

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, February 24, 2024
2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN JEFFREY YOUNG, JR., CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

BILLS: 241081, 241083, 241106, 241107,
250002, 250003, 250004, 250005,
250006, 250007, 250008, 250009,
250046, 250047, 250048, 250049,
250066, 250069, 250070

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Good morning, everyone. Welcome to
4 the Philadelphia City Council
5 Committee on Streets and Services.

6 I now note that the hour has come
7 and for the record note that we do
8 have a quorum. To my left
9 appointed by Councilmember --

10 Council President Johnson, Anthony
11 Phillips, Councilmember Harrity,
12 Councilmember Ahmad.

13 I note for the record A
14 quorum of this Committee is present
15 and the hearing is now called to
16 order. This is a public hearing on
17 the Committee on Streets and
18 Services considering testimony on
19 Bill Nos. 241081, 241083, 241106,
20 241107, 250002, 250003, 250004,
21 250005, 250006, 250007, 250008,
22 250009, 250046, 250047, 250048,
23 250049, 250066, 250069 and 250070.

24 The Chair recognizes

1 Councilmember Ahmad for a motion.

2 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

3 Thank you, Vice-Chair Squilla. At

4 the request of sponsor

5 Councilmember Gauthier, I move that

6 Bill No. 250003 be withdrawn.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: It

9 has been moved and properly

10 seconded that Bill No. 250003 be

11 withdrawn.

12 For all those in favor,

13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: The

19 ayes have it. The motion carries.

20 Bill No. 250003 has been withdrawn.

21 I'd also like to note for the

22 record that Bill No. 241106 is

23 being held at the request of the

24 sponsor.

1 Before we begin, do any
2 of my colleagues have any opening
3 remarks?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, please
7 read the title of the first bills.

8 THE CLERK: Bill No.
9 241107 titled, establishing parking
10 regulations in the vicinity of
11 North 18th Street between Wood
12 Street and Callowhill Street; Vine
13 Street between North 18th Street
14 and North 19th Street; Callowhill
15 Street between North 18th Street
16 and North 19th Street; North 17th
17 Street between Callowhill Street
18 and Wood Street; Thompson Street
19 between North 18th Street and North
20 17th Street; Harold Street between
21 North 22nd Street and North 23rd
22 Street.

23 And also, Bill No.
24 250069 titled, establishing parking

1 regulations in the vicinity of
2 Wildey Street between Columbia
3 Avenue and Earl Street; Dunton
4 Street between Wildey Street and
5 Girard Avenue; Earl Street between
6 Girard Avenue and Wildey Street;
7 South 7th Street between Johnston
8 Street and Bigler Street.

9 And also, Bill No.
10 250070 titled, establishing parking
11 regulations in the vicinity of York
12 Street between Almond Street and
13 Mercer Street; Clarion Street
14 between Dickinson Street and Tasker
15 Street; Ellsworth Street between
16 South 7th Street and South 8th
17 Street; Annin Street between
18 Marshall Street and South 7th
19 Street; Ellsworth Street between
20 Passyunk Avenue and South 9th
21 Street; Pierce Street between South
22 12th Street and South 11th Street;
23 McClellan Street between South 9th
24 Street and South 10th Street;

1 Jackson Street between South 5th
2 Street and South 6th Street; Cross
3 Street between South 5th Street and
4 South 4th Street; South 5th Street
5 between Morris Street and Tasker
6 Street.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Thank you, Mr. Pullin. For the
9 record, Councilmember Brooks is
10 present for the hearing.

11 Could you please call
12 the witness to testify on the bills
13 just read into the record.

14 THE CLERK: The first
15 witness to testify is Lester
16 Emerson, Deputy Parking Manager for
17 the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

18 (Witness approached
19 Witness table.)

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 Thank you. Just state your name
22 for the record and proceed with
23 your testimony.

24 MR. EMERSON: Good

1 morning, Council. My name is
2 Lester Emerson, Deputy Manager for
3 the Philadelphia Parking Authority.
4 Thank you for allowing me to
5 testify before Council regarding
6 Ordinances 241107, 250069 and
7 250070, establishing parking
8 regulations.

9 The Philadelphia Parking
10 Authority has no objection to the
11 ordinances previously read before
12 Council and recommends a favorable
13 consideration. Thank you again for
14 your time. I'd be happy to respond
15 to any questions at this time.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Thank you.

18 Any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 Seeing none, anyone else here to
22 testify on those bills?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

1 Seeing none, thank you for your
2 testimony.

3 Can you please read the
4 title of the next bill.

5 MR. EMERSON: Thank you.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No.
7 250008 titled, authorizing the
8 vacating of Clarion Street from
9 Addison Street to its terminus
10 northwardly therefrom and the
11 reserving and plotting upon City
12 Plan No. 308 of a right-of-way for
13 sewer and drainage purposes and
14 water main purposes within the
15 lines of said Clarion Street being
16 vacated and authorizing acceptance
17 of the grant to the City of the
18 said right-of-way, under certain
19 terms and conditions.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Can
21 you please call the witness to
22 testify.

23 THE CLERK: The next
24 witnesses to testify are Noelle

1 Marconi, Legislative Affairs
2 Director for the Department of
3 Streets, and Sarah Chiu,
4 Development Director for the City
5 Planning Commission.

6 (Witnesses approached
7 Witness table.)

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Thank you. Just state your name
10 for the record and please proceed
11 with your testimony.

12 MS. MARCONI: Good
13 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
14 members of the Streets and Services
15 Committee. My name is Noelle
16 Marconi and I'm the Director of
17 Legislative Affairs for the
18 Department of Streets. I'm here
19 today to offer testimony on Bill
20 No. 250008 introduced by
21 Councilmember Squilla.

22 This is not an
23 Administration ordinance but an
24 ordinance requested by Christian

1 Dalzell of Counter Management LLC,
2 on behalf of Keppoch House, PECO
3 Energy Company and Brendan Isard.
4 The purpose of this proposed
5 ordinance is to authorize the
6 vacating of Clarion Street from
7 Addison Street to its terminus
8 approximately 52 feet northwardly
9 therefrom. This portion of Clarion
10 Street is just 20 feet wide with
11 only a 6.5 feet wide cartway and
12 extends only a short distance to a
13 dead end.

14 It is not plotted on the
15 City Plan but is legally open for
16 the public use per a deed of
17 dedication made in 1847. A right-
18 of-way for sewer and drainage
19 purposes and water main purposes
20 will be reserved in the bed of
21 Clarion Street to provide for the
22 existing public water and sewer
23 lines which will remain in place.

24 This action has been

1 requested by the abiding property
2 owners so that they may better
3 secure this area against loitering,
4 littering and other illicit and
5 illegal activities. The Department
6 of Streets has no objections to
7 this proposed ordinance and
8 recommends it to the Committee for
9 favorable action. I thank you for
10 the opportunity to appear before
11 you today. I'm pleased to answer
12 any questions you may have.

13 MS. CHIU: Good
14 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
15 members of the Committee on Streets
16 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
17 Planning Manager with the
18 Philadelphia City Planning
19 Commission. I'm here to testify on
20 Bill No. 250008, introduced by
21 Councilmember Squilla on January
22 23, 2025.

23 This bill will authorize
24 the vacating of Clarion Street from

1 Addison Street to its terminus and
2 reserving and plotting a City Plan,
3 a right-of-way for sewer drainage
4 and water main purposes within the
5 lines of said Clarion Street.

6 The abutting neighbors
7 requested this action to better
8 secure their properties. The
9 Planning Commission at its meeting
10 on February 20, 2025 recommended
11 Bill No. 250008 for approval. I'll
12 be happy to answer any questions.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

14 Thank you.

15 Any questions?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Seeing none, anyone else here to
19 testify on this bill?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, please
23 read the title of the next bill.

