

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Via Microsoft Teams
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 4, 2021
10:04 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, and good morning. We're going
4 to get started now.

5 I understand that the state law
6 currently requires that the following
7 announcement be made at the beginning of
8 every remote Council session:

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

20 I now note that the hour has
21 come. The Clerk will please call the
22 roll to take attendance, and members that
23 are in attendance will please indicate
24 that you are present, or whatever you may
25 choose to say, to make sure that your

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2 image is displayed on the screen.

3 Mr. Decker, please call the
4 roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
8 morning. I am present. Looking forward
9 to today's Council session.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
11 morning.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
13 morning.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Brooks.

16 (No response.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good morning,
19 Council President, colleagues, and
20 Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
22 morning.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Gauthier.

25 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Good

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2 morning, Council President. Good

3 morning, colleagues. Good morning to the
4 public. Present.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
6 morning.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Good
10 morning, Council President. Good
11 morning, colleagues. And good morning,
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
14 morning.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good
17 morning, Council President, and good
18 morning, members of Council. Good
19 morning, City of Brotherly Love and
20 Sisterly Effectiveness.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
22 morning.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good
25 morning, Council President. Good

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2 morning, colleagues. I'm present.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

4 morning.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Good

7 morning, Council President, and good

8 morning, colleagues.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

10 morning.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 Johnson.

13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good

14 morning, Council President. Good

15 morning, colleagues. Calling for justice

16 for all the families who have lost loved

17 ones to gun violence.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

19 morning.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 (No response.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning,

24 Council President. Good morning,

25 colleagues. I'm present.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.
4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
5 morning, everyone.
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Parker.
10 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Good
11 morning, Mr. President. Good morning,
12 colleagues.
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
14 morning.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Quinones-Sanchez.
17 (No response.)
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Squilla.
20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
21 morning, Council President. Good
22 morning, colleagues. Present.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
24 morning.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good

4 morning, Council President. Good

5 morning, colleagues. Good morning to the

6 listening public.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

8 morning, Councilman.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Clarke.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

12 morning, everyone.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good

14 morning, Mr. President. I just want to

15 make sure that I'm on the record as being

16 present.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 I think we still have

20 Councilwoman Brooks. Did Councilwoman

21 Brooks get on yet?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Okay. Thank you. We've established a

25 quorum, so we're now going to come to

1 3/4/21 - STATED - INVOCATION

2 order.

3 To give our invocation this
4 morning, the Chair recognizes Pastor
5 Jason Ferris from the Old Pine Community
6 Church. He is here today as the guest of
7 Councilman Squilla.

8 I would ask all members and
9 guests to please bow your heads for the
10 invocation.

11 Pastor, please proceed.

12 REVEREND FERRIS: Thank you.

13 Let us pray.

14 God of all creation, we thank
15 you for the sunshine this week and the
16 melting of all the snow. We thank you
17 for the spirit of life that infuses all
18 things and for the grace that appears
19 even when we have done nothing to earn
20 it.

21 As we prepare our hearts and
22 minds for today's meeting, we lift up the
23 prayer of Saint Augustine that in those
24 things that are essential, we have unity.
25 In those things that are not essential,

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2 we have liberty. And in all things, we
3 have charity.

4 May your spirit touch the heart
5 of each person on this call, giving them
6 the courage to seek truth and the grace
7 to speak it with charity.

8 Amen.

9 (Amen.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you so much, Pastor, for those
12 inspiring and spiritual words. We really
13 appreciate you being here today.

14 REVEREND FERRIS: You're very
15 welcome. It was my pleasure.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you.

18 Our next order of business is
19 the approval of the Journal of the
20 meeting of Thursday, February 25th, 2021,
21 and the Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
25 of the meeting of Thursday,

1 3/4/21 - STATED - LEAVES

2 February 25th, 2021 be approved.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. It has been moved and
6 properly seconded that the Journal of the
7 meeting of Thursday, February 25th, 2021
8 stand approved.

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it, and our Journal is
17 approved.

18 And our next order of business
19 is requests for leave of absence, and the
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

21 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. On behalf of the
23 members of Council, there are no requests
24 for leaves of absence today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

1 3/4/21 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

3 And our next order of business
4 is communications, and I would ask the
5 Clerk to please read the messages from
6 the Mayor and any other communications
7 that he may have in his possession.

8 CHIEF CLERK: From the Mayor to
9 the President and members of the Council
10 of the City of Philadelphia, I am pleased
11 to advise you that on March 1, 2021, I
12 signed the following bills which were
13 passed by Council at its session on
14 February 18, 2021: Bill Nos. 200656,
15 210004, and 210006.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

18 Our next order of business is
19 the introduction of bills and
20 resolutions.

21 By way of a reminder, we are
22 asking that all resolutions, including
23 privileged resolutions, be placed on the
24 Final Passage Calendar for our next
25 session of Council, unless they are being

1 3/4/21 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 referred to committee. In our current
3 remote environment, this procedure will
4 provide an appropriate opportunity for
5 public comment. I thank you very much in
6 advance for your anticipated cooperation.

7 Mr. Decker, will you please
8 read the titles of the legislation that
9 is being offered today by our members.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Parker offers three bills and three
12 resolutions. On behalf of Council
13 President Clarke, Councilwoman Parker
14 offers an ordinance authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and
16 the Commissioner of Procurement, on
17 behalf of the City, to enter into a
18 multi-year Concession Agreement with
19 German American Marketing, Incorporated,
20 doing business as CHRISTMAS VILLAGE IN
21 PHILADELPHIA, for the operation and
22 management of a seasonal Christmas
23 Village for the City of Philadelphia at
24 LOVE Park and other potential City owned
25 areas.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
3 will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: On her own
6 behalf, Councilwoman Parker offers an
7 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
8 regulation on both sides of Frontenac
9 Street from Levick Street to Devereaux
10 Avenue.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Referred to committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 establishing a no truck parking
15 regulation on Hammond Avenue between East
16 Nedro Avenue and Crescentville Road.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Referred to committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 congratulating Bernard W. Smalley for
21 being named President of the Board of
22 Directors of City Trusts, making him the
23 first Black President in the board's 151
24 year history.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next

1 3/4/21 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 week's Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 remembering Henrietta Lacks and honoring
5 her contribution to modern medicine,
6 including the development of COVID-19
7 vaccines.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
9 week's Calendar.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 commending and recognizing Michael Hand
12 on the occasion of his retirement from
13 his outstanding career with the Eastern
14 Atlantic States Regional Council of
15 Carpenters and his service to the
16 Philadelphia community.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Gilmore Richardson offers two
21 resolutions, entitled a "Resolution
22 recognizing and supporting the
23 accomplishments of women and girls
24 throughout history on the occasion of
25 Women's History Month."

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 recognizing the Women's March on
6 Philadelphia during Women's History Month
7 2021 and the organizers who hosted 4
8 consecutive marches from 2017 through
9 2020.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
11 will be on next week's Calendar.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones
13 offers one bill and one resolution,
14 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
15 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 'Farmers' Markets,' by adding a
17 permissible location."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Referred to committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 also naming the 2200 block of North
22 Salford as "Geo L. Myers Way," in honor
23 of George Linwood Myers III, to
24 commemorate his legacy and long-time
25 dedication to various Philadelphia

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2 organizations and as an advocate of
3 vulnerable populations.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Johnson offers two resolutions, entitled
8 a "Resolution recognizing Rochelle
9 'Chellie' Cameron on the occasion of her
10 appointment as chair of the U.S. Policy
11 Council for Airports Council
12 International."

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 urging the U.S. Congress to pass Senate
17 Bill 475 and House Resolution 1320, which
18 designate Juneteenth as a national
19 holiday.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green
23 offers one resolution, entitled a
24 "Resolution authorizing the Committee on
25 Finance to hold hearings regarding the

1 3/4/21 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 potential of land-value taxation in and
3 for Philadelphia."

