

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
April 23, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN CURTIS J. JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN RUE LANDAU
COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN NICOLAS O'ROURKE
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY YOUNG, JR.

ELIZABETH MCCOLLUM NAZARIO, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Good morning, everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Members, please take your
7 seats. All visitors, please retire
8 to the seats outside the rails. I
9 note that the hour has come and
10 that a quorum of this Council is
11 present. This City Council session
12 is now called to order. I'm asking
13 for all visitors to please put your
14 cell phones on silent and/or
15 vibrate.

16 To give our invocation
17 this morning, the Chair recognizes
18 Pastor Jose Gonzalez of the
19 Response to Grace Church. He is
20 here today as guest of
21 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

22 I will ask all members
23 and guests to please rise.

24 (Councilmembers,

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2 visitors and guests rise.)

3 PASTOR GONZALEZ: Let's
4 pray. Father in heaven, there are
5 no categories to describe how
6 amazing, how powerful, how awesome
7 you are. God, at the mention of
8 your name, God, demons tremble.
9 Father, stars in the universe were
10 formed from the breath of your
11 mouth. You are big, you're
12 massive, you're amazing, God.

13 And God, we are small,
14 we are little. But yet even though
15 you are above us, yet even though
16 you are beyond us, you choose to be
17 close. You invite us to call you
18 Father. You want a relationship
19 with us in this community. And so,
20 God, we are calling on you in this
21 place.

22 Father, the world is
23 divided. It's full of chaos. It's
24 empty, families are broken, people

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2 are struggling. But, God, you have
3 filled this room with game-
4 changers. You have filled this
5 room with generational curse-
6 breakers. You have filled this
7 room with people who have a desire
8 and passion to make a difference.

9 So, God, our prayer this
10 morning is that you would start
11 with us. Our prayer this morning
12 is that you would use the people in
13 this room, God, that you would
14 empower the people in this room,
15 God, that you would give us eyes to
16 see people the way you see, that,
17 Father, you would break our hearts
18 for the things that break yours.

19 Father, that you would
20 use us powerfully to change this
21 city to love on people and do right
22 by people. God, give us wisdom not
23 to do what's right in our own eyes.
24 Give us wisdom to discern how to do

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2 right by people on your terms, God.
3 Father, I pray that you would give
4 us an unshakable confidence for
5 those who are weary and tired of
6 trying to make a difference and are
7 struggling and are feeling the
8 system push back.

9 God, I pray that you
10 would kindle the fire that nobody
11 could put out. Father, that you
12 would open doors that nobody would
13 close, that you would use the
14 people in this room, Father, to
15 restore this community, that when
16 people enter this city, they
17 wouldn't see a people full of
18 violence and divided, but that they
19 would see a community of people who
20 are different, because our
21 differences make us mirror your
22 image.

23 God, I pray that you
24 would use the people in this room

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2 to see serving not as an
3 inconvenience, but to see serving
4 as an opportunity, that we will
5 look at problems as opportunities
6 to make a difference, to be a
7 blessing. So, God, we pray that
8 you would start with us, that you
9 would set that fire, that you would
10 set this room ablaze with these
11 people, set our hearts ablaze, God,
12 to do right by each other and to
13 see others the way that you see us.

14 We thank you for being
15 our God, and we pray that the city
16 of Philly, God, when people walk in
17 this place, that it wouldn't just
18 be a place that's full of chaos,
19 disorder and void, but that it
20 would be a place where heaven and
21 earth overlap, that you would start
22 with this people, this community,
23 right here, right now.

24 We ask all this in Jesus

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2 powerful name and the people say

3 Amen.

4 (Amen.)

5 PASTOR GONZALEZ: God

6 bless y'all.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the

9 Pastor for the invocation.

10 Council will now be at

11 ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: The next order of

15 business is the Approval of the

16 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

17 April 16, 2026.

18 The Chair recognizes

19 Majority Deputy Whip Councilmember

20 Cindy Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 I move that the Journal

24 of the meeting of Thursday, April

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2 16, 2026 be approved.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
6 properly seconded that the Journal
7 of the meeting of Thursday, April
8 16, 2026 stand approved.

9 All those in favor
10 indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
17 Journal is approved.

18 The next order of
19 business is the request for leave
20 of absence.

21 And the Chair recognizes
22 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
23 Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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2 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
3 Mr. President.

4 On behalf of the
5 Majority, there are no requests for
6 leave of absence today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
9 Majority Leader.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Minority Leader Councilmember
12 Kendra Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
14 Good morning, Council President.

15 On behalf of the
16 Minority, there are no requests for
17 leaves of absence today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
20 Minority Leader. Thank you very
21 much.

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilmember Majority Leader
24 Katherine Gilmore Richardson for a

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2 motion concerning certain
3 legislative matters that may arise
4 during the course of today's
5 session of Council and that were
6 not listed on the Calendar
7 circulated prior to today's Council
8 session.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 I move that any of the
13 following matters, if considered
14 today, may be added to the agenda
15 for this session of Council and, as
16 required by law, subsequently
17 published on an amended agenda
18 after the consideration of those
19 matters: resolutions authorizing
20 hearings, amendments to bills on
21 first reading, the reconsideration
22 of a bill vetoed by or re-called
23 from the Mayor, amendments to bills
24 re-called from the Mayor,

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2 resolutions taking substantive
3 action to be voted on in this
4 session, a motion to withdraw a
5 bill or resolution that is not on
6 the Calendar and a motion placing a
7 bill or resolution on or returning
8 a bill or resolution from the
9 Suspension Calendar that is not
10 listed on today's Calendar.

11 The purpose of this
12 motion is to provide the public
13 with notice concerning possible
14 actions by Council that arose too
15 late to be included on the Calendar
16 that was published prior to today's
17 session.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that the
22 legislative matters stated by
23 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
24 Richardson may be added to the

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2 agenda for today should those
3 matters arise during the course of
4 this session of Council.

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

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
13 motion carries.

14 The Chair will dispense
15 with the regular order of business
16 to recognize the guests and
17 visitors joining us in Council
18 chambers today. On behalf of all
19 members of City Council, I welcome
20 you to our Council session.

21 We appreciate you taking
22 the time to join us as we attend to
23 the legislative affairs of our
24 great city. We certainly invite

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2 you to come again.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

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

7 Today I would like to
8 welcome to our chambers my son
9 Parker, who was here with us on
10 Bring Your Child to Work Day.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Welcome.

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Wave
15 hi, buddy. Don't get all shy.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

22 Thank you, Mr. President.

23 Today I want to welcome,
24 and I'm proud to do so, Chestnut

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2 Hill College and its Political
3 Science Department here in the
4 balcony, I believe, to Council
5 Chambers. Welcome. And we will be
6 introducing a resolution that the
7 students helped to edit, and
8 several of them will be speaking
9 during public comment.

10 And we also recognize
11 Dr. Jeffrey Carroll, whose historic
12 leadership as the first person of
13 color to lead to Pennsylvania
14 Political Science Administration
15 marks a meaningful step forward in
16 this field. His work reflects the
17 very best of this institution and
18 inspires the next generation. And
19 thank you so much for coming. We
20 appreciate you all.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Welcome.

24 As there are no

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2 presentations today, the next order
3 of business is communications. The
4 Chair requests that the Sergeant-
5 at-Arms deliver the messages from
6 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

7 Would the Chief Clerk
8 please read the messages from the
9 Mayor and any other communications
10 in her possession. Council will be
11 at ease for one second, Chief
12 Clerk.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: I'm just going to ask if
16 you are visiting our Council
17 chambers today, could you please
18 take all sidebar conversations out
19 of the Council chambers. Council
20 will resume.

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the
22 President and members of the
23 Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, I am transmitting for

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2 the consideration of your Honorable
3 body a resolution authorizing the
4 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose
5 of 5123, 5125, 5127 and 5129
6 Baltimore Avenue located in the 3rd
7 Council District in accordance with
8 the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The
9 Philadelphia Code; and

10 A resolution authorizing
11 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
12 dispose of 5103 Chester Avenue
13 located in the 3rd Councilmanic
14 District in accordance with the
15 terms of Chapter 16-700 of The
16 Philadelphia Code; and

17 A resolution authorizing
18 the Commissioner of Public Property
19 to execute and deliver to the
20 Philadelphia Redevelopment
21 Authority deeds conveying fee
22 simple title to 1425 South Paxon
23 Street in the 3rd Councilmanic
24 District in accordance with the

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2 terms of the City of Philadelphia,
3 and further authorizing the
4 Philadelphia Redevelopment
5 Authority to transfer to the
6 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
7 title to such properties pursuant
8 to Section 16-405 of The
9 Philadelphia Code; and

10 A resolution authorizing
11 the Commissioner of Public Property
12 to execute and deliver to the
13 Philadelphia Redevelopment
14 Authority deeds conveying fee
15 simple title to 214 Hermit Street
16 in the 4th Councilmanic District of
17 the City of Philadelphia, and
18 further authorizing the
19 Philadelphia Redevelopment
20 Authority to transfer to the
21 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
22 title to such properties pursuant
23 to Section 16-405 of The
24 Philadelphia Code; and

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2 A resolution authorizing
3 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
4 dispose of 1707 Ridge Avenue
5 located in the 5th Councilmanic
6 District in accordance with the
7 terms of Chapter 16-700 of The
8 Philadelphia Code; and

9 A resolution authorizing
10 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
11 dispose of 3001 and 3003 North 10th
12 Street located in the 5th
13 Councilmanic District in accordance
14 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
15 The Philadelphia Code; and

16 A resolution authorizing
17 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
18 dispose of 1800, 1818, 1862 N. 23rd
19 Street, 1802, 1806, 1808, 1810,
20 1820, 1828, 1845, 1848, 1852 N.
21 24th Street, 1801, 1813, 1837,
22 1855, 1868 N. Bucknell Street,
23 1800, 1814, 1858 Judson Street,
24 2318, 2326, 2330, 2332, 2334, 2336

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2 W. Montgomery Avenue located in the
3 5th Councilmanic District in
4 accordance with the terms of
5 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
6 Code.

7 A resolution Extending
8 approval of the 2025-2026 Housing
9 Opportunities Made Easy (H.O.M.E.)
10 Program Annual Program Statement
11 and Budget, which addresses
12 expenditures by various agencies in
13 the first year of the H.O.M.E.
14 Program, to constitute approval of
15 spending in Fiscal Year 2027,
16 pursuant to that same Program
17 Statement and Budget.

18 And to the President and
19 members of the Council of the City
20 of Philadelphia, I am pleased to
21 advise you that on April 16, 2026 I
22 signed the following bill, which
23 was passed by Council at its
24 session on April 16, 2026: Bill

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2 No. 260263. And that pursuant to
3 Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the
4 Home Rule Charter, I am today
5 transmitting to Council the
6 recommendation of the City Planning
7 Commission on the following bill:
8 Bill No. 260242.

9 The Commission voted to
10 extend its review 45 additional
11 days on the following bills, Bill
12 Nos. 260238 and 260239.

13 There are no further
14 communications in my possession,
15 Council President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
18 messages will be printed in the
19 Journal.

20 The next order of
21 business is introduction of bills
22 and resolutions.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

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2 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

3 Good morning, Council President,
4 and good morning to all of the
5 wonderful residents who are here
6 today.

7 I have two bills for
8 introduction today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
11 Will the Chief Clerk please read
12 the titles of the bills.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An
14 ordinance establishing parking
15 regulations in the vicinity of:
16 Lawrence Street between Tabor Road
17 and Olney Avenue, Sparks Street
18 between Front Street and Mascher
19 Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: This bill will be
22 referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an

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2 ordinance amending Section 14-500
3 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Overlay Zoning Districts," by
5 amending Section 14-520, entitled
6 "Ninth District Overlay District,"
7 by making technical changes, all
8 under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
15 Richardson.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

17 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Council
18 President.

19 Today I offer one
20 privileged resolution on behalf of
21 the entire City of Philadelphia,
22 and one bill on your behalf.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 Would the Chief Clerk
3 please read the titles of the bill
4 and resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An
6 ordinance amending Section 10-710
7 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Dumping of Debris and Short
9 Dumping," to change the standard
10 for determining violations, all
11 under certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: This bill will be
14 referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a
17 privileged resolution recognizing
18 Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake on
19 her retirement and lasting impact
20 she has made on the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Very fitting
24 acknowledgement. Welcome to City

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2 Council today, Dr. Lorina Marshall-
3 Blake.

4 This resolution will be
5 placed on today's Final Passage
6 Calendar.

7 Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
10 morning, Council President.

11 Nothing today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

14 Chair recognizes
15 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
17 Good morning, Council President.

18 Today I have four
19 non-privileged resolutions and
20 three bills, one on your behalf.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

23 Would the Chief Clerk
24 please read the resolutions and the

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2 bills.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An

4 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
6 and Planning," by adding a new
7 chapter to require specific permit
8 applicants to provide notice of the
9 presence of particular murals on
10 the property to the Department of
11 Licenses and Inspections, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This bill will be
15 referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an

18 ordinance naming and designating
19 60th and Baltimore Park, located at
20 5961 Baltimore Avenue as "Tyrone
21 'Cakes' Sims Park."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: That's one of my mentors.
24 Good job.

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2 This bill will be
3 referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an
6 ordinance authorizing various
7 encroachments in the vicinity of
8 2955 Market Street, Philadelphia
9 Pa, 19104, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: This bill will be
13 referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a
16 non-privileged resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of
18 Public Property to execute and
19 deliver to the Philadelphia
20 Redevelopment Authority deeds
21 conveying fee simple title to 1425
22 South Paxon Street in the 3rd
23 Councilmanic District of the City
24 of Philadelphia, and further

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2 authorizing the Philadelphia
3 Redevelopment Authority to transfer
4 to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee
5 simple title to such properties
6 pursuant to Section 16-405 of The
7 Philadelphia Code.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
10 placed on the Final Passage
11 Calendar for consideration at the
12 next session of Council.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a

14 non-privileged resolution
15 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
16 Bank to dispose of 5123, 5125, 5127
17 and 5129 Baltimore Avenue, located
18 in the 3rd Councilmanic District in
19 accordance with the terms of
20 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
21 Code.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
24 placed on the Final Passage

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2 Calendar for consideration at the
3 next session of Council.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a
5 non-privileged resolution
6 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
7 Bank to dispose of 5103 Chester
8 Avenue, located in the 3rd
9 Councilmanic District in accordance
10 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
11 The Philadelphia Code.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
14 placed on the Final Passage
15 Calendar for consideration at the
16 next session of Council.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution urging
19 the United States Congress and the
20 Trump Administration to provide
21 comprehensive fertility care,
22 including In Vitro Fertilization,
23 IVF, under TRICARE in the National
24 Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
4 placed on the Final Passage
5 Calendar for consideration at the
6 next session of Council.

7 Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
10 morning, Mr. President, colleagues
11 and the viewing public.

12 Today I offer one bill
13 and one non-privileged resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

16 Will the Chief Clerk
17 please read the title of the bill
18 and resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An
20 ordinance establishing a parking
21 regulation on Acorn Street between
22 Hazelwood Lane and Ridge Avenue;
23 Martin Street between Mitchell
24 Street and Pechin Street; N. 66th

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2 Street between Haverford Avenue and
3 Media Street; Rector Street between
4 Manayunk Avenue and Terrace Street;
5 Lawnton Street between Fountain
6 Street and Gorgas Lane; Scotts Lane
7 between Ridge Avenue to 3540 Scotts
8 Lane (Trestle).

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 non-privileged resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of
16 Public Property to execute and
17 deliver to the Philadelphia
18 Redevelopment Authority deeds
19 conveying fee simple title to 214
20 Hermit Street in the 4th
21 Councilmanic District of the City
22 of Philadelphia, and further
23 authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment Authority to transfer

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2 to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee
3 simple title to such properties
4 pursuant to Section 16-405 of The
5 Philadelphia Code.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
8 placed on the Final Passage
9 Calendar for consideration at the
10 next session of Council.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Rue Landau.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
14 Good morning, Council President,
15 colleagues and the public.

16 It is a great day today.
17 Today I have two privileged
18 resolutions and two bills and one
19 privileged resolution on your
20 behalf.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

23 Will the Chief Clerk
24 please read the titles of the bills

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2 and resolutions.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An

4 ordinance authorizing the Chief

5 Information Officer, on behalf of

6 the City, to enter into a multi-

7 year agreement to purchase licenses

8 for email, cloud services,

9 enterprise software, data services,

10 security software and other related

11 computing products and services,

12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This bill will be

15 referred to the appropriate

16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an

18 ordinance authorizing the Chief

19 Information Officer, on behalf of

20 the city, to enter into a multi-

21 year agreement to purchase support

22 for mainframe and database software

23 protocols and applications, under

24 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This bill will be
4 referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a
7 non-privileged resolution
8 confirming the appointment of the
9 Honorable Idee C. Fox as a member
10 of the Board of Ethics, to serve in
11 the term ending November 16, 2030.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
14 referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A
17 privileged resolution honoring and
18 congratulating Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.
19 during the week of Philadelphia
20 Black Pride for his incredible and
21 visionary leadership dedicated to
22 service to the Black LGBTQ+
23 movement.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
3 placed on today's Final Passage
4 Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a
6 privileged resolution recognizing
7 April 2026 as Arab American
8 Heritage Month, and celebrating the
9 heritage culture and contributions
10 of Arab Americans in the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
14 placed on today's Final Passage
15 Calendar.

16 Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
19 Thank you, Council President. Good
20 morning, everyone.

21 I have nothing today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

24 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young,
3 Jr.