24 THE CLERK: Bill No.

1 250046 titled, authorizing the
2 opening of a right-of-way to the
3 public on land near the
4 intersection of the southeasterly
5 side of Bath Street and the
6 southwesterly side of Victoria
7 Streets, all being land owned by
8 the City.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

10 Please proceed.

11 MS. MARCONI: Good
12 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla,
13 members of the Streets and Services
14 Committee. My name is Noelle
15 Marconi and I'm the Director of
16 Legislative Affairs for the
17 Department of Streets.

18 I'm here today to offer
19 testimony on Bill No. 250046,
20 introduced by Councilmember
21 Driscoll. This is an
22 Administration ordinance requested
23 by Mary Josephine Markle, the
24 Deputy Solicitor of the Law

1 Department.

2 The purpose of this
3 proposed ordinance is to authorize
4 the opening as a public right-of-
5 way of a portion of city-owned land
6 located at the intersection of the
7 southeasterly side of Bath Street
8 and the southwesterly side of
9 Victoria Street.

10 This action is related
11 to PennDOT's ongoing reconstruction
12 of the I-95 Delaware Expressway.

13 As part of the I-95 work, a new
14 exit ramp, Ramp F, from Northbound
15 I-95 to Castor Avenue will be
16 constructed. This new ramp will
17 pass near the intersection of Bath
18 and Victoria Streets and the
19 required soil embankment will
20 obliterate a portion of an existing
21 intersection.

22 In order to maintain the
23 connection between these two
24 streets, PennDOT will reconstruct

1 portions of Bath Street and
2 Victoria Streets as a curved
3 roadway rather than existing right
4 angle intersection. This new
5 curved roadway will encroach into
6 the city-owned property at this
7 location and require the
8 encroached-upon portion of the
9 property to become part of the
10 public right-of-way.

11 The Department of
12 Streets has no objections to this
13 proposed ordinance and recommends
14 it to the Committee for favorable
15 action. Thank you for the
16 opportunity to appear before you
17 today. I'll be pleased to answer
18 any questions you may have.

19 MS. CHIU: Good
20 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
21 members of the Committee on Streets
22 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
23 Planning Manager with the
24 Philadelphia City Planning

1 Commission.

2 I'm here to testify on
3 Bill No. 250046, introduced by
4 Councilmember Driscoll on January
5 20, 2025. This bill will authorize
6 the opening of a right-of-way to
7 the public on the land near the
8 intersection of Bath Street and
9 Victoria Street. Bill No. 100679
10 previously authorized the Streets
11 Department to make revisions to
12 City plans at this intersection to
13 conform the street's conditions
14 after the I-95 reconstruction
15 project.

16 The Planning Commission
17 reviewed this action at its meeting
18 on November 16, 2010, recommended
19 approval for this bill. Therefore,
20 at the meeting on February 20, 2025
21 the Planning Commission recommended
22 Bill No. 250046 for approval. I'll
23 be happy to answer any questions at
24 this time.

1 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

2 Thank you.

3 Any questions?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Seeing none, anyone else here to

7 testify on Bill No. 250046?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

10 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, can you

11 please read the title of the next

12 bill.

13 THE CLERK: Bill No.

14 241081 titled, authorizing

15 encroachments in the nature of a

16 sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of

17 229 South 45th Street,

18 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104,

19 under certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 Please proceed.

22 MS. MARCONI: Good

23 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and

24 members of the Streets and Services

1 Committee. My name is Noelle
2 Marconi and I'm the Director of
3 Legislative Affairs for the
4 Department of Streets.

5 I'm here today to offer
6 testimony on Bill No. 241081,
7 introduced by Councilmember
8 Gauthier. This bill authorizes
9 TEDLA ABRAHAM (the "Owner") to
10 install, own and maintain
11 encroachments in the nature of a
12 sidewalk cafe at Abysinnia located
13 at 229 South 45th Street. A total
14 of 5 tables and 11 seats for a
15 sidewalk cafe will be located along
16 the east sidewalk of South 45th
17 Street and the north sidewalk of
18 Locust Street along the property
19 line of 229 South 45th Street.

20 The Department of
21 Streets is not opposed to this
22 proposed sidewalk cafe, as it will
23 maintain 6 feet of unobstructed
24 footway. This concludes my

1 testimony. I'm pleased to answer
2 any questions you may have.

3 MS. CHIU: Good
4 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
5 members of the Committee on Streets
6 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
7 Planning Manager with the
8 Philadelphia City Planning
9 Commission.

10 I'm here to testify on
11 Bill No. 241081, introduced by
12 Councilmember Gauthier on November
13 21, 2024. This bill will allow a
14 sidewalk cafe at 229 South 45th
15 Street. A minimum of 6 feet clear
16 sidewalk space on 45th Street and
17 Locust Street will remain after
18 installation.

19 This meets the minimum
20 required dimensions of the Complete
21 Street Policy of The Philadelphia
22 Code. The Planning Commission at
23 its meeting on December 5, 2024
24 recommended Bill No. 241081 for

1 approval. I'll be happy to answer
2 any questions.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Any
4 questions?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
7 Seeing none, anyone else here to
8 testify on Bill No. 241081?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
11 Thank you for your testimony.

12 Mr. Pullin, please read
13 the title of the next bill.

14 THE CLERK: Bill No.
15 241083 titled, authorizing
16 encroachments in the nature of a
17 sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of
18 1148-50 South 11th Street,
19 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147,
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 MS. MARCONI: Good
22 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla,
23 members of the Streets and Services
24 Committee. My name is Noelle

1 Marconi and I'm the Director of
2 Legislative Affairs for the
3 Department of Streets.

4 I'm here to offer
5 testimony on Bill No. 241083,
6 introduced by Councilmember
7 Squilla. This bill authorizes L.
8 COLE PROPERTIES LLC (the "Owner")
9 to install, own and maintain
10 encroachments in the nature of a
11 sidewalk cafe a Bake'n Bacon
12 located at 1148-50 South 11th
13 Street. A total of 4 tables and 14
14 seats for a sidewalk cafe will be
15 located along the west sidewalk of
16 South 11th Street and the south
17 sidewalk of Ellsworth Street along
18 the property line of 1148-50 South
19 11th Street.

20 The Department of
21 Streets is not opposed to this
22 proposed sidewalk cafe as it will
23 maintain 6 feet of unobstructed
24 footway. This concludes my

1 testimony. I'm pleased to answer
2 any questions you may have.

3 MS. CHIU: Good
4 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
5 members of the Streets and Services
6 Committee. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
7 Planning Manager with the
8 Philadelphia City Planning
9 Commission. I'm here to testify on
10 Bill No. 241083, introduced by
11 Councilmember Squilla on November
12 21, 2024.

13 This bill will allow a
14 sidewalk cafe at 1148-50 South 11th
15 Street. A minimum of 6 feet of
16 clear sidewalk space is to remain
17 after the installation on Ellsworth
18 street and a minimum of 7'5" of
19 sidewalk space will remain after
20 installation on 11th Street. This
21 meets the minimum required
22 dimension of the Complete Street
23 Policy of The Philadelphia Code.

24 The Planning Commission

1 at its meeting on December 5, 2024
2 recommended Bill No. 240 -- sorry
3 241083 for approval. I'll be happy
4 to answer any questions.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Thank you.

7 Any questions?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

10 Seeing none, anyone else here to
11 testify on 241083?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

14 Seeing none, thank you.

15 Mr. Pullin, please read
16 the title of the next bill.

17 THE CLERK: Bill No.
18 250002 titled, authorizing various
19 encroachments in the vicinity of
20 546 South 45th Street,
21 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Please proceed.