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
5 week's Calendar -- oh, I'm sorry. That's
6 this week's Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Councilwoman
8 Brooks offers one resolution, entitled a
9 "Resolution calling on the Federal
10 Reserve Bank of the United States to
11 offer long-term loans with terms of up to
12 30 years to meet the borrowing needs of
13 state and local governments and
14 government units in the United States
15 without charging any interest or fees."

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb
19 offers one resolution, entitled a
20 "Resolution authorizing the Committee on
21 Commerce and Economic Development to hold
22 hearings examining best practices and new
23 ideas for safely reopening the City of
24 Philadelphia's workspaces including
25 office buildings, City buildings, and

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2 other high-risk congregate settings not
3 currently operating at pre-pandemic
4 capacity."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Today's Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Thomas
8 offers two resolutions, entitled a
9 "Resolution honoring the athletes of the
10 class of 2020 for their incomplete
11 seasons and shortened high school
12 athletic career due to the COVID-19
13 pandemic."

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Committee on Public
18 Safety to hold hearings on a recently
19 revealed memo from a Philadelphia Police
20 Department Captain instructing his
21 officers to increase pedestrian and motor
22 vehicle stops not related to crime and
23 jeopardizing data collection mandated by
24 federal consent decree.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Mr. Decker, was that for committee?

3 CHIEF CLERK: It was,
4 Mr. President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Today's Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Squilla offers two bills and two
9 resolutions, entitled "An ordinance
10 establishing parking regulations in the
11 vicinity of: Greenwich Street and 2nd
12 Street; Reed Street and South 4th Street;
13 Moyamensing Avenue and Wharton Street."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Referred to committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 establishing parking regulations in the
18 vicinity of: Morris Street and South 2nd
19 Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Referred to committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to
24 dispose of 538 Dudley, 639 Cantrell
25 Street, 2842 through 44 and 2846 Tulip

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2 Street located in the 1st Councilmanic
3 District.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 in honor of Women's History Month we take
8 this opportunity to renew and Recognize
9 March 10th as Harriet Tubman Day in the
10 City of Philadelphia.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass
14 offers four resolutions, entitled a
15 "Resolution authorizing the Committee of
16 Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs
17 to hold hearings to obtain an update on
18 the status of the City's plan to ensure
19 all parks or playgrounds owned or
20 controlled by the City of Philadelphia
21 are inclusive, intergenerational, and
22 accessible for all disabilities and
23 special needs."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Today's Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the Committee of Parks,
4 Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to hold
5 hearings to obtain an update on the
6 status of the City Council security
7 camera program for Philadelphia's
8 playgrounds and recreation centers.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Today's Calendar.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 recognizing March 8, 2021 as
13 International Women's Day to raise
14 awareness of the adverse oppression and
15 inequities that women have experienced
16 and to continue to experience globally;
17 and to celebrate the achievements of
18 women around the world and campaign for
19 positive change.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 will be on next week's Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the Committees on Commerce
24 and Economic Development and Public
25 Health and Human Services to conduct a

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2 joint hearing to review the past and
3 current guidance for Restaurant Capacity;
4 and, if needed, make recommendations to
5 the Philadelphia Health Department to
6 either change current Restaurant capacity
7 requirements or recommend future
8 Restaurant capacity requirements.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
10 week's Calendar.

11 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
12 other bills or resolutions being offered
13 by the members, Mr. President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

16 That concludes our introduction
17 of bills and resolutions, and our next
18 order of business is reports from
19 committee.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Council
21 President Clarke?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: My one
24 resolution for March 10th, I was
25 wondering if we could suspend the rules

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2 to have that heard at this week's Council
3 session.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is
5 there a second?

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor for rules
10 suspension to allow reading at this
11 week's session say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it. That will be on this
18 week's Calendar.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 You're welcome, sir. With rules
22 suspension.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
24 for clarity, this is the resolution in
25 honor of Women's History Month to

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2 recognize March 10th as Harriet Tubman
3 Day?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Correct.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: That's
7 correct.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

10 And our next order of business
11 is reports from committee.

12 The Chair is going to recognize
13 Councilwoman Bass for a report from the
14 Committee on Public Health and Human
15 Services.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
18 Health and Human Services reports one
19 bill with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, Councilwoman.

22 Mr. Decker, please read that
23 report.

24 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
25 and members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
3 Health and Human Services, to which was
4 referred Bill No. 210122, entitled "An
5 ordinance amending Section 9-4116 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Public
7 Health Emergency Leave,' to establish
8 leave time for public health emergencies,
9 and modify existing provisions concerning
10 the paid sick leave, and make technical
11 changes," respectfully reports it has
12 considered and amended the same and
13 returns the attached bill to Council with
14 a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 The Chair again recognizes
18 Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit
22 first reading on this day of Bill No.
23 210122.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you. It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No.
6 210122.

7 All those in favor indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and this bill will be
15 placed on our First Reading Calendar
16 today.

17 That concludes our reports from
18 committee, and our next order of business
19 is the consideration of the Calendar.

20 I note that the bill just
21 reported from committee with suspension
22 of the rules has been deemed to have had
23 a first reading. This bill will be
24 placed on our Second Reading and Final
25 Passage Calendar at our next session of

1 3/4/21 - STATED - BILLS OF 2ND READING
2 Council.

3 There are no additional bills
4 on the First Reading Calendar today, so
5 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker
6 for the purpose of calling up resolutions
7 and bills on the Second Reading and Final
8 Passage Calendar today.

9 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. The following
11 resolutions and bills are being called up
12 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
13 Calendars today. They are Nos. 210010,
14 210161, 210162, 210163, 210164, 210165,
15 210166, 210167, 210168, 210170, 210171,
16 210172, 210173, 210174, 210175, 210085,
17 210077, 210120, 210121, 210073, 210080,
18 and 210082. All other resolutions and
19 bills are being held, Mr. President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 I think Councilwoman Brooks,
23 for the record, Councilwoman Brooks, are
24 you now --

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes,

1 3/4/21 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Council President. I'm present.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Let
4 the record reflect that Councilwoman
5 Brooks is present. Thank you.

6 Before we proceed with the
7 consideration of our public comment, we
8 will take a brief five- to ten-minute
9 recess to give our technology
10 professionals some time to connect the
11 speakers that we have for today's
12 meeting. We will take a brief recess.

13 Thank you.

14 (Brief recess.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you. Thank you very much. Now
17 that everyone is connected to the meeting
18 and before considering resolutions and
19 bills we have before us today, we will
20 consider our public comment. It will go
21 as follows:

22 Public comment must concern
23 matters on the Second Reading and Final
24 Passage Calendars for possible action at
25 a session of Council. A speaker on any

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2 of those matters must sign up in order to
3 testify. You must call 215-686-3406 by
4 3:00 p.m. the day before the session to
5 sign up for public comment.

6 When you call, we will take
7 your name, phone number, the number of
8 the legislative item you are commenting
9 on, and whether you are in support or
10 against the legislation, and we will then
11 add you to the list. We will telephone
12 each person on the list during the
13 Council session and invite them to our
14 remote meeting.

15 Today we will have three
16 minutes as it relates to your time limit.
17 In order to be fair to all those wishing
18 to speak, though, I intend to hold
19 faithfully to the established time limit.

20 Once invited to the meeting and
21 asked to begin your testimony, a timer
22 will be started. We will monitor your
23 remaining time throughout your testimony,
24 and when there are 30 seconds remaining
25 to your time, you will be reminded of

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2 this. Once your allotted time has
3 passed, you will be asked to conclude
4 your remarks, and shortly thereafter you
5 will be muted and disconnected from the
6 remote meeting.

