

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON RULES

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
3:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

BILLS: 250707, 250831, 250834, 250848,
250890, 250891

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good

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afternoon. This is the public

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hearing of the Committee on Rules.

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Members and guests, please take

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your seats. This hearing is now

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call to order.

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Will the Clerk please

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take the roll.

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THE CLERK: Chair Member

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Bass.

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

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Present.

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THE CLERK: Vice-Chair

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Member Squilla.

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COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

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Present.

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THE CLERK: Member

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Gilmore Richardson.

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COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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RICHARDSON: Present.

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THE CLERK: Member

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Gauthier.

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COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

1 Present.

2 THE CLERK: Member

3 O'Neill.

4 (No response.)

5 THE CLERK: Member

6 Jones.

7 (No response.)

8 THE CLERK: Member

9 Thomas.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

12 Thank you, Madam Clerk. A quorum
13 of the committee is present.

14 The Clerk will please
15 read the titles of the bills.

16 THE CLERK: Bill No.
17 250707, an ordinance amending
18 Chapter 19-4400, of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Development Impact Tax" to clarify
21 the exemption for rental housing
22 projects, all under certain terms
23 and conditions.

24 Bill No. 250831, an

1 ordinance amending Section 14-602
2 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 "Use Tables" by allowing basic
4 utilities and services without a
5 special exception in certain
6 special purpose districts, all
7 under certain terms and conditions.

8 Bill No. 250834, an
9 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
11 and Planning" to establish Seventh
12 District Overlay District, restrict
13 certain commercial uses and make
14 other related changes, all under
15 certain terms and conditions.

16 Bill No. 250848, an
17 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
18 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
19 designations of certain areas of
20 land located within an area bounded
21 by Chew Avenue, Church Lane and
22 East Wister Street.

23 Bill No. 250890, an
24 ordinance amending Section 10-503,

1 of The Philadelphia Code to
2 prohibit the unlawful training,
3 theft and trafficking of catalytic
4 converters and motor vehicle parts
5 containing precious metals and to
6 increase penalties, all under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 Bill No. 250891, an
9 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
10 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of
12 land located within an area founded
13 by North Sydenham Street, Venango
14 Street, North Smedley Street and
15 West Tioga Street.

16 There are no other bills
17 under consideration for today.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

19 Thank you, Madam Clerk.

20 Are there any members
21 who have opening statements?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
24 seeing none, Madam Clerk, can we

1 please have you call the first
2 panel to testify on Bill No.
3 250707.

4 THE CLERK: Emily
5 Persico, Deputy Director of
6 Development and Services in the
7 Department of Planning and
8 Development.

9 (Witness approached
10 witness table.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
12 afternoon and thank you for your
13 patience today. Please state your
14 name for the record and proceed
15 with your testimony.

16 MS. PERSICO: Good
17 afternoon. Emily Persico, Deputy
18 Director of Development Services
19 for the Department of Planning and
20 Development. I'm here to testify
21 in support of Bill No. 250707,
22 introduced by Councilmember Gilmore
23 Richardson on behalf of Council
24 President Johnson.

1 On September 11, 2025,
2 as introduced Bill No. 250707,
3 expands an exemption from the
4 development impact tax for certain
5 affordable housing projects. The
6 exemption was created with the
7 passage of Bill No. 250212 on June
8 12, 2025.

9 In addition to exempting
10 Turn the Key developments, this
11 bill also sought to exempt
12 affordable rental developments
13 receiving a city subsidy. However,
14 the bill passed last spring
15 required a 50-year compliance
16 period, a standard which most
17 affordable housing rental projects
18 do not meet.

19 Bill 250707 will
20 eliminate the requirement for a
21 50-year compliance period, paving
22 the way for city-subsidized Low
23 Income Housing Tax Credit and
24 similar projects to receive the

1 exemption.

2 A core goal of the
3 H.O.M.E. Initiative is to reduce
4 the cost of developing and
5 preserving housing in the city. By
6 expanding eligibility for the
7 development impact tax exemption,
8 Bill 250707 directly supports that
9 goal.

10 The amendment before the
11 committee today would include other
12 agreements and allow Section 1 of
13 the legislation to be retroactive
14 to July 1, 2025, which we
15 respectfully request be adopted.

16 On behalf of the Administration, I
17 appreciate the opportunity to
18 testify today and I'm happy to
19 answer any questions.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

21 Thank you very much for your
22 testimony.

23 Are there any questions
24 from the panel?

1 (No response.)

2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
3 seeing none, is there anyone else
4 here to testify on Bill No. 250707
5 whose name has not been called?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
8 seeing none, I want to thank the
9 witness for her testimony today.

10 And can we have the
11 Clerk please call the next witness
12 to testify on Bill No. 250831.

13 THE CLERK: Michael
14 Gall, Senior Legislative Planner
15 for the Philadelphia City Planning
16 Commission.

17 (Witness approached
18 witness table.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
20 afternoon. Please state your name
21 for the record and proceed.

22 MR. GALL: Good
23 afternoon, Chair Bass and members
24 of the Rules Committee. I am

1 Michael A. Gall, Senior Legislative
2 Planner for the Philadelphia City
3 Planning Commission. I'm here to
4 testify on Bill No. 250831,
5 introduced into City Council on
6 October 9 by Councilmember Jones,
7 Jr.

8 Bill No. 250831 amends
9 Section 14-602, of The Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Use Tables" to
11 allow the basic utilities and
12 services use in the SP-CIV, Special
13 Purpose-Civic, Educational and
14 Medical base zoning district. The
15 district tends to be mapped in
16 locations such as schools,
17 hospitals and infrastructure
18 locations for public utilities.

19 The major utility
20 services use is already permitted
21 in the SP-CIV district. The
22 allowance of basic utilities and
23 services is expected to have
24 minimal new impacts on neighboring

1 communities. This action is
2 necessary to enable the Water
3 Department's capital and
4 operational needs, which supplies
5 clean, safe drinking water, sewer
6 services and distributed flood
7 resiliency and stormwater
8 management services to 1.6 million
9 Philadelphians on a daily basis.