1 MS. MARCONI: Good
2 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla,
3 members of the Streets and Services
4 Committee. My name is Noelle
5 Marconi and I'm the Director of
6 Legislative Affairs for the
7 Department of Streets. I'm here
8 today to offer testimony on Bill
9 No. 250002, introduced by
10 Councilmember Gauthier.

11 This bill authorizes
12 THEODORE TOPALIDIS and PENELOPE
13 TOPALKIDIS (the "Owners") to
14 install, own and maintain
15 encroachments in the nature of a
16 sidewalk cafe and planters at Alif
17 Brew & Mini Mart located at 546
18 South 46th Street.

19 The proposed
20 encroachments include two proposed
21 planters and a proposed sidewalk
22 cafe with a total of 8 tables and
23 16 seats that will be located along
24 the north footway of Baltimore

1 Avenue, along the property line of
2 546 South 45th Street and the west
3 footway of South 45th Street, along
4 the property line of 546 South 45th
5 Street.

6 The Department of
7 Streets is not opposed to these
8 proposed planters in sidewalk cafe
9 as it will maintain 9 feet of
10 unobstructed footway. This
11 concludes my testimony. I'm
12 pleased to answer any questions you
13 may have.

14 MS. CHIU: Good
15 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
16 members of the Committee on Streets
17 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
18 Planning manager with the
19 Philadelphia City Planning
20 Commission. I'm here to testify on
21 Bill No. 250002, introduced by
22 Councilmember Gauthier on January
23 23, 2025.

24 This bill will allow

1 sidewalk cafe and planter
2 encroachment at 546 South 45th
3 Street. A minimum of 9 feet clear
4 sidewalk space on 45th Street and
5 Baltimore Avenue will remain after
6 installation. This meets the
7 minimum requirement dimension of
8 the Complete Street Policy of The
9 Philadelphia Code.

10 The Planning Commission
11 at its meeting on February 20, 2025
12 recommended Bill No. 250002 for
13 approval. I'll be happy to answer
14 any questions.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

16 Thank you.

17 Any questions?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

20 Seeing none, anyone else here to
21 testify on Bill No. 250002?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Seeing none, thank you.

1 Mr. Pullin, please read
2 the title of the next bill.

3 THE CLERK: Bill No.
4 250009 titled, authorizing
5 encroachments in the nature of a
6 sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of
7 542 Christian Street, Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania 19147, under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
11 Please proceed.

12 MS. MARCONI: Good
13 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
14 members of the Streets and Services
15 Committee. My name is Noelle
16 Marconi and I'm the Director of
17 Legislative Affairs for the
18 Department of Streets.

19 I'm here today to offer
20 testimony on Bill No. 250009,
21 introduced by Councilmember
22 Squilla. This bill authorizes 542
23 Christian Street Associates, LLC,
24 (the "Owner") to install, own and

1 maintain encroachments in the
2 nature of a sidewalk cafe at Shot
3 Tower Coffee located at 542
4 Christian Street.

5 A total of 5 tables, 3
6 benches and 10 seats for a sidewalk
7 cafe will be located along the east
8 sidewalk of South 6th Street, along
9 the property line of 542 Christian
10 Street and the south sidewalk of
11 Christian Street along the property
12 line of 542 Christian Street.

13 The Department of
14 Streets is not opposed to this
15 proposed sidewalk cafe as it will
16 maintain 6 feet of unobstructed
17 footway. This concludes my
18 testimony. I'm pleased to answer
19 any questions you may have.

20 MS. CHIU: Good
21 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
22 members of the Committee on Streets
23 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
24 Planning Manager with the

1 Philadelphia City Planning
2 Commission. I'm here to testify on
3 Bill No. 250009, introduced by
4 Councilmember Squilla on January
5 23, 2025.

6 This bill will allow a
7 sidewalk cafe at 542 Christian
8 Street. A minimum of 6 feet of
9 clear sidewalk space will remain on
10 South 6th Street and Christian
11 Street after installation, meeting
12 the Complete Street Policy.

13 The Planning Commission
14 at its meeting on February 20, 2025
15 recommended Bill No. 250009 for
16 approval. I'll be happy to answer
17 any questions.

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
19 Thank you for your testimony.

20 Any questions?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
23 Seeing none, anyone else here to
24 testify on Bill No. 250009?

1 (No response.)

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, please
4 read the title of the next bill.

5 THE CLERK: Bill No.
6 250047 titled, authorizing
7 encroachments in the nature of a
8 sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of
9 1525 South 9th Street,
10 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147,
11 under certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
13 Please proceed.

14 MS. MARCONI: Good
15 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla,
16 members of the Streets and Services
17 Committee. My name is Noelle
18 Marconi and I'm the Director of
19 Legislative Affairs for the
20 Department of Streets. I'm here
21 today to offer testimony on Bill
22 No. 250047, introduced by
23 Councilmember Squilla.

24 This bill authorizes

1 CROSS REAL ESTATE LLC and MICHAEL
2 FARINA LLC (the "Owner") to
3 install, own and maintain
4 encroachments in the nature of a
5 sidewalk cafe, Grumpy's Tavern
6 located at 1525 South 9th Street.
7 A total of 4 tables and 7 seats for
8 a sidewalk cafe will be located
9 along the east sidewalk of South
10 9th Street along the property line
11 of 1525 South 9th Street and along
12 the north sidewalk of Cross Street
13 along the property line of 1525
14 South 9th Street.

15 The Department of
16 Streets is not opposed to this
17 proposed sidewalk cafe as it will
18 maintain 6 feet of unobstructed
19 footway on the east sidewalk of
20 South 9th Street and 5'6" along the
21 sidewalk of Cross Street. This
22 concludes my testimony. I'm
23 pleased to answer any questions you
24 may.

1 MS. CHIU: Good
2 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
3 members of the Committee on Streets
4 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
5 Planning Manager with the
6 Philadelphia City Planning
7 Commission. I'm here to testify on
8 Bill No. 250047, introduced by
9 Councilmember Squilla on January
10 30, 2025.

11 This bill will allow
12 sidewalk cafe to be located at 1525
13 South 9th Street. A minimum of
14 5'6" of clear sidewalk space is to
15 remain after installation meeting
16 Complete Street Policy. Therefore,
17 at its meeting on February 20, 2025
18 the Planning Commission recommended
19 Bill No. 250047 for approval. I'll
20 be happy to answer any questions.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Thank you.

23 Any questions?

24 (No response.)

1 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

2 Seeing none, anyone else here to
3 testify on Bill No. 250047?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Thank you.

7 Mr. Pullin, please read
8 the title of the next bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill No.
10 250048 titled, authorizing
11 encroachments in the nature of a
12 sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of
13 2049 East Hagert Street,
14 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19125,
15 under certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Please proceed.

18 MS. MARCONI: Good
19 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla,
20 members of the Streets and Services
21 Committee. My name is Noelle
22 Marconi and I'm the Director of
23 Legislative Affairs for the
24 Department of Streets. I'm here

1 today to offer testimony on Bill
2 No. 250048, introduced by
3 Councilmember Squilla.

4 This bill authorizes
5 2049 HAGERT LLC (the "Owner") to
6 install, own and maintain
7 encroachments in the nature of a
8 sidewalk cafe at Little Walter's
9 located at 2049 Hagert Street. A
10 total of 1 table and 2 seats will
11 be located adjacent to the building
12 line of 2049 East Hagert Street.

13 The Department of
14 Streets is not opposed to this
15 proposed sidewalk cafe as it will
16 maintain 6 feet of unobstructed
17 footway. This concludes my
18 testimony and I'm pleased to answer
19 any questions you may have.