7 I also reserve the right to
8 limit the number of speakers with
9 repetitious comments that are being made
10 on the same matter and to limit the scope
11 of testimony to only certain items on the
12 agenda during the emergency, which could
13 affect callbacks for public comment at
14 the meeting.

15 Also, please be aware that this
16 public meeting is being recorded, and
17 because the meeting is public,
18 participants and viewers have no
19 reasonable expectation of privacy. So by
20 continuing to be in the meeting, you are
21 consenting to being recorded.

22 So I will now ask Mr. Decker to
23 please read the name of our first
24 speaker.

25 CHIEF CLERK: The first speaker

1 3/4/21 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 is Tanja Hebron, commenting on 210164.

3 MS. HEBRON: Good morning.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
5 morning. Proceed.

6 MS. HEBRON: Good morning. My
7 name is Tanja Hebron. I am a first-class
8 construction equipment operator at SEPTA
9 where I work for 27 years. I am also a
10 member of the Steering Committee for
11 WINC, which stands for Women in
12 Nontraditional Careers Initiative in
13 Philly. Thank you for the opportunity to
14 comment in support of Resolution No.
15 210164 to recognize March 7th through the
16 14th as Women in Construction Week and to
17 honor WINC.

18 I know how important it is to
19 make women in construction more visible
20 so other girls and women can know it's a
21 career option for them. That's one of
22 the things I like the most about WINC.
23 We have a website, podcast, and Speakers
24 Bureau to spread the word that, yes,
25 women can do these jobs, and we get paid

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2 well for them.

3 I love my job and I want to
4 give back by talking about what it's like
5 to be a woman in the construction trade
6 and to mentor the next group of
7 tradeswomen. We need more women like me
8 to enter and succeed in the trade. The
9 whole community needs to get behind it,
10 and WINC speaks to and educates everyone
11 from unions' apprenticeships and other
12 training programs to trade schools, high
13 schools, industry representatives, and
14 anyone who wants to learn more.

15 Another way that WINC supports
16 tradeswomen is by gathering us together
17 on Tradeswomen Thursdays, the third
18 Thursday of every month. I'm proud to be
19 a part of WINC as we support increased
20 and advanced participation of women in
21 construction, manufacturing, and transit
22 careers in the Philadelphia region.

23 If anyone wants to connect with
24 WINC, they should visit our website at
25 wincproject.org.

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2 Please support this resolution
3 to recognize March 7th through the 14th
4 as Women in Construction Week and to
5 honor women. We will be making women in
6 construction more visible and attract
7 more women to these satisfying,
8 well-paying careers in the trade.

9 Thank you to all the
10 co-sponsors and to City Council for
11 allowing me to comment.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
14 testimony. We appreciate it.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
16 is Ash Scritzche, commenting on 210164.

17 MS. SCRITZCHE: Good morning.
18 My name is Ash Scritzche. I'm an
19 apprentice electrician with IBEW Local
20 Union 98. I've been in the local for
21 three and a half years. I'm also a
22 member of the Steering Committee for
23 WINC, Women in Nontraditional Careers
24 Initiative here in Philly, and a member
25 of WINC's Speaker Bureau. I'm happy to

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2 be here to comment in support of
3 Resolution No. 210164 to recognize
4 March 7th through 14th as Women in
5 Construction Week and to honor WINC.

6 I personally feel very blessed
7 to be a member of my union, to receive a
8 free education through my union, to get
9 paid proper wages as I learn the trade,
10 and I want to make sure that other women
11 have access to this opportunity. That's
12 why I believe in WINC.

13 I believe that it's become an
14 important resource for aspiring
15 tradeswomen, and for young women that may
16 not yet know about the trades, that's an
17 option for them due to a lack of
18 visibility and accessibility.

19 Volunteer tradeswomen podcast
20 interviews, videos, social media, our
21 website. They provide more of that
22 visibility to let women know that, yes,
23 the trades are open to them and, yes,
24 they are more than capable of doing the
25 work.

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2 I believe this work as a whole
3 is good for the industry and it's
4 incredibly important for gender equity.
5 These traditionally male-dominated trades
6 offer solid wages, benefits, stability,
7 not to mention that unions have basically
8 eliminated the gender wage gap.

9 The more people that know about
10 this initiative, the better, so we speak
11 to everyone from unions' apprenticeships
12 and other training programs, to trade
13 schools, high school industry
14 representatives, anyone who wants to be
15 involved or learn more, hoping to spread
16 this message that women belong in the
17 trade and it is an option for them as
18 they look towards the future.

19 I'm proud to be part of this
20 initiative as we support, increase, and
21 advance the participation of women in
22 construction, manufacturing, and transit
23 careers in this region.

24 Please support this resolution
25 to recognize March 7th through 14th as

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2 Women in Construction Week and to honor
3 WINC.

4 Thank you to all the
5 co-sponsors and to City Council for
6 allowing me to comment.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
9 testimony. We appreciate it.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
11 is Mary Gaffney, commenting on 210164.

12 MS. GAFFNEY: Hello, Council.
13 My name is Mary Gaffney. I am owner of
14 Gem Mechanical Services, Inc. located in
15 Aston, Pennsylvania. I am a member of
16 the Philadelphia Chapter of the National
17 Association of Women in Construction, and
18 although you've heard from two
19 construction workers, female construction
20 workers, and we've had a massive push to
21 bring more women into the construction
22 industry, we still only make up roughly
23 10 percent of the workforce, and many of
24 those roles are in managerial or
25 engineering. Very few women are working

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2 on site or in the trades.

3 Gem Mechanical is a signatory
4 contractor with the Local Union 420
5 Steamfitters and Local Union 690. I am
6 here today -- and thank you for allowing
7 me to be here. I am for Resolution
8 210164 to recognize March 7th through the
9 14th as Women in Construction Week and to
10 honor the National Association of Women
11 in Construction.

12 Thank you for your support.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much for your testimony. We
15 appreciate it.

16 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
17 other speakers on the public comment
18 list, Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

21 That concludes our --

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER:

23 Mr. President, before we move on to the
24 next order of business --

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

3 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
4 you. Thank you, Mr. President. Before
5 we move on, I just wanted to note for the
6 record that Councilwoman Maria
7 Quinones-Sanchez, she has been with us
8 too, Mr. President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you. Thank you. Let the record
11 reflect that Councilwoman Sanchez is
12 present and has been present for quite
13 some time. Thank you.

14 Okay. Now that we've concluded
15 our public comment session, we will now
16 consider the bills and resolutions on the
17 Second Reading and our Final Passage
18 Calendar.

19 So I want to ask Mr. Decker to
20 please read the title of Resolution No.
21 210010.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 calling on the City of Philadelphia Board
24 of Pensions and Retirement to adopt
25 Environmental Social Governance criteria

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2 and request and disclose climate risk
3 information from all relevant parties.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson for a
8 motion on the resolution.

9 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. Before I am
11 recognized for the motion, may I make
12 brief remarks regarding this resolution?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Absolutely.

15 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Okay.
16 Thank you very much, Mr. President.

17 I wanted to very quickly talk
18 about this resolution, because we've been
19 working on this for several months. The
20 resolution is calling on the Pension
21 Board to establish Environmental, Social,
22 and Governance criteria as a part of its
23 investment policy statement and asking
24 for climate risk disclosure, where
25 appropriate.

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2 We are obligated to consider
3 the biggest risk posed to our financial
4 system, and climate change remains a
5 threat. Even under the best-case
6 scenarios for emissions reductions, which
7 we are not even close to meeting, we will
8 continue to see disruptions to every part
9 of our global economy. We have to
10 understand those risks and actively
11 develop strategies to drive investment
12 into the sectors that will help us build
13 a resilient economy and clean energy
14 system.