4 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Good
5 morning, Mr. President.

6 Today I offer four
7 bills, one on your behalf, one
8 privileged resolution and three
9 non-privileged resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

12 Chief Clerk, please read
13 the titles of the bills and
14 resolutions.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An
16 ordinance amending Chapter 19-4600
17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "Low-Income Tax Provisions" to
19 extend the low-income tax provision
20 to trusts that own property for the
21 benefit of a natural person, all
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This bill will be

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2 referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an
5 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2900
6 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
7 "Senior Citizen Low Income Special
8 Tax Provisions," to extend the tax
9 provision to trusts that own
10 property for the benefit of a
11 natural person, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This bill will be
15 referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an
18 ordinance amending Chapter 19-3900
19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled:
20 Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-
21 Occupants of Residential
22 Properties," to extend the tax
23 provision to trusts that own
24 property for the benefit of a

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2 natural person, all under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: This bill will be
6 referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an
9 ordinance amending Chapter 9-200 of
10 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Commercial Activities on Streets,"
12 to make certain changes to
13 permissible location for farmers'
14 markets, all under certain terms
15 and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: This bill will be
18 referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a
21 privileged resolution recognizing
22 April 2026 as Second Chance Month
23 in the City of Philadelphia, and
24 honoring the work of reentry

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2 professionals, community
3 organizations, employers,
4 advocates, families and returning
5 citizens who strengthen the City by
6 supporting successful reentry.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on today's Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a
12 non-privileged resolution
13 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
14 Bank to dispose of 3001 and 3003
15 North 10th Street located in the
16 5th Councilmanic District in
17 accordance with the terms of
18 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
19 Code.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
22 placed on the Final Passage
23 Calendar for consideration at our
24 next session of Council.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a
3 non-privileged resolution
4 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
5 Bank to dispose of 1800, 1818, 1862
6 North 23rd Street; 1802, 1806,
7 1808, 1810, 1820, 1828, 1845, 1848,
8 1852 North 24th Street; 1801, 1813,
9 1837, 1855, 1868 North Bucknell
10 Street; 1800, 1814, 1858 Judson
11 Street, 2318, 2326, 2330, 2332,
12 2334, 2336 West Montgomery Avenue
13 located in the 5th Councilmanic
14 District in accordance with the
15 terms of Chapter 16-700 of The
16 Philadelphia Code.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
19 placed on the Final Passage
20 Calendar for consideration at our
21 next session of Council.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a
23 non-privileged resolution
24 authorizing the Philadelphia Land

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2 Bank to dispose of 1707 Ridge
3 Avenue located in the 5th
4 Councilmanic District in accordance
5 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
6 The Philadelphia Code.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on the Final Passage
10 Calendar for consideration at the
11 next session of Council.

12 Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

15 Council President, I have one
16 resolution, one resolution
17 privileged to introduce today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read
21 the title of the resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A

23 privileged resolution honoring
24 Philly Black Pride for its ongoing

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2 work to center and support the
3 Black LGBTQ+ community, and
4 recognizing Monday, April 20th
5 through Sunday, April 26th as
6 Philly Black Pride Week in the City
7 of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
10 placed on today's Final Passage
11 Calendar.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

14 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

15 Thank you, Council President. Good
16 morning, everybody.

17 I have nothing today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

23 Good morning, Council President.
24 Good morning, Philadelphians.

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2 Nothing today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

6 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

7 Morning, Mr. President.

8 I have five bills on
9 your behalf and two privileged
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

13 Chief Clerk, please read
14 the titles of the bills and
15 resolutions.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An
17 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
19 Philadelphia Building Construction
20 and Occupancy Code," by amending
21 Subcode "M" (The Philadelphia
22 Mechanical Code) and adopting the
23 2021 edition of the "International
24 Mechanical Code," as published by

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2 the International Code Council,
3 with amendments thereto, as
4 authorized by the Pennsylvania
5 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This bill will be
9 referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an
12 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
14 Philadelphia Building Construction
15 and Occupancy Code," by amending
16 Subcode "G" (The Philadelphia Fuel
17 Gas Code), Subcode "PC" (The
18 Philadelphia Performance Code for
19 Buildings and Facilities), and
20 Subcode "EB" (The Philadelphia
21 Existing Building Code), and
22 adopting the 2021 editions of the
23 "International Fuel Gas Code,"
24 "Performance Code for Buildings and

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2 Facilities," and "International
3 Existing Building Code," as
4 published by the International Code
5 Council, with amendments thereto,
6 as authorized by the Pennsylvania
7 Uniform Construction Act, all under
8 certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an
14 ordinance amending Subcode "A" (The
15 Philadelphia Administrative Code)
16 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code
17 (The Building, Construction and
18 Occupancy Code), by revising and
19 clarifying certain provisions;
20 making corrections for compliance
21 with the Pennsylvania Uniform
22 Construction Code Act; and making
23 technical changes; all under
24 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This bill will be
4 referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An
7 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
9 Philadelphia Building Construction
10 and Occupancy Code," by amending
11 Subcode "B" (The Philadelphia
12 Building Code) and adopting the
13 2021 edition of the "International
14 Building Code," as published by the
15 International Code Council, with
16 various amendments thereto, as
17 authorized by the Pennsylvania
18 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
19 under certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: This bill will be
22 referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An

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2 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
4 Philadelphia Building Construction
5 and Occupancy Code," by amending
6 Subcode "R" (The Philadelphia
7 Residential Code) and adopting the
8 2021 edition of the "International
9 Residential Code," as published by
10 the International Code Council,
11 with amendments thereto, as
12 authorized by the Pennsylvania
13 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
14 under certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: This bill will be
17 referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a
20 privileged resolution recognizing
21 May 2026 as Dual Asian American
22 Pacific Islander and Jewish
23 American Heritage Month in
24 Philadelphia, in recognition of

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2 America 250, celebrating the rich
3 history, interwoven stories and
4 significant contributions made by
5 generations of Asian Americans and
6 Pacific Islanders and Jewish
7 Americans to our nation,
8 Commonwealth and City.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
11 placed on today's Final Passage
12 Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 privileged resolution honoring and
15 congratulating Sam Rhoads on his
16 retirement after 31 years of
17 distinguished service to PIDC,
18 Philadelphia's public-private
19 economic development corporation,
20 and recognizing his transformative
21 impact on the City's economic
22 landscape.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

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2 placed on today's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Brian O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 I have no bills or
9 resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 No bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
20 Thank you, Mr. President.

21 I offer two privileged
22 resolutions and one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the titles of the bill and
4 resolutions.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An
6 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Regulation of Businesses, Trades
9 and Professions," by adding
10 provisions prohibiting retail
11 establishments from rounding
12 transaction totals upward when a
13 customer tenders cash without exact
14 coinage, and requiring rounding
15 downward to the nearest five-cent
16 increment; all under certain terms
17 and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This bill will be
20 referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a
23 privileged resolution honoring and
24 recognizing Chestnut Hill College

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2 and its Political Science

3 Department for their commitment to

4 academic excellence, diversity,

5 civic engagement and the

6 advancement of future leaders, and

7 further recognizing Dr. Jeffrey

8 Carroll for his historic leadership

9 in the field of political science.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

12 placed on today's Final Passage

13 Calendar.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a

15 privileged resolution supporting

16 the City of Philadelphia's

17 participation in Bird Town,

18 Pennsylvania, and promoting

19 sustainable conservation

20 initiatives in the City, and

21 committing to community-based

22 conservation initiatives to protect

23 birds, wildlife, and the

24 environment.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 (Inaudible).

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Gotta love Philly. This
6 resolution will be placed on
7 today's Final Passage Calendar.

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

10 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

11 Thank you, Council President.

12 No bills or resolutions
13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
16 next order of business is reports
17 from committees.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
20 report from the Committee on
21 Appropriations.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 The Committee on

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2 Appropriations reports three bills
3 with a favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Chief Clerk, could you
6 please read the report.

7 CHIEF CLERK: The
8 Committee on Appropriations, to
9 which were referred the following
10 bills: Bill No. 260213, an
11 ordinance to amend Bill No. 250198
12 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled
13 "An Ordinance to Adopt a Capital
14 Program for the six Fiscal Years
15 2026-2031 inclusive," By revising
16 various appropriation amounts and
17 totals, all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 Bill No. 260214, an
20 ordinance to amend Bill No. 250197
21 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled
22 "An Ordinance to Adopt a Fiscal
23 2026 Capital Budget" by revising
24 various appropriation amounts and

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2 totals, all under certain terms and
3 conditions, respectfully reports it
4 has considered the same and returns
5 the attached bills to Council with
6 a favorable recommendation.

7 And Bill No. 260215, an
8 ordinance authorizing transfers in
9 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026
10 from: the General Fund, the Water
11 Fund, the Transportation Fund, and
12 the Grants Revenue Fund, all from
13 certain or all City offices,
14 departments, boards and
15 commissions; to: the General Fund,
16 the Water Fund, the Special
17 Gasoline Tax Fund, the Grants
18 Revenue Fund, the Aviation Fund,
19 and the Transportation Fund, all to
20 certain or all City offices,
21 departments, boards and
22 commissions, respectfully reports
23 it has considered and amended the
24 same and returns the attached bill

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2 to Council with a favorable
3 recommendation.

4 There are no further
5 bills to report out from the
6 Committee on Appropriations,
7 Council President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
12 motion.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 I move that the rules of
16 Council be suspended as to permit
17 first reading this day of the bills
18 just read into the record by the
19 Chief Clerk.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to

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2 permit the consideration of these
3 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
4 at today's session of Council.

5 All those in favor of
6 the motion will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 motion carries. And these bills
15 will be placed on our First Reading
16 Calendar for today.

17 The next order of
18 business is the consideration of
19 the Calendar. I note that the
20 bills just reported from committees
21 with the suspension of rules have
22 been deemed to have had a first
23 reading. These bills will be
24 placed on the Second Reading and

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2 Final Passage Calendar for the next
3 session of Council.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
6 motion regarding Bill No. 260215
7 just reported out of committee.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 I move the rules of
11 Council be suspended as to permit
12 an amendment to Bill No. 260215.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the rules of
17 Council be suspended so as to
18 permit the consideration of an
19 amendment to Bill No. 260215 at
20 this time.

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

24 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
7 motion carries.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Mark Squilla again.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 I would like to offer an
13 amendment to Bill No. 260215. A
14 copy of the amendment has been
15 circulated to all members of
16 Council. I move for the adoption
17 of the amendment.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that the
22 amendment to Bill No. 260215 be
23 adopted.

24 All those in favor will

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
9 bill has been amended. This bill
10 will be placed on the Second
11 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
12 for our next session of Council.

13 As there are no
14 additional bills on the First
15 Reading Calendar, the Chair
16 recognizes Majority Leader
17 Katherine Gilmore Richardson for a
18 motion concerning the bills and
19 resolutions on the Second Reading
20 and Final Passage Calendars.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Thank you,

23 Mr. President.

24 The following bills and

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2 resolutions are being called up
3 from the Second Reading and Final
4 Passage Calendars today: Nos.
5 260253, 260254, 260255, 260256,
6 260353, 260354, 260355, 260356,
7 260357, 260362, 250329-AA,
8 250330-AA, 260056, 260057, 260058,
9 260059, 260060, 260061, 260062 and
10 260295.

11 The following bills and
12 resolutions on the Calendar are
13 being held: 250768 and 250807.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Good job, Majority
16 Leader.

17 Before considering these
18 bills and resolutions, we will
19 consider public comment as follows:
20 Your public comment must concern
21 matters on the Second Reading of
22 Final Passage Calendars for
23 possible action at today's Council
24 session. All speakers must sign up

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2 in order to testify.

3 If you have not already
4 signed up before today's Council
5 session, please do so now by giving
6 your name to Ms. Hasson, seated in
7 the hallway outside of Room 496.
8 Once you have signed up, you will
9 be called in the order in which
10 your name appears on the sign-up
11 sheet.

12 Under ideal
13 circumstances, public commenters
14 each will have up to three minutes
15 to speak. However, this time limit
16 may vary from session to session.
17 Today due to the repetitious public
18 comment, the time limit will be one
19 minute. In order to be fair to all
20 those wishing to speak, I intend to
21 hold faithfully to the one-minute
22 limit.

23 When you begin speaking,
24 you will see a green light on the

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2 podium. When there are 30 seconds
3 remaining to your time, the light
4 will turn yellow, which is your
5 reminder to conclude your remarks.
6 Once one minute has passed, the
7 light will turn red and the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms will disconnect
9 your microphone.

10 Please do not get mad at
11 Lopez. He's just doing his job.
12 At that point, please yield to the
13 podium to the next speaker if you
14 have not already done so. I also
15 reserve the right to our rules of
16 City Council to limit repetitious
17 comments on the same subject
18 matter.

19 I will now ask the Chief
20 Clerk to please read the name of
21 our first speaker.

22 (Witnesses approached
23 podium.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Mo Rushdy,

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2 Carmen Maria, Halcyon Joseph,
3 Reverend Gregory Holston, Ryan
4 Spak, Simon Radecki, Jeremy
5 Blatstein, William Small, John
6 McCauley and Stephen Bronskill,
7 please make your way to the podium.

8 (Witnesses approached
9 podium.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The floor is yours, sir.

12 MR. RUSHDY: Good
13 morning, Council President,
14 Councilmembers. Let me start by
15 first saying that the BIA of --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease
18 for one second.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: All visitors, we welcome
22 you to City Council as we do our
23 business, the People's House. All
24 I'm asking if you can take your

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2 side conversations just out of the
3 Council chambers. It's very, very
4 hard to hear up here when people
5 are speaking on the floor.

6 The floor is yours, sir.
7 Please begin your testimony.

8 MR. RUSHDY: I want to
9 start by first saying that the BIA
10 and Councilmember O'Rourke have had
11 policy differences in general when
12 it comes to execution. But without
13 a doubt, we had an alignment in
14 intent. Over the last 30 to 60
15 days, Councilmember O'Rourke has
16 engaged in good faith, along with
17 his aide, specifically Kate
18 Underwood, with multiple
19 stakeholders to address concerns of
20 housing providers when it comes to
21 unintended consequences of well-
22 intentioned language in these
23 bills.

24 So I thank you,

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2 Councilmember, for this. And I
3 thank Council President for always
4 standing at an equal distance from
5 different stakeholders that have
6 different interests and encouraging
7 dialogue to reach a place where
8 everyone is okay and not
9 necessarily getting all that they
10 want.

11 Last week's amendments
12 maintain the bill's legislative
13 intent while allowing housing
14 providers some flexibility and
15 thus, not discouraging desperately-
16 needed housing in the city. My
17 testimony today does not offer a
18 blanket support or opposition, but
19 rather an opportunity to explain
20 how the BIA changed its position
21 from a strong opposition to
22 supporting the bills when they got
23 amended with much of the BIA and
24 other concerns.

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2 Pending appeals of
3 certain taxes, liens, fines and
4 fees, resulting in outstanding
5 balances will not be deemed
6 noncompliant. Housing provider
7 will not be deemed noncompliant in
8 case of violation that leads to
9 fee, underlying conditions that was
10 not issued under Title 4, whereas
11 the outstanding balance is the sole
12 reason preventing the license from
13 being issued or renewed.

14 The owner filled a
15 timely administrative and judicial
16 appeal of the violation or tax
17 clearance determination as
18 applicable. 5, that the owner has
19 not failed to take any required
20 interim corrective actions within
21 the owner control, that for a
22 renewal of rental license an owner
23 shall not be deemed noncompliant
24 for purposes of this section solely

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2 for failure to timely renew a
3 rental license during 15 days. And
4 over time, there is other changes
5 as well. The bill started with
6 good intent, but with unintended
7 consequences --

8 (Background
9 interruption.)

10 MR. RUSHDY: I'm in
11 support of the bill. Just
12 explaining --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: You got to wrap it up,
15 sir.

16 MR. RUSHDY: -- how we
17 got there. I'm on your side.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Mr. Mo Rushdy, you got to
20 wrap it up, sir.

21 MR. RUSHDY: We are
22 housing providers that want to
23 support our tenants and residents
24 and do not want to see bad housing

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2 providers protected. And so, the
3 BIA thanks Councilmember O'Rourke.
4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

8 MS. KLIGERMAN: Good
9 morning. My name is Nicole and I'm
10 reading on behalf of one of our
11 members who's here today, but
12 because of safety concerns isn't
13 speaking. I'm a proud resident of
14 Philadelphia and originally from
15 Guatemala. I work as a house
16 cleaner and I'm a member, leader
17 with the National Domestic Workers
18 Alliance. I'm here to strongly
19 support both the ICE Out laws and
20 Safe Healthy Homes.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. KLIGERMAN: The
23 increase in immigration enforcement
24 spreads fear and devastates our

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2 communities. The fear is felt in
3 everyday life, in the park,
4 library, church and our children's
5 school. The increase in
6 deportations also results in more
7 workplace abuses. Some employers
8 take advantage of the situation to
9 threaten workers.

10 Workers speak out less
11 now, report fewer abuses and demand
12 their rights less. I also want to
13 highlight the current hunger strike
14 at Moshannon Detention Center in
15 Pennsylvania, where 100 detained
16 immigrants are protesting horrible
17 treatment and several deaths.

18 Detained immigrants in Philadelphia
19 are frequently sent to these
20 conditions in Moshannon. We fight
21 to protect our communities from
22 these private prisons who earn
23 money off of our suffering.

