1 2/24/22 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 considering the resolutions and bills we
3 have before us today, we will consider
4 the public comment as follows:

5 Public comment must concern
6 matters on the Second Reading and Final
7 Passage Calendars for possible action at
8 a session of Council. A speaker on any
9 of those matters must sign up in order to
10 testify. You must call 215-686-3406 by
11 3:00 p.m. the day before the session to
12 sign up for your public comment.

13 When you call, we will take
14 your name, your phone number, the number
15 of the legislative item you are
16 commenting on and whether you are in
17 support of or against the legislation,
18 and add your name to the list. We will
19 telephone each person of the list during
20 the Council session and invite them to
21 our remote meeting.

22 Today given the significant
23 volume of people we have to testify, your
24 time will be two minutes. So please
25 adjust your testimony to reflect a

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2 two-minute time limit.

3 In order to be fair to all
4 those wishing to speak, though, I intend
5 to hold faithfully to the established
6 time limit. And once invited to the
7 meeting and asked to begin your
8 testimony, a timer will be started. We
9 will then monitor your remaining time
10 throughout your testimony, and when there
11 are 30 seconds remaining to your time,
12 you will be reminded of this. Once your
13 allotted time has passed, you will be
14 asked to conclude your remarks, and
15 shortly thereafter you will be muted and
16 disconnected from the remote meeting.

17 I also reserve the right to
18 limit the number of speakers where
19 repetitious comments are being made on
20 the same subject matter, which could
21 affect callbacks for public comment at a
22 meeting.

23 But please be aware that the
24 public meeting is being recorded. So
25 because the meeting is public,

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2 participants and viewers have no
3 reasonable expectation of privacy. So by
4 continuing to be in the meeting, you are
5 consenting to being recorded.

6 I want to thank you very much
7 for your participation, and I will now
8 ask the Chief Clerk to please read the
9 first name on our list of our speakers
10 today.

11 Mr. Decker.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The first speaker
13 today is Alison Whittenberg, commenting
14 on 210396.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
16 morning. State your name for the record
17 and please proceed with your testimony.

18 MS. WHITTENBERG: Hi. I'm
19 Alison Whittenberg and I am just going to
20 quote Nelson Mandela: It's never too
21 late to do the right thing.

22 I bought my family home to live
23 in it and it was wrongfully sold, and
24 this sale must be overturned and vacated.
25 I've gone through all the channels. And

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2 I guess what disturbs me is, there was a
3 stay on the property when it was sold.
4 So there's a lot of instances where the
5 law isn't following the law, and I keep
6 going to the law to try to correct it.
7 But I think we've reached the point where
8 we must go back in order to go forward,
9 and as I said, my house was sold even
10 though there was a stay on it, even
11 though there was no diversion court,
12 there was no service. And this has been
13 going on.

14 Some of the comments that I had
15 gotten just in asking about this and when
16 I had tried to rectify it is, "You don't
17 have to live there, just go and buy
18 another home." "We deal with hundreds --
19 sorry; thousands of properties. We can't
20 expect to get everything right." And
21 then lastly, "I sympathize." I got that
22 a lot.

23 I've been to the Board of
24 Ethics, the counselor's office, the
25 Attorney General's office, the Judicial

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2 Review Board, Internal Affairs, several
3 different agencies and also, you know,
4 trying to rectify this in court.

5 I think there needs to be a
6 detailed audit. And this is not going
7 too far back in history, but this has
8 been happening, and I think instead of
9 just putting a Band-Aid on it or
10 prolonging things, this has to be -- has
11 to have a detailed audit of what exactly
12 is going on, because a stay, it seems
13 like it can be leapfrogged and there's
14 sealed bids going on and -- sorry. I
15 hear this, but I just want to say I
16 really hope that this is taken seriously,
17 because people need what they worked for
18 all of their life. They need their
19 homes. This is happening a lot to Black
20 and Brown people. It's a systemic
21 problem, and it must be seriously
22 addressed.

23 Please make history and do the
24 right thing by the residents of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 Thank you. Thank you for
3 giving me time to speak.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.
6 We appreciate it.

7 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
8 is Daniel Trubman, commenting on 210848.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 morning. State your name for the record
11 and please proceed.

12 MR. TRUBMAN: Hi. My name is
13 Daniel Trubman, T-R-U-B-M-A-N, and I
14 wanted to take this opportunity to
15 highlight once again that despite the
16 rhetoric from so many Councilmembers
17 about the importance of affordable
18 housing in Philadelphia, we learned this
19 week from reporting from Taylor Allen in
20 Axios that the Habitat for Humanity
21 project in North Philadelphia had been
22 reduced in size to placate local NIMBYs.

23 If Council Bill 210848 had
24 passed in the fall as originally
25 intended, seven households would already

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2 be on their way to being housed.

3 Instead, this Council acquiesced for
4 several months of delay and reduced the
5 number of affordable homes that will be
6 built, all in the name of defending the
7 illegal parking lot.

8 It is my understanding that
9 Bill 210848 will now pass this week. It
10 won't actually come before this Council
11 until April, but I hope the progressive
12 members of this Council will recognize
13 their continued deference to councilmanic
14 prerogative is contributing to the
15 housing accessibility crisis in the City.

16 We cannot build an inclusive
17 city for all as long as we allow free
18 parking to be a higher priority than
19 housing all Philadelphians in a high
20 quality, affordable homes.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you so much for your testimony. We
24 appreciate it.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Deborah M.

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2 Figart, commenting on 210956.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning.

5 DR. FIGART: Hello. My name is
6 Dr. Deborah M. Figart. I'm a Ph.D.
7 economist and I live in the Logan Square
8 neighborhood. I'm speaking in favor of
9 Bill 210956 to create a Philadelphia
10 Public Financial Authority.

11 The economy and our public
12 health, these are two interrelated
13 concerns in the pandemic era. The
14 economy is not some abstract concept.
15 There would be no economy without people.

16 The goal of any economy is,
17 therefore, economic wellbeing. That
18 means full-time living-wage jobs
19 contributing to local economic
20 development. In our current economy,
21 such opportunities are insufficient.
22 Here's some evidence:

23 According to a study by the
24 Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, bank
25 lending to small businesses has dropped

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2 since the Great Recession, but small
3 businesses are key to jobs and economic
4 development. According to the U.S. Small
5 Business Administration, 99.7 percent of
6 U.S. firms with paid employees are small
7 businesses, designed as less than 500
8 employees.

9 Both current and budding
10 entrepreneurs in our city have limited or
11 no access to affordable capital and
12 credit. A Public Financial Authority
13 would help.

14 I have published a
15 peer-reviewed economic impact study of a
16 proposed authority in the City of
17 Philadelphia. The overall takeaway is
18 that every \$1 billion in new lending or
19 investments by the Authority would yield
20 approximately 142 million of increased
21 earnings in Philadelphia, 3,200 new jobs,
22 and one and a half billion in our
23 metropolitan area gross product.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you very much for your testimony.
3 We appreciate it.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Peter Winslow,
5 commenting on 210956.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning. State your name for the record
8 and please proceed with your testimony.

9 MR. WINSLOW: My name is Peter
10 Winslow. I'm a resident of Philadelphia
11 and I'm a member of the Philadelphia
12 Public Banking Coalition.

13 Thank you, President Clarke and
14 members of City Council, for this
15 opportunity to provide public comments in
16 support of Bill No. 210956 to establish a
17 Philadelphia Public Financial Authority.

18 Today as we fear for the people
19 of Ukraine, you are providing hope for
20 the people of Philadelphia by
21 establishing the Philadelphia Public
22 Financial Authority.

23 As we witnessed the tax on
24 democratic processes elsewhere, you are
25 reasserting democratic values in

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2 Philadelphia by establishing the
3 Philadelphia Public Financial Authority.

4 We applaud your confidence in
5 yourselves and in the people of
6 Philadelphia. You are asserting
7 leadership in the face of skepticism.
8 You are demonstrating imagination in the
9 face of pessimism. You're exhibiting
10 courage in the face of defeatism.

11 At the forefront of a national
12 movement to democratize money, you're
13 advancing the American Project started
14 here in Philadelphia by Quaker colonists
15 and then pursued by Benjamin Franklin,
16 Alexander Hamilton, and the practical
17 visionaries who were your predecessors.

18 Establishing the Financial
19 Authority is akin to asserting a
20 declaration of independence for our
21 money. By using the well-established
22 structure of Pennsylvania's Economic
23 Development Finance Law, Act 102, and
24 innovative ways, Philadelphia will
25 pioneer the development of a more robust

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2 and more equitable local finance
3 ecosystem.

4 Please establish the
5 Philadelphia Public Financial Authority
6 as an investment in the future of
7 Philadelphia, the empowerment of our
8 communities, and the prosperity of our
9 citizens. Please approve the amendments
10 today and enact Bill 219056 next week.
11 Please do so unanimously.

12 Thank you so much.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you for your testimony. We
15 appreciate it.

16 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
17 is Stanley Shapiro, commenting on 210956.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
19 morning.

20 MR. SHAPIRO: Good morning,
21 members --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 State your name --

24 MR. SHAPIRO: Good morning,
25 members of City --

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
3 sorry. Go ahead.

4 MR. SHAPIRO: Good morning,
5 members of City Council. My name is Stan
6 Shapiro and I am speaking as Vice Chair
7 of Philly Neighborhood Networks.

8 People often say that budgets
9 are moral documents because they tell us
10 how governments are going to treat those
11 they govern with society-shared
12 resources. Bill 210956 creating the
13 Philadelphia Public Financing Authority
14 is a moral document for the same reason,
15 and it makes the right moral choices,
16 deploying City resources to meet the
17 neglected needs of communities across
18 Philadelphia.

19 Those vested in the status quo
20 tell us that the long-term mission of
21 PPFA to create a bank they can hold and
22 invest City deposits is a fool's errand.
23 Well, it feels like there's something
24 deeply racist about the assumption that
25 our diverse city can't do the same thing

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2 that North Dakota did over 100 years ago.
3 North Dakota contains half the population
4 of our city and has built a robust and
5 powerful \$7.5 billion bank. I say we can
6 do the same if we simply have the courage
7 to think big.

8 And what are the consequences,
9 moral and otherwise, if we leave our
10 money in conventional banks? We all know
11 how badly big banks have treated the
12 Black and Brown people of our city. I
13 need not say more on that. But let's
14 also never forget that the big banks
15 almost destroyed the entire economy of
16 this country and this city less than
17 15 years ago. And while the big banks
18 were bailed out of the holes they dug for
19 themselves, cities like ours were left to
20 find their own shovels.

21 We've also heard that this is a
22 bad bill because we can't trust our
23 government to manage our own money, but
24 the financial industry, which holds and
25 manages our money now, is the most

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2 heavily penalized in America, having been
3 fined the staggering sum of \$331 billion,
4 with a B, over the last 20 years for a
5 wide variety of deceptive practices.