10 The Philadelphia City
11 Planning Commission will consider
12 Bill No. 250831 at its public
13 meeting on November 20, 2025. I
14 would be happy to answer any
15 questions at this time.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

17 Thank you for your testimony.

18 Any questions from the
19 panel?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
22 seeing none, thank you very much.

23 Is there anyone else
24 here to testify on Bill No. 250831,

1 anyone whose name has not been
2 called?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Madam Clerk, do you have anyone?

6 THE CLERK: No, Madam
7 Chair.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

9 Okay. Thank you for your
10 testimony. And seeing that there's
11 no one else to testify, we'll move
12 on to the next bill. Thank you
13 very much.

14 And will the Clerk
15 please call the first panel to
16 testify on Bill No. 250834.

17 THE CLERK: Michael
18 Gall, Senior Legislative Planner
19 for the Philadelphia City Planning
20 Commission.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

22 Hello again. Please state your
23 name for the record and proceed.

24 MR. GALL: Good

1 afternoon again, Chair Bass and
2 members of the Rules Committee.
3 Again, I'm Michael A. Gall, Senior
4 Legislative Planner for the
5 Philadelphia City Planning
6 Commission. I'm here to testify on
7 Bill No. 250834, introduced into
8 City Council on October 9, 2025 by
9 Councilmember Lozada.

10 Bill No. 250834 amends
11 Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning
13 Districts" to establish the /SEV,
14 Seventh District Overlay District,
15 and to restrict certain commercial
16 uses.

17 The Seventh Council
18 District is located mainly in the
19 North, Lower North and Lower
20 Northeast Planning Districts, along
21 with small areas of the Riverwards
22 and North Delaware Districts. This
23 bill takes several actions: First,
24 it establishes a new zoning overlay

1 district that applies to the
2 entirety of the Seventh
3 Councilmanic District. This action
4 is consistent with the city's
5 ongoing project to reorganize and
6 homogenize the formatting of the
7 various overlays added to the
8 Zoning Code over the years.

9 This new Seventh
10 District overlay meets the new
11 formatting established in other
12 recent overlay revisions and
13 restructurings such as the Fifth
14 and Ninth Council Districts. This
15 project is being undertaken to make
16 the code more transparent,
17 predictable and user friendly to
18 the public.

19 The legislation also
20 proposes to require the issuance of
21 a special exception by the Zoning
22 Board of Adjustment for the
23 Sundries, Pharmaceuticals and
24 Convenience Sales use in all

1 commercially-zoned lots within the
2 Seventh Council District.

3 While we understand that
4 the intent of the bill is to
5 address nuisances that are being
6 felt by residents due to specific
7 trends in retail store operations
8 in the Seventh District and across
9 the city, this specific option will
10 apply to all operators who sell
11 Sundries, Pharmaceuticals and
12 Convenience Sales. Special
13 exceptions require relief from the
14 Zoning Board of Adjustment to
15 receive a zoning permit, which also
16 adds a significant cost to small
17 business licensing.

18 The Philadelphia City
19 Planning Commission will consider
20 Bill No. 250834 at its public
21 meeting on November 20, 2025. I'll
22 be happy to answer any questions at
23 this time.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

1 Thank you very much for your
2 testimony.

3 Are there any questions
4 from the committee?

5 Okay. Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Lozada.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
8 (Inaudible).

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I
10 don't think your mic's on. Is your
11 mic on?

12 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
13 Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 And thank you for being
15 with us this afternoon. We've
16 worked extensively with different
17 city departments while building
18 this legislation. And I'm sure
19 everyone is aware that smoke shops
20 or convenience stores are not just
21 a problem in the 7th Council
22 District.

23 Several questions. Does
24 Planning have the data on the

1 current density of convenience
2 stores compared to other commercial
3 establishments that serve as strong
4 drivers of economic growth within
5 the community for the 7th and/or
6 other districts across the city of
7 Philadelphia?

8 MR. GALL: So to my
9 knowledge, very few locations have
10 actually used the new carved-out
11 convenience sales use. But the
12 overall sundries, pharmaceutical
13 and convenience sales, we can get
14 those numbers to you. We don't
15 have them at hand right now.

16 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
17 With convenience stores being such
18 a huge topic of conversation on
19 this legislative body for a really
20 long time and with all of the
21 complaints that you have received
22 or that you've heard of from this
23 legislative body and from residents
24 across the city of Philadelphia,

1 why would we not have that type of
2 information?

3 MR. GALL: The
4 information exists. I don't happen
5 to have it at hand today because I
6 was prepared only to answer
7 questions on the specific action
8 here, not the citywide problem. We
9 are in ongoing conversations with
10 our partners in Council and various
11 implementing bodies and agencies
12 across the city to investigate this
13 problem.

14 In fact, I believe
15 there's a meeting going on right
16 now talking about smoke shops that
17 I was unable to meet because I'm
18 here testifying, so this is an
19 ongoing conversation. I don't have
20 the number in front of me right
21 now. I can get that to your
22 office.

23 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
24 Madam Chair, can we request that

1 that data does come to this
2 legislative body, to this committee
3 so that we're able to just see,
4 right, these types of nuisance
5 businesses compared to others?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 And then you mentioned in your
9 testimony that convenience stores
10 also include sundries and
11 pharmacies. We as an office
12 requested a way to be able to
13 remove pharmacies from that
14 language. Is there an update on
15 that? I know that we were told
16 that you all were working on it,
17 but we haven't heard back.

18 MR. GALL: My office
19 would be the one that deals with
20 that and I have not heard that
21 request to date. I don't know who
22 that would have come through.
23 We're definitely willing to work
24 with your office to amend the

1 language, if necessary, and to
2 continue to hone the code, but I
3 haven't heard that specific request
4 to date.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
6 We've been working with someone by
7 the name of David from Planning as
8 well as with the Law Department --

9 MR. GALL: I can follow
10 up on that.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: --
12 so if you can follow up, that would
13 be great.