24 Lastly, I urge you to

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2 pass the Safe Healthy Homes Act.
3 Landlords in this city treat
4 renters horribly, and in many cases
5 keep housing conditions poor
6 because of our immigration status.
7 Renter justice is immigrant
8 justice. Vote yes on both.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Excuse me. Could you
11 just say your name for the record?

12 MS. KLIGERMAN: Yep. My
13 name is Nicole Kligerman and I am
14 reading on behalf of one of our
15 members who, because of safety
16 concerns of what's happening in
17 this room right now, isn't herself
18 speaking.

19
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 MS. JOSEPH: Good
23 morning, Councilmembers, ladies and
24 gentlemen. My name is Halcyon

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2 Joseph. I am a member of the
3 National Domestic Workers Alliance.
4 I have been a professional
5 geriatric care provider for many
6 years. I've migrated from the
7 Caribbean of the countries of
8 Trinidad and Tobago.

9 I like taking care of
10 people who need real care, like
11 elderly and kids. We need the
12 voices, eyes, hands on seniors and
13 babies. The work that we do is
14 invaluable and support all aspects
15 of society. I'm here today as an
16 immigrant, a worker and an advocate
17 for the communities I care deeply
18 about to ask the support of both
19 ICE Out policies and Safe Healthy
20 legislation.

21 I ask you to vote yes to
22 the ICE Out package because it's
23 unfair how the government is
24 treating us. We're all here for

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2 the same reasons, to live on earth
3 in peace. They are also abrasive
4 and deporting people who have had
5 (inaudible). The presence of ICE
6 breaks families apart. It gives me
7 first-hand anxiety and even PTSD to
8 the fear of living in deep fear.
9 They are known and never known from
10 moment to moment.

11 REV. HOLSTON: My name
12 is Reverend Gregory Holston,
13 Executive Director of Just Nation,
14 here supporting both ICE Out
15 legislation and Safe Healthy Homes.
16 I know I only got a minute. We're
17 here today because everyone
18 deserves to be safe in their home.
19 That's the through line. That's
20 the moral line.

21 But in our city, the
22 promise is being broken in two
23 ways. When I think of the people I
24 pastor, the African immigrants, the

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2 Haitian immigrants, the Jamaican
3 immigrants who live in fear that a
4 knock on the door will take away,
5 that ICE could turn their home into
6 a place of terror, I'm concerned
7 that we need to do something.

8 At the same time when
9 families are living in homes that
10 are unsafe and unhealthy, mold,
11 lead, broken heat, so even ICE is
12 knocking, the home itself is
13 harming the people inside of it.
14 We need to stand up against that.
15 The simple principle that puts all
16 of these laws together into one
17 thing is the simple scriptural
18 oppression principle: Love your
19 neighbor, love your neighbor, love
20 your neighbor, so as we stand up
21 together and we fight together and
22 we believe together and we hope
23 together and we dream together.

24 Let that principle stand

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2 over and over again. Love your
3 neighbor as yourself and we can
4 transform this city for everyone.

5 MR. SPAK: Good morning.

6 My name is Ryan Spak. I want to
7 thank the body for allowing me to
8 come and speak with you this
9 morning. I want to thank
10 Councilmember O'Rourke and his
11 staff for the conversations and for
12 amending this legislation and
13 ensuring that state law is
14 reiterated within this Council
15 body.

16 I want to thank
17 Councilmember Rue Landau for the
18 conversations that we had regarding
19 this legislation. I am here in
20 support of the Safe and Healthy
21 Homes Act. As a housing provider
22 for the last 15 years, my company
23 has felt that it is a moral
24 obligation for the residents that

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2 live within our buildings, for us
3 to provide a safe and healthy home
4 no matter what.

5 However, I do want to
6 stress to this legislative body, as
7 I have before, I appreciate your
8 effort and the moral compass that
9 is pointed in the direction.

10 However, every piece of legislation
11 is being passed within a vacuum
12 with no solution attached to it to
13 other problems we know exist.

14 Please, please, please, please keep
15 that in mind as you continue to
16 fight for the rights of the City of
17 Philadelphia. Thank you.

18 MR. RADECKI: Hello. My
19 name is Simon. I'm glad to be a
20 resident of Philadelphia and was
21 lucky enough to be born and raised
22 in Minnesota, in a small
23 Minneapolis suburb called
24 St. Anthony Village. The reason

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2 people here are all familiar with
3 that town, if they are at all, is
4 because it was where a Black man
5 named Philando Castile was murdered
6 by police in 2016.

7 He was murdered one year
8 after Jamar Clark, two years before
9 Thurman Blevins, and four years
10 before George Floyd, all in
11 Minneapolis. The response of many
12 of the people in Minneapolis to ICE
13 terror campaign this winter was the
14 result of continued organizing,
15 relationship-building and
16 solidarity led and built by Black
17 and Brown people through years of
18 combating injustices from voter ID
19 and state-sanctioned murders.

20 I just want to take a
21 moment of solidarity to recognize
22 those people. ICE has existed as a
23 weapon of race-based terrorists
24 since its inception, targeting

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2 Muslim and immigrant populations
3 with similar tactics to those seen
4 today. The reality is they've been
5 using children as hostages in
6 immigration hearings and tools of
7 entrapment for decades.

8 Sorry, I wrote for a lot
9 more minutes. You have an
10 opportunity today to make the
11 direction clear for Philadelphia,
12 the next city and those after that.
13 Vote yes with the power of the
14 citizens have loaned you. Because
15 that's the thing about power in
16 this country, one way or another
17 someone will come to collect.

18 CHIEF CLERK: We have
19 Jeremy Blatstein, William Small,
20 John McCauley, Stephen Bronskill.
21 May Lisa Volta Zalloum, David
22 Alexander Jenkins, Jackie Zaneri,
23 Lynn Landes and Robert Aarchnyak,
24 please make your way to the podium.

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2 (Witnesses approached
3 podium.)

4 MR. BLATSTEIN: Hello.

5 My name is Jeremy Blatstein. I'm
6 here in support of the Safe Healthy
7 Homes bills. In theory, it's
8 exactly what the City of
9 Philadelphia needs, right. We need
10 to hold bad landlords accountable.

11 The thing that I do want
12 to stress is the Philadelphia
13 Sheriff's Office and the eviction
14 process that needs to improve. It
15 cannot be taking so long because
16 it's impacting everybody. So as
17 long as this legislation goes
18 forward, and there's work to be
19 done on the Philadelphia Sheriff's
20 Office, this is a good bill.

21 But if there's not
22 improvements in the Philadelphia
23 Sheriff's Office, the whole thing's
24 going to crumble and you're going

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2 to hurt really small mom-and-pop
3 landlords, and that's the thing
4 that you're going to -- that's the
5 thing that needs to be kept in
6 mind, is making sure that people
7 with two to four units have the
8 support and the help to get through
9 this new legislation.

10 And last but not least,
11 we're talking about SEPTA. We know
12 it's important to fund it. Ride
13 the ride. Grow Philly to 2 milly.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. SMALL: Good
16 morning, everybody. My name is
17 William Small, candidate for U.S.
18 Congress in Pennsylvania's Third
19 District. Today I stand here in
20 opposition in every bill, ordinance
21 and its agenda, but not out of
22 disrespect, out of principle.

23 I know everybody heard
24 what Mayor Cherelle Parker said

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2 this weekend. How dare you? She
3 called out 1.8 million people in
4 Philadelphia. She doesn't think
5 she's the Mayor. She thinks she's
6 the damn queen --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Excuse me, sir. Could
9 you speak on --

10 MR. SMALL: Tax after
11 tax after tax --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Sir, could you speak on
14 the bill? Speak on the bill,

15 MR. SMALL: Tax after
16 tax after tax --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Which specific bill are
19 you speaking on?

20 MR. SMALL: (Inaudible).

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Excuse me, sir. We
23 understand you're running for
24 office. If you can speak on the

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2 bill, you can. Right now you can.

3 Have a good day, sir.

4 MR. SMALL: (Inaudible).

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Me too, sir. Thank you,

7 sir. Have a blessed day.

8 Appreciate it.

9 Could you please call
10 the next speaker please.

11 CHIEF CLERK: We have
12 John McCauley, Stephen Bronskill,
13 Lisa Volta Zalloum, David Alexander
14 Jenkins, Jackie Zaneri, Lynn Landes
15 and Robert Aarchnyak.

16 (Witnesses approached
17 podium.)

18 MR. McCAULEY: Good
19 morning, everyone. My name is John
20 Alonte McCauley. I'm with a
21 grassroots organization called Flip
22 Philly Red. We're here to offer
23 you something different because
24 you've been voting Democrat for the

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2 Mayor's office for the past 70
3 years. In regard to these ICE Out
4 bills, they have statistics coming
5 out of the country of Sweden that
6 says, because of their open border
7 policies, 1 out of every 4 women
8 can be expected to be raped. These
9 are things that I think --

10 (Audience boos.)

11 MR. McCAULEY: -- that
12 City Council make it difficult for
13 ICE to --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Listen up, everyone.
16 Listen up, everyone.

17 MR. McCAULEY: I need
18 time back on the clock. I need my
19 minute back. No, no, I need my --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Listen up. Excuse me,
22 sir. I'm actually running this so
23 let me handle this.

24 MR. McCAULEY: Are you?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Let me handle this how I
4 need to handle this.

5 MR. McCAULEY: Thank
6 you --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: You know what then, call
9 on the next speaker please.

10 MR. McCAULEY:
11 (Inaudible).

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Call on the next speaker.
14 I believe in the right of freedom
15 of speech, but not disrespect. Not
16 disrespect, sir. Please call on the
17 next speaker.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Stephen
19 Bronskill, Lisa Volta Zalloum,
20 David Alexander Jenkins, Jackie
21 Zaneri, Lynn Landes and Robert
22 Aarchnyak.

23 (Witnesses approached
24 podium.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

4 Please call the next speaker. Let
5 that run viral.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Please begin, ma'am.

9 Please begin, ma'am.

10 MS. ZALLOUM: Good
11 morning. My name is Lisa Volta
12 Zalloum and I'm speaking in support
13 of Councilmember Rue Landau's
14 resolution declaring April as Arab
15 American Heritage Month. I'm here
16 today as the Executive Director of
17 Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture.

18 Al-Bustan is a nonprofit
19 organization dedicated to
20 showcasing and cultivating the
21 beauty and diversity of Arab
22 culture through the arts, but also
23 I'm here as the grandchild of a
24 young Syrian woman who came to this

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2 country with her language, sharp
3 wit, hope and love of life. Her
4 story is one of millions that
5 begins right here in Philadelphia.

6 In anticipation of the
7 Semiquincentennial, Al-Bustan began
8 researching a largely overlooked
9 part of Philadelphia's Arab
10 history. When Philadelphia hosted
11 the 1876 Centennial exhibition in
12 Fairmount Park, over 1600 Arab
13 traders and artisans made the
14 journey to this country to
15 celebrate America's 100th birthday.
16 Arab culture was on full display,
17 Egyptian, Syrian, Algerian bazaars
18 and the Moroccan building. Fast-
19 forward 2002, Al-Bustan was founded
20 in the wake of 911 when gross
21 stereotypes were created about Arab
22 people and -- thank you so much.

23 MR. JENKINS:

24 Mr. President, David Alexander

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2 Jenkins. When I walked into
3 chamber this morning and the sound
4 of all the things you are, that
5 jazz band out in the hallway, and I
6 looked around at my brothers and
7 sisters of love here with the
8 signage all around me of inevitable
9 rights, human hope, dignity,
10 safety, refuge, I was invigorated
11 with the kind of energy that was so
12 palpable that I was suddenly
13 reminded of why I come to this
14 podium week after week, year after
15 year.

16 I come like you to
17 celebrate, defend and protect all
18 the things we are. I was prepared
19 to come before you to impress upon
20 you with moral clarity and resolve
21 my resounding support for the ICE
22 Out legislation before you, which
23 upholds the moral imperative
24 against state violence. I was

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2 prepared to come up in the fierce
3 defense of Member O'Rourke's
4 amendments through its lens of
5 inclusivity, dignity and a shared
6 responsibility to humanity.

7 And I was prepared to
8 come before you in gratitude for
9 Member Brooks's enshrinement and
10 space held for the LGBTQ and Black
11 communities, and for the body's
12 dedication to holding vital space
13 of intersectionality and
14 visibility. But when that Reverend
15 took through the dais, I was
16 reminded of Kurt Franklin's I've
17 been through the fire and I've been
18 through the flood, I've been broken
19 into pieces and seen lightning from
20 above. And through it all, we
21 remember that he loves us and he
22 cares, and he'll never put more on
23 us than we can bear.

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2 JOHNSON: Bear. I know that's
3 right.

4 MS. ZANERI: Good
5 morning. My name is Jackie Zaneri,
6 and I'm a supervising attorney in
7 the Housing Justice team at Senior
8 Law Center. Thank you for the
9 opportunity to again voice our
10 strong support of Bills 250329-AA
11 and 250330-AA, the Safe Healthy
12 Homes Act.

13 Senior Law Center seeks
14 justice for older adults using the
15 power of the law, educating
16 community and advocating at the
17 local, state and national levels.
18 We provide free legal assistance to
19 thousands of older people each
20 year, including tenants facing
21 housing crisis and older
22 homeowners. We support these bills
23 because they're aimed at common,
24 serious issues that older tenants

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2 are facing in Philadelphia.

3 We regularly meet with
4 and represent tenants who are being
5 evicted out of properties with
6 serious open code violations or
7 that contain uninhabitable
8 conditions that tenants are fearful
9 of reporting because of the threat
10 of eviction. These laws provide
11 basic legal protections that all
12 tenants deserve and that would
13 prevent the worst landlord behavior
14 and these dangerous living
15 conditions. We urge you to pass
16 these bills. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: May Lynn
19 Landes, Robert Aarchnyak, Earl
20 Fowlkes, Justin Oppong, Chloe
21 Youngblood, Jeffrey Carroll, Seneca
22 Grant, Melissa Monts, Leyla Moreno
23 and Queen Judith Robinson, please
24 make your way to the podium.

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2 (Witnesses approached
3 podium.)

4 MS. LANDES: Good
5 morning. I'm Lynn Landes of
6 Philly's Republican Network. We
7 oppose Bill 2600056 and related
8 bills aimed at undermining federal
9 immigration enforcement because it
10 is essentially an invitation for
11 more illegal immigrants, criminal
12 cartels and foreign enemies from
13 across the nation and around the
14 world to come to Philadelphia, a
15 city with one of the highest rates
16 of poverty, crime, illiteracy,
17 unemployment and taxes in the
18 country, and who already has over
19 75,000 illegal immigrants.

20 The principal job of any
21 government is to manage people and
22 resources, which is why all nations
23 have borders and immigration laws.
24 Over 8 billion people live on our

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2 planet. 340 million live in the
3 United States, including tens of
4 millions of illegal immigrants. In
5 addition, 60 to 80 million visitors
6 come to the U.S. every year.

7 Undermining ICE will tempt many of
8 these people to come to
9 Philadelphia to live here
10 illegally. It is City Council's
11 job --

12 (Audience boos.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Listen up, everyone.

15 MS. LANDES: It is City
16 Council's job to protect
17 Philadelphians, not illegal aliens.
18 Please vote no to undermining ICE.
19 Thank you.

20 (Audience boos.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Time out. Council at
23 ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: I just want to do some
4 rules for the day. And this is a
5 democracy. All I ask is that we
6 just be respectful regardless if
7 you agree with a person's position
8 or not agree with a person's
9 position, just for the sake of us
10 conducting business today.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 (Inaudible).

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: One second, sir. She
15 gave her opinion. Opinion is
16 different than hate speech. I'm
17 Black and African American. I know
18 what hate speech is. So all I'm
19 just saying, a person comes, they
20 want to give their opinion rather
21 you support it or not support it.
22 Let's just be respectful to one
23 another as human beings just for
24 the day.

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2 Go ahead, sir -- go
3 ahead, young lady.

4 MS. MONTS: Okay. My
5 name is Melissa Monts and I want to
6 speak to give my testimony on
7 behalf of Theresa Howell and Eden
8 Gibson, who are ill today and were
9 not able to be here and have been
10 in this fight with us for six
11 years.

12 I know when I feel what
13 it feels like to hear no at every
14 stage of life. No mental health
15 support growing up in a
16 dysfunctional home, no real help as
17 a struggling single mother.
18 Believing I had no other options, I
19 signed my three children over to
20 the state of Oklahoma, hoping to
21 get help and return for them. That
22 did not happen.

23 Today all three of my
24 children carry that no. All three

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2 have jail records. Two of them are
3 felons and one felon is still
4 incarcerated. And now, I see the
5 same pattern here. Our children
6 becoming collateral damage of
7 policy decisions. No quality
8 education because schools close.
9 No livable wages while corporate
10 taxes are being cut.

11 No relief for small
12 businesses with the BIRT tax being
13 removed and shrinking household
14 incomes. No stability in families
15 living in fear of being disappeared
16 by masked, armed, unidentified men,
17 which is why I support the ICE Out
18 bills. And now, Safe Healthy Homes
19 are being questioned even after a
20 child like Jah'Nae Campbell died
21 from mold exposure.

22 At some point we have to
23 tell the truth. When every system
24 says no, people stop believing in

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2 the system. And when young people
3 stop believing in systems, they
4 don't just disappear, they create
5 their own outcomes. So I will say
6 this plainly: Let our children
7 hear today yes to Safe Healthy
8 Homes and yes to ICE Out or be
9 prepared for the consequences of a
10 city that continues to say no.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. AARCHNYAK: Hi. My
13 name is Robert Aarchnyak and I'm a
14 member of the Delaware Valley
15 Ornithological Club --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Could you speak into the
18 microphone, sir?