6 It's as if the business model of the big
7 banks is fraud. How can we justify
8 keeping the people's money in companies
9 like that even on a moral or a practical
10 level?

11 The choice of this Council
12 could not be more stark. Continue the
13 status quo that has left Philadelphia the
14 poorest big city in America or try
15 something different, standing up a new
16 institution whose mission will be laser
17 focused on helping the left-out people of
18 our city and doing so as the primary
19 investor of City assets. I know you'll
20 make the right choice.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.
24 We appreciate it.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Daler Khamidov,

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2 commenting on 220051.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
5 is Daler Khamidov.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning. State your name for the record.
8 Please proceed with your testimony.

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
11 speaker.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
13 is Vesyl Kushmir.

14 MR. KUSHMIR: Good morning. My
15 name is Vesyl Kushmir and I'm a small
16 business owner and I come from Ukraine.

17 We was comply with all the
18 emergencies like COVID-19 situation. We
19 was comply with all the rules and
20 regulation for that period of time, and
21 we keep on doing that, you know. And I'm
22 talking about the Bill 220051, the -- you
23 know, what you call that? The salary --
24 not the salary. The paid leave time.

25 So it's going to hurt us bad.

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2 Eighty percent of our people, of our
3 clients, is coming from out of state, and
4 for us like really doesn't matter. It's
5 going to be -- we're going to have a
6 business in Philadelphia or
7 (unintelligible).

8 So, you know, the reason why we
9 still here, because we have employees
10 here. And we started business a while
11 ago, not too while ago, but because we
12 have people in Philadelphia who want to
13 work with us.

14 Right now like some people,
15 some employees going to take advantage of
16 that. They might take that two weeks,
17 you know, even though they don't need it,
18 and that's another expenses from the
19 business. We don't have like a huge
20 margin in that or a big margin. We count
21 every penny, and we will have to move to
22 other city because the regulations are
23 going to affect us really bad.

24 Thank you for your time. I'm
25 very sure you're going to make the right

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2 decision.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you for your testimony. We
6 appreciate it.

7 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
8 is Stephanie Marsh, commenting on 220152.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 morning. State your name for the --
11 please proceed.

12 MS. MARSH: Hello. I'm
13 Stephanie Marsh, your favorite
14 administrative aide -- Administration
15 aide. Good morning, President Darrell
16 Clarke and this esteemed Philadelphia
17 City Council. I'm commenting today in
18 support of Resolution No. 220152, which
19 recognizes the contributions of Dr. Ethel
20 Allen.

21 Thank you to the sponsor,
22 Councilmember Kendra Brooks, who, like
23 Dr. Allen, is a Black woman representing
24 a minority party.

25 I called Dr. Allen Aunt Ethel,

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2 because she was a family friend. She
3 knew me before I was born. Her brother,
4 Sidney, was my dad, Omega fraternity
5 brother and my godfather. Her
6 sister-in-law, Louise, is my mother's
7 cousin. It takes a village. I was lucky
8 enough to be in her village.

9 Born in 1929, Aunt Ethel was
10 raised at 23rd and Nicholas Streets in
11 North Philadelphia. Her dad, Sidney, had
12 a tailor shop on the corner. She was
13 educated in parochial schools and
14 graduated from Hallahan High School. She
15 went on to West Virginia State College
16 and majored in chemistry and biology,
17 minors in math, as she desired to be a
18 dentist like her uncle.

19 By the way, the second Black
20 female Philadelphia Councilmember was
21 Augusta Clark, who also went to West
22 Virginia State College. They were there
23 at the same time. Reverend Leon Sullivan
24 also went there.

25 Dr. Allen later graduated from

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2 Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
3 Medicine, which is PCOM. After a
4 residency in Michigan, Dr. Allen came
5 home, began her practice at 15th and
6 Columbia Avenue, which is now Cecil B.
7 Moore. She called herself the "ghetto
8 practitioner," as most of her patients
9 were underserved.

10 Dr. Allen became a physician.
11 Gussie Clark became a lawyer, both from
12 the same HBCU, one was a Delta, the other
13 AKA, both of them members of The Links.
14 Dr. Allen is a charter member of the
15 Pentail (ph) Links.

16 In 1971, Dr. Allen gave up her
17 practice for politics and ran for the
18 Fifth District of City Council. So
19 before there was Cecil B. Moore, John F.
20 Street, and Darrell Clarke, there was
21 Dr. Ethel Allen representing North
22 Philadelphia as a republican. She
23 championed women's rights, minority
24 rights, healthcare for the poor,
25 employment, and education.

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2 In 1975, she ran as an at-large
3 candidate for City Council and won.

4 Rizzo was the Mayor at the time. She
5 later was on the national stage and gave
6 the seconding speech for President Ford
7 at the Republican National Convention.

8 She later was appointed as Pennsylvania
9 Secretary of the Commonwealth. She was
10 named one of the 12 outstanding female
11 politicians in the nation by Esquire
12 Magazine.

13 Aunt Ethel was very bright, no
14 nonsense, no mincing of words, had a
15 presence that was intimidating and
16 daunting. She called herself the FBI -
17 fat, Black, and intelligent.

18 A few years ago, Councilmember
19 David Oh sponsored a resolution to honor
20 her and presented it at the school.
21 There's a scholarship in her name at
22 PCOM.

23 She died in 1981 at the age of
24 52. She suffered from breast cancer and
25 heart disease.

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2 Many of you on Council today
3 stand --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Ms. Marsh.

6 MS. MARSH: -- on Dr. Allen's
7 shoulders.

8 Thank you, and please adopt
9 Resolution No. 220152.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you. Thank you so much.
12 Appreciate it. Awesome story. Thank
13 you.

14 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
15 is Aaron Wise, commenting on 220155.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
17 morning. State your name for the record
18 and please proceed.

19 MR. WISE: Hello. My name is
20 Aaron Wise. Thank you, Council President
21 and Council. I'm calling on resolution
22 Ms. Elsie Wise, who was my mother, who
23 was a longtime West Philadelphia resident
24 and formed the West Powelton Community
25 Concerned Council.

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2 She was a (unintelligible)
3 woman and mentor of the neighborhood.
4 She made sure that the people of the
5 neighborhood strived for excellence. She
6 was well known and she also achieved a
7 great deal in her passing. She was also
8 one of the first members to hold a
9 non-profit for the past 60 years. She's
10 also made sure the citizens of the
11 neighborhood strive for excellence, and
12 she's also made sure the youth are very
13 taken care of.

14 She also established what's
15 called the West Powelton Drummer Line and
16 also a member of the community executive
17 board.

18 She leaves paths to her son and
19 grandson a well-established community and
20 a well-established neighborhood.

21 I thank you for this time.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.
24 We appreciate it.

25 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker

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2 is Antoine Mapp, commenting on 220155.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning. Please proceed with your
5 testimony.

6 MR. MAPP: Yes. I'm here. Is
7 it possible you can come back to me? I'm
8 in court right this second. Can I give
9 you like five minutes? The judge is
10 calling me.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 You're in court?

13 (Background noise.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
15 can try to come back to us while we're
16 doing public comment.

17 Mr. Decker, next.

18 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
19 is Calla Lily Cousar.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning. State your name for the record
22 and please proceed with your testimony.

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Ms. Cousar?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

3 Ms. Cousar.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
5 sorry. Ms. Cousar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: She's not
7 connected, Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 State your name for the record and please
10 proceed.

11 CHIEF CLERK: I'm getting a
12 message she's not connected,
13 Mr. President. I'm getting a message
14 from Owenda.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Oh,
16 okay. Thank you.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
18 is Geraldine Brown, 220155.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
20 morning. State your name for the --

21 MS. BROWN: Good morning.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
23 please proceed.

24 MS. BROWN: My name is
25 Geraldine Brown. Good morning, President

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2 Clarke and Councilmembers and the Wise
3 family. I'm the Director of Dunlap
4 Citizens and Concerned Center and I'm
5 here to make a resolution for Ms. Elsie
6 Wise and her family.

7 I'm stating that for the
8 30 years that we have networked in the
9 community, I want to say that she's one
10 of the trailblazers for community and
11 youth, and we truly honor her for her
12 dedication and legacy that she has
13 blessed to carry on in the West Powelton
14 community.

15 Her focus more so was the
16 youth, and she displayed that with
17 community services as well. I've been
18 blessed to have the pleasure of
19 networking with her from Dunlap Community
20 Center as well, and I just want to
21 announce that we appreciated the legacy
22 that she has left for her community and
23 our community from the Dunlap Citizens
24 and Concerned.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 MS. BROWN: That's my comment
4 on 220155, and thank you very much. Have
5 a good day.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, and thank you for your
8 testimony. We really appreciate it.

9 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
10 is Patricia Knox, commenting on 220155.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
12 morning. Please proceed with your
13 testimony.

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Ms. Knox?

17 (No response.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Patricia Knox.

19 MS. KNOX: Yes. I'm here.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
21 state your name and proceed with your
22 testimony.

23 MS. KNOX: Patricia Wise-Knox.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go
25 ahead.

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2 Go ahead with your testimony,
3 Ms. Knox.

4 MS. KNOX: Okay. First of all,
5 I want to say thank you very much for
6 what you're doing. My mother was a very
7 proud woman, a sweet woman. Everybody
8 loved her in the neighborhood, proud
9 mother of two children, Aaron Wise and
10 me, grandmother of five and
11 great-grandmother of five, who loved her
12 very much, and people in the neighborhood
13 respect her and thought that she was
14 awesome. She did anything for you. Ask
15 her anything, she will do it. No
16 problems at all.

17 She started a drill team in
18 1989 and they doing very well, West
19 Powelton Steppers and Drum Squad. The
20 Drum Squad is the Sixers. They doing
21 very well. But, like I said, mother was
22 a wonderful lady. I miss her so much,
23 her and my father.

24 Thank you very much for doing
25 this for us. Thank you. Have a good

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2 day.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you so much for your testimony. We
5 appreciate it.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
7 is Jacob Zychick, commenting on 220158.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
9 morning. State your name for the record
10 and please proceed with your testimony.

11 MR. ZYCHICK: Hello. My name
12 is Jacob Zychick and I am the American
13 Heart Association's Community Advocacy
14 Director in Southeast PA. I'm speaking
15 in favor of Resolution No. 220158 that
16 recognizes February 2020 [sic] as
17 American Heart Month, encourages
18 Philadelphians to be mindful of their
19 heart health, and honoring the American
20 Heart Association for their advocacy on
21 the issue of heart health.

22 Thank you to Councilmember Bass
23 and the entire Philadelphia City Council
24 for their support of this resolution and
25 the continued advocacy addressing health

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2 equity and improving cardiovascular
3 health for all in the City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 Heart disease continues to be
6 the leading cause of death for
7 Philadelphians, taking lives at a higher
8 rate in Philadelphia than any other major
9 American city.