14 MR. GALL: Absolutely.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
16 Thank you very much.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
18 Thank you. So, Mr. Gall, you'll
19 submit that information to the
20 committee?

21 MR. GALL: Absolutely.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
23 definitely will get it out to the
24 Councilmembers.

1 Any other questions?

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And

4 Chair recognizes Councilmember

5 Isaiah Thomas has joined us.

6 And seeing no other

7 questions from members of the

8 committee, we want to thank you for

9 your testimony and ask the Clerk to

10 please call up the panel to testify

11 on Bill No. 2508340 -- no. We'll

12 have the other witnesses we have to

13 testify on Bill No. 250834.

14 THE CLERK: Yes. We

15 have Kim Washington and Alma Rios

16 from Frankford CDC; and Roberto

17 Rodriguez Evans from Impact

18 Services.

19 (Witnesses approached

20 witness table.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good

22 afternoon. Thank you for your

23 patience today. Please state your

24 name for the record and proceed

1 with your testimony.

2 MS. WASHINGTON: Good
3 afternoon, Madam Chair, Vice-Chair,
4 members. I'm Kim Washington. I'm
5 the Executive Director for the
6 Frankford Community Development
7 Corporation and I'm here to testify
8 in support of Councilmember
9 Lozada's Bill No. 250834.

10 I'm always honored to be
11 able to come and testify before
12 City Council, because I know
13 sometimes the way things show up
14 when we write legislation isn't the
15 reality that we face in some of the
16 neighborhoods and on the ground
17 level, so I'm always honored to
18 come and be that ground-level
19 person and say that this is not
20 what it looks like, right.

21 And so, in this case we
22 have the very nice term of calling
23 what we call in a neighborhood as
24 smoke shops, what some of my

1 business owners call them as
2 inconvenience stores, right. We
3 call them convenience stores and
4 they're lumped in with businesses
5 that provide very real services to
6 low income folks, right. But
7 that's not what it looks like on
8 the ground floor. And so, again my
9 testimony today is to really kind
10 of give you some insight as to what
11 we're seeing at the neighborhood
12 level.

13 As you are aware, Bill
14 250834 proposes to require that new
15 convenience stores in the 7th
16 District would be required to go
17 through the ZBA process. We
18 support this proposal for several
19 reasons. Firstly, we have seen a
20 rapid proliferation of these
21 convenience stores in the years
22 since COVID and most of them sell
23 little more than cigarettes,
24 hookah, drug paraphernalia and

1 occasional soda.

2 While on paper, these
3 businesses are nicely labeled as
4 convenience stores in the
5 neighborhood, they are referred to
6 as smoke shops because that is the
7 market that they largely cater to.
8 Few offer any true conveniences,
9 such as deli and grocery items or
10 household items, household odds-
11 and-ends. They pop up seemingly
12 overnight and seem to cluster
13 around our transit stations,
14 coincidentally as seen more
15 prevalently in Kensington.

16 This is also where those
17 who are unhoused and suffer from
18 substance abuse disorders also seem
19 to gather in large numbers on our
20 stretch of Frankford Avenue alone,
21 which ranges from the 4200 to the
22 5200 block of Frankford Avenue. So
23 if you think about it in terms of
24 El stops, we're your first three El

1 stops in Frankford. So Bridge,
2 Pratt, Margaret and Orthodox Church
3 Street stations.

4 There are -- sorry, I
5 kind of lost the place of where I
6 was. Give me one second. Okay.
7 So on our stretch of Frankford
8 Avenue alone, we have over 20 of
9 these convenience stores, with more
10 than half of them having over been
11 in the past four years. Others
12 have opened and closed in that
13 time.

14 Secondly, too many of
15 these businesses seem to either
16 attract or allow illicit activities
17 that happen in or around their
18 storefronts. There are even
19 several instances of these
20 businesses near our Margaret
21 Orthodox Street Station where we
22 have witnessed shootings, street
23 fights and even dog fights in broad
24 daylight.

1 Thirdly, residents want
2 and need a voice and shape in their
3 communities. They deserve the
4 chance to say no to businesses that
5 have long contributed to an unsafe
6 atmosphere, have caused the closure
7 of legitimate businesses and have
8 thwarted the community's efforts to
9 attract quality businesses along
10 the commercial corridor.

11 Business owners owe it
12 to community members to have a
13 conversation about what their
14 businesses will offer to the
15 community. A responsible
16 convenience store owner will be
17 able to work with neighbors to
18 ensure that their businesses is
19 actually a convenience to the
20 community and not a nuisance,
21 adding to numerous quality of life
22 issues in the community.

23 Finally, while many of
24 the complaints about current

1 nuisance convenience stores could
2 fall under existing L&I, Health or
3 Police jurisdiction for
4 enforcement. All three departments
5 struggle to close and keep closed
6 such nuisance businesses due to the
7 volume of complaints and patchwork
8 of regulations.

9 So what we often see is
10 we'll call our police captain, we
11 make the reports to L&I, we make
12 them to Health, and those systems
13 are definitely working. They're
14 coming out. They're shutting these
15 businesses down. I can tell you
16 the one across the street from me
17 has been shut down so many times,
18 but that is temporary until you're
19 able to clear the violations, and
20 then they open right back up and
21 then the activity is right back
22 where it is.

23 So really, what we have
24 is we have our folks, they're just

1 chasing their tails in the circle.

2 And I think at some point people
3 give up and say, look, I'm not
4 coming out there to make arrests,
5 I'm not coming out there to shut
6 them down because they're just
7 going to open up in 24 hours.