20 MS. CHIU: Good
21 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
22 members of the Committee on Streets
23 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
24 Planning Manager with the

1 Philadelphia City Planning
2 Commission. I'm here to testify on
3 Bill No. 250048, introduced by
4 Councilmember Squilla on January
5 30, 2025.

6 This bill will allow a
7 sidewalk cafe to be located at 2049
8 East Hagert Street. A minimum of 6
9 feet of clear sidewalk space is to
10 remain after installation meeting
11 Complete Street Policy.

12 The Planning Commission
13 at its meeting on February 20, 2025
14 recommended a Bill No. 250048 for
15 approval. I'll be happy to answer
16 any questions.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Thank you.

19 Any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Seeing none, anyone else here to
23 testify on Bill No. 250048?

24 (No response.)

1 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

2 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, please
3 read the title of the next bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No.
5 250049 titled, authorizing various
6 encroachments in the vicinity of
7 1625 South 2nd Street,
8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19148,
9 under certain terms and conditions.

10 MS. MARCONI: Good
11 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
12 members of the Streets and Services
13 Committee. My name is Noelle
14 Marconi and I'm the Director of
15 Legislative Affairs for the
16 Department of Streets.

17 I'm here today to offer
18 testimony on Bill No. 250049,
19 introduced by Councilmember
20 Squilla. This bill authorizes
21 BERTHA MARY JUNG and HELEN M. OTTO
22 (the "Owner") to install, own and
23 maintain encroachments in the
24 nature of a sidewalk cafe at

1 O'Jung's Tavern Bar located at 1625
2 South 2nd Street. A total of 6
3 tables and 16 seats for a sidewalk
4 cafe along with 4 planters will be
5 located along the east sidewalk of
6 South 2nd Street and along the
7 property line of 1625 South 2nd
8 Street and the north sidewalk of
9 Fernon Street along the property
10 line of 1625 South 2nd Street.

11 The Department of
12 Streets is not opposed to this
13 proposed sidewalk cafe and planters
14 as it will maintain a minimum of
15 5'5" along Ferion Street and a
16 maximum of 8 feet of unobstructed
17 footway on South 2nd Street. This
18 concludes my testimony. I'm
19 pleased to answer any questions you
20 may have.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Thank you. Fernon Street.

23 MS. CHIU: Good

24 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and

1 members of the Committee on Streets
2 and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City
3 Planning Manager with the
4 Philadelphia City Planning
5 Commission. I'm here to testify on
6 Bill No. 250049, introduced by
7 Councilmember Squilla on January
8 30, 2025.

9 This bill will allow a
10 sidewalk cafe and planters to be
11 located at 1625 South 2nd Street.
12 A minimum of 5'5" of clear sidewalk
13 space is to remain after
14 installation meeting the Complete
15 Streets Policy.

16 The Planning Commission
17 at its meeting on February 20, 2025
18 recommended Bill No. 250049 for
19 approval. I'll be happy to answer
20 any questions at this time.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Thank you.

23 Any questions?

24 (No response.)

1 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

2 Seeing none, anyone else here to
3 testify on Bill No. 250049?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

6 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, can you
7 please read the title of the next
8 bill.

9 THE CLERK: Bill No.
10 250004 titled, amending an
11 ordinance (Bill No. 230577),
12 approved November 13, 2023,
13 entitled "Granting permission to
14 Wynnefield/Overbrook Eruv
15 Association in order to demarcate
16 the boundaries of a
17 Wynnefield/Overbrook eruv district,
18 to construct and maintain a clear
19 nylon cord and other ancillary
20 facilities, including a maximum of
21 100 poles and 45 pieces of
22 plexiglass along, over and in
23 certain public rights-of-way and
24 City streets and/or to attach such

1 demarcation facilities to existing
2 facilities owned by other entities
3 authorized by other City
4 ordinances, subject to such owner's
5 consent; all under certain terms
6 conditions," by extending the
7 period for compliance with the
8 terms and conditions stated
9 therein.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Please state your name for the
12 record and proceed with your
13 testimony.

14 MS. MARCONI: Good
15 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
16 members of the Streets and Services
17 Committee. My name is Noelle
18 Marconi, and I'm the Director of
19 Legislative Affairs for the
20 Department of Streets.

21 I'm here to offer
22 testimony on Bill No. 250004,
23 introduced by Councilmember Jones.
24 This legislation amends Bill No.

1 230577, which was approved November
2 13, 2023, to allow the
3 Wynnefield/Overbrook Eruv
4 Association additional time to
5 comply with the requirements of the
6 bill. The legislation allows the
7 Wynnefield/Overbrook eruv to
8 demarcate the boundaries of a
9 Wynnefield/Overbrook Eruv District
10 to construct and maintain clear and
11 cord and other ancillary
12 facilities, including a maximum of
13 100 poles and 45 pieces of
14 plexiglass along, over and in
15 certain public rights-of-way in
16 City streets and are attached to
17 such demarcation facilities to
18 existing facilities and by other
19 entities authorized by other City
20 ordinances subject to the owner's
21 consent.

22 The approximate
23 territory bounded by the Eruv
24 boundaries is the area between

1 Upland Way on the south, Belmont
2 Avenue on the north, City Avenue on
3 the west, and the train tracks for
4 the SEPTA Cynwyd Line on the east.
5 The Department of Streets is not
6 opposed to this proposed Eruv so
7 long as all the agreements with the
8 appropriate City departments are
9 actually executed by the new date
10 of compliance, September 19, 2025,
11 and substantial construction be
12 completed by March 31 2027. This
13 concludes my testimony. I'm
14 pleased to answer any questions you
15 may have.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Thank you.

18 Any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 Seeing none, anyone else here to
22 testify on Bill No. 250004?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

1 Seeing none, Mr. Pullin, could you
2 please read the title of the next
3 bill.

4 THE CLERK: Bill No.
5 250005, titled, amending Chapter
6 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Designation of Bicycle
8 Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane
9 on North 22nd Street from Spring
10 Garden Street to Green Street, and
11 remove a travel lane on North 22nd
12 Street within the same limits, all
13 under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
15 Thank you, Mr. Pullin. Can you
16 please read the people to testify.

17 THE CLERK: The next
18 witness to testify is Anna Kelly,
19 Senior Policy Advisor for the
20 Office of Transportation and
21 Infrastructure Systems.

22 MS. KELLY: Good
23 afternoon, Vice-Chair Squilla and
24 members of the Streets and Services

1 Committee. Thank you for the
2 opportunity to appear before you
3 today. My name is Anna Kelly. I'm
4 a Senior Policy Advisor for EV and
5 Parking at the Office of
6 Transportation and Infrastructure
7 Systems or OTIS. I'm here today to
8 offer testimony on Bill No. 250005,
9 sponsored by Councilmember Young.

10 This bill amends Title
11 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled "Designation of Bicycle
13 Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane
14 on North 22nd Street between Spring
15 Garden and Green Street and the
16 removal of a travel lane within the
17 same limits, all under certain
18 terms and conditions.

19 This project will allow
20 for the extension of the current
21 22nd Street bike lane from Spring
22 Garden north to Fairmount Avenue,
23 though the travel lane will only
24 need to be removed up to Green

1 Street. The bike lane will be
2 separated from travel lanes by
3 parked vehicles. Data shows that
4 separated bike lanes can calm
5 driver speeds and reduce crashes by
6 17 percent.

7 This project has the
8 support of the Bicycle Coalition,
9 Spring Garden Civic Association and
10 Fairmount Civic Association. Thank
11 you for the opportunity to appear
12 before you today, and I'd be happy
13 to answer any questions you have at
14 this time.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
16 Thank you. Thank you for your
17 testimony.