15 Industry leaders have started
16 looking at climate risk and sustainable
17 investing, and the Biden administration
18 has also demonstrated its commitment to
19 climate finance, with the selection of
20 senior administration officials who will
21 prioritize climate risk in their
22 rule-making.

23 2020 was a record year for ESG
24 investing, with sustainable funds seeing
25 record inflows and high performance. ESG

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2 funds outperformed traditional equity
3 funds in 2020, and experts expect
4 continued growth. When this occurs, this
5 is a win for our fund, which is a win for
6 our retirees.

7 Additionally, the Pension Board
8 has shown its commitment to our retirees
9 and to creating thoughtful strategies to
10 align its work with the City's other
11 priorities; importantly, its strong
12 commitment to diversity and inclusion.

13 The Board has actively worked
14 to increase its investment in firms owned
15 and operated by women and people of color
16 through annual utilization studies, new
17 RFP rules, inclusion in the firm
18 interview process, tracking demographic
19 data for each firm's management, among
20 other strategies. Through this hard
21 work, the Board has shown that you can
22 meet fiduciary obligations and use active
23 strategies to address systematic
24 challenges in the financial system.

25 It is because of this visionary

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2 work that I wanted to work with the
3 Pension Board on how we can begin
4 thinking about our city's financial
5 exposure to the impacts of climate
6 change. I am grateful to the Pension
7 Board, to their staff for their hard work
8 and collaboration with my office, and I
9 wanted to personally thank a few people
10 from the Pension Board, including the
11 staff, all the members of the Pension
12 Board, but most especially Carol
13 Stukes-Baylor of DC47, Veronica Pankey of
14 DC33, Ron Stagliano of the Fraternal
15 Order of Police, and Brian Coughlin of
16 the International Association of
17 Firefighters, and Bob McDermott, Council
18 President, on our team. They all work
19 together very closely with my team, with
20 Eliza, with Santos, and Taylor, to ensure
21 we can see this resolution to conclusion.

22 So I want to personally thank
23 them for their openness to working with
24 my team and I to ensure that we were able
25 to address all the challenges with this

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2 very complicated issue.

3 And, finally, I'd like to thank
4 you, colleagues, for your support on this
5 resolution and for our continued ongoing
6 collaboration on how we can best prepare
7 our city for the impacts of climate
8 change.

9 And with that, Council
10 President, I move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that the resolution be
16 adopted.

17 All in favor indicate by saying
18 aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, and that resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 Mr. Decker, please read the
3 title of Resolution No. 210161.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 commemorating the life and legacy of
6 William 'Cody' Anderson, a legendary
7 figure in talk radio, a pioneering leader
8 in African-American owned radio and
9 media, and a positive voice in the Black
10 community.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker for
13 a motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
16 move for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you. It's been properly moved and
20 seconded.

21 Can we have a moment of silence
22 for this resolution.

23 (Moment of silence.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. The ayes have it, and the

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2 resolution is adopted.

3 Thank you all very much. We
4 will genuinely miss Cody big time, a
5 class act. Thank you.

6 Mr. Decker, please read the
7 title of 210162.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 launching the establishment and funding
10 of the Philadelphia Anti-Violence
11 Resource Network to provide a one-stop
12 clearinghouse of information and guide
13 Philadelphians directly affected by
14 violence in their communities to
15 available resources within the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilwoman Parker for a motion.

21 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
23 move for the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
3 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor indicate by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and the resolution is
12 adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, please read the
14 title of Resolution No. 210163.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 calling on the federal government to
17 enact a plan by the end of President
18 Biden's first 100 days in office to
19 cancel all student loan debt and begin
20 the transition to education as a public
21 good.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brooks for
24 a motion.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I move for the
3 adoption of this resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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

9 All in favor indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

18 Mr. Decker, 210164.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 declaring March 7 through 14, 2021,
21 during Women's History Month, as Women in
22 Construction Week in the City of
23 Philadelphia, and honoring Women in
24 Nontraditional Careers for their
25 commitment to support, increase, and

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2 advance the participation of women in
3 construction, manufacturing, and transit
4 careers in the Philadelphia region.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
7 Richardson for a motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
13 been moved and properly seconded.

14 All in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it, and that resolution is
21 adopted.

22 Mr. Decker, please read the
23 title of Resolution No. 210165.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 honoring and commending Jennifer R.

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2 Clarke for her 15-year tenure as the
3 Executive Director of the Public Interest
4 Law Center and her strategic, pioneering,
5 and transformative work to expand access
6 to justice that has changed the lives of
7 hundreds of thousands of people across
8 Pennsylvania and the nation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gym for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
13 very much, Council President. I move for
14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it, and that resolution is
3 adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, 210166.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 recognizing the Philadelphia Obituary
7 Project for its work to provide dignity
8 to homicide victims and solace to their
9 families by remembering and honoring
10 those victims' lives.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson for a
13 motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
15 Council President. I move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you. It has been moved and
20 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

21 All in favor indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it, and that resolution is
5 adopted.

6 Mr. Decker, 210167.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 designating Monday, March 1, 2021 as
9 COVID-19 Remembrance Day in the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Green for a motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
16 Council President. This week we've had a
17 lot of great news as it relates to the
18 COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Wolf
19 announced how the J&J vaccines will be
20 used to vaccinate teachers throughout the
21 Commonwealth and he anticipates that we
22 will have all teachers and contractors
23 vaccinated by the end of March. Also,
24 President Biden recently announced that
25 he anticipated by the end of May, all

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2 those in the nation that wants to receive
3 vaccines will be able to receive vaccines
4 by the end of May. And we also just
5 opened our FEMA site as well to provide
6 6,000 vaccines a day here in the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 So we're making great progress,
9 but we also have to recognize and
10 remember that a year ago, we were in our
11 Council Chambers. We were doing things
12 that we normally would do, and then we
13 had the onset of the novel Coronavirus.
14 And we have lost over 500,000 souls in
15 this nation. In Philadelphia alone, over
16 3,000 people.

17 And so we have to recall and
18 remember all of the people that lost
19 their lives, our first responders, our
20 essential workers, so many individuals
21 that have lost -- that we have lost based
22 on this pandemic.

23 I want to commend Smart City
24 Policy for working with various cities
25 around the nation. A hundred fifty-two

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2 cities and 36 states acknowledged
3 March 1st as our first COVID Victims and
4 Survivors Memorial Day, and I think
5 because of the impact that this pandemic
6 has had and for us to never forget those
7 people that we have lost, so many of our
8 loved ones, our friends, co-workers, that
9 it's important for us to acknowledge this
10 anniversary.

11 And with that, Council
12 President, after the motion I would like
13 us to take a moment of silence to just
14 reflect on what has happened over the
15 past year.

16 I move for the adoption of the
17 resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Can
20 we take a moment of silence.

21 (Moment of silence.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you. Let that moment of silence
24 reflect a favorable vote for the
25 resolution, and that resolution has been

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2 adopted. Thank you very much.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Mr. Decker, please read the title of
6 210168.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 recognizing and congratulating Renee
9 Henderson, on the occasion of her
10 retirement from Community Behavioral
11 Health, after more than two decades of
12 faithful and dedicated service.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair again recognizes Councilman Green
15 for a motion on the resolution.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
17 Council President. I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you. It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that the resolution be
23 adopted.

24 All in favor indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and that resolution is
8 adopted.

9 Mr. Decker, please read the
10 title of 210170.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 congratulating Councilmember Cherelle L.
13 Parker on her historic appointment as
14 Board Chair of the Delaware River Port
15 Authority and honoring her work as a
16 board member and trailblazing leader in
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Domb for a motion on the resolution.

22 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
23 Council President. I congratulate and
24 applaud Majority Leader Parker and ask
25 for the approval of this resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that the resolution be
6 adopted.

