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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Chief Clerk

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I note that
4 the hour has come and that a quorum of this
5 Council is present. The Council will come to
6 order, members will take their seats, visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rail.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Sister Mary Scullion, who is
10 the Director of Project H.O.M.E. She is here
11 today --

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Sister is
14 here today as the guest of Councilman Clarke.
15 Members and guests will please rise.

16 (All rise.)

17 SISTER MARY SCULLION: Thanks,
18 Councilwoman Verna. It's really wonderful to be
19 here.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Sister, not
21 everybody gets an applause like that. You're very
22 special.

23 SISTER MARY SCULLION: But it's great
24 to be here, especially with Councilman David Cohen
25 and Ortiz and Jannie Blackwell, who have been

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2 advocates of the homeless for so long. And
3 especially with all the Councilpeople who have
4 been such advocates for neighborhood development,
5 especially in the Fifth Councilmatic District.
6 Councilman Kenney, Councilman Michael Nutter,
7 Councilwoman Marian Tasco, Rick Mariano, and I
8 can't forget Frank DiCicco. Because we all love
9 the city so much.

10 And it's really an honor too to be here
11 with all the people that work with people on the
12 street through Prevention Point and the people
13 that are here to remember all the people that have
14 been executed and killed in our country, to
15 abolish the death penalty.

16 So with all of us, we pray to our holy,
17 just, and loving God. You are a gracious creator,
18 the sustainer of all life, the one who governs our
19 world. Through the prophets and the holy men and
20 women who have gone before us, You have constantly
21 revealed to us your will for justice,
22 righteousness, and peace in our world.

23 Your spirit moves throughout our world
24 to bind all wounds and heal broken lives, to lift
25 those who are lowly, to call the exiled back home,

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2 and to fill the hungry with good things. This,
3 too, is the work that you give to us.

4 As servants of Your people, may we be
5 compelled by a vision of the beloved community,
6 where dignity is upheld, where life is upheld,
7 where each person is given the chance to flourish
8 and reflect Your divine spirit in the fullness of
9 human life.

10 May we especially reach out to all who
11 are marginalized. May our voices never be silent
12 in the face of suffering or injustice. May the
13 City Council deliberations be guided by wisdom and
14 compassion. May we be channels of your merciful
15 love and grace, use our talents and power against
16 poverty, violence, oppression, death, and anything
17 that would crush the human spirit.

18 Through Your spirit, may Your kingdom
19 come here now in Philadelphia and everywhere in
20 our world. Amen.

21 ALL: Amen.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 thanks Sister Mary Scullion for her inspiring
24 invocation.

25 (Applause.)

1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 order of business is leaves of absence.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. There are no moves for leaves of
7 absence on the part of the Majority.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
9 thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President,
13 on behalf of the Republicans, there are no
14 requests for leaves of absence.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman.

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18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
19 will dispense with the regular order of business
20 to recognize guests and visitors joining in us
21 chambers this morning.

22 On behalf of all members of Council, I
23 welcome you to our City Council session this
24 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
25 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of

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2 our city. We invite to you come again.

3 Councilman Kenney, do you care to be
4 recognized? Your light is on.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, ma'am.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes?

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 I'd like to take this opportunity to
10 introduce a group of young men and women from our
11 City School District's Parkway Program. The
12 school is located in Councilmember DiCicco's
13 district, but the students from Parkway come from
14 every section of the City. And there is a class
15 here today of the -- a U.S. law and justice class,
16 which apparently is appropriate for them to be
17 here today. And with them is Dr. Ruth Horowitz,
18 who's the assistant principal, and C.J. Smith, a
19 teacher in this school.

20 So I'd like to ask them to recognize
21 and be recognized.

22 (Students et al. rise.)

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We welcome
25 you.

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2 Today, we recognize Catholic Schools
3 Week and Archbishop Ryan High School. I invite
4 Councilman O'Neill to make this presentation.