19 MR. KARCHNYAK: Sorry.
20 My name is Robert Karchnyak. And
21 I'm a member of the Delaware Valley
22 Ornithological Club. I serve as
23 its Co-Chair of its Conservation
24 Committee, member of its Governing

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2 Council and a birding guide at FDR
3 Park. I'm speaking in support of
4 the Bird Town resolution.

5 Birds are in trouble.

6 Back in 2019, a report was released
7 that found roughly 3 billion birds
8 have been lost in North America.
9 And just last year, the 2025 State
10 of the Birds report highlighted
11 this tragic reality of bird
12 population decline, with the main
13 Atlantic region being of particular
14 concern. We know conservation
15 works, but we need it to be
16 comprehensive.

17 Philly sits along the
18 Atlantic Flyway, a critical part of
19 bird migration and provides crucial
20 stopover habitat. Initiatives like
21 Bird Safe Philly and Lights Out
22 have formed to counter some of the
23 most dangerous obstacles facing
24 birds on this epic journey. It's

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2 vitally important to bridge the gap
3 of what is considered the natural
4 world.

5 Too often the thought is
6 that nature exists outside the
7 urban suburban areas. In -- oh, go
8 Birds.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. FOWLKES: My name is
11 Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr. and I'm here
12 to speak to my resolution. I'm a
13 native Philadelphia, was born and
14 raised at 26th and Allegheny. And
15 what's happening here is what I
16 learned to do around the world,
17 negotiate conflicting points of
18 view to come out to a resolution
19 that everyone can live with. And
20 I've been representing the LGBTQ
21 community for the last 35, 40 years
22 around the world and I will
23 continue to do so.

24 I will say one thing. I

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2 have one little gift that I can
3 give to Philadelphia. I'm a member
4 of the Democratic National
5 Committee. I've been an At-large
6 member for the last five terms.
7 I'm going to advocate Philadelphia
8 coming to the Convention for the
9 Democratic Party in 2028.

10 That's -- you should be happy about
11 that. Thank you very much.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

15 MR. OPPONG: Thank you
16 for this opportunity. My name is
17 Justin Oppong. I'm a Chestnut Hill
18 College student and political
19 science major. Thank you,
20 Councilmember Bass, Council
21 President Johnson, for the
22 opportunity, including City
23 Council. Chestnut has given me the
24 opportunity to get a degree, but

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2 also changed my character, the way
3 I think and the way I develop and
4 it's worth representing.

5 As I reached the last
6 life of my undergrad career, I
7 wanted simply not just to get a
8 degree, but to give back in any way
9 I could. I believe I represent
10 something bigger than me, and I can
11 make an impact in any way I can and
12 others as well. And in the future
13 of the school, throughout my years
14 at Chestnut Hill College, the
15 political science department has
16 helped me to develop community-
17 building skills, communication and
18 also student development, not in
19 just the classroom, but a simple
20 impact and care for others,
21 including a change.

22 I know what it means to
23 hold each other accountable,
24 including myself, with grace, and

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2 create a space for students to feel
3 like they're welcome and constantly
4 representing them and myself as
5 well. I'm also looking towards
6 becoming a corporate attorney and
7 also have hands-on experience to
8 study not only political science
9 but also have three majors with
10 the -- three minors with the help
11 of the department.

12 When coming to higher
13 education, CHC was no question, as
14 I'm also pursuing my MBA as well at
15 the college. I want to make an
16 impact in Philadelphia any way I
17 could and it starts here. I had
18 the honor to be a Griffin alongside
19 my students that are with me as
20 well, and it's been an absolute
21 blessing as well. Thank you,
22 Dr. Carroll. Thank you, Dr. Reich,
23 including my family. And also
24 above all, thank you, God, for this

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2 opportunity to speak. It's been a
3 blessing to speak to you all.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: I hope Channels 3, 6, 9,
8 10, Fox is taking some of this
9 video, the positivity of our young
10 people.

11 MS. YOUNGBLOOD:

12 Firstly, I would like to thank God
13 for this moment. I would like to
14 thank Council President Kenyatta
15 Johnson, Councilwoman Cindy Bass,
16 for this recognition.

17 Additionally, I'd like to thank
18 Dr. Jeffrey Carroll for asking me
19 to give a comment on this momentous
20 occasion.

21 My name is Chloe
22 Youngblood. I am the Executive
23 Chair of the Young Adults Committee
24 of NAACP Philadelphia Branch. I am

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2 the Elected Majority Inspector of
3 Elections for the 12th Ward of the
4 20th Division, and I'm alumna of
5 Chestnut Hill College, also known
6 as CHC. I graduated with my
7 Bachelor's degree in Political
8 Science and International Affairs,
9 Magna Cum Laude --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Magna Cum Laude.

12 MS. YOUNGBLOOD: Thank
13 you. With departmental honors in
14 May of 2024. As I look back on my
15 college years at CHC, it wasn't
16 just a place of higher education
17 and personal growth. CHC became my
18 biggest support and a second family
19 to me after the sudden passing of
20 my father. My father passed away
21 my freshman year, and when I
22 notified the faculty and the staff
23 at CHC, I received such an
24 overwhelming presence of love and

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2 support. Many of my professors
3 actually attended my dad's funeral
4 and while others truly became
5 prominent figures in my life such
6 as Dr. Jeffrey Carroll.

7 As I reflect further on
8 my collegiate years as a young
9 undergraduate student studying
10 political science, all I can think
11 about is how the political science
12 department at CHC truly helped me
13 to cultivate my thoughts as a young
14 political scientist. The political
15 science department at CHC always
16 challenged me to critically think
17 and analyze the relationship
18 between the public and the
19 politicians, also known as public
20 servants, to question and to truly
21 answer or to understand the why of
22 the political realm.

23 In doing so, I was
24 effective communicator when I

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2 interned at Representative Anthony
3 Bellmon's office my senior year.

4 In addition to these skills, it has
5 helped me to educate others on the
6 importance of voting, since that is
7 the first step when determining
8 public policy. As I have
9 campaigned for various public
10 servants, including Kamala Harris
11 in the 2024 Presidential election.

12 I am forever grateful
13 for my experience at CHC and for my
14 amazing former professors, such as
15 Dr. Carroll and Dr. Jackie Reich.
16 Thank you and God bless.

17 (Applause.)

18 DR. CARROLL: Good
19 morning. I am Dr. Jeffrey Carroll
20 from Chestnut Hill College --

21 (Applause.)

22 DR. CARROLL: I'm the
23 Associate Professor of Political
24 Science, the Chair of the Center

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2 for Data and Society, and the
3 President of Pennsylvania Political
4 Science Association. It's the
5 nation's oldest state political
6 science association, and I am the
7 first person of color to be as
8 president.

9 Thank you, Councilwoman
10 Bass, for your resolution honoring
11 CHC. And thank you, Council
12 President Johnson and the Council,
13 for allowing us to be here today.
14 This right here in this room is an
15 institution that I've studied,
16 revered for decades, stemming from
17 my time in graduate school at
18 Temple University. Go Owls.

19 I taught a class called
20 Local Government and Community
21 Advocacy with my mentor and former
22 Mayor and Council President John F.
23 Street. Several folks in the
24 chamber today participated in that

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2 exercise. Councilmember Jeffrey
3 Jay Young, Jr., team members Collin
4 Crossley, Desmond McKenzie here,
5 Marvin Wiley is here today, all
6 participating.

7 City Council, you've
8 opened your arms to me as a
9 researcher, a policy advisor, a
10 community advocate, internship
11 coordinator, white paper author.
12 Among all these roles and over the
13 years, I played just my small part
14 to contribute to conversations
15 about power, civics, public
16 service. And so, I just want to
17 let you know that we are outside
18 and we are here.

19 So to close, at CHC
20 we're deeply committed. So I'm
21 proud to have lived and worked in
22 the City of Philadelphia over 25
23 years with my family who is here
24 today, and raising my two sons in

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2 South Philly in the School District
3 of Philadelphia School. So we're
4 here to stay to serve and to
5 impact. So on behalf of Chestnut
6 Hill College, my Chair Dr. Jackie
7 Reich, leadership of the Sister
8 Saint Joseph, and our President,
9 Brian McCloskey, thank you, City
10 Council, for your service and for
11 today's recognition.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: We have
14 Seneca Grant, Leyla Moreno, Queen
15 Judith Robinson. May Sharon White,
16 Nicholas Taylor, Robert Simms,
17 Danielle Campbell, Nadia Graves,
18 John Floria and Kevin Wright,
19 please make your way to the podium.

20 (Witnesses approached
21 podium.)

22 MR. GRANT: Good
23 morning, Council President Johnson
24 and distinguished members of

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2 Council. My name is Seneca Grant,
3 and this is truly an honor. The
4 Safe Healthy Homes Act is an urgent
5 necessity for hundreds of thousands
6 of renters like myself, including
7 many here in the room today.

8 I'm a lifelong resident
9 of Philadelphia and lived in
10 unsatisfactory homes most of my 42
11 years, from leaks, mold, rodents,
12 flying cockroaches and no heat as a
13 child to leaks, broken stoves,
14 showers, roaches and rodents as an
15 adult. In my current apartment of
16 three years, I have had no heat. I
17 submitted my latest complaint to
18 311 in early March.

19 The inspector didn't
20 come until two weeks ago, much too
21 late to get an accurate temperature
22 reading of my apartment. I've been
23 scared to put rent in escrow
24 because I don't want to go through

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2 eviction diversion court for a
3 third time, although I'd probably
4 win for a third time. This and
5 many other reasons is why we need
6 our Safe Healthy Homes Act passed
7 into law without further delay.

8 As I've said before, the
9 corporate lobbyists and greedy,
10 corrupt slumlords are on the wrong
11 side of history. I got a lot more
12 here, but my time is up. Council
13 President, Mr. O'Rourke, thank you
14 very much. To the full Council, we
15 ask for you to stand with us and
16 vote yes for Safe Healthy Homes.
17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. MORENO: Good
20 morning, and thank you all for
21 being here today. I want to begin
22 by offering my sincere gratitude to
23 Councilmember O'Rourke for meeting
24 with a group of us recently,

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2 representing mom-and-pop and small
3 landlords. Despite going over his
4 schedule to pick up his kid from
5 daycare, he gave us his dedication
6 and undivided attention. That did
7 not go unnoticed and we truly
8 appreciate it.

9 Equally important is for
10 me to thank Councilwoman Lozada for
11 facilitating the meeting with
12 Councilmember O'Rourke. Thank you
13 for responding to issues that
14 directly affect your constituency.
15 This is one of those issues. Thank
16 you, Talis. And thank you, Gianna.
17 Bill No. 250329-A is a sweeping
18 reform of Philadelphia's property
19 license and regime. Specifically,
20 it requires all rental properties
21 to obtain a license annually and it
22 mandates rigorous costly
23 inspections a year for small
24 landlords.

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2 The group I'm speaking
3 for, including myself, those of us
4 who manage just one or two
5 properties, this creates a
6 disproportionate financial burden.
7 Section 6.1 imposes a stringent
8 timeline for reporting any
9 violations, leaving small landlords
10 vulnerable to automatic fines if we
11 miss a single deadline.

12 In addition, Section 7.4
13 requires landlords to publicly post
14 their license status inside each
15 unit. This is a significant
16 administrative load, as many small
17 landlords work part-time or manage
18 properties themselves. The result
19 is that we risk the fines -- ICE
20 Out. ICE Out. My name is Leyla
21 Moreno.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. TAYLOR: Good
24 morning. My name is Nicholas

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2 Taylor. And while I've lived in
3 Philadelphia for many years in many
4 different Philadelphia
5 neighborhoods, I now call
6 Councilman Jones' district home.
7 Living across these neighborhoods,
8 I've had experiences with negligent
9 landlords of all sizes, twice
10 having to turn to the court system
11 for help. I was able to receive
12 debt owed to me by a corporate
13 landlord because I had the ability
14 to represent myself during the
15 months' long ordeal.

16 When I went without heat
17 for months and needed to break a
18 lease with my small local landlord,
19 I was once again forced to advocate
20 for myself legally. The process
21 drew on for years while I was also
22 completing chemotherapy.
23 Preemptive L&I inspections would
24 have prevented this. I regularly

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2 volunteer with face-to-face
3 Germantown and State Representative
4 Tarik Khan's office. I serve on
5 the East Falls Community Council
6 and City Election Board.

7 I collaborate with my
8 community to make tangible
9 improvements, most importantly for
10 those who are underrepresented and
11 overlooked. I am now asking each
12 of one of you, each and every one
13 of you, to do the same by voting
14 yes on both the ICE Out and Safe
15 Healthy Homes legislation. Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SIMMS: My name is
19 Robert Sims. How's everybody doing
20 in here? I just want to say one
21 thing, man. I got a sick mother,
22 man, from these fumes and these
23 dirty houses, man. The landlords
24 ain't looking out for these houses.

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2 We need the Safe and Healthy Homes
3 bill passed because my kids, my
4 youth, man, my youth is coming up,
5 being taught not to -- being taught
6 about the Safe and Healthy Homes
7 Act.

8 I want this bill to pass
9 so they can look at me talking
10 about, oh yeah, my dad, my dad
11 helped that bill to get passed.
12 Now, we ain't got to worry about,
13 we ain't got to worry about
14 struggling and trying to get bills
15 passed because of my dad. Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CAMPBELL: Good
19 morning, ladies and gentlemen. My
20 name is Danielle Campbell. I'm
21 here today to address all ears in a
22 desperate plea that you listen, not
23 just to the testimonies heard, but
24 to your -- oh. My name is Danielle

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2 Campbell. I'm here today with a
3 desperate plea that you listen not
4 just to the testimonies heard but
5 to your own hearts.

6 Some of the atrocities
7 that have occurred before our very
8 eyes are unspeakable. This is not
9 a vote on whether or not to simply
10 pass more bills. It's a vote on
11 whether or not there's an ounce of
12 human decency that remains within
13 the hearts of our lawmakers. This
14 is not a question of how to stop
15 what's been happening. It's a
16 question of how these things have
17 ever been allowed to happen in the
18 first place. Is there no place
19 safe?

20 If you watch the news,
21 it doesn't look like there are any
22 safe places left. By passing the
23 Safe and Healthy Homes Act, you can
24 help ensure that the places that we

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2 call home will be safe, safe from
3 unlivable conditions, safe from
4 health-threatening infestations,
5 safe from domestic violence, safe
6 from unlawful evictions, safe from
7 discrimination, safe from being
8 slaughtered by untamed, unstable
9 men with or without badges.

10 Let home be where the
11 heart is once again. If not
12 everywhere at once, let's start
13 with our City of Brotherly Love.
14 Let's start today. For those who
15 question what we should do, the
16 answer is whatever it takes.

17 (Applause.)

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Hello, Council and Philadelphia. I
20 would like to thank God for this
21 beautiful city made richer by the
22 contributions of our immigrant and
23 tenant communities and I'm here
24 speaking in support of both the

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2 Safe Healthy Homes and Ice Out
3 bills today, because this is a
4 battle between billionaires and
5 corporations. I'm going to
6 rephrase for the record. This is a
7 battle between billionaires and
8 corporations and working people of
9 Philadelphia.

10 I'm a working-class
11 Philadelphian from the Kingsessing
12 neighborhood. And in my building
13 there are many safety concerns due
14 to disrepair of our garage system,
15 has gone in and out of repair. We
16 have 14 open L&I violations. We
17 have our packages stolen, our
18 groceries stolen, our DoorDash is
19 stolen. We have sometimes people
20 living in our hallways. This is
21 not a safe home.

22 Landlords are not being
23 held accountable because we don't
24 have a true legislation. Tenants

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2 need to be protected and migrant
3 communities need to be protected in
4 the city. And that is why I urge
5 City Council to vote in support of
6 Safe Healthy Homes today to show
7 working-class Philadelphians that
8 we are prioritized by this City
9 Council chamber. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: We have
12 John Floria, Kevin Wright. May
13 Maria Serna, Tyrese Rogers, Emma
14 Johnson, Gina Irvine, Cory
15 Phillips, Tyrone Jones and Ogbonna
16 Paul Hagins, please make your way
17 to the podium.

18 (Witnesses approached
19 podium.)

20 MR. FLORIO: Good
21 morning, Mr. President and Council.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Good morning.

24 MR. FLORIO: My name is

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2 John Florio. I'm a lifelong
3 resident of South Philadelphia and
4 I'm here today to speak on the
5 behalf of the families, the
6 residents who deserve to hear what
7 I'm about to say. Our
8 neighborhoods need more than
9 temporary solutions. We need
10 assistance. We need investments.
11 We've got to slim down with the
12 violence and the private and youth,
13 and we need programs in place.

14 We need strong people
15 that between (inaudible) agencies
16 and community leaders. We need
17 clean streets. We need quality of
18 life. Our residents are frustrated
19 by illegal dumping, vacant lots,
20 and (inaudible) sanitation
21 services, clean and safe
22 neighborhoods should not depend on
23 zip codes or opportunities. We
24 need more workforce development

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2 programs, support small businesses
3 and pathways for return of citizens
4 and young adult youths in our
5 cities that the schools are feeling
6 the young youths.

7 And finally, PPA is
8 totally out of control. My name
9 is --

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. FLORIO: Let me say
12 this: My name is John Florio and
13 look for in 2027 because I'm going
14 to be taking one of your spots.

15 MR. WRIGHT: Good
16 morning. My name is Kevin Wright
17 and I am opposed to the Safe and
18 Healthy Homes bill because it's
19 going to put the small operator out
20 of business. And when he's out of
21 business -- for example, the small
22 operator, I think he provides
23 housing to about 20,000 to 30,000
24 people in Philadelphia.