18 Are you going to
19 testify?

20 MS. HUSSEY: Yes. I'm a
21 member of the public.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: All
23 right. State your name for the
24 record.

1 MS. HUSSEY: Good
2 afternoon, members of the Streets
3 and Services Committee. My name is
4 Alicia Hussey, a long-time member
5 of the Fairmount neighborhood here
6 in Philadelphia, and I'm testifying
7 today in support of Ordinance
8 250005 to authorize a bike lane on
9 North 22nd Street from Spring
10 Garden to Green Street and remove a
11 travel lane in the same area.

12 The number one reason
13 that I'm here today is that in
14 November of 2023 my then 2-year old
15 daughter and I, Rose, were in a
16 collision upon exiting the bike
17 lane to cross over Spring Garden at
18 22nd Street heading northbound. A
19 car was turning right onto Spring
20 Garden. The driver did not look
21 into either the bike lane or the
22 crosswalk before she immediately
23 sped up with the light change and
24 turned eastbound onto Spring Garden

1 Street.

2 Luckily, Rose and I were
3 both wearing helmets and she was
4 safely strapped into her seat, but
5 I ride that same lane to this day
6 with fear. Rose still says to me,
7 Mom, we aren't going to fall down
8 today. I'd say that's pretty
9 profound for a now 3-year-old. The
10 memory lives in her head and in
11 mine.

12 I have thought since
13 that day that if the bike lane
14 extended across the intersection,
15 it could have signaled the driver
16 to yield on the turn. That
17 extension is exactly what this
18 ordinance is asking for. As a
19 resident of the area, this and all
20 bike lanes are especially important
21 to me because my family has become
22 avid bikers, riding over 5000 miles
23 on our e-bikes in the past two
24 years.

1 Biking is an efficient
2 and fun way to travel our beloved
3 city and we should be able to do
4 that as safely as possible. We're
5 also a family who's committed to
6 living in the city long-term. And
7 as my daughters grow up, I'd love
8 for them to be able to travel by
9 bike as well.

10 With our current
11 infrastructure I feel that might
12 not be possible. Our experience on
13 22nd didn't stop us from being
14 bikers, but it made us want to
15 advocate to make our city more fit
16 for them. I encourage the
17 Committee to vote in favor for
18 Ordinance 250005. Thank you for
19 your time today, and I truly
20 appreciate it.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
22 Thank you so much for your
23 testimony and your story. It's
24 much appreciated.

1 Any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Seeing none, thank you for your
5 testimony.

6 Is there anyone else out
7 there to testify? Come on up.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. WEST: Thank you.

10 Good afternoon, Councilmembers. My
11 name is Bill West. I'm a long-term
12 resident of the Rittenhouse area.

13 And for longer than I care to
14 remember I've been involved in the
15 reform of the city streets, long
16 enough to remember that this is not
17 the first time the 22nd Street bike
18 lane extension has been proposed,
19 and I'm very happy to hear that
20 it's being actively considered
21 again.

22 I would also like to say
23 that I am greatly in favor of the
24 southbound lane on 23rd Street that

1 I have been working very hard in my
2 neighborhood to get adopted, and
3 I'm very glad to hear that we're
4 also going to get it, get it
5 further north. So I want to thank
6 the Committee and I want to thank
7 the Council for considering these
8 very important steps forward.

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
10 you.

11 Any questions from
12 members of the Committee?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
15 Seeing none, thank you for your
16 testimony.

17 Mr. Pullin, would you
18 please call the witnesses to
19 testify on the next bill, 250005 --
20 '006, excuse me.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No.
22 250006, titled, amending Chapter
23 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Designation of Bicycle

1 Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane
2 on North 13th Street, from Cecil B.
3 Moore Avenue to Diamond Street, all
4 under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
6 you, Mr. Pullin.

7 Would you please call
8 the name of the next witness.

9 THE CLERK: The next
10 witness to testify is Anna Kelly,
11 Senior Policy Advisor for the
12 Office of Transportation and
13 Infrastructure Systems.

14 MS. KELLY: Good
15 afternoon, Chairperson Young and
16 members of the Streets and Services
17 Committee. Thank you for the
18 opportunity to appear before you
19 today. My name is Anna Kelly. I'm
20 the Senior Policy Advisor for EV
21 and Parking at the Office of
22 Transportation Infrastructure
23 Systems.

24 I'm here today to offer

1 testimony in support of Bill No.
2 250006, sponsored by Councilmember
3 Young. This bill amends Title
4 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
5 entitled "Designation of Bicycle
6 Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane
7 on North 13th Street from Cecil B.
8 Moore Avenue to Diamond Street, all
9 under certain terms and conditions.

10 This project was
11 developed in coordination with
12 Temple University and will expand
13 the City's existing high quality
14 bike network by extending 13th, the
15 13th Street bike lane through north
16 through Temple's campus. The
17 project includes a partnership with
18 Temple University to install
19 planters between the flex posts,
20 establishing the bike lane, making
21 this segment of the City's bike
22 network both safer and greener.
23 Thank you for the opportunity to
24 appear before you today. I'd be

1 happy to answer any questions you
2 may have at this time. Thank you.

3 I do have one question.

4 Is there anyone from Temple
5 University here to testify on this
6 bill? No. Okay -- from Temple?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 (Inaudible).

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: I'm
10 sorry. From Temple University?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 No.

13 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Okay.
14 Yes, I was asking to see if anyone
15 from Temple was here to testify on
16 the bill.

17 Can you just talk to us
18 about the placement of this bike
19 lane in conjunction to where Temple
20 has the vendors and how it impacts
21 any vendors along 13th Street?

22 MS. KELLY: Yes, that's
23 a great question. I can get more
24 detailed information to you about

1 that. I know that this project has
2 come about through an extensive
3 partnership with Temple. So I know
4 they've talked about all those
5 things, but I can get you more
6 information about that specific
7 question.

8 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
9 you.

10 Are there any other
11 questions from members of the
12 Committee on this bill?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
15 Seeing none, is there anyone else
16 who would like to testify on Bill
17 No. 250006?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
20 250006?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
23 Seeing none, thank you for your
24 testimony.

1 Mr. Pullin, would you
2 please read the title of the next
3 bill to be heard?

4 THE CLERK: Bill No.
5 250007 titled, amending Chapter
6 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Designation of Bicycle
8 Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane
9 on North 23rd Street between Race
10 Street and Market Street, under
11 certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
13 you. Mr. Pullin, please read the
14 name of the next witness to testify
15 on the next bill.

16 THE CLERK: The next
17 witness to testify is Anna Kelly,
18 Senior Policy Advisor for the
19 Office of Transportation and
20 Infrastructure Systems.

21 MS. KELLY: Good
22 afternoon, Chairperson Young and
23 members of the Streets and Services
24 Committee. Thank you for the

1 opportunity to appear before you
2 today. My name is Anna Kelly. I'm
3 the Senior Policy Advisor for EV
4 and Parking at the Office of
5 Transportation and Infrastructure
6 Systems.

7 I'm here today to offer
8 testimony on Bill No. 250007,
9 sponsored by Councilmember Young.
10 This bill amends Title 12-701 of
11 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
12 "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to
13 authorize a bicycle lane on North
14 23rd Street between Race Street and
15 Market Street, and removal of the
16 traveling within the same limits,
17 all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 This bike lane will fill
20 an existing gap in the City's high-
21 quality bike network, serving as a
22 connection to the Schuylkill Trail,
23 Market Street bike lanes and the
24 future bikeway to be implemented as

1 part of the upcoming Market Street
2 Bridge reconstruction.