10 The American Heart Association
11 is committed to championing health
12 equity. We continue to partner locally
13 with community stakeholders and
14 neighborhood organizations to address
15 hypertension, nutrition insecurity, and
16 improving life-saving bystander CPR
17 rates. This has led to us locally
18 distributing over 500 CPR infant kits and
19 hundreds of hands-only CPR kits,
20 launching the Bernard J. Tyson Impact
21 Fund, which contributed over \$800,000 to
22 local non-profit organizations in North
23 Philadelphia in and around the Temple
24 University area, and providing guidance
25 and technical support to local food

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2 providers on nutrition standards.

3 Once again, thank you to
4 Councilmember Bass and the entire
5 Philadelphia City Council for this
6 resolution that recognizes February 2020
7 as American Heart Month, encouraging
8 Philadelphians to be mindful of their
9 heart health, and honoring the American
10 Heart Association for their advocacy on
11 this issue of heart health. We look
12 forward to our continued partnership and
13 collaboration with the Philadelphia City
14 Council and the City of Philadelphia.

15 Thank you so much.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony.
18 We appreciate it.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
20 the next speaker is Daler Khamidov,
21 commenting on 220051.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
23 morning.

24 MR. KHAMIDOV: Yes. Good
25 morning, ladies and gentlemen.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
3 state your name for the record and
4 proceed.

5 MR. KHAMIDOV: Yes. Good
6 morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name
7 is Daler Khamidov. I represent the
8 Northeast Philadelphia Liberty Bell Small
9 Business Association.

10 First of all, let me express my
11 gratitude for the opportunity to speak to
12 important people. Thank you so much,
13 City Councilmen. You guys are doing a
14 great job.

15 I, like my many member of our
16 association, have small company. We only
17 work up to ten people. There are only
18 two people working in my company, me and
19 my employee. All the same time, I have a
20 business selling carpet with great
21 difficulty and pay. I have only hundred
22 dollar daily, but I need two more
23 mortgage, because the carpet business is
24 very hard and difficult, but my budget
25 doesn't allow to pay so much money.

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2 There is absolutely no extra money in my
3 businesses and so many businesses in our
4 association.

5 This is not a restaurant.
6 Sometimes there is no trade at home, but
7 you still need to pay two workers.

8 Now many people don't want to
9 work for that kind of money, because they
10 thinking hundred dollar daily cheap. The
11 supposed bill will generally kill
12 businesses like mine, small businesses.
13 We're working up to ten people.

14 I always pray, not for myself
15 but for my worker to never get sick, but
16 if he get sick, I still pay for his
17 treatment and this two weeks. I have to
18 hire one more other worker and pay him
19 too. I will simply become bankrupt. I
20 will be forced to move my business out of
21 Philadelphia, and I have several customer
22 businesses like that where working up to
23 ten people, and I planning move my
24 businesses, all of them, out of
25 Philadelphia. And there is hundreds of

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2 such small businesses in our association,
3 and they will all move out of City.

4 For people who are out of work,
5 the government take care them and pay
6 them unemployment benefits. For
7 low-income families, the government pay
8 too for housing, for food, for utilities,
9 for medicine, and even for cell phone.

10 Thank you so much for taking
11 care of us. According to this logic, you
12 need to be principally and really care
13 about people --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Mr. Khamidov?

16 MR. KHAMIDOV: -- and help them
17 too. Let the government take over the
18 payment for --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Mr. Khamidov? Mr. Khamidov, sir?

21 MR. KHAMIDOV: Yes. Yes.
22 Small business cannot take on such a
23 (unintelligible) to themselves.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Mr. Khamidov?

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2 MR. KHAMIDOV: It's a good
3 idea. It's a good idea. So thank you
4 for that idea. But this will totally
5 kill so many small businesses.

6 Thank you so much, ladies and
7 gentlemen. Let the government of the --
8 so I'm totally against the Bill No.
9 220051.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
11 right. Thank you. Thank you for your
12 testimony.

13 I think Councilwoman Brooks
14 wanted to make a point of order with
15 respect to the testimony of Mr. Khamidov.
16 Councilwoman Brooks.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank you
18 so much, Council President.

19 This bill never included any
20 businesses that are ten and under. So I
21 think just for clarification, the initial
22 legislation that was issued started at
23 ten and above.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. Thank you. Some

1 2/24/22 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT
2 misinformation. Thank you, Councilwoman.
3 Thank you for that clarity.

4 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
5 other speakers today, Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No
7 other speakers. Thank you very much for
8 the public comment, and thank everyone
9 for participating.

10 We're now going to -- I think
11 Councilwoman Parker is continuing to try
12 to get in, but she's having some
13 challenges.

14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. I just wanted to
16 note for the record that I am present.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
18 right. You good?

19 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER:
20 Mr. President, Whip, and Deputy Whip,
21 thank you so much for having my back. I
22 apologize.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We
24 will always have your back. Absolutely.
25 Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman.

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA

2 Okay. We're now going to
3 consider today's Resolution Consent
4 Agenda. I'm going to ask Mr. Decker to
5 please read the titles of all the
6 resolutions on the Consent Agenda. After
7 each title is read, any member may object
8 to the inclusion of the resolution on the
9 Resolution Consent Agenda. Upon such an
10 objection and without debate, the
11 resolution will be immediately removed
12 from the Resolution Consent Agenda and
13 placed on today's regular Final Passage
14 Calendar.

15 Let the record reflect that we
16 have always had 120125. That has been
17 removed from the Consent Agenda. It will
18 be on our regular and Second Reading
19 Calendar.

20 Mr. Decker, please read all of
21 the resolutions on the Resolution Consent
22 Agenda.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
24 220146, entitled a "Resolution
25 authorizing the conveyance of an interest

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA

2 in and the assignment of the
3 redevelopment agreement for 3252
4 Germantown Avenue located in the Fifth
5 Councilmanic District"; and

6 Resolution No. 220147, entitled
7 a "Resolution congratulating Carol G.
8 Stukes-Baylor on being elected Vice Chair
9 for the City of Philadelphia Board of
10 Pensions and Retirement, making her the
11 first woman and woman of color to hold
12 this position"; and

13 Resolution No. 220148, entitled
14 a "Resolution congratulating Eric Pryor
15 on his appointment as President of the
16 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts,
17 making him the first Black President of
18 PAFA"; and

19 Resolution No. 220 --
20 (Background noise.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Decker.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Resolution
24 No. 220150, entitled a "Resolution also
25 naming the 6300 block of Lancaster Avenue

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA

2 as Absalom Jones Way, to commemorate the
3 Reverend Absalom Jones on his legacy as
4 an abolitionist, clergyman and the
5 founder of the African Episcopal Church
6 of St. Thomas, the first African American
7 Episcopal Church in The United States";
8 and

9 Resolution No. 220151, entitled
10 a "Resolution also naming 24th Street,
11 between Wharton and Reed Streets,
12 'Dorothy D. Allen Way,' to honor the life
13 and legacy of Dorothy D. Allen"; and

14 Resolution No. 220152, entitled
15 a "Resolution recognizing the strength,
16 determination, and contributions of
17 renowned physician, Philadelphia City
18 Councilmember, and Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dr. Ethel
20 Allen, whose medical expertise and
21 dedicated public service prioritized the
22 City's most vulnerable residents and
23 paved the way for future generations of
24 independent Black women in Philadelphia
25 politics"; and

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA

2 Resolution No. 220154, entitled
3 a "Resolution congratulating Dr. Amy
4 Gutmann on her confirmation to the
5 Administration of President Joe Biden as
6 the Ambassador to Germany and recognizing
7 her many contributions to public life and
8 service in Philadelphia and beyond"; and

9 Resolution No. 220156, entitled
10 a "Resolution honoring and congratulating
11 Champion of the Week and Black Business
12 Crawl organization, Black Kidz Can Cook
13 and Kidz Meals on Wheels, on their
14 dedication to helping feed children
15 across the city of Philadelphia and
16 showing them the importance of culinary
17 skills"; and

18 Resolution No. 220157, entitled
19 a "Resolution authorizing the
20 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
21 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
22 Land Bank deeds conveying title to
23 certain properties located in the First
24 Councilmanic District pursuant to the
25 requirements of the Commonwealth Land

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA

2 Bank Act"; and

3 Resolution No. 220158, entitled
4 a "Resolution recognizing February 2022
5 as American Heart Month, and encouraging
6 Philadelphians to be mindful of their
7 heart health, and honoring the American
8 Heart Association for their advocacy on
9 the issue of heart health"; and

10 Resolution No. 220159, entitled
11 a "Resolution recognizing and honoring
12 creative entrepreneur and activist Ant
13 Brown for his work in combatting violence
14 among at-risk youth"; and

15 Resolution No. 220160, entitled
16 a "Resolution recognizing and honoring
17 Louis Scaglione - President, CEO, and
18 Music Director of the Philadelphia Youth
19 Orchestra Music Institute - on the
20 occasion of his 25th Anniversary with the
21 organization."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is
23 that it? Thank you, Mr. Decker.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Squilla for a motion to adopt each of the

1 2/24/22 - STATED - CONSENT AGENDA
2 resolutions on the Resolution Consent
3 Agenda.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move the adoption of
6 each of the resolutions on the Resolution
7 Consent Agenda.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you. It has been moved and
11 seconded that each of the resolutions on
12 the Consent Agenda be adopted.

13 All in favor indicate by saying
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it, and all of the resolutions
21 on the Resolution Consent Agenda have
22 been adopted.

23 We will now consider the bills
24 and resolutions on the regular Second
25 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

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2 Mr. Decker, please read the
3 title of Resolution No. 220155.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 honoring the life and legacy of civic
6 leader Elsie Wise for her dedication to
7 community empowerment and mentorship
8 through the founding of the West Powelton
9 Steppers and Drum Team, and leadership in
10 West Philadelphia civic organizations for
11 more than 60 years.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gauthier.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
15 you, Council President, and I'd like to
16 make a few brief remarks before calling
17 for the adoption.

18 Good morning, colleagues and to
19 everyone tuning in from home. Last week
20 I introduced a resolution honoring the
21 life and legacy of Ms. Elsie Wise, a
22 community leader whose decades of work
23 and activism in West Philadelphia created
24 programs and institutions that will
25 improve the lives of our youth for

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2 decades to come.

3 A fierce housing advocate and
4 youth mentor, Ms. Elsie dedicated her
5 entire life to uplifting the community
6 and the people around her. If you've
7 ever seen the West Powelton Steppers and
8 Drum Team at a Sixers game or community
9 event, then you've witnessed Ms. Elsie's
10 enduring legacy of youth mentorship and
11 empowerment.

12 For more than 30 years, this
13 organization that she founded has
14 provided kids with a creative outlet that
15 instills leadership and determination,
16 and expands their horizons beyond the
17 blocks of their West Philly
18 neighborhoods.

19 Ms. Elsie was known by her
20 community as everyone's grandmother, a
21 reflection of how she extended her love
22 and patience to everyone she met.
23 Whether bringing dinner to Firehouse 5,
24 Ladder 6 on holidays to thank the
25 firefighters for their service or

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2 welcoming neighbors into her home,
3 Ms. Elsie could always be counted on to
4 bring people together over a home-cooked
5 meal.