5 Will Monsignor Philip Cribben, Brother
6 Patrick McCormick, Director of Institutional
7 Advancement, Mr. Stephen Pawlowski, President of
8 Archbishop Ryan, Miss Denise McElvey (ph.),
9 Fields Coordinator of the Office of Public
10 Affairs, and those accompanying them please step
11 forward.

12 (Above-named individuals come forward.)

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
14 Chair.

15 This is a resolution designating the
16 week of January 30, 2000 through February 4, 2000
17 as "Catholic Schools Week" in the City of
18 Philadelphia. We usually do this in advance, and
19 we did pass it last week but because of the snow
20 and the Mayor's budget message, we weren't able to
21 present it last week.

22 Whereas, the Members of City Council of
23 Philadelphia stand and salute to the more than
24 100,000 students and teachers throughout the
25 Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we celebrate Catholic

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2 Schools Week with a variety of religious, social,
3 and recreational activities under the theme
4 "Beyond These Walls, a Tradition of Excellence";
5 and

6 Whereas, the first Catholic school in
7 Philadelphia was established in 1782, at St.
8 Mary's parish, laying the foundation for what
9 would become a model school system that was
10 replicated throughout the country, and by 1850,
11 there was a Catholic school in nearly every city
12 parish; and

13 Whereas, the early schools struggled
14 and survived the anti-Catholic sentiments and even
15 the riots of the 1840s. They expanded and
16 improved under the strong leadership of St. John
17 Neumann and his successors, all advocates of a
18 Catholic school system that has instilled high
19 moral values and established rigorous standards of
20 educational excellence; and

21 Whereas Catholic schools in
22 Philadelphia have proved themselves to be
23 blueprints for success. Current figures indicate
24 that nearly 85 percent of Catholic school
25 graduates -- 85 percent of Catholic school

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2 graduates -- attend college, and another 6 percent
3 attend technical and trade schools. These
4 graduates continue to contribute to the social
5 enrichment, moral stability, and economic security
6 of Philadelphia and the region. Graduates of
7 Catholic schools have held every elective office
8 possible in the City of Philadelphia; and

9 Whereas, this year, we especially
10 recognize Archbishop Ryan High School, founded in
11 1966, and today the largest school in the
12 Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and in fact, in this
13 country. Because of its size, current enrollment
14 is over 2500 students. Archbishop Ryan is in a
15 position to offer the most comprehensive
16 educational and social opportunities. This,
17 combined with an ongoing emphasis on spiritual and
18 religious values, has brought distinction to the
19 school, pride to the students and their families,
20 and confidence in a strong and successful future;
21 and

22 Whereas, this outstanding school
23 stresses the dignity and worth of the individual,
24 the love of God, educational excellence, physical
25 development, and spiritual and moral values;

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2 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
3 of the City of Philadelphia that we proudly
4 designate the week of January 30, 2000 through
5 February 4, 2000 as "Catholic Schools Week" in the
6 City of Philadelphia, in fitting tribute to the
7 Catholic schools whose high standards of
8 excellence have educated individuals from all
9 economic, social, ethnic, and religious
10 backgrounds. These schools have enhanced and
11 enriched the lives of their students and families
12 for 218 years.

13 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Monsignor
15 Philip J. Cribben, Secretary of Catholic Education
16 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Stephen
17 Pawlowski, President of Archbishop Ryan High
18 School; and Reverend Charles Newman, O.F.M.,
19 Principal of Archbishop High School, as evidence
20 of the sincere sentiments of this legislative
21 body. A certification that this is a true and
22 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
23 the Council on the 3rd day of February, 2000,
24 signed by the President of City Council, Anna C.
25 Verna, sponsored by myself, Brian J. O'Neill, and

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2 cosponsored by all Councilmembers.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Monsignor Cribben for remarks.