3 OTIS has completed a
4 corridor traffic study on the
5 corridor and found that there will
6 be minimal traffic impacts
7 resulting from the removal of the
8 travel lane required for the
9 installation of the bike lane. We
10 have also received support from the
11 community for this project,
12 including the Logan Square
13 Neighborhood Association. Thank
14 you for the opportunity to appear
15 before you today, and I'd be happy
16 to answer any questions you may
17 have at this time.

18 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
19 you. Can you tell us I guess a
20 little bit more detail how this
21 bike lane connects to the
22 Schuylkill Trail and provides that
23 access to folks along the trail?

24 MS. KELLY: Yeah. So

1 the Schuylkill Trail lies just west
2 of the location of where this bike
3 lane will be, and we did extensive
4 traffic studies at that
5 intersection and saw that there
6 were many folks who were coming up
7 from the Schuylkill River Trail
8 onto this corridor without a bike
9 lane to connect to. So that was
10 part of the reason that this
11 project is moving forward, to make
12 sure that connection is strong.

13 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
14 you. Can you talk to us about if
15 there would be any loss of service
16 along the 23rd Street corridor
17 because of the installation of this
18 bike lane?

19 MS. KELLY: Our traffic
20 studies show there may be minimal
21 impacts, but I am happy to get you
22 more information about any other
23 specific services.

24 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank

1 you.

2 Chair recognizes

3 Councilmember Ahmad.

4 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD: Hi.

5 MS. KELLY: Hi.

6 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD: Can

7 you speak to the economic cost of

8 putting these bike lanes

9 approximate?

10 MS. KELLY: Yeah. So

11 I'd be happy to get you specific

12 numbers. Typically the way that

13 these projects move forward is we

14 have either budgeted for them in

15 the OTIS budget or we also pursue

16 grant funding for them. So for

17 that reason, the price can vary,

18 also depending on the type of bike

19 lane that's installed, whether it's

20 flex posts or parking separated,

21 whatever it may be. But I would be

22 happy to provide information about

23 this specific one.

24 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

1 Thank you.

2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Are
3 there any other questions of this
4 witness on Bill No. 250007?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
7 Seeing none, is there anyone else
8 in the chamber looking to testify
9 on Bill No. 250007?

10 Please come up to the
11 witness table and state your name
12 for the record and begin with your
13 testimony.

14 (Witness approached
15 Witness table.)

16 MR. ITZKOWITZ: Good
17 afternoon, Chair Young, members of
18 the Committee. My name is Job
19 Itzkowitz. I'm here to testify in
20 my personal capacity. I know that
21 I've testified before this
22 Committee on these issues many
23 times, but this time I didn't write
24 anything. So I promise I will be

1 brief.

2 I commute by bike. I
3 live in Point Breeze. I work in
4 Old City, as you know. I drive my
5 daughter to school, bike my
6 daughter to school. This is her
7 helmet. I did that today. I'm
8 picking her up after school and
9 biking home.

10 On the weekends,
11 however, I take her to visit her
12 grandparents, who are 5th District
13 residents. They live in the
14 Philadelphian. If you haven't been
15 to the Philadelphian --
16 Councilmember Young, I know you
17 have -- but if you haven't been to
18 the Philadelphian, it's about 2000
19 residents. Bike room is
20 overflowing. I once busted a tire
21 and parked my bike there for a week
22 without permission. It got taken
23 away by security because they
24 needed room for more bikes.

1 Some people might tell
2 you that these bike lanes don't
3 impact that many people. There
4 aren't that many riders, but I will
5 tell you my parents, who are in
6 their 80s, do not ride bikes, but
7 they are thrilled when I can get to
8 their house safely carrying my
9 daughter on that northbound 22nd
10 Street bike lane, and they would be
11 devastated if we couldn't get home
12 safely.

13 And so, every time we
14 add a couple of lanes it helps
15 build the network to keep not just
16 the people who are riding bikes
17 safe but keep them safe for the
18 benefit of their loved ones and for
19 the city as a whole. So thank you,
20 Councilmember Young, for
21 introducing not just this one but
22 all three bills.

23 I did bike to Temple in
24 the fall and 13th Street is this

1 great opportunity, and then there's
2 some gaps and it helps fill in
3 those gaps. So I'm happy to answer
4 any questions, but I just wanted to
5 put that on the record. Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
7 you for your testimony, Job.

8 Are there any questions
9 of this witness?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
12 Seeing none, thank you for your
13 testimony.

14 Is there anyone else in
15 this chamber looking to testify on
16 Bill No. 250007?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
19 Seeing -- do we have someone on
20 this bill or for public comment?
21 So we have public comment session
22 as well if they want to comment on
23 public comment.

24 Okay. So we're going to

1 now transition to our public
2 comment section. Mr. Pullin, would
3 you please call the first speakers
4 for public comment. We do have a
5 list of folks of public folks of
6 public comment, unless you're
7 testifying on Bill No. 250007
8 specifically.

9 MS. HUNG: This is
10 public comment.

11 THE CLERK: So the next
12 speakers are Jared Johnson, Deb
13 Harring and Dustin Duff.

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
15 you. Please state your name for
16 the record and proceed with your
17 testimony.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.
19 Thanks. Good afternoon, Chair
20 Young and members of Streets and
21 Services Committee. My name is
22 Jared Johnson. I am a volunteer
23 and advocate for Fifth Square. I'm
24 testifying in support of the

1 following bill, No. 250007,
2 regarding the protection and
3 separation of bike lanes at 23rd
4 Street between Race Street and
5 Market Street.

6 With the 30th Street
7 station nearby and the addition of
8 new buildings and housing in that
9 area along with the current
10 existing buildings and housing and
11 high rises, this section has become
12 a busy corridor and is a possible
13 hot spot for injuries involving
14 bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers
15 who have no protection for bike
16 riders at all along that
17 intersection.

18 Like the incident
19 involving the unfortunate passing
20 of Dr. Friedes, it only takes one
21 mistake to alter a life and alter
22 their friends and family's life as
23 well. As a resident of
24 Philadelphia, installing bike lanes

1 are important to me because many
2 people from Fifth Square are bike
3 riders. They've been like family
4 since I joined and taught me the
5 details of urban planning and we've
6 also done events and other things
7 with them, as well as being good
8 friends and they took me as I am.

9 I would hate for any of
10 them to suffer serious injury or
11 death because of any failures to
12 install bike lanes. Just think
13 what you would do if you had a
14 family member, a friend or coworker
15 who rides a bike or rides a bike
16 every once in a while, what if
17 something would happen to that
18 person. How would you feel now?
19 Think of life without that person
20 because bike lanes were not
21 installed.

22 Today this is the reason
23 why I'm speaking up to install and
24 separate bike lanes in the area at

1 23rd Street between Race Street and
2 Market Street. Doing this
3 procedure will make bike riders,
4 pedestrians and drivers think
5 ahead, slow down and be alert. And
6 not to mention it will connect
7 other existing bike lanes, giving
8 more bicyclists more options and
9 paths to travel, which will make it
10 even safer for bicyclists.

11 I encourage the
12 Committee to vote in favor of Bill
13 No. 250007. It will benefit a lot
14 of riders. It'll benefit drivers.
15 It'll benefit pedestrians. It'll
16 benefit everyone within the city of
17 Philadelphia. It will do that
18 family member, a coworker of yours
19 or friend a favor. It can even
20 save their life. Thank you for the
21 opportunity for me to speak on this
22 behalf.

23 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
24 you so much for your testimony.

1 Would you please proceed
2 with your testimony.

3 MS. HUNG: Good
4 afternoon, Chairperson Young and
5 members of the Streets and Services
6 Committee. My name is Deb Hung.
7 I'm a resident of District 5 and a
8 member of Fifth Square and Philly
9 Bike Action.