8 I think the solution to
9 put this before the RCO and let
10 community members who see this
11 stuff on a regular basis decide
12 whether or not this business should
13 even be allowed to open up is a
14 start to addressing that issue and
15 not getting to this cycle of go to
16 this department and go to that
17 department and shut it down and
18 open it back up, you know. So stop
19 the problem before it even starts.
20 That's what putting it before the
21 RCO process does.

22 So this will serve as a
23 preventive measure and will
24 alleviate some of the red tape our

1 city departments have to go through
2 to respond to these nuisance
3 businesses. It will also provide
4 another potential violation to shut
5 down bad faith actors.

6 It is yet another step
7 in the process for opening certain
8 types of businesses in the 7th
9 District. Yes, but we believe that
10 it is a step that will not deter a
11 good faith business owner who wants
12 to support the community and be
13 supported by the community. And
14 honestly, those are the businesses
15 that we want to operate along the
16 commercial corridor. Thank you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

18 Thank you for your testimony.

19 And please state your
20 name for the record and proceed,
21 whoever wants to go first.

22 MR. EVANS: Good
23 afternoon. My name is Robert Evans
24 and my speech is supporting

1 Councilwoman Lozada's legislation
2 to restrict convenience store Bill
3 No. 250834. I've served as a
4 Corridor Manager for Kensington and
5 Allegheny. And every day I walk
6 our commercial street, speak with
7 business owner and witness
8 firsthand the issue that our
9 community face.

10 I've worked closely with
11 business owners, residents and city
12 partners to reveal one of
13 Philadelphia's most challenged but
14 resilient commercial districts. In
15 that time, I've witnessed a
16 traveling trend. Over the last
17 four years alone, we've seen an
18 alarming increase in the number of
19 convenience stores, corner stores,
20 smoke shops along our corridor.

21 Today there are about 15
22 convenience stores in a couple of
23 blocks. What may appears to be
24 harmless small businesses have

1 instead became major obstacles to
2 real economic and community
3 recovery in Kensington. Too many
4 of those establishments engage in
5 illegally and harmful business
6 practices. They sell unregulated
7 systems, drug paraphernalia,
8 synthetic THC product and other
9 items like gambling or slot
10 machines that contribute directly
11 to the cycle of addictions and
12 disorder in our community.

13 Some operate with a
14 little oversight and
15 accountability, allow loitering,
16 public intoxication and criminal
17 activities to take root around
18 their storefronts. Those practices
19 do not strengthen our community.
20 They undermine it. They drive away
21 responsible entrepreneurs through
22 the public safety and trust between
23 resident and the legitimate
24 business economy.

1 Meanwhile the profit
2 from many of those stores leave the
3 neighborhood while the damage stays
4 behind. Instead of supporting
5 health, diverse commerce, those
6 establishments often drain food
7 traffic away from legitimate small
8 businesses that are trying to bring
9 positive change, like cafe,
10 barbershop, market, professional
11 services and family-run shops that
12 create real opportunity for our
13 residents.

14 We cannot rebuild
15 Kensington's economy when our
16 corridors are flooded with nonsense
17 businesses. We need to make space
18 for responsible community center
19 enterprise. Stores that hire
20 locally follow the law and invest
21 in our neighborhood's future.
22 That's why I strongly support Bill
23 No. 250834 to restrict the opening
24 of new convenience stores, smoke

1 shops, whatever they call other
2 industries in No. 7.

3 This legislation is not
4 anti-businesses. It's
5 pro-community. It's about balance,
6 responsibility and protecting the
7 integrity of our commercial
8 corridors so that we can attract
9 really investment, propose safety
10 and support business that truly
11 serve Kensington families.

12 We need to create a
13 district where economic development
14 and community well-being go hand in
15 hand, and this bill gives us the
16 tool to just do that. Councilmember
17 Lozada, thank you so much for your
18 leadership in our district and for
19 standing with us as we work to
20 restore pride, safety and
21 prosperity to the Council District
22 No. 7. Thank you so much.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

24 Thank you for your testimony. And

1 if you'd like to please state your
2 name for the record and proceed
3 with your testimony.

4 MS. RIOS: My name is
5 Alma Rios. I am a business owner
6 at 4200 block of Frankford Avenue,
7 and my business sits in the middle
8 of three of these stores right now.
9 They're currently closed during the
10 day, but they open at 6 o'clock.
11 It has been horrific there.

12 I run a funeral home and
13 these customers of these stores,
14 they come there and they park in my
15 parking lot. They park, they block
16 my parking lot, making it very
17 difficult for my families to come
18 in or come out of my establishment.
19 There are times that I've had to
20 schedule funerals outside of my
21 district just so that my families
22 are safe, feel safe and are
23 comfortable.

24 It is not fair for me as

1 a tax-paying business to have to
2 rent a church because these stores
3 are operating illegally. We are
4 governed and are overseen by the
5 State Board of Funeral Directors,
6 where every year we have to
7 maintain our professional licenses,
8 pay for them, our establishment
9 gets inspected so we do our work to
10 maintain our licenses, to serve our
11 community the way we were required
12 to.

13 But these business
14 owners, they have no one that's
15 overseeing them. They have no
16 accountability. So I support my
17 Councilwoman's bill because of all
18 the inconveniences that it's
19 bringing to our community. And
20 they should have someone. They
21 should have accountability and just
22 to make our community better, this
23 is why I'm here and I support this
24 bill.

1 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

2 Thank you so much. Thank you so
3 much for your testimony.

4 And thank you,
5 Councilwoman Lozada, for your hard
6 work on this very important issue,
7 which I'm sure we'll be visiting in
8 the 8th District as well. So thank
9 you.

10 Any additional comments?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Okay. And if we could have the
14 Clerk call forward the next witness
15 to testify, if there's anyone else.

16 THE CLERK: Yes. We
17 have William Gonzales, Executive
18 Director of Ceiba; and Angela
19 Villani from Mariana Brachetti
20 Academy Charter School.

21 (Witnesses approached
22 witness table.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I
24 realize we probably lost some of

1 our testifiers because of the
2 length of the delay, so we thank
3 everyone for their patience.
4 Hello.