6 Ms. Elsie's family and
7 community have been coming to terms with
8 the void that she left behind since her
9 passing in December of 2020, but her
10 legacy lives on, and it was an honor to
11 introduce this resolution recognizing her
12 and expressing gratitude for the many
13 years she spent striving to create a
14 better West Philly and a better
15 Philadelphia.

16 With that, I move for the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Second?

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor indicate by saying
25 aye.

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

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 I'm sorry. Mr. Decker, please
10 read the title of Resolution No. 220009.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 proposing an amendment to The
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
14 for the removal of gender-based
15 references throughout the Charter, and
16 providing for the submission of the
17 proposed amendment to the electors of
18 Philadelphia.

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

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Thank you. It has been moved and
3 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

4 Because Resolution No. 220009
5 is an amendment to the Home Rule Charter,
6 it requires two-thirds vote. Therefore,
7 the question is shall the resolution be
8 adopted.

9 The Chief Clerk will call the
10 roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Brooks.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Gauthier.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Gilmore Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Johnson.

7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

11 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Parker.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Quinones-Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Thomas.

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2 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

6 The ayes are 16; the nays are
7 zero. Two-thirds of all members of
8 Council having voted in the affirmative,
9 Resolution No. 220009 has been adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of Resolution No. 220010.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 proposing an amendment to the Educational
14 Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule
15 Charter providing for the removal of
16 gender-based references throughout the
17 Educational Supplement.

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

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
22 of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
25 has been moved and properly seconded that

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 And, again, because Resolution
4 No. 220010 is an amendment to the Home
5 Rule Charter, it requires two-thirds
6 vote. Therefore, the question is shall
7 the resolution be adopted.

8 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

16 COUNCILMAN DOMB: 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 Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Johnson.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

9 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Parker.

15 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Squilla.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Thomas.

24 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

4 The ayes are 16; the nays are
5 zero. Two-thirds of all members of
6 Council voting in the affirmative,
7 Resolution No. 220010 has been adopted.

8 Mr. Decker, please read the
9 title of Resolution No. 220082.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 proposing an amendment to the
12 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
13 for the establishment of a Fair Housing
14 Commission as an independent commission.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you. It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the resolution be
24 adopted.

25 And because Resolution No.

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 220082 is an amendment to the Home Rule
3 Charter, it requires two-thirds vote.
4 Therefore, the question is shall this
5 resolution be adopted.

6 Chief Clerk, please call the
7 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 Domb.

15 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Gauthier.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Gilmore Richardson.

21 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

25 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: 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: Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Parker.

14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Quinones-Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Squilla.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Thomas.

23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16; the nays are
4 zero. Two-thirds of all members voting
5 in the affirmative, Resolution No. 220082
6 has been adopted.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of Bill No. 210685.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Point of
10 information, Council President. I
11 believe that bill is being held.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
13 being held. My fault. I forgot to
14 correct my -- sorry about that,
15 Councilman.

16 Please read the title,
17 Mr. Decker, of 210956.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 signifying the intention of the City of
20 Philadelphia to organize the Philadelphia
21 Public Financial Authority pursuant to
22 authority established under state law,
23 and amending Chapters 20-600 ("Standards
24 of Conduct and Ethics"), 20-1200
25 ("Lobbying"), and 17-1400

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2 ("Non-Competitively Bid Contracts;
3 Financial Assistance") of The
4 Philadelphia Code to address ethics,
5 contractual and other requirements
6 applicable to the Philadelphia Public
7 Financial Authority.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you.

10 The Chair now recognizes
11 Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Council President. I would like to offer
14 an amendment to Bill No. 210956. A copy
15 of the amendment has been circulated to
16 all members of Council. I move for the
17 adoption of the amendment.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you. All those in favor of the
21 motion will signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. Bill No. 210956 has been
4 amended. Bill No. 210956, as amended,
5 will be placed on the Final Passage
6 Calendar for our next session of Council.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of Bill No. 220006.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Chapter 19-4000, entitled
11 "Income Inequality Initiative - Earned
12 Income Tax Credit," by requiring
13 employers to provide notification to
14 workers regarding the availability of
15 certain additional federal and City tax
16 benefit programs and extending the
17 Department of Revenue's notification and
18 reporting requirements to such additional
19 tax benefit programs.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Domb.

24 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
25 Council President.

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2 I want to thank my co-sponsors
3 for this bill, Councilmembers Brooks,
4 Thomas, Green, Johnson, Gilmore
5 Richardson, Gym, and Gauthier, all who
6 co-sponsored this bill. Thank you for
7 your support.

8 As you know, Council
9 President -- you've been a big advocate
10 for this -- there's over a billion
11 dollars right now of federal money in
12 EITC credits, child tax credits, and now
13 we have City wage tax refunds also that
14 are available for 75,000 families in our
15 city and about 300,000 residents. And
16 when you think about it, it's over \$3,000
17 per person potentially in federal, City,
18 and local tax benefits.

19 Now, we passed a bill a few
20 years ago requiring employers to notify
21 their employees about the earned income
22 tax credit. This bill expands the
23 notification to not only EITC but child
24 tax credit and wage tax credit refunds,
25 but we also added to this bill that all

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2 third-party payroll service companies,
3 like ADP, like Paychex and others, will
4 also be required to notify the employees
5 of the checks that they provide about the
6 earned income tax credit, child tax
7 credit, wage tax credit, and other
8 federal and City tax benefit programs.
9 For these companies, it will be a
10 tremendous benefit, I believe, in helping
11 us get the word out, but I also think
12 it's a great benefit for the payroll
13 service companies to offer this service.

14 Our goal is to try to improve
15 where we are today and get this \$1
16 billion into the hands of Philadelphians,
17 and I'm hoping this will help. So I want
18 to thank everyone for their support.

19 Thank you, Council President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, Councilman.

22 This bill having been read on
23 two different days, the question now is
24 shall the bill pass finally.

25 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Brooks.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

9 COUNCILMAN DOMB: 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 Green.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Johnson.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

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2 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Parker.

8 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Quinones-Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Squilla.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Thomas.

17 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

21 The ayes are 16; the nays are
22 zero. A majority of all members having
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill
24 passes.

25 Mr. Decker, please read the

1 2/24/22 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 title of Bill No. 220079.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 constituting the Twenty-Sixth
5 Supplemental Ordinance to the Restated
6 General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond
7 Ordinance of 1989, as supplemented;
8 authorizing the Bond Committee to issue
9 and sell one or more series or subseries
10 of tax-exempt or taxable water and
11 wastewater revenue bonds and revenue
12 refunding bonds.

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 Domb.

25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: 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 Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Johnson.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

18 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Parker.

24 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Quinones-Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Squilla.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Thomas.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Clarke.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

17 Mr. Decker, 220080.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the execution, delivery and
20 performance by the Philadelphia
21 Facilities Management Corporation on
22 behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of a
23 Renewal of Service Agreement for Gas
24 Storage and Transportation Under Rate
25 Schedule GSS with Transcontinental Gas

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2 Pipe Line Company.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
4 bill having been read on two different
5 days, the question now is shall the bill
6 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 Domb.

15 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Gauthier.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Gilmore Richardson.

21 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

25 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: 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: Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Parker.

14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Quinones-Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Squilla.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Thomas.

23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16, the nays are
4 zero. A majority of all members present
5 voting in the affirmative, the bill
6 passes.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of 220001.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 providing for the submission to the
11 qualified electors of the City of
12 Philadelphia of an amendment to The
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
14 for the removal of gender-based
15 references throughout the Charter, as
16 approved by Resolution of the City
17 Council; fixing the date of a special
18 election for such purpose; prescribing
19 the form of ballot question to be voted
20 on; and, authorizing the appropriate
21 officers to publish notice and to make
22 arrangements for the special election.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
24 bill having been read on two different
25 days, the question now is shall the bill

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2 pass finally.

3 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Brooks.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

11 COUNCILMAN DOMB: 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 Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Johnson.

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Parker.

10 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Quinones-Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Thomas.

19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16; 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, 220002.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 providing for the submission to the
6 qualified electors of the City of
7 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
8 Educational Supplement to the
9 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating
10 to the removal of gender-based references
11 throughout the Educational Supplement, as
12 approved by Resolution of the Council;
13 fixing the date of a special election for
14 such purpose; prescribing the form of
15 ballot question to be voted on; and
16 authorizing the appropriate officers to
17 publish notice and to make arrangements
18 for the special election.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
20 bill having been read on two different
21 days, the question now is shall the bill
22 pass finally.

23 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Bass.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Brooks.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

7 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Gauthier.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Gilmore Richardson.

13 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Parker.

6 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Quinones-Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

19 The ayes are 16; the nays are
20 zero. A majority of all members present
21 voting in the affirmative, the bill
22 passes.

23 Mr. Decker, 220077.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 providing for the submission to the

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2 qualified electors of the City of
3 Philadelphia of an amendment to The
4 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
5 for the creation of a Fair Housing
6 Commission as an independent commission;
7 as approved by Resolution of the City
8 Council; fixing the date of a special
9 election for such purpose; prescribing
10 the form of ballot question to be voted
11 on; and, authorizing the appropriate
12 officers to publish notice and to make
13 arrangements for the special election.

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 Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: 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 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

19 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Parker.

25 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Quinones-Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Squilla.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Thomas.

10 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

18 Mr. Decker, 210902.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building
22 Construction and Occupancy Code," by
23 amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia
24 Administrative Code) and Subcode "PM"
25 (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance

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2 Code) and other related sections of The
3 Philadelphia Code to add provisions
4 related to the abatement of rats and
5 other vermin in the City of Philadelphia.

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

10 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Brooks.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Gauthier.

21 (No response.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Gauthier.

24 (No response.)

25 CHIEF CLERK: Mute. You're on

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2 mute, Councilwoman.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

7 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Johnson.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

14 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Parker.

20 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Quinones-Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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: Council President

7 Clarke.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

9 The ayes are 15; the nays are
10 zero. A majority of all members present
11 voting in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON:

14 Mr. President?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

16 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON:

17 Pardon me, Mr. President. This is
18 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson. I'd
19 like to be recorded as voting aye on that
20 bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Okay. Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
24 you very much.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 And, Councilwoman Gauthier, we
4 still -- okay.

5 Mr. Decker, please read the
6 title of Bill No. 220051.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Section 9-4116 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "2021 Public
10 Health Emergency Leave," to establish
11 additional leave time under certain
12 circumstances, modify existing provisions
13 concerning the paid sick leave, and
14 making technical changes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes --

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Council
18 President, I have a point of information
19 to the sponsor.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
23 Council President.

24 I want to thank Councilmember
25 Brooks for this original legislation that

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2 she introduced some time ago in dealing
3 with this issue. I know the current
4 legislation that's on the books requires
5 this bill to only affect businesses of 50
6 or more.