7 All in favor indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and that resolution is
15 adopted.

16 Mr. Decker, please read the
17 title of Resolution No. 210171.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 honoring and congratulating After School
20 Activities and Partnerships Chess Club
21 for their bringing together over 150
22 clubs and 2,500 students across the City
23 and being instrumental in Philadelphia
24 being named Chess City of the Year by US
25 Chess.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilmember Thomas for a motion on the
6 resolution.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you,
8 Council President. I move for the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
13 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

14 All in favor indicate by saying
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that resolution is
22 adopted.

23 Mr. Decker, please read the
24 title of Resolution No. 210172.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 recognizing February 2021 as American
3 Heart Month, and honoring the American
4 Heart Association of Philadelphia for
5 their work in providing health resources
6 in Philadelphia, emphasizing the
7 importance of heart health, and
8 encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. On behalf of all of the
14 Philadelphians and those worldwide who
15 suffer with heart disease, I wanted to
16 really thank the American Heart
17 Association, and I move for the adoption
18 of this very important resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor indicate by saying
24 aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and that resolution is
7 adopted.

8 Mr. Decker, please read the
9 title of Resolution 210173.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 recognizing and honoring Lynette Medley
12 and her daughter, Nya McGlone, for their
13 menstrual hub, The SPOT Period; and for
14 the work they have done to provide
15 menstrual products and ongoing support
16 for those suffering from period poverty.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you.

19 One more time, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Bass for a motion
21 on the resolution.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. As I mentioned last week,
24 period poverty is a real issue and it's a
25 very serious issue, and for those of us

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2 who are women who have a menstrual cycle,
3 we know the terror that can happen when
4 your menstrual cycle becomes -- it
5 happens and you are unaware that it was
6 going to happen. And so for women who
7 are in period poverty and do not have
8 access to products, it's critically
9 important.

10 So all that being said, I move
11 for the adoption of this also very
12 important resolution today.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you. It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the resolution be
17 adopted.

18 All in favor indicate by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it, and that resolution is

1 3/4/21 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 adopted.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 title of 210174.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 recognizing the month of February as
7 National African American Read-In Month,
8 and honoring Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas'
9 Humanizing Stories Project for its work
10 to bring together diverse voices from the
11 world of children's media, literature,
12 and culture through digital advocacy,
13 community projects, and classroom
14 resources.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Bass for a motion on the
19 resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I'm honored to move for
22 the adoption of this resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. It has been moved and

1 3/4/21 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted.

4 All in favor indicate by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and that resolution is
12 adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, please read the
14 title of Resolution No. 210175.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 refuting the article "Contracting for Sex
17 in the Pacific War," which contradicts
18 the historical consensus and evidence of
19 the thousands of women forced into sexual
20 slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army
21 before and during World War II, written
22 by J. Mark Ramseyer: Mitsubishi
23 Professor of Japanese Legal Studies at
24 Harvard Law School.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman

4 Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
6 much, Mr. President. I would like to
7 offer an amendment to Resolution No.
8 210175. A copy of the amendment has been
9 circulated to all members of Council. I
10 move for the adoption of the amendment.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that the amendment to
15 Resolution No. 210175 be adopted.

16 All in favor indicate by saying
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 ayes have it, and the resolution has been
24 amended.

25 The Chair again recognizes

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2 Councilman Oh for a motion on the amended
3 resolution.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you. I
5 move for the adoption of the resolution,
6 as amended.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Did
9 I hear a second?

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you. It has been moved and
13 properly seconded that the resolution, as
14 amended, be adopted.

15 All in favor indicate by saying
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it, and that resolution is
23 adopted.

24 Mr. Decker, please read the
25 title of Resolution No. 210085.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 proposing an amendment to The
4 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
5 for expansion of the Board of License and
6 Inspection Review; and providing for the
7 submission of the proposed amendment to
8 the electors of Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker for
11 a motion on the resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
13 that requires two-thirds vote.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Okay. That requires two-thirds vote.
16 Thank you, Mr. Decker, our more than
17 capable Chief Clerk.

18 Councilwoman Parker.

19 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Yes,
20 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
21 of the resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Can
23 I get a second?

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

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2 been moved and seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted. Because
4 Resolution No. 210085 is an amendment to
5 the Home Rule Charter, it requires
6 two-thirds vote. Therefore, the question
7 is shall this resolution be adopted.

8 The Chief Clerk will call the
9 roll.

10 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Brooks.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Gauthier.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Gilmore Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Thomas.

4 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Clarke.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

8 More than two-thirds of all

9 members of the Council having voted in

10 the affirmative, Resolution No. 210085

11 has been adopted. Thank you.

12 Mr. Decker, please read the

13 title of Bill No. 210077.

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Mr. Decker, did you hear me?

17 CHIEF CLERK: I apologize,

18 Mr. President.

19 An ordinance authorizing

20 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

21 Year 2021 from the General Fund, the

22 Council to the General Fund, the

23 Department of Planning and Development.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 This bill having been read on
3 two different days, the question now is
4 shall the bill pass finally.

5 Mr. Decker, please call the
6 roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Brooks.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

14 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Gilmore Richardson.

20 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Johnson.
5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
9 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 (No response.)
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 (No response.)
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Parker.
18 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Quinones-Sanchez.
21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Squilla.
24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16; the nays are
8 zero. A majority of all members having
9 voted in the affirmative, the bill
10 passes.

11 Mr. Decker, please read the
12 title of Bill No. 210120.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing transfers in appropriations
15 for Fiscal Year 2021 from the General
16 Fund, the Council to the General Fund,
17 certain or all City offices, departments,
18 boards and commissions, and thereby
19 implementing Council's "New Normal Jobs
20 Initiative."

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
22 bill has been read on two different days.
23 The question now is shall the bill pass
24 finally.

25 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Bass.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Brooks.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
9 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Gauthier.
12 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Gilmore Richardson.
15 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
19 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Johnson.
24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 (No response.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Parker.

10 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Quinones-Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Thomas.

19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

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2 passes.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 title of 210121.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriations
7 for Fiscal Year 2021 from the Grants
8 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
9 Provision for Other Grants, to the
10 General Fund, the Managing Director.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
14 Council President. A few weeks ago I
15 stood in front of the Linc and implored
16 the Mayor to put in place a vaccination
17 plan big enough and bold enough to
18 vaccinate the City with the speed our
19 citizens demand in order to get our lives
20 back, our families back, and to get us
21 back to work. For three weeks, the
22 Administration rejected the plan, saying
23 we didn't have enough vaccines to make a
24 site as big as the Linc necessary.

25 During these weeks, I asked the

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2 Administration to plan for a time when
3 vaccines exceed our capacity to deliver
4 them through normal channels. Last week,
5 I called on the Mayor to deliver to City
6 Council a plan to do just that. I said
7 then that without a plan for scaling up
8 capacity to meet doses, I could not in
9 good conscience vote to hand over more
10 money to the Administration. Then last
11 Saturday the front page of the
12 Philadelphia Inquirer, in a banner
13 headline, said what I feared all along,
14 the City's problem was no longer a lack
15 of vaccines but our lack of capacity to
16 distribute them.

17 If you didn't think we needed a
18 plan when the Mayor was saying we had
19 more than enough capacity, surely now
20 three weeks later we are running out of
21 capacity and a plan is needed detailing
22 specifically how we're going to scale up.
23 Now less than 24 hours ago, we finally
24 received last night their plan.