6 MONSIGNOR CRIBBEN: Council President
7 Verna and all Members of City Council, I am truly
8 grateful for this resolution, this recognition of
9 the contribution of the Catholic schools of this
10 city to the life and progress of our great city.
11 I speak on behalf of the 37,000 students in our
12 parish elementary schools, which number 92 in the
13 city, and I speak on behalf of 11,000 Catholic
14 high-school students enrolled in the 11 diocesan
15 Catholic high schools.

16 We truly are grateful for this
17 recognition that you have given to us on this
18 occasion, and I'd like to say to you that we're
19 very grateful for representatives of City
20 government and the School District of Philadelphia
21 for making certain that we receive all of the
22 instructional materials and services that we're
23 entitled to under federal and state law. The
24 delivery of these materials and services is
25 outstanding, and we truly are grateful for the

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2 recognition and the service that we receive.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman,
6 does anybody else wish to speak?

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Steve?

8 MR. PAWLOWSKI: Council President
9 Verna, Councilman O'Neill, Members of Council,
10 it's an honor to accept this award on behalf of
11 Archbishop Ryan High School. We have a dedicated
12 staff, faculty, administration. Our kids are
13 wonderful kids, and they are truly representative
14 of what Philadelphia is capable of putting out.
15 And I am very happy to receive this.

16 We're only one of 22 Catholic high
17 schools. They all offer quality education, they
18 all have benefitted the City of Philadelphia and
19 have benefitted from the City of Philadelphia, so
20 thank you for this recognition.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council stands at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Monsignor,

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2 thank you.

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: In case you
5 haven't noticed the boxes of cookies all around
6 the city, please allow me to remind you that
7 February is Girl Scout Cookie Month.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Every year,
10 the Council welcomes representatives from the Girl
11 Scouts to show our support for their work and for
12 the programs they sponsor.

13 This year, I am pleased to welcome
14 Christine Strzalka, Assistant Leader of Junior
15 Girl Scout Group No. 315. With her is Miss Britt
16 Barry of the Girl Scouts.

17 I know you will join me in welcoming
18 them and I now ask the group to step forward to
19 the podium.

20 (Girl Scout group comes forward.)

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Miss Strzalka for remarks.

24 MS. STRZALKA: Good morning.

25 In Philadelphia County, there are more

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2 than 7,000 Girl Scout members -- 6,000 girls and
3 1,200 adult volunteers. The Annual Girl Scout
4 Cookie Program plays a big part in supporting the
5 Girl Scouts. In addition to funds that go
6 directly to troops, the Girl Scout Cookie Program
7 enables Scouts to deliver quality programming for
8 girls, training for adult volunteers, financial
9 assistance for girls, and low fees for camps and
10 other programs.

11 In southeastern Pennsylvania alone,
12 proceeds from the 1999 --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Miss
14 Strzalka, Miss Strzalka, excuse me. I think you
15 deserve a little more respect than you're getting.

16 MS. STRZALKA: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those having
18 conversations, please do so in the corridor.
19 Thank you.

20 MS. STRZALKA: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please
22 proceed.

23 MS. STRZALKA: Thank you.

24 In southeastern Pennsylvania alone,
25 proceeds from the 1999 Girl Scout Cookie Program

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2 enabled Girl Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania
3 to offer 360 training sessions for adult
4 volunteers, provide more than \$72,000 in financial
5 assistance to girls for camp and membership fees,
6 and present nearly 200 Council-sponsored programs.
7 Individual troops received approximately \$860,000
8 to fund field trips, camping and service projects,
9 and to conduct other troop activities.

10 Girls are the primary beneficiaries of
11 the program. And what they learn and experience
12 from participating and through the services made
13 possible by cookie proceeds. While planning for
14 the sale and selling cookies, girls learn how to
15 set goals, gain marketing experience, and develop
16 self-confidence.

17 Madam President, on behalf of the Girl
18 Scouts of Southeastern Pennsylvania, we'd like to
19 present you with these cookies.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you
23 very much, and I will share them with all of my
24 colleagues.

25 Thank you thank you all very much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
4 be as ease. Will the Councilmen come forward to
5 take photos, please.