5 MS. VILLANI: Hi. Good
6 afternoon, Councilmembers. My name
7 is Angela Villani. I am the CEO of
8 Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter
9 School that has been educating
10 students and protecting the
11 children of Philadelphia for the
12 past 26 years.

13 Unfortunately, we had a
14 horrifying experience with a corner
15 store bordering our school campus
16 on Kensington and Torresdale. The
17 day was August 31, 2022 and it was
18 our first day back from being
19 virtual. Early that morning I saw
20 a school-aged and shoeless child
21 standing beside grown men on the
22 corner of Kensington and Pike
23 outside the corner store.

24 Being an educator and a

1 mother, that image made enough of a
2 mark that I decided to walk by. As
3 I was walking, the school's
4 Director of Security joined me as
5 he knew the dangers of walking the
6 block. And as we passed the store
7 at 9:00 a.m., two men in the
8 store's doorway asked if we were
9 from the city. We said, no, and
10 stepped away a few feet away and
11 began to speak to a community
12 member.

13 Seconds later, shots
14 rang out aimed at those men. We
15 ran straight from the gunfire and
16 radioed the school to lockdown.
17 And although the two men did not
18 get hit by the gunfire, a school
19 employee on the way to work missed
20 the gunfire by inches as it hit his
21 car windshield. Think about that
22 for a minute. After being taught
23 virtually for 14 months, our
24 students are welcomed back to

1 school with a lockdown and gun
2 shooting around the corner.

3 And as this was
4 happening, we were told that while
5 the school was virtual, the same
6 store had a shooting in August of
7 2021. Now, one would think that
8 this would be enough of a nuisance
9 to shut the store down, but it was
10 only the beginning of a long and
11 frustrating process. Below is a
12 quick rundown of the unbelievable
13 events that unfolded for the next
14 16 months:

15 On October 21, 2022,
16 seven weeks after the first
17 lockdown and 15 minutes before the
18 dismissal of 1500 students, the
19 assailants returned for the two men
20 and this time killed a 24-year-old
21 inside the store. On October 26,
22 2021, L&I and law enforcement
23 successfully and swiftly were able
24 to have the store closed as being a

1 nuisance. Yet on February 14, 2023
2 it reopened illegally under a new
3 name. But thanks to our
4 persistence, it closed on March 22,
5 2023.

6 However, some time
7 between March and August 28, 2023
8 the city solicitor decided to
9 reopen the store under strict
10 conditions. We documented
11 conditions to 311, the DA's
12 Nuisance Task Force and 911, three
13 shootings tied to one corner store
14 in 14 months. And every single
15 time, our students, staff, parents
16 and community were the ones
17 absorbing the trauma.

18 On December 7th, I made
19 a call to the city solicitor who
20 reopened the store, and my message
21 to her was really simple and it
22 went something like this: We both
23 know if there was a shooting on the
24 corner of your child's school and

1 my child's school, the store never
2 would have reopened. And on
3 December 8, 2023, that store closed
4 and has not been reopened.

5 I'm here today because
6 all the children deserve to walk to
7 school without the fear of being
8 killed by a random bullet. It's
9 our responsibility to make
10 decisions that protect our children
11 and provide them with a thriving
12 and nurturing environment. Bill
13 250834 is common sense. Requiring
14 community approval before
15 convenience stores open gives
16 neighborhoods a voice when public
17 safety and child welfare on the
18 line. It would help prevent the
19 same exact cycle we lived through.

20 And so, on behalf of the
21 students, the community, their
22 families and the educators who
23 shelter them during lockdowns, I
24 respectfully ask you pass Bill

1 250834 and ensure that no community
2 has to fight the same battle twice
3 on the same corner. Thank you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Well, thank you for your testimony
6 and I have to say that -- well,
7 first of all, I apologize on behalf
8 of the City of Philadelphia that
9 you had to endure that. No child,
10 no student, no school, no one
11 should have to endure those sorts
12 of conditions. And we've been
13 fighting for these closures for a
14 very long time.

15 I want to recognize
16 behind you, Fran Healy, Inspector
17 or is it Commissioner? I'm
18 sorry --

19 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

20 HEALY: Deputy.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

22 Deputy Commissioner. Yeah, a
23 promotion, congratulations. But
24 Deputy Commissioner Healy, who we

1 worked with on our first nuisance
2 business bill to get it passed and
3 have just been working nonstop. It
4 seems as if every time that we
5 figure out a way to shut them down
6 there's a loophole somewhere that's
7 really in my opinion just been
8 allowed to exist through the legal
9 framework. And people have been
10 willing to say, well, we can't do
11 this because of that and we can't
12 do that because of this.

13 In the meantime, it's
14 just a war zone in our communities
15 that we're living with. So I
16 apologize that you had to go
17 through that. And I'm hopeful that
18 that will close permanently, will
19 not reopen and that we'll be able
20 to also address some of these other
21 very bad actors that are operating
22 in our city. So thank you.

23 MS. VILLANI: Thank you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Sir,

1 please state your name for the
2 record and proceed with your
3 testimony.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Buenas
5 tardes. My name is Will Gonzalez.
6 I'm the Executive Director of
7 Ceiba, a coalition-building
8 organization in Philadelphia's
9 Latino community, and we're also
10 the backbone to the Ceiba Latino
11 equitable development collective
12 that brings together the top 10
13 Latino nonprofits in Philadelphia
14 to work together. All of them are
15 located in the 7th District.

16 Thank you, members of
17 City Council, for giving us the
18 opportunity to testify in this
19 important matter. Bill 250834,
20 amending The Philadelphia Code in
21 terms of zoning and planning. We
22 are in total support of this bill.
23 I don't want to belabor the point,
24 the testimony prior to mine. It

1 was amazing, especially from the
2 previous panel and the stories that
3 were relayed by the charter school
4 here.