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2 When that guy's out of
3 business, who are you guys going to
4 rent from other than the big
5 operators? It's going to be
6 costly. They're not going to rent
7 to you because some people don't
8 have some of the credit scores or
9 good jobs or whatever you need to
10 rent into these big-time
11 properties.

12 You guys should have a
13 means test for this Safe and
14 Healthy Homes for the small
15 operator. It should be a gradual
16 enforcement -- maybe there should
17 be a moratorium on enforcement.
18 And also, if you want the small
19 operator to be in compliance, you
20 need to do something about the test
21 clearance process because you
22 require 25% down instead of 10%
23 down to address any issues with
24 finances, and you need to address

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2 deed theft.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

5 SISTER WHITE: My name
6 is Sister Sharon White and I'm a
7 proud Sister of St. Joseph of
8 Philadelphia. I hold a Doctorate
9 of Ministry and an MA in Theology,
10 Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality.
11 I am also a licensed clinical
12 social worker and a licensed
13 marriage, family and sex therapist.

14 For 30 years, I have
15 served in private practice and I
16 have responded to traumatic events
17 in workplaces and in schools. I
18 have spent a lifetime listening to
19 people who have survived violence,
20 loss and profound instability. Even
21 with that experience, the fear and
22 trauma I now witness in immigrant
23 and asylum-seeking communities here
24 in Philadelphia go beyond whatever

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2 I could imagine when I was trained.

3 My friends, ICE is here

4 on the streets in Philadelphia. I

5 know it firsthand. Read my lips.

6 I know firsthand that ICE is in

7 Philadelphia. I am up close and

8 personal and I am experiencing

9 it -- already? We need this bill

10 passed because we can do it. We

11 need to defend our immigrants and

12 those who are being terrorized. I

13 love you all.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

17 MR. JONES: Hey, good

18 morning. I'm Tyrone Jones. I've

19 been in the City of Philadelphia.

20 I'm here to let you -- I'm here to

21 let you guys know to vote yes for

22 Safe and Healthy Homes because

23 people have died in our city due to

24 landlord negligence between fires

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2 to mold and causing deadly asthma
3 attacks and other medical issues.

4 My brother has suffered
5 permanent nerve damage to his
6 shoulder and can no longer work
7 because the ceiling fell on him due
8 to the negligence of the building
9 that I was living in and now lost
10 his job because of it. In the same
11 building someone else on the top
12 floor also lost their life because
13 the EMS team couldn't get to them
14 in time because they had to dodge
15 debris from falling from the
16 deteriorating building.

17 That is not okay. That
18 is not safe. That is not healthy.
19 We need Safe and Healthy Homes Act
20 to protect against landlords,
21 especially large corporate
22 landlords who profit over spending
23 their money -- spending their
24 resources and maintaining their

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2 property while collecting rent
3 every month. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. SERNA: Okay. Hello
6 everybody. My name is Maria Serna,
7 immigrant de Colombia, South
8 America. I prefer in Spanish
9 because this is America.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. SERNA: (Spanish
12 translation).

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

16 MS. SERNA: (Spanish
17 translation).

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you.

20 MR. ROGERS: Good
21 morning, everyone. It's sad that
22 we're here gathered for this
23 renter's bill for our opposition.
24 Why does it take this bill to make

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2 you gather once again basically to
3 ignore our request? A number of
4 you rent out properties, ignore
5 making decent repairs to your near-
6 failing structures, collect rent,
7 but retaliate if a renter calls L&I
8 out or speaks out.

9 This is a business and
10 you profit from the squalor we
11 exist in. A doctor, supermarket,
12 vendors, for example, must have
13 proper documentation or surely will
14 be shut down. If these ordinances
15 are too much for you, there are
16 other careers available. For too
17 long, you have skirted around the
18 issues and now you're having fits.
19 But that's me.

20 And you know what, I
21 have mice in my building. All
22 right. Okay. But they are feat to
23 deal with, but I don't have an
24 infestation, so that makes me feel

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2 unfortunately like I have a better
3 situation than those -- like the
4 other people have. And my
5 maintenance man is a professional.
6 So if anything is damaged in our
7 building, it's fixed and it's fixed
8 well.

9 Okay. I'm going to sum
10 it up. What you see is a tiny
11 representation of the over -- you
12 know what, okay. But we are hoping
13 that the Safe and Healthy Homes
14 bill will be passed. And ICE Out.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: What's your name --
17 excuse me, sir. What's your name,
18 sir?

19 MR. ROGERS: I'm sorry.
20 My name is Tyrese Rogers. Lifelong
21 Philadelphia resident.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

24 MS. JOHNSON: My name is

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2 Emma. I'm 12 years old. My mother
3 and I have moved three times in the
4 past two years. Each time was due
5 to landlord negligence and
6 retaliation. I want Council to
7 vote yes for the Safe Healthy Homes
8 Act, Bill No. 250330. When you
9 vote yes for this bill, you are
10 securing well-being and stability
11 for all Philadelphians. Thank you
12 for your time.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Thank you.

16 MS. IRVIN: My name is
17 Gina Irvin. And as I stand before
18 you today, I hear my story is
19 everybody's story. I will go over
20 some key points. There is no point
21 in being redundant and saying all
22 the tragedies that we all went
23 through as trying to secure
24 housing. There are many key and

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2 vital issues facing Philadelphia
3 renters right now.

4 Nearly 50% of all
5 Philadelphia renters -- I'm sorry.
6 Nearly 50% of Philadelphians rent.
7 Nearly 40% of all renters live in
8 unsafe and substandard housing, and
9 many of us deal with serious safety
10 issues, such as pests, rodents, and
11 mold. Housing is not a
12 negotiation. It's a human right.
13 City Council and L&I must enforce
14 practices that create dignified,
15 safe and healthy homes for all
16 renters.

17 The cost of moving in
18 the city is astronomical and we
19 need more protections to be put in
20 place for people basically. The
21 issues of substandard rental
22 housing in Philadelphia affects
23 those who are already amongst the
24 most vulnerable in the city. Today

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2 City Council has a chance to start
3 reversing that trend. Please vote
4 yes on Healthy Homes Act.

5 And I would like to make
6 one more comment that's not going
7 to be popular. What an outrageous
8 comment from Mr. Bill Vargas when
9 he spoke about this. If you pass
10 this bill, someone will get killed,
11 and I quote. If you don't want
12 that, you need to kill the bill.
13 We will not act in fear. We will
14 act and believe that you will do
15 the right thing.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: May we
18 have Corey Phillips, Ogbonna Paul
19 Hagins, Vicki Clinkscales, David
20 Paez, Ashley Redfern, Elle Band,
21 Gia Fernandez, Mitch Chanin,
22 Sarasha Graves Gowan, and Richard
23 Moore, please come to the podium.

24 (Witnesses approached

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2 podium.)

3 MR. PHILLIPS: Good
4 morning. My name is Corey
5 Phillips, a member of One PA
6 Renters United, who's here on --
7 I'm just here on behalf of Safe
8 Healthy Homes as well as ICE Out,
9 and that we just make these
10 landlords accountable for all
11 actions, property structure,
12 health, wellness of people's health
13 that they're renting to and stop
14 putting out bogus evictions on
15 people as a retaliation, which I am
16 a victim of personally.

17 And as far as ICE, we
18 don't need them in Philly. We got
19 our own police department. We got
20 our own law enforcement to deal
21 with illegal immigrants. So get
22 the ICE out. Hit the road, Jack,
23 and don't come back. As far as the
24 landlords, it's put-up or shut-up

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2 time. Do the right thing.

3 MR. HAGINS: Good
4 morning, everyone. I'm a fourth
5 generation chattel slavery
6 survivor, Ogbonna Paul Hagins. My
7 comment concerns the proposed
8 amendment adding citizenship or
9 immigration status as a protected
10 class. First, this is a legal
11 issue. Immigration status is
12 defined under federal law, not by
13 municipalities.

14 Philadelphia cannot
15 redefine or create categories. It
16 can only act within existing
17 federal classifications. Second,
18 no evidence has been presented
19 showing discrimination in
20 employment, housing, or public
21 accommodations. Neither the
22 Philadelphia Commission's
23 Commission on Human Relations nor
24 the Pennsylvania Human Relations

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2 Commission has identified patterns
3 of complaints. This is being
4 advanced without a factual record
5 or demonstrated necessity.

6 Third, Rule 413 of the
7 Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence
8 concerns courtroom fairness. It
9 limits prejudice, presidential use
10 of immigration status evidence. It
11 does not authorize municipalities
12 to create protected classes or
13 reinterpret federal law. Finally,
14 there is an inconsistency. Council
15 expands protections here. Yet when
16 lineage-based communities tied to
17 the 13th Amendment raises concerns,
18 the response is delay and
19 uncertainty. I urge Council to
20 state the legal authority, provide
21 evidence and explain the disparity.
22 Thank you. Ogbonna Hagins. Over
23 and out. Oh, I have something here
24 for the Crime and Safety Committee.

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2 Can you give this to every member,
3 the names are on here? This is
4 some information that they need in
5 regards to the Freedmen Office.
6 Thank you.

7 MS. CLINKSCALES: Good
8 morning. My name is Vicki
9 Clinkscals --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Good morning.

12 MS. CLINKSCALES: And I
13 live in the Strawberry Mansion
14 area. I'm here today to ask City
15 Council to vote yes on the Safe
16 Healthy Homes Act. Right now I am
17 dealing with a landlord who refuses
18 to make the necessary repairs. And
19 now, I am suffering the blame and
20 consequences for it.

21 L&I recently visited the
22 home and they came out and wrote up
23 violations for several things. And
24 now, I have a cease and desist

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2 order from L&I and need to vacate
3 the premises by May 26. Thank
4 goodness the Council passed the
5 Right to Relocation bill which may
6 be able to help me in this case,
7 but we need the other two bills
8 yesterday, the right to safety and
9 the right to repair, so that
10 landlords like mine can't get away
11 with not maintaining their
12 properties. Vote yes on the Safe
13 and Healthy Act Home Act. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. PAEZ: Hi. My name
16 is David Paez. I'm a landlord.
17 This bill is just going to make me
18 raise the rent. I don't know how
19 that's going to help you, you know.
20 We got to eat too. You guys think
21 it's easy, you know --

22 (Background
23 interruption.)

24 MR. PAEZ: I'm going to

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2 tell you -- let me speak. I'm
3 going to tell you something. I got
4 to renovate -- I have to renovate a
5 two-bedroom apartment at a cost of
6 \$25,000. This is an apartment in
7 Albany. Now, I have to charge
8 somewhere between 1500 to 2000.
9 And do the math, that's somewhere
10 around 20,000 in the year. That's
11 before taxes, you know, insurance,
12 all these other expenses.

13 So I'm not going to make
14 a profit for three to five years
15 off that property. But that
16 investment I'm hoping will last for
17 15 years or more. And another
18 thing --

19 (Background
20 interruption.)

21 MR. PAEZ: And another
22 thing -- hold on. And another
23 thing, did you ever think about the
24 fact that it takes 12 months to

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2 evict a bad tenant and that comes
3 out of our pocket and now we can't
4 use it to make repairs. We're not
5 all bad actors, just like every cop
6 is not bad.

7 MS. REDFERN: Good
8 morning. My name is Ashley
9 Redfern. I'm CEO for American
10 Paradigm Schools, representing 4200
11 public charter school students.
12 I'm here today in support of the
13 Safe and Healthy Homes Act. I
14 support this bill because unsafe
15 housing does not stay at home. It
16 comes into schools through stress,
17 absences, interrupted sleep and
18 children trying to learn while
19 carrying on the effects of unsafe
20 conditions.

21 At Memphis Street
22 Academy Charter, we see this
23 clearly. In one year alone, 475
24 students visited our health care

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2 center accessing 2164 visits, an
3 average of 4.56 visits each per
4 year. 100% of our required health
5 screenings were complete. 38% of
6 our students that were tested had
7 uncontrolled asthma and received
8 treatment in school, including our
9 inhaler support. We support the
10 work of City Council, and we take
11 our work seriously as educators to
12 make sure we're providing safe
13 schools and support for children
14 who are living in unsafe housing.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. FERNANDEZ: Hello,
17 Councilmembers. My name is Gia
18 Fernandez. I'm a military veteran
19 and have worked for the Fair
20 Housing Rights Center of
21 Philadelphia in addition to being
22 an activist and an advocate.
23 Shout-out to my uncle Yule who
24 passed away. He ran for State Rep

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2 twice because of the passion he has
3 for this city. So that's where I
4 get my passion from.

5 And what I'm speaking
6 today for is in favor of the Safe
7 and Healthy Homes Act. Renters in
8 Philadelphia need fairness, safety
9 fairness and security. We need
10 secure guidelines to make it
11 mandatory for landlords to keep up
12 with the repairs. Our children
13 don't need to be breathing in all
14 kinds of stuff, everything like
15 that.

16 I have a relative that
17 lives in substandard housing
18 because the landlord wants to raise
19 the rent, because they're monthly
20 rental. So every time they ask to
21 get something fixed, they raise the
22 rent. Meanwhile this person is,
23 you know, having challenges and
24 they're excellent in school. So

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2 what's going to happen to their
3 brain if they're going to keep
4 going through breathing and that
5 type of stuff? Nobody's trying to
6 help them. So what I would like
7 for everybody to do is to come
8 together and please vote for this
9 Act. I appreciate it. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. CHANIN: Hi. My
12 name is Mitch Chanin. I'm a
13 resident of Northeast Philly here
14 to express my support also for ICE
15 Out and Safe Healthy Homes.
16 Northeast Philly is not always part
17 of these conversations, but I
18 especially want to appeal to our
19 Northeast Philly District
20 Councilmembers to please vote for
21 both of these.

22 Predatory, negligent
23 landlords are causing enormous harm
24 to residents of Northeast, and ICE

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2 has a very strong presence that is
3 terrorizing people in neighborhoods
4 like Castor Gardens, Mayfair,
5 Rhawnhurst and Oxford Circle, and
6 has been doing that for months. We
7 absolutely need to protect all of
8 our renter neighbors and our
9 immigrant neighbors.

10 In addition, I just want
11 to say one more thing. I believe
12 in these bills because I think each
13 person has an infinite and equal
14 value. The residents of Chester,
15 who are being poisoned by the 1
16 million pounds of trash that we're
17 sending to be burned and turned
18 into air pollution in their lungs
19 every day also deserve protection,
20 safety and health. And I want
21 Council to pass the Stop Trashing
22 Our Air Act bill. Thank you.

23 MS. GRAVES GOWAN: My
24 name is Sarasha Graves Gowan. I'm

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2 a resident of West Philadelphia,
3 where I live with my partner Breria
4 who works at the airport. My uncle
5 was a U.S. Army veteran. My mom
6 moved to Ireland and she lives
7 there with my dad. I'm a European
8 migrant to the United States. I'm
9 a citizen of the United States.

10 I've lived here for the
11 last number of years and I'm a
12 member of the Democratic Socialists
13 of America, Philadelphia's Housing
14 Committee. I'm a graduate of
15 Trinity College Dublin in political
16 science. So it's great to see the
17 political science people here and
18 political communication from
19 (inaudible) City University here to
20 support the Safe and Healthy Homes
21 legislation and the ICE Out
22 package.

23 In the words of the
24 famous German conservative,

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2 Protestant Christian Pastor Martin
3 Niemoller, if I said it, you'd
4 remember it. First, they came for
5 the communists. I did not speak
6 out because I was not a communist.
7 First they came for the immigrants,
8 and I did not speak.

9 CHIEF CLERK: We have
10 Elle Ban, Richard Moore, Anna
11 Carter and then Tonya Wenger.

12 (Witnesses approached
13 podium.)

14 MR. MOORE: Richard
15 Moore, Council President, members
16 of Council. Thank you for the
17 opportunity to speak today. My
18 name is Richard Moore. I'm a
19 housing provider and broker of
20 record at Best City Homes, 2216
21 South Street. I've worked in
22 Philadelphia in the real estate
23 business for 41 years.

24 My office manages

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2 approximately 360 rental units for
3 roughly 80 small owners. I'm here
4 today regarding Bill Nos. 23529 and
5 23530. One good thing about these
6 two bills, it has finally gotten
7 housing providers and City
8 Councilmembers into the same room
9 to discuss meaningful changes.

10 I want to acknowledge
11 Councilperson O'Rourke and his
12 staff for being respectful, open,
13 willing to listen. With changes
14 they made, I personally don't have
15 a problem with either one of these
16 bills, but these bills are moving
17 very quickly. I do not believe
18 that housing providers across the
19 city, especially small mom-and-pop
20 owners, have had a real chance to
21 review and provide meaningful
22 input.

23 With that implementation
24 date of November 1st, we have time

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2 to slow it down a little bit and do
3 it right. We need to use this
4 movement to work together -- my
5 request is simple and respectful.
6 Please hold the final vote of these
7 two bills, bring it back to
8 committee so we can work together.
9 The implementation date is November
10 1st, so we have time. Let's have
11 time to do it right. Focus on the
12 big picture, working together. And
13 definitely ICE Out.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. WENGER: Hello. My
16 name is Tonya Wenger. I live in
17 Germantown and I'm an adjunct
18 professor for English for Academic
19 Achievement at multiple colleges.
20 That's for immigrant students
21 aiming to learn English and enter
22 the college, the college program.
23 This package of bills is imperative
24 and urgent. The ICE Out bills,

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2 it's imperative because our city
3 must be a sanctuary for immigrants
4 who have been instrumental to
5 making the city what it is since
6 its inception.