6 (Councilmembers come forward.)

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
9 order of business is communications.

10 The Chair requests that the
11 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
12 Mayor to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
13 read the messages from the Mayor.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: I have none this
15 morning, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 thanks the Chief Clerk.

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19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
20 order of business is the introduction of bills and
21 resolutions.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
25 President, I move that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit consideration of
3 resolutions when they're introduced.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
7 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
8 consideration of resolutions at the time of
9 introduction.

10 All in favor of the motion will signify
11 by saying aye.

12 Those opposed, nay.

13 The ayes have it and the motion is
14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer one resolution, which I ask to
19 be referred to the appropriate committee.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
21 will please read the title of the resolution.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
23 the Legislative Oversight Committee to hold public
24 hearings on the administration and accountability
25 of the City Empowerment Zones.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
3 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Madam
8 President. Madam President, I ask to be excused
9 from the remainder of this session. I have to
10 leave on some City business.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
12 excused.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
17 President, I have no bills or resolutions this
18 morning.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
20 Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
22 have no bills or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 thanks the gentleman.

25 Councilwoman Krajewski?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

3 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

5 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I

7 have two bills and one resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief

9 Clerk will please read the title of the first

10 bill.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending

12 Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code entitled

13 "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,"

14 by requiring the retention of video surveillance

15 tapes in commercial businesses for 30 days after

16 use of those tapes and regulating the quality of

17 tapes.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will

19 be referred to the appropriate committee.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance

21 authorizing transfers in appropriations from

22 Fiscal Year 2000 within the General Fund from

23 certain or all City offices, departments, and

24 commissions to certain or all City offices,

25 departments, and commissions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
3 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

4 The clerk will please read the title of
5 the resolution.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
7 the City Council Committee on Public Health and
8 Human Services to hold an emergency hearing on the
9 Department of Health's public funding of
10 Prevention Point, in particular the possibility of
11 their funding and distribution of a pamphlet
12 entitled "Tricks of the Trade: Health and Safety
13 Tips for Street Sex Workers."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
15 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
20 have no bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 thanks the Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I offer one resolution and one bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
4 will please read the title of the bill.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
6 the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the
7 zoning designations of certain areas of land
8 located within an area bounded by Carpenter Lane,
9 Green Lane, Westfield Avenue, and Sherman Road.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
11 be referred to the appropriate committee.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution calling
13 for a moratorium on the imposition of any death
14 penalty in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until
15 a fair and impartial study of the application of
16 the death personal is conducted.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I wish to have a vote on this
21 resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
23 please call the roll.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Clarke?

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman Cohen?

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

7 DiCicco?

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: (Inaudible.).

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman

18 Longstreth?

19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: (Inaudible.)

20 (Laughter.)

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: I vote no.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No?

23 CHIEF CLERK HAUSER: Councilman

24 Mariano?

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: He's not

8 here.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

12 Brown?

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

19 Verna?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 13 --

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Point of

23 order.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I would like

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2 to be recorded as voting no.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay, the
4 ayes are 12, the nays are 4. The motion is
5 carried.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one privileged resolution on
11 which to be heard.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
13 will please read the title of the resolution.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution requesting
15 that the City Council President, Anna C. Verna,
16 and Mayor John F. Street officially request the
17 Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation
18 Authority to affirmatively review capital dollars
19 which were borrowed in 1992 and remain unspent and
20 to evaluate whether these funds can be reallocated
21 to fully support the purchase of new voting
22 machines.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I'll be brief.

3 Madam President, there has been a great
4 amount of discussion lately about the City's
5 capital budgets and some of the items in the
6 budget -- we'll have hearings about that this
7 afternoon.

8 But one of the large items in the
9 budget, which generally we are certainly pleased
10 about, is the purchase of new electronic voting
11 machines. On the other hand, given the size of
12 our capital budget, the impending debt limit,
13 there have been continuing discussions about the
14 possibility of seeking other funding for such a
15 large but worthy purpose.