5 And so, it's obvious.

6 And the way that I can summarize
7 the matter further is the old
8 saying that prevention is worth
9 more than a pound of cure, the
10 challenge here is that it's been
11 really tough to get enforcement, to
12 get these places closed, as the
13 prior testimony mentioned, and that
14 this is a matter of giving
15 community control at the front end
16 and involvement.

17 It is not anti-business.

18 I think the gentleman also
19 mentioned that it's costing
20 business, and it's making us lose
21 opportunity costs with other more
22 productive businesses. It also is
23 affecting the quality of life and
24 the health and safety of our

1 community. So we hope that you can
2 pass this measure quicker rather
3 than later and look forward to
4 working with you on this and other
5 matters. Thank you.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

7 Thank you so much. Thank you for
8 being here and for your patience
9 today and your testimony. Thank
10 you.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Lozada.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: I
14 just want to make closing remarks
15 if this is the last panel. Madam
16 Chair, may I?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes,
18 I believe this is the last panel.

19 Is there anyone else
20 here to speak on this particular
21 Bill 250834?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
24 seeing none, Chair recognizes

1 Councilwoman Lozada.

2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 I'd like to thank
5 everyone that came today to testify
6 in support of Bill No. 250834 to
7 further protect the safety and
8 quality of life of the residents
9 living in the 7th Councilmanic
10 District. Throughout the district
11 we have seen convenience stores,
12 and I find it ironic that we call
13 them convenience stores because
14 they are actually destructive
15 stores popping up one after the
16 other, sometimes just a few blocks,
17 a few feet apart from each other as
18 we heard in some of the testimony
19 today.

20 Most of these businesses
21 become hot spots for nuisance
22 behavior. My residents, including
23 children and families, are too
24 often forced to face drug use and

1 loitering as well as gang and gun
2 violence just steps from their
3 homes and it is no coincidence that
4 this activity is even higher near
5 these establishments.

6 We've seen underage
7 youth being sold and offered
8 tobacco and drug paraphernalia.
9 And despite their efforts to
10 protect their neighborhood, the
11 people who live there feel
12 powerless and unheard in the
13 decisions that affect their own
14 blocks.

15 Like many other
16 districts throughout the city, the
17 7th Councilmanic District is full
18 of hard-working families, community
19 leaders and business owners who
20 care deeply about where they live.
21 They deserve economic opportunity.
22 The economic opportunity that we
23 often talk about in this chamber.

24 The 7th Councilmanic

1 District residents deserve the same
2 opportunity, opportunity that
3 reflects their needs and respects
4 their values, not businesses that
5 show up without their input and
6 disrupt real business opportunities
7 and growth.

8 Other major cities like
9 New York take strong steps to
10 address this same issue. In New
11 York City, officials launched a
12 citywide effort to shut down
13 unlicensed and nuisance convenience
14 stores, many of which were selling
15 illegal or age-restricted products.
16 They made enforcement a priority,
17 held landlords accountable and sent
18 a clear message that businesses
19 cannot profit at the expense of
20 community safety.

21 As a result, many of
22 those businesses have started
23 seeking new places to set up shop,
24 and Philadelphia has become one of

1 the easiest markets for them to
2 enter. That is why we are now
3 seeing a surge of pop-up
4 convenience stores across the city
5 of Philadelphia.

6 My convenience store
7 bill is about giving power and
8 voice back to the residents who
9 live with nuisance activity these
10 establishments bring. It makes
11 sure new convenience stores can no
12 longer open without community input
13 and support. This is about putting
14 control back in the hands of the
15 people, reducing the excessive
16 openings of convenience stores and
17 making sure our neighborhoods
18 reflect the priorities of those who
19 actually live there.

20 While my bill focuses on
21 my district, this problem is not
22 unique to my community.

23 Convenience stores are appearing
24 across the city, often concentrated

1 in low-income neighborhoods. This
2 legislation is the first step
3 towards revitalizing neighborhoods
4 throughout the city of
5 Philadelphia.

6 We must protect our
7 neighborhoods by making sure that
8 the voices of our residents guide
9 the future of our communities. I
10 ask the Planning Commission to
11 seriously consider supporting and
12 passing this bill in their next
13 meeting, and I ask this committee
14 to vote in support of this bill
15 with a favorable recommendation to
16 create real, driving opportunities
17 in the 7th Council District and
18 beyond. Thank you so much.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
20 Thank you very much for your words,
21 Councilwoman Lozada, and for this
22 bill. Very informative, very
23 important. And I think that this
24 will serve as a model for other

1 District members as well. Thank
2 you.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
6 now, will we have the Clerk please
7 call the first panel to testify on
8 Bill No. 250848.

9 THE CLERK: Michael
10 Gall, Senior Legislative Planner
11 for the Philadelphia City Planning
12 Commission.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
14 Please state your name for the
15 record and proceed.

16 MR. GALL: Good
17 afternoon again, Madam Chair and
18 members of the Rules Committee. I
19 am Michael A. Gall, Senior
20 Legislative Planner for the
21 Philadelphia City Planning
22 Commission. I'm here today to
23 testify on Bill No. 250848,
24 introduced into City Council on

1 October 9, 2025 by Councilmember
2 Bass.

3 Bill No. 250848 amends
4 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 remapping the entire area bounded
6 by Chew Avenue, Church Lane and
7 Wister Street in the 8th
8 Councilmanic District. This
9 location is in the East Germantown
10 neighborhood in the Upper Northwest
11 Planning District and is located
12 across the street from La Salle
13 University's campus.

14 The largest section of
15 that property that fronts on Chew
16 Avenue is operated and does
17 business as the shops at La Salle,
18 with a small public safety office
19 at the corner of Chew and
20 Wister. The rear of the property
21 houses a church-owned residential
22 building and some
23 telecommunications equipment.
24 These parcels were formerly one

1 large institutional property, one
2 of a number in the area, operated
3 for nearly a century as
4 St. Joseph's Orphanage.