10 I'd like to thank
11 Councilperson or Chairperson Young,
12 my Council representative, for
13 sponsoring these three bike lane
14 bills, and I am commenting
15 specifically on 250006 for North
16 13th Street.

17 One of the problems
18 cyclists in our city face is
19 navigating north, south, especially
20 over large and fast roads like Vine
21 Street that separate our city.
22 There is no good option for
23 cyclists going north from Center
24 City between 3rd and 11th Streets.

1 13th Street provides a way to cross
2 Vine Street. And although to be
3 clear it is not very safe with only
4 paint separating the bike lane from
5 vehicular traffic at that crossing,
6 nevertheless biking on 13th Street
7 is better than the surrounding
8 roads and extending the bike lane
9 from Cecil B. Moore to Diamond
10 means that more people can access
11 this amenity.

12 I also encourage the
13 Committee to consider expanding
14 bike lanes into more neighborhoods
15 as a matter of equality. Everyone
16 no matter where they live in our
17 city deserves to have a safe way to
18 travel. Thank you for your time.

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
20 you so much for your testimony.

21 Sir, please state your
22 name for the record and begin with
23 your comment.

24 MR. DOVE: Sure. Thank

1 you, Chair Young. Good afternoon,
2 Chair Young and members of the
3 streets and Services Committee. My
4 name is Dustin Dove. I live in
5 Fairmount and I'm the Vice-
6 President of the Fairmount Civic
7 Association.

8 I'm testifying today
9 specifically in support of
10 Ordinance 250005 but also in
11 support of all three bike lanes
12 that are up for consideration
13 today. I can state from mere daily
14 personal experience that 22nd
15 Street as currently designed is
16 unsafe for all users of the street,
17 pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and
18 transit users.

19 Creating bike lanes
20 along this route will give anyone
21 using the street a safer experience
22 because it will keep pedestrians,
23 cyclists and drivers and buses in
24 their own lanes, especially the

1 separated lane that's proposed.

2 I understand that

3 Ordinance 250005 on 22nd Street

4 authorizes the removal of a travel

5 lane for a separated bike lane

6 which I support. I would also wish

7 to extend my support for the bike

8 lane to continue to Brown Street,

9 which I know is outside the scope

10 of this ordinance. This option was

11 overwhelmingly supported in the

12 neighborhood and then a vote at a

13 recent Fairmount Civic Association

14 meeting on this topic, especially

15 from families that attend Bache-

16 Martin School, which is at the

17 intersection of 22nd and Brown.

18 I know also that the

19 Fairmount Civic Association

20 President Tim Butters did a fairly

21 thorough canvass of residents of

22 22nd Street and couldn't find

23 anyone who was opposed, and only

24 found people who were in support.

1 All three of these proposed lanes
2 help expand our existing, albeit
3 small, network of bike lanes which
4 give all Philadelphians the ability
5 to get around by bike in a safe
6 manner.

7 I would like to humbly
8 make two additional requests of
9 City Council and this Committee.
10 First, please work with the
11 Administration to identify
12 additional routes to expand the
13 bike network throughout the city.
14 These lanes are often expanded in
15 neighborhoods like mine where
16 residents have the time and the
17 connections to advocate for them,
18 but all Philadelphians deserve to
19 be able to get around the city
20 safely.

21 Second, no Philadelphian
22 outside of this building probably
23 moves around the city thinking
24 about what councilmanic district

1 they live in, and yet street safety
2 planning so often comes down to
3 Council District lines. Please
4 work to dismantle the system and
5 ensure that planning decisions like
6 bike lanes or other road safety
7 improvements can be enacted
8 citywide rather than Council
9 District by Council District. The
10 sooner we do this the more lives we
11 will save.

12 I also want to thank
13 Anna for her testimony. I know
14 from personal experience. As I
15 said, 22nd Street is dangerous
16 crossing my daughter on a daily
17 basis in her stroller. Haven't
18 done the bike yet, she's pretty
19 young, but it's really dangerous.
20 So thank you for testifying and
21 thank you all for your time.

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
23 you so much.

24 Any questions for any of

1 these panelists here?

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:

4 Seeing none, I'd just like to add
5 if anyone had written testimony,
6 could you please submit it to Jawad
7 Pullin just so we can have it for
8 our record as well. Thank you.

9 Are there any other
10 folks here looking to testify or to
11 make a public comment?

12 Mr. Pullin, please read
13 the next names.

14 THE CLERK: Mark Miola,
15 Adrian Velonis and Geoffrey Gund.

16 (Witnesses approached
17 Witness table.)

18 MR. MIOLA: Hello. Good
19 afternoon. My name is Mark Miola,
20 resident of Logan Square. And I'm
21 here to speak in support of these
22 bike lanes 20005, '0006 and '0007.
23 Thank you for the existing network
24 of bike lanes. When I first moved

1 here, there were hardly any bike
2 lanes in the late '90s.

3 My first job here was at
4 Temple University and I would bike
5 there and back. And I would take
6 12th Street home and I would have
7 to ride on a little strip of
8 asphalt between the trolley tracks
9 and the parked cars. And one day
10 as I was riding, a person in a
11 parked car opened their door and I
12 went flying into the middle of the
13 street. Luckily, I had a helmet.
14 Luckily, no cars were coming.

15 But this to me is the
16 importance of bike lanes in
17 general, and protected bike lanes
18 are even better. So I want to
19 support all of these ordinances,
20 and particularly the one '0007.
21 This one is in my neighborhood. I
22 live at 21st and Arch. Currently
23 there's no easy way to get south
24 from where I live.

1 21st Street is a very
2 busy street with a lot of traffic
3 and this would be a great way to
4 get to Market Street to get to
5 University of Penn, which I do a
6 lot and any place south. It does
7 provide access to the Schuylkill
8 River Trail when there is a train
9 blocking the Race Street entrance.
10 So if there's a train there, you
11 have to go around.

12 And I just think it
13 would be a great place for a bike
14 lane, and I definitely support the
15 other two bike lanes. So thank you
16 for considering that.

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
18 you for your testimony.

19 MR. VELONIS: My name is
20 Adrian Velonis. Thank you,
21 Councilmember Chair Jeffrey Young,
22 for introducing the three bike lane
23 bills, 250005, '0006 and '0007.
24 I'm a member of Philly Bike Action

1 on the Board of Directors but
2 speaking in a personal capacity as
3 a resident of Philadelphia.

4 Other public commenters
5 have stated the importance of bike
6 lanes for personal safety getting
7 around the city. I'd like to
8 reiterate that and also emphasize
9 the significance of bicycles as a
10 cheap, inexpensive and accessible
11 way for residents of the city to
12 get around.

13 In my free time I
14 volunteer to teach GED mathematics
15 to people who are incarcerated.
16 And something that they have
17 recommended and asked for and been
18 happy about is the ability to get
19 around Philadelphia cheaply.
20 They're excited to ride bikes. And
21 I know that bike lanes like the
22 ones on 13th Street, 22nd Street
23 and 23rd Street are a very good way
24 for people to get around. It helps

1 the economic development of the
2 city a lot. So thank you to the
3 Streets and Services Committee for
4 considering these bills.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 Hello. My name is (inaudible).
7 And I'm a resident in Brewerytown.
8 This my first time giving testimony
9 here. It comes a week after my
10 crash in the city on Girard Avenue
11 going over the trolley tracks.

12 It made me think more
13 about these bike lanes and the
14 value they can provide when -- in
15 my case I was very lucky that there
16 was no car behind me, next to me,
17 and that buffer that bike lane can
18 provide can be especially important
19 in those kinds of incidents where
20 one second you're on a bike and the
21 next you're on the ground.