7 During the hearing in the
8 Public Health and Human Services
9 Committee, I know there was concerns
10 raised by the diverse chambers that, from
11 my understanding, met with Councilmember
12 Brooks. I wanted to get some perspective
13 in reference to this amendment and what
14 led to this number at 25.

15 I know based on the information
16 that the diverse chambers raised
17 regarding the impact, especially the
18 Black and Brown businesses, they were
19 greatly concerned in reference to how
20 this legislation would impact those
21 businesses.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brooks.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank
25 you, Council President.

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2 So we reached out to many
3 stakeholders, including businesses,
4 workers, enforcement officials, after the
5 meeting with the joint chambers and we
6 came up with the number of 25 to meet
7 halfway between what our original number
8 was and what it was before. We wanted to
9 make sure that we included a larger swath
10 of businesses based on the fact that the
11 vaccination mandates have been lifted,
12 the pandemic is not over, and we wanted
13 to make sure that we're encompassing so
14 many more people than what we -- just
15 meeting halfway between what our original
16 number was of ten or more and what the
17 businesses wanted at 50 and more, and I
18 thought 25 was a reasonable compromise
19 after meeting with the business, the
20 workers, and the enforcement individuals.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Council
22 President?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are
24 you good, Councilman?

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No. I just

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2 wanted to -- thank you, Councilmember
3 Brooks. Was there any specific data in
4 reference to the number of 25? I know
5 the diverse chambers have still stated
6 that they're concerned that at that
7 number, it would impact a significant
8 amount of businesses, especially on our
9 commercial corridors, and they, from my
10 understanding, are still greatly
11 concerned that if the legislation is
12 below the 50 employee number, that will
13 have a devastating impact on Black and
14 Brown businesses, especially so many of
15 those businesses have been impacted by
16 the pandemic and many have actually
17 closed because of the challenges from an
18 economic perspective based on COVID-19.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Councilwoman.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes. Was
22 there a question in there?

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: The question
24 was, what was the data based on in
25 reference to the number 25, when from the

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2 diverse chambers they said that even at
3 ten, a significant number of businesses
4 will be impacted. So I'm trying to get a
5 sense of how many businesses will be
6 impacted at 25 or more employees as
7 opposed to 50.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: I don't
9 have those exact numbers in front of me
10 of the exact number of businesses that
11 will be impacted by that, but we know
12 that the paid sick leave has always
13 considered Black and Brown folk and
14 businesses in addition to healthcare
15 workers and just the public in general.

16 We're working on the request
17 for that information at the request of
18 another Councilmember, and when I get
19 those numbers, I'll gladly share them
20 with you.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Okay. But I
22 was just trying to get a sense of what
23 was -- you said you came to a compromise.
24 From my understanding, the diverse
25 chambers are still greatly concerned. I

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2 know they had a meeting with you, and in
3 that meeting did you also have small
4 business owners in that meeting? Because
5 that was the other call I heard from
6 other members in reference to those
7 organizations, an opportunity to meet
8 with you, especially from small business
9 owners who could talk to you directly
10 about how this will impact them
11 especially as we're going through this
12 pandemic still.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

14 Absolutely. They were supposed to bring
15 small business owners to that meeting.
16 Based on the hearing, they said that I
17 always only talked to the talking heads
18 at the top. It was their responsibility
19 to bring small business owners to that
20 meeting and they did not. They only
21 brought the leadership. And we have
22 extended the invitation to other small
23 business owners at the request of another
24 organization that will happen later on in
25 the week, but after the meeting, I can

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2 only work with what they gave me, and
3 this was a meeting that they requested.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So if
5 additional small business owners reach
6 out to you regarding their concerns,
7 you'll be open to have a conversation
8 with them before the bill is brought up
9 for a vote?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
11 Absolutely.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Council President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilwoman and Councilman
16 Green.

17 Before I call on Councilwoman
18 Sanchez, Councilwoman has a technology
19 issue, but she communicated through
20 technology that she wanted to be listed
21 as voting aye on the last bill. It's a
22 new world. So let the record reflect --

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --

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2 that that vote was 16; zero, that
3 Councilwoman Gauthier did vote aye.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Council President. And I just
8 wanted to add my voice to this kind of --
9 to this discussion.

10 I had reached out to
11 Councilmember Brooks, and she kindly
12 included me in the meeting with the
13 ethnic chambers of commerce in the
14 discussion, and then thereafter we had a
15 conversation.

16 And similar to you,
17 Councilmember Green, I had asked for the
18 data around the impacted businesses, and
19 I encouraged her to look at that dataset
20 so that we can see who is impacted. And
21 I had a real honest conversation, you
22 know, where we understand the economy and
23 how small businesses, particularly
24 family-owned businesses, operate, and I
25 too am very concerned around this impact

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2 and hope that she will continue to talk
3 to folks throughout this.

4 You know, I feel more
5 comfortable with 25 as of 10. The data
6 will inform us around who that impacts.
7 And as I stated to Councilmember Brooks,
8 this is an issue of compliance, right?

9 You know, coming from a family
10 of small businesses, we have many ethnic
11 businesses and immigrant businesses in
12 the neighborhood that have people on the
13 books and people that are not on the
14 books. They make decisions about do I
15 have to get rid of some people on the
16 books so that I am not in compliance.
17 Because the issue around compliance isn't
18 that they aren't paying sick leave in
19 some cases and making accommodations.
20 It's when they have to give up their
21 payrolls and all the other -- the back
22 office stuff that becomes an impediment
23 to small businesses that we have to take
24 into consideration.

25 The Councilwoman has been very

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2 open to that dialogue, and I think that
3 we should continue to have this
4 discussion around the reality of how
5 small businesses operate and how they
6 manage their back office and how they
7 make decisions.

8 So I just wanted to thank the
9 Councilwoman and recognize that she is
10 meeting with folks around this, and
11 encourage all my Council colleagues to
12 continue to have conversations with her,
13 and when the data is available, that we
14 look at it.

15 And, again, this isn't that
16 people aren't complying in their own way.
17 It's what you show once you become a
18 target of a potential audit in this. It
19 becomes a burden for minority businesses
20 and immigrant businesses, many who have
21 undocumented folks at some level, right,
22 and they make choices about how they
23 manage what they have on the books.
24 That's the reality of the economy that
25 we've created in this country because of

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2 our failure to have adequate immigration
3 reform to give these folks who are
4 working and critical to all businesses in
5 the City.

6 So I just want to thank the
7 Councilwoman and hope that we continue
8 the conversation.

9 Thank you, Council President
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilwoman.

13 Councilwoman, I understand you
14 do have an amendment that reflects the
15 conversations, the 25 conversations.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Do
18 you want to proceed with offering that
19 amendment today?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Okay. All right.

23 Start again. The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Brooks for an
25 amendment to Bill No. 220051.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank
3 you, Council President. I would like to
4 offer an amendment to Bill No. 220051. A
5 copy of the amendment has been circulated
6 to all members of Council, and I move for
7 the adoption of the amendment.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
9 in favor of the motion will signify by
10 saying --

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it. Bill No. 220051, as
17 amended, will be placed on the Final
18 Passage Calendar for our next session of
19 Council, with conversation to continue.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Mr. Decker. Do you have any additional
22 resolutions, sir?

23 CHIEF CLERK: Yes,
24 Mr. President. There was a resolution on
25 the Consent Agenda that was removed and

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2 placed on the Calendar.

3 Resolution No. 220125, a
4 resolution encouraging the Philadelphia
5 Board of Education to adopt and implement
6 a civic participation and voter
7 registration program, as proposed by PA
8 Youth Vote. It was introduced by
9 Councilman Green, Mr. President.

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

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Council President.

14 At times I've been very
15 critical of the School District and the
16 School Board in reference to various
17 actions. This is a time I'm actually
18 going to commend them for what I
19 anticipate will be a vote tonight on the
20 School Board agenda that is really
21 creating a civic participation and voter
22 registration program in the School
23 District of Philadelphia.

24 We all know that last fall, we
25 had 22 percent voter turnout in our

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2 General Election, and we have an
3 opportunity through this adoption tonight
4 with this new program to enable many more
5 eligible voters to become registered in
6 the City of Philadelphia.

7 Approximately 8,000 students in
8 Philadelphia every year in our public
9 high schools become eligible to vote
10 every year because they turn 18. And so
11 that's an opportunity to really increase
12 voter turnout. Unfortunately, before
13 this program has been adopted, only
14 15 percent of those students actually
15 registered to vote.

16 Through the Board policy that
17 we believe will be adopted this evening,
18 they will actually have a paid staff
19 person or voting champion in each of our
20 schools providing information and
21 encouraging that type of civic
22 participation.

23 This is the first of this type
24 of initiative in the Commonwealth of
25 Pennsylvania. I definitely want to thank

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2 PA Youth Vote, in particular my neighbor,
3 Tom Quinn, as well as Lorene Cary from
4 Vote That Jawn and all of the various
5 high school students and now even alumni
6 of our Philadelphia School District high
7 schools, who have really pushed this
8 initiative.

9 They've been working on this
10 for a number of years, and I'm just glad
11 to see that this type of initiative is
12 occurring in our School District and
13 we're taking some leadership to really
14 help promote a civic participation in our
15 electoral process by getting our young
16 people the opportunity to become eligible
17 to -- who are eligible to vote actually
18 to register to vote by having this type
19 of initiative in our schools.

20 With that, Council President, I
21 move for the 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, that concludes our
11 Calendar --

12 CHIEF CLERK: There is one more
13 resolution, Mr. President. Apologies.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go
15 ahead.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing the Philadelphia City Council
18 Special Committee on Gun Violence
19 Prevention to conduct public hearings to
20 explore the role of the Philadelphia
21 Roadmap for Safer Communities Tactical
22 Team as part of the City's comprehensive
23 response to unprecedented gun violence,
24 introduced today by Councilwoman
25 Gauthier.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gauthier.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
5 you, Council President. I move for the
6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
9 been moved and properly seconded.

10 All in favor indicate by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it, and that resolution is
18 adopted.

19 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
20 other resolutions on the Final Passage
21 Calendar, Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

24 Prior to recognizing members
25 regarding speeches, I will note for the

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record at this time we will use the Chat feature available in Microsoft Teams to allow members to signify that they wish to be recognized. In order to comply with the Sunshine Act, the Chat feature must only be used for this particular purpose.

With that said, speeches on behalf of the majority?

The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very much, Council President.

Last night Russia invaded the Ukraine and people are fleeing. There are a new set of refugees.

What does it have to do with us? It has a lot to do with us. I recall the last time that Iraq invaded Kuwait, we ended up in a war, and it has ultimately led to a very long engagement by the United States in the war in the Middle East.

We have a lot of citizens from

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the Ukraine and members of the Philadelphia community who have fled the Ukraine from prior wars and aggression from Russia.

At this point in time, I just wanted to convey my thoughts and prayers for the people in Ukraine, the Philadelphians with family there, and thank our City Council for passing a resolution early in February that Philadelphia stands with Ukraine.