16 I wish to remind the Council that it
17 was this Council that passed the ballot initiative
18 that allowed the voters to express their will at
19 an election where 77 percent of the voters
20 supported the initiative to get new voting
21 machines.

22 But prior to that, this Council had
23 public hearings on this issue, sought testimony
24 from the Executive Director of PICA, who told us
25 at that time that the City would be eligible upon

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2 request to seek PICA funding for the purchase of
3 the new voting machines. This Council
4 subsequently passed the resolution asking the
5 then-Council President Street and then-Mayor
6 Rendell to formally make that request to PICA.
7 Unfortunately, that request apparently was not
8 made, and subsequently, the \$21 million for the
9 voting machines is now in our capital budget.

10 Again, we are pleased to have dollars
11 available, but in light of scarce resources, we
12 wish to renew that request through you, Madam
13 President, and now through the Mayor, who is
14 former Council President Street, now Mayor Street.

15 I believe that this is an important
16 issue. We need to make sure that we're spending
17 our dollars not only wisely, but if we have
18 dollars available from other sources for such
19 important needs, we shouldalso go to those
20 sources. It is my understanding that those
21 dollars are still available and that there may be
22 additional dollars at PICA available that may
23 cover the entire cost of the \$21 million.

24 And so with that, I seek the approval
25 and make a motion that this resolution be adopted.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
4 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
5 adopted.

6 All those in favor will signify by
7 saying aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the motion is
10 carried.

11 I just got an update on the tragic
12 accident that occurred this morning at the Arts
13 Center. Of the eight men injured, seven are in
14 good condition, and the eighth is presently
15 undergoing surgery and is expected to have a full
16 recovery. It's my understanding that the Mayor is
17 presently on the scene and is prepared to make
18 remarks very shortly. I think we were all
19 interested in knowing that because it could have
20 been very, very tragic.

21 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
22 Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Good
24 morning, Madam President. I have no bills and no
25 resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 thanks the Councilwoman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
6 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks the gentleman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
11 have no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer three bills.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
18 Clerk will please read the title of the first
19 bill.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
21 Chapter 6-400 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
22 miscellaneous standards and regulations of the
23 Health Code by prohibiting tattooing, body
24 piercing, and body art establishments from
25 providing services to minors without parental

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2 consent and by requiring such establishments to
3 operate in accordance with with the regulations
4 promulgated by the Board of Health for the purpose
5 of preventing injury and the spread of
6 communicable disease, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
9 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

10 MS. Rafferty: And an ordinance
11 amending Section 19-1303 of the Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled "Authorization to Offer Exemption from
13 Real-Estate taxes on New Construction of
14 Residential Properties," by eliminating the
15 owner-occupied requirement for exemption, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
18 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 MS. Rafferty: And an ordinance
20 amending Section 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code,
21 entitled "Sidewalk Cafes," by permitting sidewalk
22 cafes to be maintained on East Passyunk Avenue,
23 both sides, between Broad Street and Federal
24 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 Councilman O'Neill had indicated that
4 he had no bills or resolutions. Therefore, the
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have one resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
9 Clerk will please read the title of the
10 resolution.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
12 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
13 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority deeds
14 situate in the 29th, 32nd, and 43rd Wards of the
15 City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
22 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

23 All those in favor will signify by
24 saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Longstreth.

6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Say it again?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman,
8 do you have any bills or resolutions?

9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: No bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, no
14 bills or resolutions today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks the gentleman.

17 We do not have a calendar, therefore
18 this concludes the business portion of the Council
19 meeting.

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21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
22 speeches on the part of the Minority?

23 (No speeches on the part of the
24 Minority.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any

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2 speeches on the part of the Majority?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
8 sorry. I didn't see the lights on.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I'll be very brief.