25 My fellow colleagues, this plan

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2 will not get us to where we need to be.
3 Here's why: The City based its dosage
4 estimates on President Biden's plan he
5 laid out in mid-February to deliver 300
6 million doses to America by the end of
7 July. A plan based on Biden's
8 mid-February projections would have made
9 sense but for the fact that 48 hours ago,
10 as Councilmember Green noted today, the
11 President changed the timetable and now
12 300 million doses are going to be
13 delivered by the end of May, two months
14 earlier than the President's earlier
15 projection, two months earlier, and
16 unfortunately for all of us, two months
17 earlier than the City's current plan.

18 This plan can only mean one
19 thing: The City intends to get all of
20 our vaccines by the end of May but
21 remains woefully unprepared to deliver
22 them until the end of July. And that's
23 if you believe in the ability of the City
24 to scale up to deliver them by July given
25 the plan they presented.

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2 So let me just take a quick
3 look at the plan. This plan says that
4 35 percent of the City's capacity to
5 deliver doses by the last week of April
6 will come from FEMA. There are only two
7 problems with this assumption. First,
8 the FEMA site is set to close by the last
9 week of April. Second, FEMA is not
10 responsible for providing capacity for
11 the City's dose allocation. FEMA has its
12 own separate dose allocation.

13 Now, let's rerun the numbers
14 for a moment using the White House plan
15 for vaccine delivery and the current
16 understanding of FEMA's role in our
17 city's distribution. Assume under the
18 Biden timeline our dose count is 200,000
19 per week by the end of April and not the
20 120,000 in the City's plan. Taking FEMA
21 doses out of the City's capacity equation
22 means we can deliver 78,000 of those
23 200,000 doses that we will be receiving
24 every week thereafter, at which time,
25 according to the President's new

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2 timeline, we will receive our full share
3 of doses. That leaves us over 122,000
4 doses undelivered each week for four
5 weeks.

6 So this plan would have City
7 Council accept today the proposition that
8 in a city of 1.5 million people, we will
9 delay dosing almost 500,000 of our
10 residents all because we couldn't figure
11 out how to scale up capacity to dose them
12 faster than through the end of July.

13 My fellow colleagues, this is a
14 plan for failure. The Philly Fighting
15 COVID disaster just doesn't happen on its
16 own. It happens because we fail to plan.
17 Jumping the line at the Convention Center
18 doesn't just happen. It happens because
19 we fail to plan. Twenty-two percent of
20 the doses going to African Americans who
21 make up 44 percent of Philadelphia
22 doesn't just happen. It happens because
23 we fail to prevent it.

24 When the Convention Center was
25 chosen as a FEMA site, I was concerned,

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2 and I warned that putting a mega site in
3 Center City, a 67 percent white
4 neighborhood, using a registry that is
5 disproportionately white, would not
6 achieve racial equity.

7 Today, an article came out
8 today. WHYY reports that the white
9 neighborhoods within walking distance of
10 the Convention Center are trying to jump
11 the line. And what is the
12 Administration's response? The Mayor
13 said, scolding Philadelphians to examine
14 their conscience.

15 I say to the Mayor and the
16 Administration, why don't we first
17 examine our failed technology.

18 I would ask for a one-stop shop
19 to match scheduling so these failures
20 will end, and do the work necessary to
21 correct the problems that come with a
22 lack of planning.

23 We don't expect perfection, but
24 we do expect leadership to admit when
25 they are wrong and made mistakes, and

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2 then let's work together to get it right.

3 Just this morning I received a
4 response to my questioning of the
5 projected doses in the plan. The Mayor
6 says the plan is fluid and that the
7 charts are merely illustrative.

8 Let me tell you, I've seen a
9 lot of action plans in my day, and when
10 the planners use words like "fluid" and
11 "illustrative," it usually means there is
12 no plan.

13 I listened to President Biden
14 when he revised the timetable for doses.
15 I assure you that President Biden was not
16 being fluid or illustrative when he
17 announced his plan, and neither should
18 we.

19 Until we own up to the real
20 numbers and a real plan, we will lose the
21 fight for racial equity and ensure that
22 our city will still be fighting this
23 pandemic while other big cities in
24 America are on the road to recovery.

25 Three weeks ago I said the Linc

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2 was the best option for scaling up
3 capacity to deliver doses with speed and
4 equity. Yesterday I hosted a conference
5 call with our partners who could get this
6 done, and they all stand ready to deploy
7 the Linc to deliver 10,000-plus
8 vaccinations a day.

9 Today, the Linc doesn't just
10 stand as the best option. It's probably
11 the only option on a large scale that we
12 have left to get there by the end of May.

13 The Mayor wants us to hand over
14 \$50 million today for this plan that does
15 not work. I cannot vote until I see a
16 plan that works, one that's as big and
17 bold as the hopes and dreams we all have
18 for a city that can finally put this
19 pandemic behind us. This is the most
20 important issue of our life.

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 Real quick, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.

3 Thank you, Mr. President. I had a
4 technical connection problem and I'd like
5 to be recorded as voting aye on Bill No.
6 210120 and Bill No. 210077.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
13 you, Mr. President, and I want to thank
14 Councilmember Domb for all of the work
15 and advocacy he has done on this effort,
16 really elevating the seriousness of the
17 amount of work in front of us. And
18 yesterday's plan submitted by the
19 Administration that was produced prior to
20 the Biden Administration, I agree with
21 him, must be updated to reflect some of
22 those realities.

23 This has been a very, very
24 bumpy ride. I said that last Thursday as
25 I stood in the mass vaccination center in

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2 my district as I work with FEMA and all
3 of the federally certified health centers
4 not only in my district but throughout
5 the City for us to roll out bolder, more
6 aggressive plans. Transportation is a
7 challenge. We saw that even in Center
8 City. We have many seniors scheduled
9 today and tomorrow, and many of my
10 non-profit organizations have had to rent
11 vans and provide transportation services
12 to get folks here to Center City, and
13 it's been an incredible challenge.

14 And so I agree with Councilman
15 Domb that this plan has to be updated and
16 bolder. I know that Councilwoman Bass,
17 who now is part of the Vaccination
18 Advisory Council, will work with the
19 Administration. I know District
20 Councilpeople are working on this
21 aggressively to ensure equity.

22 In addition to Community
23 Academy High School in my district, I
24 have several different locations that
25 FEMA is looking at in my district.

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2 So, yes, it's not an either/or.

3 It is "and" and "and" and "and" and "and"
4 as we scale up this issue. But we have
5 to bear in mind that SEPTA and some of
6 the challenges of SEPTA create a problem
7 for folks wanting to get on public
8 transportation. And ultimately it is
9 about getting those small independent
10 providers in our district, the small
11 pharmacies, all of those things which we
12 are working on, all of us, to ensure as
13 much neighborhood-based access as
14 possible.

15 So I join the Councilmember in
16 saying, yes, this plan needs to be
17 updated and reflected. I encourage all
18 of my Council colleagues to continue to
19 work with Councilmember Bass and the
20 Administration to expand that access.
21 And I do think -- and I will continue to
22 support Councilmember Domb, and whoever
23 submits a proposal for the Linc, for that
24 to also become an option for us.

25 Are we where we need to be?

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2 Absolutely not, Council President Clarke.

3 And I appreciate the leadership team for
4 meeting with the Administration and being
5 aggressive about us needing to do more,
6 but nevertheless, I don't want to send a
7 message to the citizens of Philadelphia
8 that City Council is going to hold up any
9 resources for us to get a vaccination
10 plan on the ground, but I will continue
11 to pressure and insist that these plans
12 continue to be updated and reflect that
13 goal of equity.

14 I too want to make sure that we
15 establish goals that are reachable around
16 this equity issue and particularly as we
17 roll out the 1C category where districts
18 like mine, essential workers, many of us
19 believe should have been on 1A, not 1C,
20 all of these restaurant workers,
21 healthcare workers, all the folks who
22 have been working throughout this entire
23 year and this pandemic.