No one can be free in isolation, and no nation can be free without the bond of other free nations. That is an issue that faces every nation when another nation crosses its border and begins aggressions.

It is more about the idea that we could live in a democratic nation with individual rights and liberties guaranteed by a constitution and upheld by a collective group of freedom-loving people and freedom-loving nations.

Now we are challenged to see

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2 how we as a nation will respond. It is a
3 very challenging situation, but I do want
4 to say that I appreciate all who
5 understand that freedom is not free and
6 that the cost of liberty is high, but it
7 is critical that we maintain liberty in
8 this world.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman. Very troubling
12 times.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Brooks.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank
16 you, Council President.

17 As Black History Month
18 continues, I want to take a moment to
19 recognize the strength, determination,
20 and contributions of renowned physician,
21 Philadelphia Councilmember, and Secretary
22 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
23 Dr. Ethel Allen.

24 Dr. Allen overcame almost
25 unsurmountable barriers for Black women

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2 in medical education, but persevered
3 throughout each challenge. She brought
4 similar dedication and unapologetic
5 energy to her work as an elected
6 official.

7 Although Dr. Allen was a
8 republican and we may have had political
9 differences, she demonstrated a fierce
10 commitment to marginalized communities
11 across her years of service. As she
12 paved the way for independent Black
13 women, both in the medical field and
14 people like me in elected office, I won't
15 repeat her biography because Ms. Marsh
16 did a wonderful job during public
17 comment, so I just want to thank her for
18 sharing the beautiful account of her
19 aunt's life.

20 I think I speak for every
21 member of Council when I say we are
22 grateful for Dr. Allen's bravery and her
23 commitment to our city's most vulnerable
24 residents, and I want to thank you,
25 colleagues, and thank you, Ms. Marsh, and

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2 thank you to the viewing public for
3 allowing her this moment to honor her.

4 Thank you, Council President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman. Talk about
7 insurmountable odds, winning a Council
8 seat as a republican in the Fifth
9 Councilmanic District was no joke. It
10 was pretty awesome.

11 The Chair recognizes, on behalf
12 of the majority, Councilman Thomas.

13 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you,
14 Council President.

15 Thank you, colleagues. A
16 couple things I just wanted to note
17 today. First of all, I was honored to
18 introduce the resolution today with
19 Councilmember Jones. It's always a
20 pleasure to work with him. He called me
21 the sports Councilmember, and part of the
22 reason why that's the case is because I
23 still coach high school basketball.

24 We had a game yesterday -- I
25 was talking before the Council session --

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against Paul Robeson and, you know, we lost pretty bad. What was more disappointing than the loss was actually the article that came out earlier this week about Paul Robeson and some of the concerns that the principal communicated on the record as well as to myself and other colleagues as well as the coach there about the infrastructure issues that they're facing.

Paul Robeson is one of our better schools that we have in the City of Philadelphia. They've produced and performed strong academic numbers. The young people there, in large part, tend to be good citizens, hard-working teachers. And you wonder why they still have some of the infrastructure issues that they have compared to some of the progress that we've seen in places where the demographic looks a little different. And using the principal at Paul Robeson's words, not mine, SLA and what happened at SLA compared to what he's going through

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2 is a prime example of what we're talking
3 about.

4 So I'm really concerned around
5 the infrastructure plan as it relates to
6 the School District and the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 We play our home games at
9 Frankford High School, and prior to the
10 start of the season, Frankford,
11 Northeast, and a couple other schools put
12 in some requests to have new scoreboards
13 in the schools, and those requests were
14 met. Schools were given new scoreboards,
15 but the irony of getting a new scoreboard
16 when the winter sports season starts and
17 not having their scoreboard put up during
18 winter sports seasons.

19 So scoreboards, if you don't
20 know, are predominantly used by girls
21 basketball, boys basketball, wrestling,
22 and cheerleading, all winter sports.

23 So we ordered new scoreboards
24 for the schools and they never got put
25 up. This is another example of the

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concern that's been communicated by not just myself and other members of City Council, but the public at-large as it relates to having a plan around the School District of Philadelphia and the infrastructure problems we have.

I am not the first Councilmember to say it. I'm just providing more examples in highlighting our concern as it relates to long-term planning around the School District.

My other concern related to the School District is the fact that they don't have the same level of government affairs staff that they had before, and I haven't seen any plans to hire folks. So now when we are facing issues on the City Council side, whether it's big issues like infrastructure or other issues like the Public League Championship this week, we really don't have points of contact like we had. We're forced to work with staff and other people, and it's putting us in a position where we're becoming

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less effective and even less efficient as it relates to the serving constituents in the City of Philadelphia.

If anyone don't know, this weekend is the Public League Championship and the Catholic League Championship for boys and girls basketball. This week has been the Final Four, and if you look at the Final Four for the Philadelphia Public League, it was held at High School of the Future, and the students were limited to maybe four tickets per person, and we were told it was because of COVID, but yet we allow fans to be packed in like sardines with no mask mandates happening.

And then on the Catholic League side, they're having their games at the Palestra with thousands of people able to attend their game.

And so what we're seeing is another example of disproportionate treatment as it relates to the young people who go to School District schools

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where now the School District of Philadelphia plans to play their championship games at small gyms that hold less than 700 people when we have bigger gyms in the City of Philadelphia that hold thousands of people that will allow parents to see their children play in the Public League Championship.

So many Councilmembers are graduates of School District of Philadelphia schools, so we know firsthand what it means to be able to participate in the Public League Championship in any sport, and now we're forcing grandparents and aunts and uncles to not be able to come to the game because we're choosing facilities that hold less than 1,000 people. We're limiting the number of people who are able to participate in these events. And then as Councilmembers, we're not adequately able to communicate these concerns on a consistent basis, because the staff members that we would work with

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2 on a normal basis -- we all talked about
3 Haniyyah Sharpe-Brown leaving a couple
4 months ago or weeks ago -- they're not
5 there anymore.

6 So I'm extremely concerned as
7 it relates to our School District in
8 general with the infrastructure issues,
9 the athletic competitions happening this
10 weekend. These are just small examples
11 of the number of concerns.

12 We talked previously about the
13 special admission schools, and it feels
14 like every time we're bringing up the
15 School District of Philadelphia, it's a
16 constant complaint and not progress
17 happening.

18 So I just wanted to start with
19 that issue.

20 I also wanted to take a couple
21 moments to commend the work that's been
22 done by the Arts and Culture Task Force.
23 All of my colleagues on Council who have
24 been advocating for arts and culture
25 space, the nightlife economy position is

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2 finally here. We want to encourage
3 people to apply so we can put ourself in
4 a position to feed the economics of the
5 City of Philadelphia.

6 I also wanted to close out with
7 the mention of this being Black History
8 Month and us finishing the Black Business
9 Crawl where we highlighted a bunch of
10 Black businesses across the City of
11 Philadelphia and tried our best to
12 continue to encourage people to support
13 and court those businesses, but I can't
14 close out talking about Black History
15 Month without communicating the
16 unfortunate information that the FOP
17 decided to sue the City of Philadelphia
18 over the driving equality bill.

19 I do want to thank all of my
20 colleagues for their support as it
21 relates to the driving equality
22 legislation. I want to thank everybody
23 who reached out to me, and I want to
24 assure the public that this is
25 legislation that we feel like is not only

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2 necessary and responsible, but we feel
3 like will be able to withhold the
4 challenge in court.

5 Thank you, Council President,
6 for the leniency this afternoon at this
7 point now, and thank you, colleagues, for
8 your patience as well as the listening
9 public.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Parker.

14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
15 you, Mr. President.

16 Mr. President, let me start
17 again by saying a special thank you to
18 you, our leadership, and all members of
19 Council for your patience in dealing with
20 both my technical and scheduling
21 difficulties today. Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 Mr. President, I couldn't miss
24 this opportunity to let you, along with
25 members of the public, know that

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yesterday while I was out of town on business, I received some great information that really put a smile on my face.

I know today that there is a Pension Board meeting, and the good news that will be received is that we will receive preliminary actuary's report today that is going to show that our funding percent has reached 55 percent, 55 percent. It was just in the mid 40's, Mr. President, five years ago.

And so when we looked at those projections, I'm thinking about Matt Stitt and Bob McDermott. I'm thinking about those meetings when I first got here during my first term. We are ahead of our schedule, the schedule that we set for ourselves.

In addition to that, Mr. President, I wanted to note that the decision-making, the decision-making relative to public policy, and they weren't easy decisions, that were made

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2 during my tenure in the Pennsylvania
3 House, several members of Council who are
4 no longer even here, Mr. President, who
5 made tough decisions regarding municipal
6 pension funds and retirement security
7 ensured that it would be in existence for
8 current retirees and the future.

9 Sometimes we don't see the return on
10 investment immediately, Mr. President.
11 It took some time, but now we are
12 beginning to see the fruits of that
13 labor.

14 And so I will -- I'm in the car
15 on the phone. I don't have the files,
16 any of the information in front of me.
17 We will be putting together a resolution
18 next week so that we can formally
19 recognize the accomplishments of our
20 Pension Board, to Fran Bielli and his
21 team, Rob Dubow. And, again, we'll go
22 through all of them next week,
23 Mr. President.

24 But for something that had been
25 on the chopping block about how terrible

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the City of Philadelphia was, when defined benefit pensions across the City are -- across this nation, to be quite frank, are becoming a thing of the past, we found a way to do it, Mr. President, reducing the assumed rate of return, getting additional revenue from that sales tax, making adjustments to plan design that would not have been done without the municipal workers, but we preserved retirement security for municipal workers in the City of Philadelphia and that, Mr. President, in the midst of all that's going wrong is something we should be sure enough proud of.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman. I recall those days and times and the commitment, all folks involved, and it was unprecedented and the difficult decisions that were made by all parties, and I particularly want to talk about our

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2 friends in labor as it relates to
3 municipal unions. They stepped up to the
4 plate and it was a difficult sale to
5 their members, but they did what they had
6 to do and now we're fortunate that we
7 have a stabilized environment as it
8 relates to our pension fund. So thank
9 you, and thank you for your tenure up in
10 Harrisburg moving the needle up there,
11 Councilwoman.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
15 Council President, and I want to commend
16 Councilmember Thomas for all the work
17 he's doing in reference to education with
18 the youth and with sports and really
19 making a very impassioned speech
20 regarding what he sees on a regular basis
21 regarding our facilities.

22 Earlier in the session I gave
23 some credit and praise to the School
24 District and the School Board in
25 reference to encouraging citizen

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participation for our young people, but at the same point, our infrastructure is not where it needs to be.

Last Wednesday I participated in the press conference along with Penn Environment, PennPIRG, and the Black Center for Justice and Equality. It was based on a report regarding the fact that 98 percent of the drinking water that was tested in our public schools had lead in it. Sixty-one percent of the outlets in our schools were tested with lead.

Now, this ability to have this testing was due to the hard work that this body has done. I know Councilmember Gym, Councilmember Squilla have been focused on this issue and passing legislation back in 2017 that allowed us to get the data.