7 This includes our
8 vulnerable immigrant students. To
9 quote the Philadelphia Federation
10 of Teachers, Too many of our
11 students live in fear that they and
12 their guardians will be next.

13 Educators across the country are
14 doing their jobs while working to
15 ensure terrified students that they
16 are the helpers. The ICE Out
17 legislation will ensure that all
18 Philadelphians who strive to be
19 helpers have the protection and
20 backing of the city. We should not
21 be in the position of helping to
22 police our students, which we are
23 often in the position of by scared
24 administrators, not to mention the

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2 violence of ICE, putting all of our
3 lives at risk.

4 As we have seen in the
5 news, citizens just driving down
6 the street on their way to an
7 appointment getting harassed or
8 detained or worse. This isn't just
9 about standing on principle. This
10 package is also urgent. 2025 was
11 the deadliest year of ICE deaths in
12 two decades. Some have said that
13 natural laws are in place to stop
14 this, but they clearly haven't.
15 Despite what some have said here,
16 immigrants have lower crime rates
17 and contribute to our society
18 immensely. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. CARTER: My name is
21 Anna Carter -- good morning. My
22 name is Anna Carter and I'm here to
23 speak on the renter's behalf
24 because I have suffered in an

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2 apartment myself and had have
3 pulmonary problems right now
4 because of black mold in my
5 apartment and I'm not understanding
6 the insensitiveness of the
7 landlords.

8 They're not sensitive to
9 our feelings, they're not sensitive
10 to our children and I feel as
11 though that this thing needs to be
12 passed because we need sensitive
13 landlords sensitive to us. Stop
14 raising our rents, not repairing
15 our properties. I had water in my
16 property. My landlord has not
17 assisted me in my apartment, has
18 not assisted me in a hotel. And I
19 think that each and every one of us
20 that came up with the same thing
21 that we need to band together and
22 allow this law to go ahead and
23 pass.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council

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2 President, there are no further
3 names for public comment.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: That concludes today's
6 public comment period.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
9 Richardson.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 I must be excused for
14 very important Council business.
15 I'd like to be reported as voting
16 aye on all bills and resolutions on
17 the Final Passage Calendar only.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Leave is granted. Votes
20 will be recorded.

21 We will now consider the
22 bills and resolutions on the Second
23 Reading and Final Passage
24 Calendars. Would the Clerk please

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2 read the title of Resolution No.
3 260253.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A
5 resolution appointing Bekir
6 Gunaydin to the Board of Directors
7 for the Old City Special Services
8 District.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
10 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
12 motion regarding Resolution No.
13 260253.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
15 Thank you, Mr. President.

16 I move for adoption of
17 the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
20 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that Resolution
22 No. 260253 be adopted.

23 All those in favor of
24 the motion will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
9 motion carries. The resolution is
10 adopted.

11 Will the Clerk please
12 read the title of Resolution No.
13 260254.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A
15 resolution appointing Felicia
16 Wilson to the Board of Directors
17 for the Old City Special Services
18 District.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
22 motion regarding Resolution No.
23 260254.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 I move for the adoption
4 of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that Resolution
9 No. 260254 be adopted.

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

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
19 motion carries. The resolution is
20 adopted.

21 Would the Clerk please
22 read the title of Resolution No.
23 260255.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 resolution appointing Ken Weller to
3 the Board of Directors for the Old
4 City Special Services District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
8 motion regarding Resolution No.
9 260255.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 I move for the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that Resolution
18 No. 260255 be adopted.

19 All those in favor of
20 the motion will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 motion carries. The resolution is
6 adopted.

7 Would the Chief Clerk
8 please read the title of Resolution
9 No. 260256.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 resolution appointing Kya Kerner to
12 the Board of Directors for the Old
13 City Special Services District.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
17 motion regarding Resolution No.
18 260256.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

20 Thank you, Mr. President.

21 I move for adoption of
22 the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that Resolution
4 No. 260256 be adopted.

5 All those in favor of
6 the motion will signify by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 motion carries. The resolution is
15 adopted.

16 Would the Clerk please
17 read the title of Resolution No.
18 260353.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A
20 resolution renaming the 300 block
21 of East Rockland Street between B
22 Street and C Street to "Honorable
23 Sharon Vaughn Way," in honor of her
24 service, advocacy and dedication to

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2 public service.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The Chair gladly
5 recognizes Councilmember Quetcy
6 Lozada for a motion regarding
7 Resolution No. 260353.

8 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

9 Thank you, Council President.

10 I move for the adoption
11 of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that Resolution
16 No. 260353 be adopted.

17 All those in favor of
18 the motion will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
3 motion carries. The resolution is
4 adopted.

5 Would the Chief Clerk
6 please read the title of Resolution
7 No. 260354.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A
9 resolution renaming the 5300 Block
10 of Kershaw Street as "Stan Lathan
11 Way" to honor Stan Lathan and his
12 extraordinary contributions to
13 television and culture.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Jones for a motion
17 regarding Resolution No. 260354.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
19 you, Mr. President.

20 I move for the adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
24 properly seconded that Resolution

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 No. 260353 be adopted.

3 All those in favor of
4 the motion will signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
12 motion carries. The resolution is
13 adopted.

14 Would the Clerk please
15 read the title of Resolution No.
16 260355.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A
18 resolution reappointing John
19 Solomon to the Citizens Police
20 Oversight Commission.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Curtis Jones for a
24 motion regarding Resolution No.

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2 260355.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
4 you, Mr. President.

5 I move for its adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that resolution
10 No. 260355 be adopted.

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

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
20 motion carries. The resolution is
21 adopted.

22 Would the Clerk please
23 read the title of Resolution No.
24 260356.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A
3 resolution reappointing Melanie
4 DeBouse to the Citizens Police
5 Oversight Commission.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Curtis Jones for a
9 motion regarding Resolution No.
10 260356.

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

13 I move for the adoption.
14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that Resolution
18 No. 260356 be adopted.

19 All those in favor of
20 the motion will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 motion carries. The resolution is
6 adopted.

7 Would the Clerk please
8 read the title of Resolution No.
9 260357.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 resolution reappointing Hassan
12 Bennett to the Citizens Police
13 Oversight Commission.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Curtis Jones for a
17 motion regarding Resolution No.
18 260357.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
20 you, Mr. President.

21 I move for the adoption.
22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 properly seconded that Resolution
3 No. 260357 be adopted.

4 All those in favor of
5 the motion will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
13 motion carries. The resolution is
14 adopted.

15 Would the Clerk please
16 read the title of Resolution No.
17 260362.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A
19 resolution also naming the corner
20 of East Haines Street and Morton
21 Street "Honorable Donna Reed Miller
22 Way," in recognition of her
23 lifelong commitment to public
24 service, impactful policy

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2 leadership, and enduring
3 inspiration to the City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The Chair gladly
7 recognizes Councilmember Cindy Bass
8 for a motion regarding Resolution
9 No. 260362.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 I'm honored to move for
13 the adoption of this resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that Resolution
18 No. 260362 be adopted.

19 All those in favor of
20 the motion will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 motion carries. The resolution is
6 adopted.

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Clerk, please read the
11 title of Bill No. 250329-AA.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An
13 ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900
14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Property Licenses and Owner
16 Accountability," to clarify
17 licensing requirements, authorize
18 the Department to create a
19 Proactive Inspection program,
20 require public reporting related to
21 Code compliance, and establish
22 remedies, damages, and protections
23 for tenants, all under certain
24 terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This bill has been read
4 on two different days. The
5 question now is shall the bill pass
6 finally.

7 Chief Clerk, please call
8 the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK:
10 Councilmember Phillips.

11 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:
14 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
15 was aye.

16 Councilmember Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:
20 Councilmember Thomas.

21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:
23 Councilmember Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Landau.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Lozada.

8 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Young.

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Nay.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Brooks.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Harrity.

19 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember O'Rourke.

23 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

24 Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Driscoll.

4 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Ahmad.

19 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And,

22 Council President Johnson.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16.

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2 The nays are 1. A majority of all
3 members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Will the Clerk please
8 read the title of Bill No.
9 250330-AA.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An
11 ordinance amending Chapter 9-800 of
12 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 "Landlord and Tenant," to modify
14 the requirements related to good
15 cause for ending a tenancy, add
16 protections against retaliation and
17 harassment for tenants and tenant
18 organizations, specify tenants'
19 rights related to the implied
20 warranty of habitability and
21 provide a legal presumption related
22 to breaches of the implied warranty
23 of habitability, create a tenant
24 right to organize, specify

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2 deadlines for asserting claims, and
3 establish and enhance enforcement
4 mechanisms, remedies, damages, and
5 protections, all under certain
6 terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This bill having been
9 read on two different days, the
10 question now is shall the bill pass
11 finally.

12 Chief Clerk, please call
13 the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Phillips.

16 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
20 was aye.

21 Councilmember Gauthier.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

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2 Councilmember Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Landau.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Lozada.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Young.

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Nay.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Brooks.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Harrity.

24 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember O'Rourke.

5 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Driscoll.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Ahmad.

24 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And,
4 Council President Johnson.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16.

7 The nays are 1. Majority of all
8 bills having been voted in the
9 affirmative, the bill passes.

10 Will the Clerk please
11 read the title of Bill No. 260056.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An
13 ordinance amending Title 21 of The
14 Philadelphia Code by adding a new
15 Chapter 21-3600, entitled "Non-
16 Intervention with Respect to
17 Immigration Enforcement," to place
18 certain restrictions on the
19 collection and use of information
20 related to citizenship and
21 immigration status, prohibit
22 certain forms of discrimination in
23 city services and provide for
24 remedies for violations, all under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

7 Chief Clerk, please call
8 the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Phillips.

11 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
15 was aye.

16 Councilmember Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Thomas.

21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Landau.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Lozada.

8 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Young.

12 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Brooks.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Harrity.

19 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember O'Rourke.

23 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

24 Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Driscoll.

4 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

9 Nay.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Ahmad.

19 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And,

22 Council President Johnson.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The nays are 1. A majority of all
3 members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 Will the Clerk please
6 read the title of Bill No. 260057.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An
8 ordinance amending Title 21 of The
9 Philadelphia Code by adding a new
10 Chapter 21-3600, entitled "Non-
11 Intervention with Respect to
12 Immigration Enforcement," to
13 establish certain limits on how
14 personal information may be handled
15 by the City with regard to
16 immigration enforcement, create
17 reporting requirements and provide
18 for remedies for violations, all
19 under certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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2 Chief Clerk, please call
3 the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK:
5 Councilmember Phillips.

6 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:
9 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
10 was aye.

11 Councilmember Gauthier.
12 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:
15 Councilmember Thomas.

16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:
18 Councilmember Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:
21 Councilmember Landau.

22 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Lozada.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Young.

7 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Brooks.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Harrity.

14 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember O'Rourke.

18 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Driscoll.

22 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

4 Nay.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Squilla.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Ahmad.

14 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council

17 President Johnson.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16.

21 The nays are 1. A majority of all

22 members having voted in the

23 affirmative, the bill passes.

24 Will the Clerk please

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 read the title of Bill No. 260058.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An

4 ordinance amending Chapter 9-1100

5 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

6 "Fair Practices Ordinance:

7 Protections Against Unlawful

8 Discrimination," to add protections

9 against discrimination on the basis

10 of citizenship and immigration

11 status, all under certain terms and

12 conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This bill having been

15 read on two different things, the

16 question now is shall the bill pass

17 finally.

18 Chief Clerk, please call

19 the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Phillips.

22 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

3 was aye.

4 Councilmember Gauthier.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Thomas.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Landau.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Lozada.

19 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Young.

23 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Brooks.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Harrity.

7 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember O'Rourke.

11 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Driscoll.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Aye.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Ahmad.

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And,

10 Council President Johnson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

13 The nays are 0. The majority of

14 all members having voted in the

15 affirmative, the bill passes.

16 Chief Clerk, please read

17 the title of Bill No. 260059.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An

19 ordinance amending Title 17 of the

20 Philadelphia Code, entitled

21 "Procurement Contracts," and Title

22 21 of The Philadelphia Code,

23 entitled "Miscellaneous," to

24 prohibit the acceptance of bids on

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 City contracts from, or the
3 execution of contracts with,
4 entities that do business with
5 immigration enforcement
6 authorities; bar City participation
7 in, resource expenditures to, and
8 involvement in any agreements or
9 activities in furtherance of
10 immigration enforcement, including
11 through the conduct of its
12 employees, contractors and funding
13 recipients; require annual
14 reporting of City immigration-
15 related activities, and provide for
16 civil enforcement of violations,
17 all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

24 Chief Clerk, please call

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Phillips.

5 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

9 was aye.

10 Councilmember Gauthier.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Landau.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Lozada.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Young.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Brooks.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Harrity.

13 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember O'Rourke.

17 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Driscoll.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember O'Neill.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

3 Nay.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Squilla.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Bass.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Ahmad.

13 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And,

16 Council President Johnson.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16 and

19 the nays are 1. The majority of

20 all members having voted in the

21 affirmative, the bill passes.

22 Chief Clerk, please read

23 the title of Bill No. 260060.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 ordinance amending Title 10 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Regulation of Individual Conduct
5 and Activity," to prohibit law
6 enforcement officers from
7 concealing their identity, require
8 officers to visibly display their
9 badge and other official
10 identifying information, prohibit
11 the impersonation of law
12 enforcement officers, and provide
13 for civil and criminal enforcement
14 of violations, all under certain
15 terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: This bill having been
18 read on two different days, the
19 question now is shall the bill pass
20 finally.

21 Chief Clerk, please call
22 the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Phillips.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

6 was aye.

7 Councilmember Gauthier.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Thomas.

12 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Landau.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Lozada.

22 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Young.

3 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Brooks.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Harrity.

10 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember O'Rourke.

14 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Driscoll.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

19 Nay.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

23 Nay.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Ahmad.

10 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And,

13 Council President Johnson.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 15.

16 The nays are 2. A majority of all

17 members having voted in the

18 affirmative, the bill passes.

19 Will the Clerk please

20 read the title of Bill No. 260061.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An

22 ordinance amending Title 10 of The

23 Philadelphia Code, entitled

24 "Regulation of Individual Conduct

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 and activity," and amending Title
3 11 of The Philadelphia Code,
4 entitled "Streets," to prohibit
5 immigration enforcement on City and
6 City-related property and
7 facilities, to prohibit immigration
8 enforcement in the right-of-way,
9 and provide for civil enforcement
10 of violations, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

17 Chief Clerk, please call
18 the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Phillips.

21 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 was aye.

3 Councilmember Gauthier.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Thomas.

8 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Landau.

14 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Lozada.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Young.

22 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Brooks.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Harrity.

6 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember O'Rourke.

10 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Driscoll.

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

19 Nay.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember Squilla.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Ahmad.

6 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And,

9 Council President Johnson.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 16.

12 The nays are 1. A majority of all

13 members having voted in the

14 affirmative, the bill passes.

15 Will the Clerk please

16 read the title of Bill No. 260062.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An

18 ordinance amending Title 10 of The

19 Philadelphia Code, entitled

20 "Regulation of Individual Conduct

21 and Activity," to restrict the use

22 of community spaces for government

23 purposes not expressly authorized

24 by the City or the courts, and

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 provide for civil enforcement of
3 violations, all under certain terms
4 and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 Chief Clerk, please call
11 the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK:
13 Councilmember Phillips.

14 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
15 The finale ICE Out Philadelphia,
16 Safe Healthy Homes in Philadelphia.
17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:
19 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
20 was aye.

21 Councilmember Gauthier.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Landau.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

10 ICE Out. Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Lozada.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Young.

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Brooks.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Harrity.

24 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember O'Rourke.

5 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Driscoll.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

10 Nay.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

14 Nay.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Ahmad.

24 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And,
4 Council President Johnson.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Aye.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 15.
10 The nays are 2. Majority of all
11 members having voted in the
12 affirmative, the bill officially
13 passes.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: See, this is why I love
17 the City of Philadelphia. I love
18 our people. Congratulations,
19 Members Rue Landau, Kendra Brooks
20 and Nicolas O'Rourke.

21 Will the Clerk please
22 read the title of Bill No. 260295.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An
24 ordinance authorizing and approving

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the execution and delivery of the
3 service agreement between the City
4 and Philadelphia Council --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.
7 One second.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Felt like I was at a
11 Phillies game.

12 Chief Clerk, please read
13 the title of the Bill 260295. Olé,
14 olé. Please proceed, Chief Clerk.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An
16 ordinance authorizing and approving
17 the execution and delivery of a
18 Service Agreement between the City
19 and the Philadelphia Authority for
20 Industrial Development relating to
21 the provision by the Philadelphia
22 Authority for Industrial
23 Development of development
24 assistance to support certain costs

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 related to promoting economic and
3 commercial development of the City;
4 approving the guaranty by the
5 Philadelphia Authority for
6 Industrial Development of certain
7 obligations related to the issuance
8 of a letter of credit to secure the
9 funding of such costs; authorizing
10 and approving the obligation of the
11 City to pay in full when due the
12 Service Fee and other amounts
13 payable under the Service Agreement
14 and covenanting to make necessary
15 appropriations for such purposes;
16 and authorizing City officials to
17 take necessary or appropriate
18 actions to accomplish the intent
19 and purpose of the ordinance, all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 finally.

3 Chief Clerk, please call
4 the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Phillips.

7 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
11 was aye.

12 Councilmember Gauthier.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Thomas.

17 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Landau.