5 The current zoning
6 designation of RSA-1, Residential
7 Single-Family Attached, reflects
8 the former low density residential
9 scale of the area. The
10 Philadelphia 2035 Upper Northwest
11 District Plan recommended this area
12 for remapping into SP-INS, Special
13 Purpose Institutional, to reflect
14 the plans at the time for La Salle
15 University to expand its campus
16 there. But La Salle opted not to
17 add this location to its master
18 plan for their campus, so the
19 district plan recommendation is
20 outdated.

21 This bill, as
22 introduced, proposed to change the
23 zoning designation of this area to
24 CMX-3, Commercial Mixed-Use, given

1 the large parcel sizes in this area
2 and the high density levels allowed
3 by the CMX-3 zoning district. The
4 Planning Commission staff worked
5 with the Council office, thank you,
6 on an amended set of maps that
7 would reduce the allowable scale of
8 development from the original bill.

9 The amendment would
10 instead propose a slightly more
11 scale-appropriate zoning
12 designation of CMX-2, Commercial
13 Mixed-Use. This will better
14 integrate with the surrounding
15 communities while still allowing
16 the site's useful redevelopment.

17 The Philadelphia City
18 Planning Commission will consider
19 Bill No. 250848 at its public
20 meeting on November 20, 2025. I'll
21 be happy to answer any questions at
22 this time.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

24 Thank you very much for your

1 testimony.

2 Any questions?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Seeing none, is there anyone else
6 here to testify on Bill No. 250848?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
9 seeing none, Madam Clerk, will you
10 please call the next person to
11 testify on Bill No. 250890.

12 THE CLERK: Francis
13 Healy, Deputy Police Commissioner
14 for the Philadelphia Police
15 Department.

16 (Witness approached
17 witness table.)

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

19 HEALY: Good afternoon.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
21 afternoon. Please state your name
22 for the record and proceed with
23 your testimony.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

1 HEALY: Good afternoon, Chair
2 Member Bass, Vice-Chair Squilla and
3 other members of the Committee on
4 Rules. My name, as been mentioned,
5 is Fran Healy. I'm Deputy
6 Commissioner for the Philadelphia
7 Police Department. On behalf of
8 Commissioner Bethel, thank you for
9 allowing the department to comment
10 on Bill No. 250890 relating to
11 catalytic converters.

12 As you may recall, I
13 previously testified in 2022 in
14 support of then Bill 2209-3, which
15 amended Philadelphia City Section
16 10-503. As such, the Police
17 Department supports the bill here
18 today which strengthens the
19 existing ordinance by extending its
20 provisions to not only include the
21 theft of catalytic converters, but
22 also the individual pieces or
23 components.

24 This bill recognizes

1 that the catalytic converters are
2 being stolen primarily for the
3 precious metals inside, not
4 necessarily for the catalytic
5 converters themselves. Together
6 with these changes and Sections
7 9-613 and 615, which tighten
8 identification requirements for
9 precious metal dealers and for junk
10 dealers, this measure will further
11 deter theft and aid law
12 enforcement.

13 As such, the Police
14 Department appreciates the ongoing
15 commitment of City Council to
16 strengthen our local laws and
17 provide law enforcement with the
18 necessary tools to effectively
19 address crime and disorder through
20 our communities. These efforts
21 make a real difference in helping
22 us respond more efficiently to
23 public safety concerns and improve
24 the overall quality of life for our

1 residents. This concludes my
2 testimony. I'd be happy to answer
3 any questions.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Well, I just want to thank you for
6 your testimony and thank you for
7 your help. You have been working
8 with us all along to address the
9 theft of catalytic converters here
10 in the city of Philadelphia.

11 And it was only a few
12 years ago that I think the number
13 was in the 5000 range that these
14 thefts were happening every year.
15 Year-in and year-out these thefts
16 were basically causing people to,
17 you know, it was almost disabling
18 their cars and their transportation
19 and it was just such a problem here
20 in the city.

21 And working together,
22 I'm just so excited because we were
23 able to reduce that number to about
24 75%, 80% of that. And now, we

1 believe that this legislation will
2 close the existing loophole that
3 exists so that you really just
4 cannot sell these products here in
5 the city of Philadelphia and making
6 it absolutely unmarketable for
7 anyone to want to steal these car
8 parts. So thank you so much for
9 your testimony here today.

10 Any questions from
11 members of the committee?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No,
14 okay.

15 Is there anyone else who
16 would like to testify on Bill No.
17 250890?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No,
20 okay. And seeing none, thank you
21 very much for your testimony today.

22 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

23 HEALY: Thank you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And

1 will we have the Clerk please call
2 the first panel to testify on Bill
3 No. 250891, our last panel today.

4 THE CLERK: That'll be
5 Michael Gall, Senior Legislative
6 Planner for the Philadelphia City
7 Planning Department.

8 (Witness approached
9 witness table.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
11 Thank you so much. State your name
12 for the record and proceed.

13 MR. GALL: Good
14 afternoon again, Madam Chair,
15 members of the Rules Committee.
16 I'm again Michael A. Gall, Senior
17 Legislative Planner for the
18 Philadelphia City Planning
19 Commission staff. I'm here today
20 to testify on Bill No. 250891,
21 introduced into City Council on
22 October 16, 2025 by Councilmember
23 Bass.

24 Bill No. 250891 amends

1 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
2 remapping a certain area of land
3 bounded by Venango Street, Sydenham
4 Street, Tioga Street and Smedley
5 Street in the 8th Councilmanic
6 District. This location is in the
7 Nicetown Tioga neighborhood of the
8 North Planning District.

9 This bill will change
10 the zoning designation of a series
11 of currently vacant parcels that
12 front on Venango Street on either
13 side of North 16th from their
14 current RSA-5, Residential Single-
15 Family Attached, to a slightly less
16 dense RSA-6, Residential Single-
17 Family Attached. This relatively
18 new district, only mapped in a
19 handful of locations citywide so
20 far, is intended to reflect
21 attached rowhouses living in a
22 slightly smaller scale.