But in response to this report, the District challenged the data, and I find it quite troubling that they could challenge the data, because the data came from the School District of Philadelphia.

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So the very data and report that they're challenging actually came from the School District. And it's a great concern that the District is still doing these issues and taking attempts to address issues in ways that are not correct, in ways that are not transparent, when the whole basis of the study was based on legislation we did here in City Council and the information for that study came from the School District itself.

So we still have a lot of work to do. The work that all of us have been doing in our Council districts and all parts of the City, the things we've been trying to do to address the District as a whole, the words that were stated by Councilmember Thomas and have been stated by so many members of this body regarding the infrastructure of our schools needs to be addressed, and we have to make sure we get the lead out of our schools.

This will be an issue that will definitely come up in our budget process,

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because we know that the School District receives a significant amount of dollars from us through our real estate tax, and we're going to ask these questions, as we always do, in reference to what are they doing to address this issue as well as all of the other infrastructure concerns we have in the School District regarding asbestos, pest infestation, mold, and all the other things that our children, who need to have a great environment to learn in and a building that we need to have a great environment for our teachers to work in and for other School District employees to work in, needs to occur. And this is an issue that many members of this body have been addressing for some time, from our Education Chair, Councilmember Maria Quinones-Sanchez, to all members of Council, and we will discuss this again during the budget season.

Thank you, Council President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
6 you, Council President Clarke.

7 And this infrastructure and
8 this School District conversation we'll
9 continue to have around infrastructure
10 and building, and I know, Council
11 President, you've allowed some latitude
12 around this discussion and the
13 establishment of a workgroup to look at
14 putting together a building authority
15 that really can focus in on capacity,
16 expertise, you know, as we search for a
17 new Superintendent, an educational leader
18 who doesn't have to constantly respond to
19 issues of an expertise in an area of
20 capacity that has been challenging for
21 the District.

22 So I look forward to, again,
23 all my colleagues and this conversation
24 and this space, Squilla, Gym of course,
25 Councilmember Green and others who we've

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2 been picking away at this, but we really
3 have to deal with the big picture around
4 where we're going to be, as billions of
5 dollars enter and how we use them and
6 leverage them and make decisions about
7 them are important.

8 I wanted to talk a little
9 bit -- you know, it's Black History Month
10 and all of us have been attending panels
11 and having discussions around equity,
12 inclusion, diversity. Councilmember
13 Jones and I last week talked a little bit
14 around this around the contracting and
15 the development community, but I wanted
16 to take a moment and just recognize the
17 Inquirer's own self-analysis around their
18 position around diversity and what they
19 called a more perfect union.

20 If folks didn't read it, they
21 self-assessed around all -- their
22 headline, "All Buildings Matter," which
23 was quite controversial. And I'm
24 encouraged by the fact that they have
25 some internal workgroups. There's been

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some people who have left, some people who have fallen on the sword, and thankfully we still have some very dynamic reporters of color who have been working in that culture for many years despite all the challenges that they've self-recognized. It's not always that we get media outlets that say mea culpa, we did some stuff that's wrong, we're looking to change.

The value and the importance of that is that the image that is portrayed by our Black and Brown communities by these media outlets impact everything we do, policy formation, how we respond, how we react.

Over the next month before we get into this budget and throughout the budget, we're going to have a lot of conversations around diversity and inclusion and really hold people to task about what they say and then what they do. And one of the things that I've enjoyed in a post-COVID, post-social

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unrest is, I can have these conversations and be a little bit more direct and be unapologetic about what I hear people see and then what I watch them do, which is very opposite to that diversity and inclusion.

So I want to thank my colleagues who have used this month to uplift folks who have been trailblazers. I didn't realize Ethel Allen was republican, so when you said that in the Fifth Councilmanic District, we're standing on those shoulders and many shoulders of people who have come in and have fought the good fight. But I'll say to you, in a Council that is majority people of color, you know, we really have to hold folks to task around some of these goals that they've spoken to. I know Councilman Johnson had several hearings where we talked about this, who we do business with, how we do diversity. And I'm ready to say to folks, I'm tired of you moving the goalpost on us. You

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2 tell us you want to include us, but you
3 create access and barriers to access to
4 capital, to contracting and all those
5 things.

6 So I look forward to working
7 with my Council colleagues. I'm taking
8 note that as the Inquirer works on this,
9 unfortunately at the same time, just this
10 morning Ernest Owens reported that
11 they're being challenged on salary
12 inequities as it relates to some of their
13 reporters. And I bring this up because
14 one of the things I've learned as Chair
15 of Appropriations as I talk to
16 departments, we have many departments --
17 and, Council President, I know I've
18 mentioned this to you -- the Public
19 Defender's Office and other places, that
20 tend to be 90 percent people of color who
21 are the lowest paid. We have people
22 working for government that are still
23 eligible for WIC and SNAP.

24 When we get to the budget, as I
25 mentioned to you, there's someone

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retiring from the Public Defender's Office after 50 years and he only makes \$45,000.

So we got a lot of work to do around this stuff, and I hope that in this budget process, we really do not use limitations and lack of us being bold, to continue to use excuses and allow -- you know, Councilwoman Brooks is talking about sick leave, giving people real access, but no one should be working for government, no one should be in this space and the inequities around departments of color be allowed to continue.

You know, you want to say thank you and you mentioned the unions who were instrumental in this pension reform that we're doing, that we did. Now we'll meet our goal in 2028 as opposed to 2031 in terms of 80 percent funded. We've always asked our workers and our workers of color to step up to the plate. It's time for us to step up to the plate and say to

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2 them, we will not have anybody working in
3 government that is eligible for WIC, that
4 is eligible for SNAP or any other
5 government benefit because of the
6 inequities in salaries, and that includes
7 lawyers and lawyers of color who graduate
8 with loan debt. And I say that as a mom
9 of an L1 student at Temple, right? They
10 should not have to make choices about
11 where they go work, particularly if they
12 want to come into the public policy
13 sector, because of our miserable
14 salaries.

15 So I'm ready to tackle that on.
16 I just -- it's really hard to meet with
17 departments and hear these stories over
18 and over and over again how we
19 discriminate against people of color in
20 the workplace, right? So the Inquirer
21 called itself out. I'm going to call us
22 out and say we got a lot of work to do in
23 our budget in our department.

24 So thank you, Council
25 President. I know you always allow me

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some latitude and as Chair of Appropriations to have these fights and these battles, a lot of them behind closed doors, right, not necessarily public, but I think it's time that we are in a new place and a new time in our history where this should no longer be tolerable.

So thank you very much, Council President and my colleagues. Look forward to that work.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you, Councilwoman. Yes, we do, and we will step up.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you, Council President.

Just a couple brief announcements. One, I want to thank Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw and her team, Deputy Commissioner Benjamin Nash and Deputy Commissioner Kevin [sic] Dales, for participating in a virtual

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town hall on carjacking. It was very, very informative, greatly received from constituents all across the Second Councilmanic District and the City of Philadelphia as a whole, because people want to feel safe, and at the end of the day, information goes a long way to reassuring them that we are addressing this issue as much as we can.

So I just wanted to publicly acknowledge her and her team, because at the end of the day, we must have a safe city, and if we have people being carjacked, none of us, none of us, including Councilmembers, are exempt to someone jumping out on us, putting a gun in our face, in our family members' faces and taking our cars or even one of us losing our lives as it relates to the senseless carjacking that's taking place. And I'm sure her and her team will continue to stay on this issue. And acknowledge you also, Council President and the leadership team, for also

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requesting additional support so we can tackle this issue as well as the senseless gun violence that we're seeing taking place here in the City of Philadelphia right now. And we're even at a higher percentage to date than we are than last year when it comes to homicides, which means we may surpass 600 homicides this year. But I'm not going to claim it. I'm going to claim that we're going to continue to work aggressively to reduce the level of gun violence that we're seeing here in the City of Philadelphia.

My other announcement, Council President and to my listeners who are listening, on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Christian Street YMCA, OTIS, which is the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability, will be unveiling the Washington Avenue plan.

Now, I know a lot of you have probably received e-mails regarding the design of Washington Avenue, and I want

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to commend Councilman Mark Squilla for also working in partnership with myself and OTIS to come up with a plan that reflects all of the residents that reside not only in the Second Councilmanic District, in the First Councilmanic District. And I'm going to say that again, all of the residents.

This has been a very, very contentious process. Some of the so-called progressive individuals who believe that this design should be one way, this counts the long-term residents, who also have a perspective.

And so this process regarding redesigning Washington Avenue started during the pandemic. A lot of the survey and data collection we're taking online during the pandemic, and then when the last final process was unveiled, you had some long-term residents and some RCOs and community leaders to say, hey, wait a minute, you know, there is a digital divide. A lot of us weren't able to

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2 attend community meetings because we were
3 shut down because of COVID, and we want
4 to have a say.

5 So I applaud OTIS for saying,
6 well, wait a minute, let us do a working
7 group in neighborhoods such as Point
8 Breeze and Grays Ferry to listen to the
9 long-term residents and to get their
10 perspective about the redesign of
11 Washington Avenue, and OTIS actually did
12 that, and they made the decision to scrap
13 the three-lane plan. I'm going to say
14 that again. OTIS made the decision, not
15 Councilman Squilla, not Councilman
16 Johnson, OTIS made the decision to scrap
17 the three-lane plan in the name of
18 equity, listening to all of the
19 constituents.

20 And so the final unveiling of
21 the plan will be on this Tuesday, 6:30
22 p.m. at Christian Street YMCA.

23 But this has been a very
24 eye-opening experience. I've heard from
25 sources comments being said that we're

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advocating for the leftovers, "leftovers" meaning those individuals who are long-term residents, not new residents, which is totally despicable when you hear comments made such as that.

When you talk about Black lives matter, well, at the end of the day, when you talk about the issue of equity, that should apply to everyone, not just because you want something to be the way you want it to be.

And so, again, OTIS will be unveiling this plan on Tuesday, Christian Street YMCA, 6:30 p.m. I just wanted to put that out there for the record, because I've seen several different articles padding Mark Squilla and myself as like the bad guys, trying to not make Washington Avenue safe.

I lived in Point Breeze all my life. I still live in Point Breeze. Now I'm raising my family, right? And so if anybody who is going to make sure that everyone is safe, it's definitely going

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2 to be myself, similar Mark Squilla,
3 always living in South Philadelphia.

4 So we didn't just arrive on the
5 set and say, wait a minute, we don't want
6 Washington Avenue to be safe. We want to
7 make sure that the process is inclusive
8 and diverse for everyone.

9 My last announcement, Council
10 President, is that on next Wednesday,
11 March the 2nd, I will be hosting with the
12 Special Committee on Gun Violence, we
13 will be hosting a hearing on youth mental
14 health trauma and gun violence.

15 We talked about addressing this
16 issue from a public health standpoint.
17 The Surgeon General recently released a
18 report talking about the increase in
19 depression and mental health issues
20 amongst young people. And so this
21 Special Committee on Gun Violence will do
22 a deep dive and take a look at the mental
23 and behavioral health issues that have an
24 impact on our young people and the
25 correlation with gun violence.