23 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

24 Aye.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Lozada.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Young.

8 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Brooks.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Harrity.

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember O'Rourke.

19 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Driscoll.

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

24 Aye.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:

11 Councilmember Bass.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Ahmad.

15 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council

18 President Johnson.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

21 The nays are 0. Majority of all

22 members having voted in the

23 affirmative, the bill passes.

24 Chief Clerk, please read

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 any additional resolutions on
3 today's Calendar.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A
5 privileged resolution recognizing
6 Reverend Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake
7 on her retirement and the lasting
8 impact she has made on the City of
9 Philadelphia. Introduced by
10 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
14 motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
16 Thank you, Council President.
17 On behalf of Majority
18 Leader Gilmore Richardson, I move
19 for the adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 All those in favor of
3 the motion will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. And the
11 resolution is adopted.

12 Chief Clerk, please read
13 the title of the next resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A
15 privileged resolution honoring and
16 congratulating Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.
17 during the week of Philadelphia
18 Black Pride for his incredible and
19 visionary leadership and dedicated
20 service to the Black LGBTQ+
21 movement. Introduced by
22 Councilmember Landau.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
3 motion on the resolution.

4 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: In
5 conjunction with Minority Leader
6 Kendra Brooks, I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that the
12 resolution be adopted.

13 All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the title of the next resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 privileged resolution recognizing
3 April 2026 as Arab American
4 Heritage Month, and celebrating the
5 heritage culture and contributions
6 of Arab Americans in the City of
7 Philadelphia. Introduced by
8 Councilmember Landau.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
12 motion on the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: In
15 conjunction with Councilmember
16 Nicolas O'Rourke, I move for the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
20 properly seconded that the
21 resolution be adopted.

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

24 (Aye.)

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. And the
7 resolution is adopted.

8 Chief Clerk, please read
9 the title of the next resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 privileged resolution recognizing
12 April 2026 as Second Chance Month
13 in the City of Philadelphia, and
14 honoring the work of reentry
15 professionals, community
16 organizations, employers,
17 advocates, families and returning
18 citizens who strengthen the City by
19 supporting successful reentry.

20 Introduced by Councilmember Young,

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
24 a motion on the resolution.

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
3 you. I move for its adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that the
8 resolution be adopted.

9 All those in favor
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
17 resolution is adopted.

18 Chief Clerk, please read
19 the title of the next resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A
21 privileged resolution honoring
22 Philly Black Pride, its ongoing
23 work to center and support the
24 Black LGBTQ+ community, and

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 recognizing Monday, April 20th
3 through Sunday, April 26th as
4 Philly Black Pride Week in the City
5 of Philadelphia. Introduced by
6 Councilmember Brooks.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
10 on the resolution.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 I move for the adoption
14 of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that the
19 resolution be adopted.

20 All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 resolution is adopted.

6 Chief Clerk, please read
7 the title of the next resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A
9 privileged resolution recognizing
10 May 2026 as Dual Asian American
11 Pacific Islander and Jewish
12 American Heritage Month in
13 Philadelphia, in recognition of
14 America 250 celebrating the rich
15 history, interwoven stories, and
16 significant contributions made by
17 generations of Asian Americans and
18 Pacific Islanders and Jewish
19 Americans to our nation,
20 Commonwealth and City. Introduced
21 by Councilmember Driscoll.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Mike Driscoll for a

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 motion on the resolution.

3 I move for its adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

7 properly seconded that the

8 resolution be adopted.

9 All those in favor

10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

17 resolution is adopted.

18 Chief Clerk, please read

19 the title of the next resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A

21 privileged resolution honoring and

22 congratulating Sam Rhoads on his

23 retirement after 31 years of

24 distinguished service at PIDC,

1 4/23/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Philadelphia's public-private
3 economic development corporation,
4 and recognizing his transformative
5 impact on the City's economic
6 landscape. Introduced by
7 Councilmember Driscoll.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Mike Driscoll for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: I
13 move for its adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the
18 resolution be adopted.

19 All those in favor will
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
4 resolution is adopted.

5 Chief Clerk, please read
6 the title of the next resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A
8 privileged resolution honoring and
9 recognizing Chestnut Hill College
10 and its Political Science
11 Department for their commitment to
12 academic excellence, diversity,
13 civic engagement, and the
14 advancement of future leaders, and
15 further recognizing Dr. Jeffrey
16 Carroll for his historic leadership
17 in the field of political science.
18 Introduced by Councilmember Bass.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
22 motion on the resolution.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that the
8 resolution be adopted.

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

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
18 resolution is adopted.

19 Would the Clerk please
20 read the title of the next
21 resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A
23 privileged resolution supporting
24 the City of Philadelphia's

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2 participation in Bird Town
3 Pennsylvania and promoting
4 sustainable conservation
5 initiatives in the City, and
6 committing to community-based
7 conservation initiatives to protect
8 birds, wildlife, and the
9 environment. Introduced by
10 Councilmember Bass.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
14 motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

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22 properly seconded that the
23 resolution be adopted.

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3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
10 resolution is adopted.

11 Chief Clerk, please read
12 the title of the next resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council
14 President, there are no further
15 resolutions in my possession.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Go Birds. That completes
18 our Calendar for today.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Are there any speeches on
22 behalf of the Minority? Chair
23 recognizes Councilmember Kendra
24 Brooks.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

3 Thank you, Council President.

4 This marks the 27th year

5 of Philly Black Pride and I'm

6 looking forward to honoring and

7 celebrating 11 Black queer

8 changemakers after Council today.

9 And I want to thank my colleagues

10 on the third floor, Councilmembers

11 O'Rourke, Thomas, Gauthier,

12 Driscoll, and Squilla for joining

13 me in hosting today's reception.

14 This is a week of

15 learning, healing and organizing

16 and celebration, all grounded in a

17 deep commitment to the health and

18 freedom of Black queer people here

19 in Philadelphia. The changemakers

20 who are with us today in City Hall

21 are leaders who are carrying on the

22 work in the legacy of my dear

23 friend Michael Henson.

24 With the racism and

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2 transphobia of our current
3 administration, their work and this
4 week are more important than ever.

5 I also want to congratulate
6 Minority Whip Nicolas O'Rourke and
7 the powerful coalition behind the
8 passage of the Safe and Healthy
9 Homes Act today.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: At
12 a time when out-of-town
13 corporations are buying up
14 properties in our city and driving
15 up the cost of housing for working
16 families, this legislation meets
17 the moment. It grants new rights
18 and protections to renters who make
19 up half of our city's population
20 and makes real progress towards our
21 shared goal of housing as a human
22 right.

23 Today we also passed the
24 ICE Out legislation package that

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2 Councilmember Landau and I
3 introduced in January. This
4 legislation grew out of months of
5 deep partnership between our
6 offices, dozens of community
7 organizations who wanted to see
8 Philly government take action on
9 the violence and fear that ICE has
10 brought to our communities.

11 I want to thank everyone
12 who attended a community training,
13 hung out an ICE sign in their
14 window, signed our petition or took
15 the time to share your support.

16 Whether it was inside or outside of
17 this building, I want to thank the
18 Pennsylvania Immigrant Coalition
19 for their commitment and centering
20 immigrants in this process, their
21 deep partnership in crafting the
22 legislation and their trust in our
23 offices to pass these bills through
24 Council.

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2 This legislation shows
3 that Philadelphians are not afraid
4 to stand up to the Trump
5 Administration.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: We
8 are not afraid to stand up to our
9 neighbors and we do not take kindly
10 to bullies who try to intimidate
11 people in our communities. The
12 overwhelming support for this
13 legislation has given me a much-
14 needed source of hope in the midst
15 of this Trump Administration's
16 ongoing attacks on our democracy
17 and our people. It puts all of us
18 in the City of Philadelphia on the
19 right side of history.

20 With the passage of Safe
21 Healthy Homes and ICE Out
22 legislation, today we are passing a
23 total of nine bills that materially
24 will improve the quality life of

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2 working people here in
3 Philadelphia. These bills are a
4 monumental victory for
5 Philadelphians, and they are proof
6 of what's possible when we craft
7 legislation with deep partnership
8 with the people in our communities.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

11 And ultimately, today is a historic
12 day for our movement, our party and
13 people here in Philadelphia.
14 Organized people working in
15 collaboration with movement
16 electeds are responsible for the
17 most significant, far-reaching
18 legislation that has been passed
19 this year.

20 And I'm so proud to be
21 Minority Leader in this body today.
22 And I'm excited for what we will
23 accomplish next.

24 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

3 Before I close out my remarks, I
4 also want to thank Majority Leader
5 Kathy Gilmore Richardson and
6 Majority Whip Isaiah Thomas for
7 their leadership in yesterday's
8 hearing with the school district.

9 And I want to make this clear: the
10 School Board must not vote to close
11 schools today.

12 We heard loud and clear
13 over the last two days that the
14 closure plan needs more work. When
15 I fought as an organizer for local
16 control of the school district, it
17 was because we needed a school
18 board that was accountable to the
19 people. That means a school board
20 that listens to feedback, that
21 means a board that works in
22 partnership with the city. And
23 right now that means we need a
24 board that's going to stop this

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2 vote and listen to what the people
3 of the city are saying loudly.

4 I'm asking everyone who
5 is here for the ICE Out legislation
6 and Safe Healthy Homes legislation
7 to join us today at 440. The
8 meeting starts at 4:00, so please
9 get there by 3:30. We need to shut
10 down this vote today. This fight
11 needs all of us. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
15 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

16 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 Melissa Monts said she's
19 someone who has heard no all of
20 their life. That touched me. She
21 believed though and worked as a
22 part of this organization with the
23 expectation that today she might
24 hear yes. And wouldn't you know

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2 it, Olé, olé, olé, olé, vote yes
3 today; olé, olé, olé -- they voted
4 yes today. Make some noise for
5 hearing yes when all you've heard
6 is no.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

9 First and foremost, I have to give
10 all of my love and my gratitude to
11 the coalition that has formed
12 behind this legislation, to One PA
13 Renters United Philadelphia. We
14 can't say thank you enough to y'all
15 for every single thing that you
16 have done, for staying active, for
17 staying engaged, for trusting me,
18 for trusting our team, for working
19 relentlessly to share your stories,
20 for taking the calculated risks
21 that organized and unorganized
22 tenants are faced with when you
23 speak out against unsafe
24 conditions. I know it was a risk

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2 and I thank you for being bold.

3 This is what six years of

4 organizing can do. What excites me

5 most is that I know that your

6 organizing will not stop right

7 here.

8 To the Philly Thrive

9 family, thank you for co-creating a

10 campaign for disadvantaged tenants

11 as well as homeowners. To Renters

12 Justice, the Philadelphia Rent

13 Control Coalition and all the folks

14 at DSA who have played a part to

15 the entire coalition of

16 organizations who showed up at any

17 point in this year plus, actually

18 year plus at this point, this is a

19 people power action that we have

20 witnessed today and we have won.

21 I want to thank my

22 colleagues for standing with me,

23 for standing by me, standing by

24 Philly's tenants through this

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2 process. This is not easy stuff.

3 I have spoken with all of you and I

4 understand, and regulating how our

5 constituents as landlords and

6 tenants can relate to each other is

7 difficult. We're standing in the

8 crossfire, as it were. But I want

9 to remind us that we would not be

10 doing this at all if the floor for

11 how many landlords treat tenants

12 wasn't so, so desperately low, but

13 today we have raised it.

14 To my Minority Leader,

15 Kendra Nikki Brooks. Thank you for

16 all your help through this process,

17 for your wisdom, your insight, your

18 leadership, to you and your office

19 for demonstrating what a people

20 power legislative campaign actually

21 looks like. I know we have some

22 allies here from the NDWA that are

23 here in the room, and the drive for

24 the POWER Act was a huge

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2 inspiration for the coalition
3 behind the Safe Healthy Homes Act.

4 Today is a massive day
5 for Council's Minority wing, and
6 you're the unquestioned pioneer in
7 that realm, and I am honored to
8 follow in your footsteps, Madam
9 Leader.

10 Speaking of
11 trailblazers, he has stepped out,
12 but Councilmember Curtis Jones, if
13 you can hear me, sir, thank you for
14 introducing Good Cause to the legal
15 landscape in Philly back in 2018.
16 I hope you see your original vision
17 reflected in this effort, because
18 we could not have walked through
19 this door without you opening it
20 first that many years ago.

21 Members Gauthier and
22 Landau, the Chair and the Vice-
23 Chair of the Housing Committee,
24 advocates and champions who are not

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2 new to this, but have been true to
3 this. Your help has been absolutely
4 invaluable. You both have deep
5 knowledge of what Philly tenants
6 have endured, and you've used your
7 expertise to fight for them through
8 this process and stand with me as I
9 find my way through how all this
10 stuff works. Thank you so much.
11 Thank you so much.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE: To
14 the esteemed presider of this body,
15 the one that we call the President
16 of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia, Kenyatta Johnson,
18 folks around the way calling Yat,
19 all I'm going to say is, thank you,
20 man. Thank you for holding it down
21 and for working with me on all the
22 legislative and the legal
23 challenges that have come with this
24 effort. This is a major move. I

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2 know it's probably been a lot for
3 you, but I appreciate the role that
4 you've played throughout this
5 process. Thank you, Mr. President.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

8 And yes, Philly, this is a major
9 move. It's not something happening
10 in a vacuum. Around the country,
11 we're seeing a resurgence of tenant
12 organizing, more rent strikes, more
13 negotiated leases, more fighting
14 alongside neighbors to secure
15 justice living, more defying
16 displacement, more resisting
17 slumlords and more fighting price-
18 gouging through grassroots power.

19 We just heard a few
20 weeks ago from the head of our Fair
21 Housing Commission, local
22 complaints are up as well. They
23 had 100 more cases this fiscal year
24 than in FY25. As the wider economy

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2 continues to weigh on working
3 people, I'm not surprised that
4 people want to secure access to the
5 four walls they're paying to keep
6 around them, and that they want to
7 be sure that their shelter is safe
8 and that it is healthy.

9 In a time when
10 corporations and out-of-town
11 investors are digging further and
12 further into the single and multi-
13 family housing markets, in this
14 Second Gilded Age, as it were, that
15 just makes sense to me.

16 And to the small
17 landlords of Philadelphia, if there
18 are any in the room and those who
19 are watching later, far too many of
20 whom are being poorly represented
21 by the organization that they are
22 part of, I know your struggles are
23 real and vastly different from the
24 major corporations that are eating

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2 up the market share here in Philly
3 and around the country. Please
4 know, please hear me, that I have
5 fought for you on many occasions,
6 whether you realize it or not. And
7 I will continue to do so, from
8 continually fighting for a swelling
9 rental improvement fund, which many
10 have told me is important, to the
11 stand the Minority wing took
12 against ending the BIRT exemption
13 last year.

14 I have genuinely been on
15 your side and will continue to
16 operate in that manner for those
17 who are genuinely real mom-and-pop
18 landlords, doing the best they
19 possibly can to provide housing for
20 their tenants. Small landlords,
21 and I'm not talking about somebody
22 with 25 units when I say that,
23 small landlords, the true small
24 landlords are part and parcel of

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2 Philly's working families too.

3 And as long as you are
4 following the law that already
5 exists, you will not have to worry
6 about this legislation making your
7 life harder. But for any landlord
8 of any size who's neglectful, who's
9 negligent, who's not concerned
10 about maintaining the property
11 you're drawing income from, who's
12 not cooperating with the oversight
13 that the city and this body in
14 particular have established, who
15 turn a deaf ear, a blind eye to the
16 concerns and the challenges, the
17 lived experiences of those who have
18 been organizing for their rights
19 for years, it's time to get
20 yourself in order. Shape up and
21 fly right. Today we work for the
22 people. Glory be to God and all
23 power to all the people.

24 Thank you,

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2 Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 Speeches on behalf of
6 the Majority? Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Rue Landau.

8 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

9 Thank you, Council President.

10 Thank you, colleagues. Thank you,
11 everybody, today.

12 I want to just start
13 with the local first. The
14 resolution I introduced with
15 Councilmember Kendra Brooks
16 honoring Earl Fowlkes during the
17 week of Philadelphia Black Pride
18 for his incredible and visionary
19 leadership and dedicated service to
20 the Black LGBTQ+ movement.

21 Mr. Fowlkes has many
22 years of service to an intersection
23 of communities has been
24 instrumental in advancing equity,

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2 visibility and community
3 infrastructure for Black queer
4 people across the country. He's
5 played a foundational role in the
6 development, expansion of the Black
7 Pride Movement and is a committed
8 advocate to the fight against HIV
9 and AIDS.

10 At a time when queer
11 health care is more at risk than it
12 has been in decades, it's the
13 advocacy of community members like
14 Earl that make a difference. Thank
15 you, Earl, for all that you have
16 done. It's an honor to honor you.

17 I also introduced a
18 resolution with Councilmember
19 Nicolas O'Rourke to recognize April
20 2026 as Arab American Heritage
21 Month. This is a time to celebrate
22 the legacy, culture and
23 contributions of Arab Americans in
24 Philadelphia. Here in Philly we

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2 have a rich history of Arab
3 Americans doing amazing things in
4 our city.

5 There are an estimated
6 127,000 Arab Americans living in
7 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
8 And with this resolution, Council
9 is saying we see you and you are
10 always and will always be here,
11 welcome, a part of our community,
12 supported and lifted up here in
13 Philly.