22 On 13th Street I commute
23 to the Temple train station over
24 there on 11th and will be shifting

1 my commute over to 13th due to the
2 danger of those exposed tracks on
3 13th north of Cecil Moore and on
4 22nd Street, the narrow lanes north
5 of Spring Garden cause buses and
6 vehicles to pass by very closely to
7 you. And I'm hopeful that if these
8 bills pass, it will provide a bit
9 more space for everyone to pass
10 through that area. Thank you for
11 your consideration.

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
13 you so much for your testimony here
14 today.

15 Are there any questions
16 of any witnesses who testified?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
19 Seeing -- oh, I'm sorry, sir.
20 Please state your name for the
21 record and begin your testimony.

22 MR. GUND: Good
23 afternoon, Committee members. My
24 name is Geoffrey Gund and I live on

1 Spring Garden. As a resident of
2 District 5 and a cyclist, I want to
3 thank my Councilmember Committee
4 Chair Young for introducing Bills
5 250005, '0006 and '0007 to
6 implement new bike lanes in our
7 District.

8 I have friends and loved
9 ones in my neighborhood, including
10 my wife, who would love to bike to
11 commute to work and to get around
12 in general but don't do so because
13 of previous unsafe biking
14 experiences in the city. They very
15 reasonably fear for their safety,
16 and these bike lanes directly
17 address those concerns.

18 Beyond providing the
19 critical protection for cyclists,
20 the lanes will encourage more
21 residents to choose cycling over
22 driving as other commenters have
23 mentioned, which will also help to
24 reduce congestion, lower emissions

1 and make the city in general safer
2 and healthier.

3 Whether people realize
4 it or not, bike lanes benefit
5 everyone who lives in the city,
6 regardless of whether they cycle.
7 So I respectfully ask the Committee
8 to approve these bills and continue
9 to work to expand Philly's bike
10 lane network, particularly with
11 separated, protected bike lanes.

12 By investing in our bike
13 lanes, we're investing in the long-
14 term well-being health and
15 connectivity of the entire city.
16 Thank you so much for your time.

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
18 you, Mr. Gund, for your testimony.

19 Are there any other
20 speakers for public comment?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
23 Seeing none, I would like to thank
24 you all today, particularly the

1 witnesses and those who came down
2 to testify for joining us.

3 We will now end the
4 public hearing and go into the
5 public meeting. I will note from
6 the record that a quorum of the
7 Committee is present. The quorum
8 consists of Councilmember Harrity,
9 Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember
10 Bass, Councilmember Ahmad along
11 with myself.

12 And the Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
14 on the amendment to Bill No.
15 241107.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 I offer an amendment to
19 Bill No. 241107. A copy of that
20 amendment has been circulated to
21 all members of the Committee. And
22 I move that this amendment to Bill
23 No. 241107 be adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Is

1 there a second?

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
4 you. It's been moved and properly
5 seconded that the amendment to Bill
6 No. 241107 be adopted.

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

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Any
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The
14 ayes have it. 241107 has been
15 adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
18 on the amendment to Bill No.
19 250007.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 I offer an amendment to
23 Bill No. 250007. A copy of the
24 amendment has been circulated to

1 all members of the Committee. I
2 move that the amendment to Bill No.
3 250007 be adopted.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
6 you. It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that the
8 amendment to Bill No. 250007 be
9 adopted.

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

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The
18 ayes have it. The motion carries
19 and the amendments to Bill No.
20 250007 has been adopted.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Brooks for an
23 amendment to Bill No. 250046.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

1 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 I offer an amendment to
3 Bill No. 250046. A copy of the
4 amendment has been circulated to
5 all members of the Committee. I
6 move that the amendment to Bill No.
7 250046 be adopted.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
10 you. It's been moved and properly
11 seconded that the amendment to Bill
12 No. 250046 be adopted.

13 All those in favor will
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Ayes
20 have it. The amendment to Bill No.
21 250046 has been adopted.

22 Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
24 on the amendment to Bill No.

1 250009.

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 I offer an amendment to
5 Bill No. 250009. A copy of the
6 amendment has been circulated to
7 all members of the Committee. I
8 move that the amendment to Bill No.
9 250009 be adopted.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
12 you. It has been moved and
13 properly seconded that the
14 amendment to Bill No. 250009 be
15 adopted.

16 All those in favor will
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The
23 ayes have it. The motion carries
24 and the amendment to Bill No.

1 250009 has been adopted.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Just for the record, I just wanted
4 to make a notice that 250066 that
5 we called that was going to be read
6 today was not read and heard at the
7 hearing. Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
9 you, Mr. Vice-Chair.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
12 on the amendment to Bill No.
13 250047.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 I offer an amendment to
17 Bill No. 250047. A copy of the
18 amendment has been circulated to
19 all members of the Committee. I
20 move that the amendment to Bill No.
21 250047 be adopted.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: It
24 has been moved and properly

1 seconded that the amendment to Bill
2 No. 250047 be adopted.

3 All those in favor will
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The
10 ayes have it. The motion carries
11 and the amendment to Bill No.
12 250048 has been adopted.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
15 on the amendment to Bill No.
16 250048.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

18 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 I offer an amendment to
20 Bill No. 250048. A copy of the
21 amendment has been circulated to
22 all members of the Committee. I
23 move that the amendment to Bill No.
24 250048 be adopted.

1 (Duly seconded.)

2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: It
3 has been moved and properly
4 seconded that amendment to Bill No.
5 250048 be adopted.

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

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The
13 ayes have it. The motion carries
14 and the amendment to Bill No.
15 250048 has been adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
18 on Bill Nos. 241081, 241083, 241107
19 as amended, 250002, 250004, 250005,
20 250006, 250007 as amended, 250008,
21 250009 as amended, 250046 as
22 amended, 250047 as amended, 250048
23 as amended, 250049, 250069 and
24 250070.

1 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 I move that all bills
4 read into the record be reported
5 from this Committee with a
6 favorable recommendation and
7 further move that the rules of
8 Council be suspended to permit
9 first reading of these bills at the
10 next session of Council.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
13 you. It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that all bills
15 read into the record be reported
16 from this committee with a
17 favorable recommendation and
18 further move that the rules of
19 Council be suspended to permit
20 first reading of these bills at the
21 next session of Council.

22 All in favor of the
23 motion will signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

1 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Those
2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Ayes
5 have it. The motion carries. Bill
6 Nos. 241081, 241083, 241107 as
7 amended, 250002, 250004, 250005,
8 250006, 250007 as amended, 250008,
9 250009 as amended, 250046 as
10 amended, 250047 as amended, 250048
11 as amended, 250049, 250069 and
12 250070 will be reported from this
13 committee with a favorable
14 recommendation with a request that
15 the rules of Council be suspended
16 to permit first reading at the next
17 session of Council.

18 Are there any members
19 wishing to make final remarks in
20 this Committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:
23 Seeing none, thank you. This
24 concludes the business before the

1 Streets and Services Committee
2 today. Thank you everyone for
3 their attendance.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

5 Thank you. Great job.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

7 Great job.

8 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

9 Great job.

10 (Committee on Streets
11 and Services concluded at
12 3:02 p.m.)

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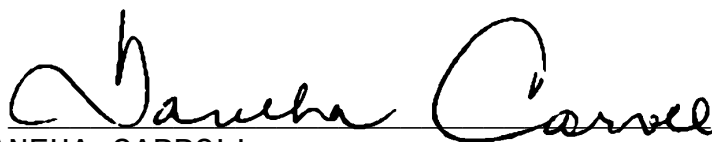
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