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So we want to address the issue of trauma and support amongst our young people, and that event is going to take -- that's going to be on Wednesday. Let me make sure I have the time correct. Special Committee on Gun Violence, for individuals who may want to testify, let me get you the exact time, and that's it, Council President. If I'm correct, it's 10:00 a.m. Yes. That's going to be 10:00 a.m.

Thank you very much, Council President.

Keep up the good work, my colleagues.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
Thank you, Councilman. Thank you for that very informative and important conversation.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gauthier.

COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank you, Council President.

I also wanted to chime in on

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this issue of school facilities and School District-owned facilities. I want to first thank Councilmember Thomas for bringing the Paul Robeson issue to the floor and expressing support. I also want to express my support for Principal Gordon and the school community over there.

I had the opportunity to sit in on a town hall meeting late last year where there were a large amount of parents and Principal Gordon was one, of course, and they were talking about this facility issue and how long the school has waited for these repairs, and they were also sort of expressing that parents and students have really dug in with Principal Gordon to make Paul Robeson High a supportive and wonderful community for the students. They've achieved many honors over the past several years, and so they feel like they've done the work and the District hasn't met them with appropriate investment in their

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facilities and in their success and that the lack of investment also doesn't appreciate how hard everyone has been working.

So I just thought, you know, that was -- it was really poignant to hear them speak about it from that perspective. And I also want to say that my impression was that although the school community really wants the repairs to happen and to happen ASAP, they were, you know, really in the near term asking for clarity, at least a schedule, when can we expect these repairs to happen, and that is not -- that's more than reasonable.

And so after that meeting, you know, I talked with folks at the District and expressed my support and just want to advocate for that publicly as well.

And I also want to say that the District's approach to the issue at Robeson High and many of our schools and facilities also reminds me about the

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fight around the Sayre pool. The District owns an Olympic-sized pool at the Sayre Recreation Center that has been out of commission for five years, leaving Cobbs Creek youth with less access to resources and recreation and also leaving Parks and Recreation without a place to train lifeguards, which has impacted our ability to open pools.

The community has fought for that -- the reopening of that facility for five years. We were given an assessment that it would take \$3 million to renovate that pool and get it back in working order. State Representative Joanna McClinton and myself said that we would put up a million dollars to get that pool renovated. Dr. Hite turned that offer down, said that he would put the whole entire amount of the \$3 million amount in front of the Board. The next thing we know, a \$10 million recommendation is put in front of the Board, with no information to the

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community about a threefold increase and no information to the Board, and it was voted down.

And so I just want to express an extreme level of frustration with the District's approach to its investment in facilities. We're being asked to wait until there is a plan. This is a dynamic city with a number of needs we have to do while we plan. And I also think that it is inequitable that the ones that have to wait for the plan are always Black and Brown children and Black and Brown communities. We're tired of waiting.

And so I just wanted to add my voice to this conversation and to say this has to -- we have to take a different approach to this. Our community members and our kids deserve nothing less than that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you. Thank you, Councilwoman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
3 Council President.

4 There have been some comments
5 made recently that I'd like to comment
6 on, because I think or I hope they
7 weren't meant the way they were
8 delivered.

9 First, I want to mention this
10 pandemic has taken its toll on everyone,
11 our families, our friends, our neighbors,
12 all Philadelphians, even all of us here
13 today, and our businesses and our workers
14 also took their hits.

15 As the data has proven and as
16 stories have been told, restaurants,
17 hotels, and the entire hospitality
18 industry, including our tourism industry,
19 was decimated, crushed, more so than any
20 other sector in our economy, and they're
21 still lagging in their ability to
22 recover. January and February were
23 devastating months for hospitality.

24 So I'd like to thank the
25 restaurants for doing everything they

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could to keep their doors open and safely serve us all, but mostly for surviving through the pandemic.

Thank you for every City-mandated sign you hung in the window, for every temperature you took. You know when you used to have to take temperatures before we walked in a restaurant. For every vaccination card you checked, for every sponsored vaccination clinic you ran, and for every time you asked a customer to put their mask on as they left the table, hoping not to hear the wrath of their opinion on this topic.

It's been very difficult for everyone but especially those in the restaurant business, to say the least.

I'd also like to thank the restaurants for fighting to keep Philadelphians, our residents, employed at a time when carrying a payroll was and has never been more difficult. So thank you to the restaurants and their workers

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2 who fought their way through each and
3 every shift and safely served all of us
4 while they were wearing a mask for eight
5 hours and ten hours and 12 hours
6 straight.

7 This industry has shown us what
8 resilience looks like, and I thank them
9 for their creativity and advocacy these
10 past two years. Our restaurants were the
11 only thing that helped bring us together
12 during COVID in a safe manner.

13 Thank you, and thank you for
14 keeping that fund going when we needed it
15 the most.

16 I also want to comment, Council
17 President, and talk openly about the
18 safety in our city. I believe it's our
19 job as elected leaders to reduce the
20 anxiety that comes with where we are in
21 this moment, and we need to let people
22 know what's being done to keep them safe.
23 With Group Violence Intervention, GVI, I
24 know Councilmembers Jones and Johnson
25 have been spearheading our gun safety and

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violence programs, doing a great job. We have support services working diligently to offer alternatives to those who want a new way forward, and we want to avoid them being in our systems.

We have multiple layers of law enforcement, federal, state, and local entities, talking with one another regularly to course correct, share intelligence, and support one another.

I personally am appreciative of the arrests made this week to remove a dangerous person from our community. This was someone who led a carjacking ring and murdered two people in our city and someone who may lead us to several others committing acts of violence in our streets. This arrest was made possible because the very people we need to come together are doing just that.

We are not perfect, but we are taking back control of the City by working together. I encourage everyone to get to know the support service

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workers and law enforcement officers in their neighborhoods. Let them know what you need, let them know what you know, and let them know what you see. And I ask every single public employee working on behalf of our city to rise to this moment and outwardly appreciate each and every person who lives or works in this great city.

We are a community when we see one another. We're a community when we acknowledge one another, and when we extend a hand to one another, we're really a community. We are stronger if we do this together.

So I ask that our leaders all remember how closely people are listening to what we say and how it impacts what people do and say to one another.

And on that note, I think we're all pleased to see the arrest made this week that makes Philadelphia a safer city for all of us.

Thank you, Council President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. We
4 definitely need to work together.

5 Councilman Jones and then I
6 think Councilman Johnson wanted to come
7 back with a point of information.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Jones.

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

12 I want to thank Member Thomas
13 for being my Jiminy Cricket social
14 conscience, reminding me about the issues
15 that our students face in the facilities
16 they go to trying to seek an education.

17 Overbrook High School, we did a
18 video and we're going to repost it. We
19 did a walking tour through there, and on
20 the abandoned fourth and fifth floor, it
21 looked like a scene out of an apocalyptic
22 movie, post-collapse of society. There
23 were desks strewn everywhere where there
24 used to be a thriving music program, and
25 it just talked about the disinvestment

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2 that that school and others face.

3 If you went down the basement
4 where there was a championship basketball
5 team, where Wilt Chamberlain played, the
6 lockers and locker room were places where
7 you wouldn't want to lay down a towel,
8 more or less get dressed for a game.

9 So thank you, Member Thomas,
10 for reminding us of that.

11 What I speak to today is the
12 Interfaith Movement for Change done by
13 Minister Robinson, had us out in front of
14 the School District headquarters. Why is
15 that important? Because he wants to
16 restore a curriculum in our public
17 schools that talks about business, that
18 talks about entrepreneurship, and one of
19 the things that I remember is that there
20 are some people that are trained,
21 educated in our schools to work for
22 wages. The other people that are trained
23 and educated to work for profit.

24 When you're working for wages,
25 that's wonderful, but you can't leave

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your wages to your son or daughter. What you can do as an entrepreneur is leave your assets, your business, to your children.

And when I think about what Member Domb said about the carjacking, the more we help young people swim their way out of poverty, run their way out of poverty through track and field, non-traditional sports such as lacrosse, play their way out of inner city conditions, the less carjacking there will be.

So what Member Thomas brought up and what Member Gauthier talked about with Sayre swimming pool is a direct correlation to outcomes for our young people.

If we wait and we say, all right, next capital budget, the one after that or the following one in the Five Year Plan, those are generations of young people that miss the opportunity to see a college campus, to become Olympians.

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2 We can't wait. There is an
3 urgency of time to fix these things.

4 The school-to-prison pipeline
5 is a real thing, and the more
6 opportunities through sports, through
7 education that we provide those young
8 people, we divert them from that prison
9 population.

10 The difference between standing
11 on the podium of the Olympics and
12 standing up as the defendant please rise
13 in the courtroom are these decisions we
14 make about capital improvements to our
15 schools.

16 So thank you, Member Thomas.
17 Thank you, Member Gauthier. Thank you,
18 Member Domb for being my Jiminy Cricket
19 and reminding me why this budget process
20 that we're about to embark upon is so
21 important.

22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you so
25 much.

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2 Councilman Johnson, did you
3 need to make another point?

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yeah.
5 Just one point, Council President.

6 The hearing on youth mental
7 health trauma and gun violence is going
8 to be Tuesday -- I'm sorry; Wednesday,
9 March the 2nd, but it's going to be at
10 1:00 p.m. Earlier I said 10:00 a.m.
11 It's going to actually be 1:00 p.m.

12 And then also I just want to
13 just wrap up the conversation regarding
14 the conditions of the facilities and
15 providing opportunities for our young
16 people to go in school -- to go to school
17 in high-quality environments. Just
18 remind all of our colleagues that we're
19 going through a search process right now
20 for the next Superintendent here in the
21 City of Philadelphia, and even if we are
22 allocating a budget to the School
23 District, it's their responsibility to
24 prioritize the upkeep and maintenance of
25 these buildings.

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2 And so I just wanted to put
3 that out there. Hopefully we're actively
4 paying attention to who that next
5 Superintendent will be. And also during
6 the next process, I know we have a lot of
7 aspiring mayoral candidates to pay
8 attention to individuals who will be
9 appointed on that School Board, because,
10 again, if we're appropriating the budget,
11 if nothing is being done with that
12 budget, then all the work we're doing is
13 for naught from an enforcement
14 standpoint.

15 Just wanted to put that out
16 there, Council President.

17 And have a blessed day,
18 everyone.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 I wasn't aware there were
22 people interested in running for Mayor.

23 With that, I'm going to
24 recognize -- I'm sorry. I digress.

25 With that, I'm going to

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2 recognize Councilmember Jones for a
3 motion to adjourn.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
6 adjourned until Thursday, March 3rd, 2022
7 at 10:00 a.m.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. It's been moved and seconded
11 that Council stand adjourned until
12 Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

13 All those in favor indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

21 Thank you all very much and,
22 again, please be safe out there.

23 Thank you all. God bless you.

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