13 But in light of our honoring Catholic
14 Schools Week today, two days ago, I received a
15 call from a Catholic school teacher in Port
16 Richmond who works in a parish that is receiving,
17 as many parishes do, Title I Program funds for
18 reading opportunities for Catholic school students
19 and other types of teaching opportunities that
20 come with this Title I Program. Unbelievably, she
21 told me that she had not been paid by the School
22 District since September of 1999.

23 I recognize the serious problems with
24 the computer system at the School District of
25 Philadelphia. I also understand that from talking

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2 to people in the Archdiocese -- and I'm collecting
3 a list now -- that she is not the only Catholic
4 teacher under the Title I Program that has not
5 been paid for a number of months and that there
6 may be scores of them that have not been paid.

7 Catholic school teachers, as we all
8 know, make much less per hour or per week than
9 public school teachers either in the City or the
10 suburbs, and I think it's unconscionable that the
11 District not only is not paying some of its own
12 employees but is not being able to get this
13 computer system back on line in a way that we'll
14 be able to pay these teachers who are toiling in
15 our neighborhoods for very little money, the money
16 that's been owing them for months and months.

17 On the heels of this information, I
18 notice that Superintendent Hornbeck again has
19 taken another run at the Board to attempt to get
20 3 percent raises for high-ranking administrators
21 in the School District and has been, I think,
22 appropriately rebuffed by the Board for, I think,
23 the third time now.

24 I don't know what's going on over at
25 that district. I know that the Mayor is meeting

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2 with the Governor tomorrow to discuss school
3 funding. I also recognize that Superintendent
4 Hornbeck again has given a report or at least a
5 statement to the Board that he is increasing
6 programs by an amount of \$211 million in new
7 programs, and when asked how he was intending to
8 pay for that, he simply said "The State will pick
9 it up."

10 Well, there's a lot of confusion over
11 in that district, and I think a lot of it in
12 between Dr. Hornbeck's ears, number one. And,
13 number two, I think that we ought to -- and I'm
14 going to follow through with this with other
15 members of Council to attempt to get all these
16 employees, both School District employees and the
17 Title I employees at the Catholic schools, paid
18 the monies that are owing to them. I don't know
19 how people can make mortgage payments, pay for
20 their food, pay their gas and electric bills, and
21 pay their car payments if they are not getting
22 paid for the day's work that they're putting in.

23 So I think that the School District
24 ought to get its act together if they expect to
25 get any consideration from Harrisburg or from this

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2 legislative body on issures relating to the
3 \$15 million we may be giving them this year, and I
4 just think what's going on over there is a
5 disgrace.

6 So I wanted to bring it to people's
7 attention. If there's anyone out there in that
8 situation that like to call my office or any of
9 the District Councilpersons' office, please get on
10 the phone and let us know the extent of the
11 problem.

12 And I thank you, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
14 Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 While I have the floor, can someone
20 check my mike and my light because if I push it
21 off, it goes off, it comes on, it goes off.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And can you
23 raise the volume, please.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I just want to
25 state that I want to thank my fellow Councilpeople

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2 for voting in support of the bill regarding the
3 moratorium on the death penalty. This is a issue
4 that's been in the news recently, and we just
5 circulated a packet about a week ago to help
6 people try to fully understand what's going on
7 even here in Pennsylvania. Ninety percent of the
8 people sent to death row are from Philadelphia,
9 and they are people of color.

10 So I really thank them for the support.
11 We've got the support of the religious community,
12 the legal community, and there were people here
13 from all different types of entities to support
14 this resolution.

15 And I just once again want to say thank
16 you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 Are there any other speeches on the
19 part of the Majority?

20 (No response.)

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing none,
23 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
24 motion to adjourn.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I

1 ADJOURNMENT

2 move that Council be adjourned until Thursday,
3 February the 17th, at 10 a.m.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a
5 second?

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's been
8 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
9 until Thursday, February 17, 2000.

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

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it, and Council is
14 adjourned until Thursday, February, 17, 2000.
15 Thank you.

16 (Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, February 10, 2000, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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JOSEPHINE CARDILLO,
Registered Professional Reporter