14 So speaking of welcoming
15 cities, I am so excited to
16 celebrate the fact that we in
17 Philadelphia have officially said
18 ICE Out of Philadelphia.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
21 ICE Out. It's -- I love you too.
22 It's really kind of amazing that we
23 did this, that you did this. We
24 worked with dozens -- I don't even

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2 know, hundreds of advocates across
3 Philadelphia under the leadership
4 of PIC and so many organizations,
5 dozens of immigrant rights groups,
6 hundreds of advocates, the folks
7 who came to trainings, posted on
8 social media, called their elected
9 officials. This is only possible
10 because of you. We are here
11 because of you.

12 I want to echo the words
13 of my colleague to say, thank you
14 for trusting me. I was so honored
15 to work with all of you, with your
16 brilliance, with your advocacy,
17 with your tenacity and your
18 downright fun in the hardest of
19 times to make this all a reality.
20 We did it. Philly is now on the
21 map. The entire country, and
22 possibly the world, is watching us
23 as having some of the strongest ICE
24 Out protections in the entire

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2 country. We stood together and we
3 told them what the community wants.

4 Minority Leader Brooks,
5 you are such a leader for
6 communities that are too often
7 overlooked, and I could not have
8 been more honored to stand with you
9 in this fight. I want to also take
10 this moment from my long, long,
11 long housing career to give special
12 a shout-out to Nicolas O'Rourke on
13 your Safe and Healthy Homes with
14 all of the advocates here as well.
15 What a struggle, what a win.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

18 And finally, I too want to shout
19 out Council President Johnson, who
20 says he's found his inner activist
21 in this work again, screaming ICE
22 Out along with us the entire time.
23 This is absolutely what community
24 is made of. This is what we do

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2 here in Council. This is what we
3 do here in Philadelphia. The fight
4 doesn't end today.

5 I promise to continue to
6 push for immigrant rights, fight
7 for our immigrant communities at
8 every turn and to fight against
9 this tyrannical administration that
10 is terrorizing our communities. I
11 hope you join me in the fight
12 because I know my city, our city
13 Philly stands up for Philly every
14 single time. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
20 you, Mr. President.

21 I was out last week so I
22 just wanted to recap. We had our
23 second Annual Youth Job Fair at the
24 Temple Star Complex on April 11th.

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2 It was such a great success. We
3 had hundreds of young people who
4 were signed up for their working
5 papers on the spot. Hundreds of
6 young people signed up for C2L for
7 summer jobs on the spot, and we
8 were showing them other
9 opportunities.

10 We had resume writing.
11 We had other interviewing skills
12 workshops, because we absolutely
13 must ensure that our young people
14 are prepared for today and for
15 tomorrow. So I want to say thank
16 you to the National Center for
17 Urban Solutions, who was our
18 partner in this, Temple University,
19 C2L and every vendor who showed up,
20 who invested in our youth because
21 you helped open doors for our young
22 people.

23 There were so many
24 resources again, and we're building

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2 on that momentum to ensure that
3 every young person in our city has
4 a fair shot at success. And this
5 past weekend, our office partnered
6 with the Office of Innovation and
7 Technology and again the National
8 Center for Urban Solutions to host
9 a laptop giveaway at the John F.
10 Street Center, putting critical
11 tools directly in the hands of
12 residents.

13 This effort helped
14 bridge the digital divide by
15 expanding access to technology for
16 students, job seekers and families
17 who need it the most. We will
18 continue advancing partnerships
19 like this to ensure that every
20 Philadelphian can access so they
21 can learn, they can thrive in this
22 digital world.

23 And as a reminder, we
24 also do a food giveaway every

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2 Tuesday and every Friday at the
3 John F. Street Center at 11th and
4 Poplar. Sign-up starts at
5 8:00 a.m. You can pick your
6 groceries up at 2:00 p.m. That is
7 every week our office sponsors a
8 food giveaway every Tuesday and
9 every Friday at the John F. Street
10 Center.

11 I also want to thank my
12 colleagues for passing a resolution
13 we introduced today honoring Second
14 Chance Month in the City of
15 Philadelphia, honoring the dignity,
16 potential and the humanity of all
17 our returning citizens and
18 reaffirming our commitment to true
19 reentry success. With
20 approximately 25,000 individuals
21 returning home to Philadelphia each
22 year, we must meet this moment with
23 real systems and support employment
24 pathways, housing access, record

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2 clearing and community-based
3 services that make reentry
4 sustainable.

5 I represent North
6 Philadelphia. You know, this is
7 something that's really real in our
8 community. Whether we are in
9 the -- someone mentioned the
10 criminal legal system. Whether
11 we're in it because we did
12 something or not, a lot of times,
13 we still have to provide
14 opportunities for people because
15 they are human, they are literally
16 my friends, my family, my network
17 of people.

18 So I commit all of our
19 professionals, our advocates, our
20 employers, the community organizers
21 who work, who not only reduce
22 barriers but strengthen the
23 families, because these people come
24 back to families and communities,

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2 you know, they still help improve
3 public safety, and we want to help
4 them rebuild their lives across our
5 city.

6 And finally,
7 Mr. President, today I introduced a
8 package of legislation that
9 modernizes and strengthens
10 Philadelphia's property tax relief
11 programs while protecting long-time
12 homeowners, seniors and low-income
13 residents. These bills ensure that
14 when a family home is placed in a
15 trust for estate planning purposes,
16 you should not lose your
17 eligibility for the low-income tax
18 freeze or their senior tax freeze
19 or the LOOP program, because you're
20 trying to protect your friend, your
21 property's value, your family's
22 wealth. That should not happen.

23 This is about keeping
24 families in their homes and

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2 preventing unintended tax penalties
3 by allowing or aligning our code
4 with how Philadelphians are
5 actually preserving and passing
6 down generational wealth. This is
7 about preserving generational
8 wealth. And each bill maintains a
9 strong safeguard and documentation
10 requirements through the
11 departments, ensuring
12 accountability while removing
13 unnecessary barriers for working
14 families and seniors. Taken
15 together, this legislation is
16 targeted, practical updates that
17 protects affordability, supports
18 aging in place and preserves
19 stability in our communities.

20 So I look forward to
21 moving these bills through the
22 legislative process to preserve
23 wealth for our low-income
24 individuals in the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 Chair recognizes

6 Councilwoman Dr. Nina Ahmad.

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 What a momentous day
10 today. So much happening, and we
11 were serenaded by the Temple
12 University Jazz Band, some of their
13 members. And April is Jazz
14 Appreciation Month, and I wanted to
15 congratulate them again for winning
16 the National Collegiate Jazz
17 Championship.

18 I also want to just
19 underscore that jazz is a uniquely
20 Black American art form. This is a
21 huge contribution in our city and
22 to showcase that and to look at
23 young people continuing to showcase
24 that is critical for the rest of

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2 the world to watch.

3 I want to congratulate
4 my colleagues Nicolas O'Rourke, Rue
5 Landau and Kendra Brooks for the
6 bills they got passed, because that
7 is about making Philadelphia a
8 healthier and a stronger city. And
9 as an immigrant, I am very deeply
10 grateful to my colleagues Kendra
11 Brooks and Rue Landau for working
12 to make sure that we're part of a
13 protected class. So thank you very
14 much for that.

15 And I wanted to now
16 introduce two really important
17 young people here. If you would
18 stand up and come here, so Jater
19 Cartagena Rivers and Nashawn Lux.
20 They are here from Lankenau High
21 School. They are interning.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

24 Yes, they have been involved in the

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2 fight to save their school and yet
3 finding time to come and do an
4 internship, and they're going to
5 again in the evening go to the
6 school district to fight for their
7 school. And I want to once again
8 underscore all of this entire plan
9 is problematic, and particularly
10 Lankenau, given it is the only
11 environmental science curriculum
12 school in this city and one of two
13 in this state. So we need to
14 really slow down this process. Ask
15 the Board to delay this vote until
16 May 28th and join my colleagues.

17 I want to thank
18 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas, our
19 Majority Whip, who has been leading
20 this fight as our Chair of the
21 Education Committee, and all of
22 you, all my members who have been
23 participating in it. This is a
24 critical moment for our young

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2 people to watch us do the right
3 thing, stand up, even though there
4 are a lot of pressures on us not to
5 make this fight big. So I am
6 grateful to both of you for being
7 here and all of Lankenau now who
8 has been fighting so hard.

9 And finally, I wanted to
10 talk about two other things coming
11 up. April 28th I am joining Mayor
12 Parker and the Office of Public
13 Safety to announce the contracted
14 consultants for the Anti-human
15 trafficking campaign that was
16 created with the \$500,000
17 investment that I, with support
18 from Council President, was able to
19 secure in our budget. I'm excited
20 to see what comes from this
21 investment and look forward to
22 working closely with our partners
23 to guarantee its success.

24 And another quick note

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2 about immigration: I have a bill
3 that is going to come into hearing
4 on May 13th. This is for the T and
5 U visa application. I would love
6 for all of these advocates to come
7 and support this bill and to really
8 understand how we can safeguard
9 those who are so much at risk, the
10 immigrants, so much at risk who
11 need a reprieve. And so, that's
12 going to be May 13. We'll send out
13 more information.

14 And on Friday, this
15 Friday, we have a joint hearing
16 with Councilmember Anthony
17 Phillips. This hearing is about
18 online grooming and youth safety at
19 10:00 a.m. in City Hall, Room 400.
20 We will have over 60 young people
21 in attendance and they're going to
22 come and testify and tell us what
23 is their experience. But most
24 importantly, they're going to look

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2 at us to see not only get the
3 information, what do we do with
4 this information. So I invite
5 everybody to come to this really
6 important hearing at Room 400
7 again, 10:00 a.m. on Friday. And
8 good things happen in Philadelphia.
9 We proved that today. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Councilmember Quetcy
13 Lozada.

14 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

15 Thank you, Council President.

16 First, I'd like to begin
17 with reminding everyone that
18 tomorrow at 1100 East Erie Avenue
19 Community Academy of Philadelphia,
20 we're hosting our third annual Your
21 Future Youth Fair from 10:00 a.m.
22 to 12:00. We're going to have all
23 types of resources to prepare young
24 people for different employment

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2 this summer, paperwork for work
3 permits and apprenticeship program
4 representatives will be available,
5 so we encourage everyone to take
6 advantage of that. If my
7 colleagues' offices are interested
8 in being a vendor there, please let
9 us know. We still have space and
10 capacity. You're all welcome to
11 join us.

12 I'd also like to take a
13 moment to thank all of my
14 colleagues for the work on ICE Out,
15 Safe and Healthy Homes. It is
16 because of you that the immigrant
17 community will feel much safer in
18 their own neighborhoods. (Spanish
19 translation).

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Yeah. Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 I want to start with an
4 invitation to colleagues and staff.
5 Today we are hosting the
6 Cameroonian Association of
7 Philadelphia, who has set up a food
8 tasting with us just to make us
9 aware of this community's presence
10 in Philadelphia --

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Immigrants, right?

13 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

14 Excuse me?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Immigrants, right?

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

18 Yes, yes. So they want to make us
19 aware of their community and also
20 the wonderful food that comes out
21 of their community, so it should be
22 set up by now in the Caucus room
23 and I invite everyone to go over
24 and enjoy.

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2 Secondly, I want to say
3 that this is such a great and
4 important day for lawmaking in the
5 City of Philadelphia. I want to
6 give sincere thanks to my
7 colleagues, Minority Leader Kendra
8 Brooks, Minority Whip Nicolas
9 O'Rourke, Councilmember Rue Landau.
10 And between the ICE Out legislation
11 and Safe and Healthy Homes, this
12 Council has taken extraordinary
13 steps to protect some of the most
14 vulnerable people in our city and
15 it makes me really proud to be a
16 part of this body.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

19 I also want to thank all of the
20 advocates who have poured their
21 passion, their stories to inform
22 this legislation and who have
23 championed these legislative pieces
24 from start to finish and all the

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2 way across the finish line.

3 Congratulations to all of us.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. I

7 want to take a moment to

8 acknowledge one of our Council

9 President's staff that will be

10 moving on, and he's responsible for

11 making sure that a lot of our work

12 we're doing is documented, that we

13 have good content as well as

14 pictures, and there's Durell

15 Hospedale. Can you give him a

16 round of applause?

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: He's like the

20 photographer for the stars. And

21 so, he has a great future ahead of

22 him. Thank you for your

23 dedication, your hard work for

24 telling the story of City Council.

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2 Thank you very much. Let's give
3 him a round of applause, everyone.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
7 calls on my Majority Whip Isaiah
8 Thomas for a motion to adjourn.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

10 Thank you, Council President. And
11 congratulations to all of my
12 colleagues as well as the
13 advocates.

14 With that being said,
15 Mr. President, I move that Council
16 stands adjourned until Thursday,
17 April 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that Council
22 stands adjourned until Thursday,
23 April 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

24 All those in favor

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and this

9 motion carries. Thank you all very

10 much.

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12 (Stated Meeting

13 adjourned at 1:13 p.m.)

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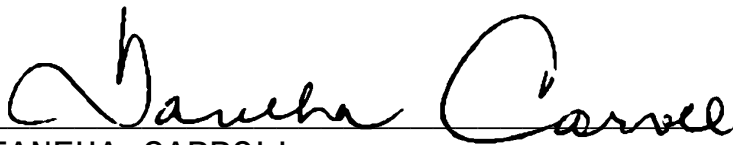
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City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

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- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260253****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution appointing Bekir Gunaydin to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

260254**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution appointing Felicia Wilson to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

260255**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution appointing Ken Weller to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

260256**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution appointing Kya Kerner to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

260353**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution renaming the 300 Block of East Rockland Street between B St and C St to “Hon. Sharon Vaughn Way,” in honor of her service, advocacy and dedication to public service.

260354**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution renaming the 5300 Block of Kershaw Street as “Stan Lathan Way” to honor Stan Lathan and his extraordinary contributions to television and culture.

260355**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution reappointing John Solomon to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

260356**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution reappointing Melanie DeBouse to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

260357**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution reappointing Hassan Bennett to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

260362**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution also naming the corner of E. Haines Street and Morton Street “Honorable Donna Reed Miller Way,” in recognition of her lifelong commitment to public service, impactful policy leadership, and enduring inspiration to the City of Philadelphia.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**250329-AA****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

250330-AA**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants' rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all under certain terms and conditions.

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

260056**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

An Ordinance amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code by adding a new Chapter 21-3600 entitled "Non-Intervention with Respect to Immigration Enforcement" to place certain restrictions on the collection and use of information related to citizenship and immigration status, prohibit certain forms of discrimination in City services, and provide for remedies for violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260057**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

An Ordinance amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code by adding a new Chapter 21-3600 entitled “Non-Intervention with Respect to Immigration Enforcement” to establish certain limits on how personal information may be handled by the City with regard to immigration enforcement, create reporting requirements, and provide for remedies for violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260058**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination," to add protections against discrimination on the basis of citizenship and immigration status, all under certain terms and conditions.

260059**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Procurement Contracts,” and Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous,” to prohibit the acceptance of bids on City contracts from, or the execution of contracts with, entities that do business with immigration enforcement authorities; bar City participation in, resource expenditures to, and involvement in any agreements or activities in furtherance of immigration enforcement, including through the conduct of its employees, contractors and funding recipients; require annual reporting of City immigration-related activities, and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260060**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

An Ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” to prohibit law enforcement officers from concealing their identity, require officers to visibly display their badge and other official identifying information, prohibit the impersonation of law enforcement officers, and provide for civil and criminal enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260061**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

An Ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” and amending Title 11 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Streets,” to prohibit immigration enforcement on City and City-related property and facilities, to prohibit immigration enforcement in the right-of-way and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260062**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

An Ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” to restrict the use of community spaces for government purposes not expressly authorized by the City or the courts and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

260295**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between the City and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the provision by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of development assistance to support certain costs related to promoting economic and commercial development of the City; approving the guaranty by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of certain obligations related to the issuance of a letter of credit to secure the funding of such costs; authorizing and approving the obligation of the City to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement and covenanting to make necessary appropriations for such purposes; and authorizing City officials to take necessary or appropriate actions to accomplish the intent and purpose of the ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS

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260397**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution recognizing Rev. Dr. Lorina Marshall-Blake on her retirement and the lasting impact she has made on the City of Philadelphia.

260404**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution honoring and congratulating Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr. during the week of Philadelphia Black Pride for his incredible and visionary leadership and dedicated service to the Black LGBTQ+ movement.

260405**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans in the City of Philadelphia.

260409**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution recognizing April 2026 as Second Chance Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring the work of reentry professionals, community organizations, employers, advocates, families, and returning citizens who strengthen the City by supporting successful reentry.

260410**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution honoring Philly Black Pride for its ongoing work to center and support the Black LGBTQ+ community, and recognizing Monday, April 20th through Sunday, April 26th as Philly Black Pride Week in the City of Philadelphia.

260411**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as Dual Asian American Pacific Islander and Jewish American Heritage Month in Philadelphia in recognition of America 250, celebrating the rich history, interwoven stories, and significant contributions made by generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Jewish Americans to our Nation, Commonwealth, and City.

260412**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution honoring and congratulating Sam Rhoads on his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service at PIDC, Philadelphia's public-private economic development corporation, and recognizing his transformative impact on the City's economic landscape.

260413**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring and recognizing Chestnut Hill College and its Political Science Department for their commitment to academic excellence, diversity, civic engagement, and the advancement of future leaders, and further recognizing Dr. Jeffrey Carroll for his historic leadership in the field of political science.

260414**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution supporting the City of Philadelphia's Participation in Bird Town Pennsylvania and promoting sustainable conservation initiatives in the City and committing to community-based conservation initiatives to protect birds, wildlife, and the environment