23 The Philadelphia 2035
24 North District Plan also recommends

1 this area for remapping but with a
2 suggested designation of RTA-1,
3 Residential Two-Family Attached.
4 RTA-1 is a twin semi-detached
5 residential zoning district that
6 has limited representation in the
7 existing housing stock, especially
8 in this area.

9 The proposal in Bill No.
10 250891 largely still meets the
11 District plan's goal of returning
12 residential life to a predictable
13 low intensity scale along this
14 stretch of Venango Street. The
15 Philadelphia City Planning
16 Commission will consider Bill No.
17 250891 at its public meeting on
18 November 20, 2025. I'll be happy
19 to answer any questions at this
20 time.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
22 Thank you for your testimony today.
23 Are there any questions
24 from members of the panel?

1 (No response.)

2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

3 Seeing none, Madam Clerk, is there
4 anyone else here to testify on Bill
5 No. 250891?

6 THE CLERK: There are no
7 others on my list, Madam Chair.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

9 Okay. Well, thank you very much.

10 And is there anyone else
11 here to testify on any of the bills
12 whose name has not been called
13 today?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
16 being that there are no further
17 witnesses, we'll now proceed with
18 public comment.

19 THE CLERK: There's no
20 one here to testify.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: That
22 now concludes the public hearing
23 and we will now go into a public
24 meeting to consider the action to

1 be taken on the bills before the
2 committee today.

3 Madam Clerk, can we have
4 a quorum check.

5 THE CLERK: Chair Member
6 Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
8 Present.

9 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair
10 Member Squilla.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
12 Present.

13 THE CLERK: Member
14 Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
16 Present.

17 THE CLERK: Member
18 Gauthier.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
20 Present.

21 THE CLERK: Member
22 Gilmore Richardson.

23 (No response.)

24 THE CLERK: Member

1 O'Neill.

2 (No response.)

3 THE CLERK: And, Member
4 Jones.

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

7 Thank you, Madam Clerk. I note for
8 the record that a quorum of the
9 committee is present.

10 The Chair now recognizes
11 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
12 on the amendment to Bill No.
13 250707.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

15 Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 I offer an amendment to
17 Bill No. 250707. A copy of the
18 amendment has been circulated to
19 all members of the committee. I
20 move that the amendment to Bill No.
21 250707 be adopted.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

24 Thank you. It's been moved and

1 properly seconded that the
2 amendment to Bill No. 250707 be
3 adopted.

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

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Is
9 there anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
12 ayes have it and the motion
13 carries. And the amendment to Bill
14 No. 250707 has been adopted.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
17 on the amendment to Bill No.
18 250848.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

20 Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 I offer an amendment to
22 Bill No. 250848. A copy of the
23 amendment has been circulated to
24 all members of the committee. I

1 move that the amendment to Bill No.
2 250848 be adopted.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Thank you. It's been moved and
6 properly seconded the amendment to
7 Bill No. 250848 be adopted.

8 All of those in favor of
9 this motion will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Is
13 there anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
16 ayes have it, the motion carries
17 and the amendment to Bill No.
18 250848 has been adopted.

19 The Chair now recognizes
20 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
21 on the amendment to Bill No.
22 250890.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 I offer an amendment to
2 Bill No. 250890. A copy of the
3 amendment has been circulated to
4 all members of the committee. I
5 move that the amendment to Bill No.
6 250890 be adopted.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

9 Thank you. It's been moved and
10 properly seconded that the
11 amendment to Bill No. 250890 be
12 adopted.

13 All of those in favor of
14 this motion will signify by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

18 Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
21 ayes have it, the motion carries
22 and the amendment to Bill No.
23 250890 has been adopted.

24 Chair now recognizes

1 Councilman Squilla for a motion on
2 the amendment to Bill No. 250891.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 I offer an amendment to
6 Bill No. 250891. A copy of the
7 amendment has been circulated to
8 all members of the committee. I
9 move that the amendment to Bill No.
10 250891 be adopted.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Thank you. It's been moved and
14 properly seconded that the
15 amendment to Bill No. 250891 be
16 adopted.

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

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Any
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The

1 ayes have it, the motion carries
2 and the amendment to Bill No.
3 250891 has been adopted.

4 Chair now recognizes
5 Councilman Squilla for a motion on
6 Bill Nos. 250707 as amended,
7 250831, 250834, 250848 as amended,
8 250890 as amended, and 250891 as
9 amended.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

11 Thank you, Madam Chair.

12 I move that Bill Nos.
13 250707 as amended, 250831, 250834,
14 250848 as amended, 250890 as
15 amended, and 250891 as amended be
16 reported from this committee with a
17 favorable recommendation and
18 further move that the rules of
19 Council be suspended as to permit
20 the first reading of this bill at
21 the next session to Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's
24 been moved and properly seconded

1 that Bill Nos. 250707, as amended,
2 250831, 250834, 250848 as amended,
3 250890 as amended, and 250891 as
4 amended be reported from this
5 committee with a favorable
6 recommendation and further move
7 that the rules of Council be
8 suspended to permit first reading
9 of this bill at the next session of
10 Council.

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

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Is
16 there anyone opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: The
19 ayes have it and the motion
20 carries.

21 And if there are no
22 further comments or remarks from
23 this committee or our guests, this
24 concludes the business of this

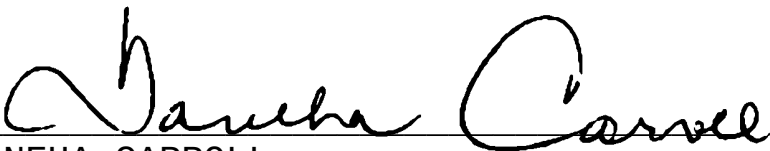
1 Committee on Rules today. Thank
2 you very much for your attendance.

3 (Committee on Rules
4 concluded at 4:10 p.m.)

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