24 So I want to thank
25 Councilmember Domb for his advocacy. I

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2 want to thank you, Council President, our
3 leadership team, and Councilwoman Bass.

4 We're going to keep pushing.

5 This is not the end of the conversation.

6 This is a continuing conversation. I'm
7 happy to continue to provide updates as
8 the Administration provides them to us.

9 Thank you, Council President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilwoman.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Parker.

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

16 Mr. President, I too want to
17 thank Councilmembers Bass, Domb,
18 Quinones-Sanchez and, quite frankly, all
19 members of this body for aggressively
20 pursuing the equitable distribution of
21 the COVID vaccine to all residents in the
22 City of Philadelphia. The passion and
23 the sense of urgency that we hear from
24 all regarding this issue is extremely
25 necessary and warranted.

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2 With that being said,

3 Mr. President, I just wanted to note for
4 the record that when we hear that the
5 plan that was presented is fluid as a
6 result of our leadership meeting,
7 Mr. President, that we had with the
8 Administration last week, I have to
9 affirm that it is fluid, and it is fluid
10 because one of the things that we have
11 talked about that was not included in
12 what was distributed is vaccine sites,
13 what we're calling neighborhood-based
14 vaccine sites, one in every Council
15 district in particular.

16 In addition to that,
17 Mr. President, I have to note this: I am
18 a huge fan of information, Mr. President,
19 and one of the things that we discussed
20 is that every vaccination site throughout
21 the City of Philadelphia, and
22 particularly by Council district, should
23 be readily available for public view, so
24 that no matter where you live in the City
25 of Philadelphia, we wouldn't care if the

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2 vaccine is being distributed at a
3 hospital or at a church or some other
4 neighborhood-based facility, that
5 residents across the City should see that
6 menu. During our leadership meeting, the
7 Mayor and his team affirmed that and
8 noted that that is something as well that
9 they would work on while making sure that
10 District Councilmembers in particular,
11 and of course all of our at-large
12 members, will be informed and asked to
13 add value, Mr. President, where possible.

14 So to Councilmember Domb,
15 Councilmember Bass, Maria
16 Quinones-Sanchez, and all members of
17 Council, I think we're all rowing in the
18 right direction, because we want to see
19 the equitable distribution of this
20 vaccine readily available to people
21 across the City and in neighborhoods
22 across the City.

23 So thank you all. I'm proud to
24 be a part of this body that has not in
25 any way, shape or form underestimated the

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2 sense of urgency that we face right now
3 regarding this issue.

4 So, Councilmember Domb in
5 particular, I want to thank you, sir, for
6 your leadership.

7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Point of
11 information, Mr. President. Point of
12 information.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Jumping the line, sir, but go ahead.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: No. I'll
16 wait. No. I'll wait.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
18 right.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Not a
20 problem.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
23 Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
25 you very much, Council President. I

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2 quickly wanted to thank our
3 Appropriations Chair, Councilmember
4 Sanchez, for her work. Even during the
5 hearing, I was listening to that
6 Appropriations Committee hearing, and our
7 Chair of Public Health and Human
8 Services, Councilmember Bass, for all of
9 her work on this issue, but I also rise
10 in continued support of my colleague
11 Councilmember Domb for his persistence in
12 ensuring that we can have an equitable
13 distribution of the vaccine across
14 communities here in the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 While I recognize we have faced
17 significant challenges at the onset of
18 the distribution, I do want to personally
19 thank the Administration for partnering
20 and working with my office to ensure that
21 we were able to have a briefing for local
22 community pharmacies to walk them through
23 the process step by step on how they can
24 become a part of the vaccine distribution
25 in our local communities in Philadelphia.

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2 So I agree with our Majority
3 Leader and our leadership team that we
4 are all rowing in the same direction, and
5 it's important for us to continue to work
6 together to have an equitable
7 distribution of the vaccine. And while
8 the numbers are increasing, we are still
9 on the low end as it relates to African
10 Americans who have been vaccinated in the
11 City.

12 So I want to continue to work
13 with all of you, all of my colleagues,
14 our leadership team, and the
15 Administration to ensure that we can have
16 a distribution of this vaccine across zip
17 codes in the City of Philadelphia.

18 And I want to put on the record
19 three neighborhoods that I have heard
20 from consistently in my office, and I'm
21 going to put this on the record today so
22 that folks know where I am. Now, of
23 course, Councilmember Jones, my District
24 Councilmember and my colleague, I'm going
25 to put Wynnefield on the record. We have

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2 naturally occurring aging communities,
3 particularly in Wynnefield Heights, but
4 also we have a large seasoned citizens
5 population in Wynnefield proper. So I'm
6 putting Wynnefield 19131 on the map.

7 Also, I've heard from a number
8 of constituents -- and I can't even
9 count; my team will have to give me the
10 full number -- from the Northeast. And
11 while we recognize we want this
12 distribution to be equitable, I have to
13 put on the record that I have heard from
14 so many Philadelphians in that community
15 around the need to be vaccinated.

16 And, finally, Councilmember
17 Squilla, the First Council District, I
18 receive a lot of calls from that area as
19 well. That is technically my home
20 district and where my grandmother
21 resides. So I have to put a plug in for
22 South Philadelphia on the east side of
23 Broad Street.

24 But I look forward to
25 continuing to work with the

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2 Administration and with all of you to
3 ensure that we have an equitable
4 distribution of this vaccine.

5 Thank you very, very much.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you, Councilwoman.

8 Before I proceed, Councilman
9 Jones, I apologize, did you call for a
10 point of order?

11 You're on mute, Councilman.

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Okay. Councilman Jones?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Councilman Jones, we got you?

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Did
21 you call for a point of order,
22 Councilman?

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: It was a
24 point of information, but that's okay.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go

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2 ahead. You can go ahead.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: I yield.

4 All right. So what I was -- I
5 actually yield that point of information,
6 but if there are no other people in front
7 of me, I would like to make a point on
8 this topic.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Yeah. Councilman Green is teed up to
11 speak.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: I yield.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But
14 I did want to acknowledge your --

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Council
16 President, Councilmember Jones can
17 continue.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

19 One of the things about what
20 Majority Leader Parker talked about and
21 in the meetings that we've had is
22 communications. There's a lot being
23 done, but it's not being documented as
24 accurately in a way that gives other
25 members in this body the degree of

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2 confidence that they need and should
3 have, and that is in part because there
4 are other entities outside of government
5 entities that have to report in that
6 plan. There are other entities doing
7 vaccinations. There are overlapping
8 priorities, quite frankly. And what we
9 found and what your leadership -- and I
10 thank you for intervening in this
11 negotiations dialogue and joint plan --
12 is that we're looking at what we control
13 within City government and what we can
14 influence in the private sector and
15 federal government.

16 An example of that is the plan
17 to work with private drugstores, CVS and
18 Rite Aid. That is the overlapping plan.
19 Internally, we're trying to move
20 departments to make sure essential
21 workers are vaccinated, people that work
22 in our prisons, people that work in the
23 Police Department, people that work in
24 the Fire Department, and teachers that
25 are going back into classrooms.

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2 All of these aspects of a
3 unified plan have to be put in one, as
4 Member Majority Leader Parker stated,
5 matrix, a single point of information,
6 and that's the difficulty that is before
7 us, because a lot of people are doing
8 things, but if we don't coordinate and
9 communicate those things, people assume
10 the worst.

11 So I just want to say that as
12 District Councilpeople, which I
13 appreciate the Administration is doing.
14 Nobody knows your district,
15 Mr. President, like you do, access to
16 transportation, different vulnerable
17 populations that are being impacted, and
18 all of those things are being considered
19 by an Administration that doesn't have a
20 playbook that they can pull from and have
21 to build and fly a plane in a pandemic at
22 the same time.

23 And I just wanted to say as an
24 observation, no, we don't have Fauci like
25 the National Health Director, but we do

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2 have Farley, who is not perfect but, in
3 my opinion, is striving to move things in
4 the right direction, and at times members
5 of this body feel not fast enough, but
6 this is not something we've done before
7 and we are trying to get it right, and I
8 vouch for that.

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
15 Council President. I want to thank all
16 of the colleagues for weighing in on this
17 issue. Earlier in this session we did a
18 resolution acknowledging those that were
19 lost through this pandemic, and we have a
20 fight on our hands, but we should not be
21 fighting against each other.

22 I supported Councilmember
23 Domb's proposal to add the Linc as
24 another location for vaccine
25 distribution. I did that based on my

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2 communications and discussions with
3 colleagues in the National League of
4 Cities and Pennsylvania Municipal League
5 and other organizations around the
6 country, because I saw what they were
7 doing. And even though I'm going to vote
8 for this resolution, I'm still going to
9 continue to push for the issue that
10 Councilmember Domb is talking about, that
11 we need to look at all available options
12 in reference to winning this fight
13 against COVID. And I just say it's
14 unfortunate that we are spending time
15 fighting against each other and not
16 fighting together against COVID.

17 So just because Councilmember
18 Domb continues to push for the Linc as a
19 location and made his position known that
20 he's going to vote against this bill
21 because of his concerns and others in
22 this body will vote for it, we should not
23 take the perspective that the
24 Administration coming out of
25 Councilmember Domb's position to continue

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2 to fight him on his position regarding
3 the Linc.

4 We're going to be in a
5 position, and hopefully soon, having
6 numerous vaccines that we need to get out
7 to people all around the City of
8 Philadelphia, both the large locations
9 like the Linc or at the Convention Center
10 or smaller locations that a number of
11 members of Council discussed.

12 Just yesterday we had a call
13 with the Pennsylvania Municipal League
14 prior to the Governor's announcement
15 where we learned the fact that J&J
16 vaccines will be used and prioritized for
17 teachers. The first allotment will be
18 about 94,000 vaccines, and they
19 anticipate another allotment in order to
20 vaccinate all teachers by the end of
21 March, all teachers and contractors by
22 the end of March. And I asked what is
23 going to be the plan after that once
24 we've gotten through the teachers about
25 getting other allotments of J&J vaccines

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2 to do additional mass vaccinations around
3 the Commonwealth, and at that point
4 Secretary Ghormoz, who was the Secretary
5 of Intergovernmental Affairs, said, well,
6 we're not sure. We're still working
7 through that information. We don't know
8 all the allotment of vaccines we'll
9 receive through J&J.

10 So this is a situation that's
11 very fluid, so we need to work together.
12 We'll disagree on different opinions.
13 Members have the right to vote for or
14 against any bill or resolution, but at
15 the same point, just because someone
16 takes a position, we should not then
17 attack them for taking that position,
18 because we're all trying to do all that
19 we can to address this situation.

20 As I stated earlier in this
21 week, I was deeply offended about a
22 comment that came from the Mayor's Office
23 in reference to my support and other
24 members' support for Councilmember Domb's
25 proposal regarding the Linc, but I'm

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2 still going to continue to work for it,
3 because we can't spend time fighting
4 against each other.

5 So I hope in the spirit of this
6 conversation and this debate on this
7 bill, that regardless of what position
8 people take, both the Administration and
9 members of Council, going forward we're
10 going to fight together against COVID and
11 not fight against each other.

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
18 much, Council President. I agree that we
19 are all trying to deal with this pandemic
20 and doing the best we can.

21 The executive branch is
22 responsible for planning. They have the
23 personnel, and they're responsible for
24 execution. They come to us to ask for
25 money, and this money that they've asked,

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2 it's not the first time. It's not
3 specified. They want a lot of
4 flexibility, I understand that, but I
5 agree with Councilmember Allan Domb
6 because about this time, being it will be
7 over \$225 million, they have to produce a
8 plan. It's late in the day. We're not
9 in the first quarter. This is a year.
10 And knowing that the vaccines are coming
11 and with all the issues that we have, I
12 expect a better plan, and I will be
13 voting no to encourage the Administration
14 to produce a better, more detailed plan
15 that covers all four corners of this city
16 and every demographic that they are
17 supposed to cover.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I just really wanted
25 to -- I don't want to belabor the point,

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2 because I know there's been a lot of
3 conversation on the issue, and I just
4 want to say a couple of things really
5 quickly, and one is that we all recognize
6 that when it comes to the City of
7 Philadelphia and how COVID was handled,
8 the City really stumbled getting out of
9 the gate. So this plan is a welcome
10 game-changer in the series of events that
11 have really shattered public confidence
12 in City government, but I do believe that
13 we are on the right track.

14 But if we really want to
15 address the racial divide in terms of who
16 is getting it and who needs it, then we
17 really need to follow the lead of public
18 health experts and press that are stating
19 that African American and Latino
20 communities need to be vaccinated at
21 younger ages. The age requirement has to
22 be lowered to qualify for the vaccine for
23 communities that if they are infected
24 will likely have a much more catastrophic
25 outcome. And so we have to think about

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2 how do we lower the age here in
3 Philadelphia.

4 We know we can do this. We
5 know that it really requires the
6 leadership of the Mayor, and we think
7 that this is something that has to
8 happen. If you really want to do
9 something about those who get the virus
10 and then let's say if you're 45, you may
11 have a different outcome if you're
12 African American or Latino versus someone
13 who is not and who is 65 or older, the
14 odds are against you.

15 So I just really want to put
16 that into the conversation, certainly
17 hope the Administration is listening and
18 hearing what needs to be done. I think
19 that we're on the right track, but we
20 need vaccine sites in the neighborhoods.
21 We need the vaccine site at the
22 Convention Center, and we can still use
23 and need the vaccine site down at the
24 Linc as well. It doesn't have to be one
25 or the other. We can have it all, and I

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2 believe we can do this. We cannot call
3 ourselves seriously a city of eds and
4 meds without being able to figure this
5 out. This should really be a no-brainer.
6 We really can do it all.

7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. And, again, I'm not going
14 to belabor the point too, and thanks,
15 everybody, for all working on this. We
16 know how serious this is.

17 I just wanted to add one more
18 thing, and it was that -- before the
19 concern was that we may not have enough
20 vaccines to have these sites, but now the
21 concern is maybe we don't have enough
22 providers to provide the vaccine. So I
23 think the call should be from all of us
24 is to let's talk to our partners out
25 there and providers and locations and

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2 let's try to work with the
3 Administration. And I agree, we need as
4 many sites as possible up and we need to
5 get vaccines in as many arms as possible.

6 So now that we know that the
7 vaccines will be coming in and
8 Councilmember Domb had said that there's
9 going to be more than we can handle, we
10 need now to plan for getting those
11 partners on board so we can distribute
12 these vaccines, and hopefully with all of
13 us combined continuing to work together,
14 we'll get to that point.

15 So thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you, Councilman.

18 I'm not supposed to speak from
19 the podium, so I will not do that,
20 because apparently that influences votes,
21 so I won't speak from the podium, but I
22 do want to say that -- reiterate first my
23 commitment and now the leadership's
24 commitment to continue to carry the
25 messages from the members of Council and

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2 move the needle forward in all aspects of
3 what you all talked about. So that is
4 taking place and will continue to take
5 place. We appreciate everybody's
6 perspective, because it is very
7 important.

8 So with that, Mr. Decker, can
9 you please read the title one more time,
10 210121.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriations
13 for Fiscal Year 2021 from the Grants
14 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
15 Provision for Other Grants, to the
16 General Fund, the Managing Director.

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

21 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Brooks.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Nay.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Gauthier.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Nay.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Parker.

6 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Quinones-Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

19 The ayes are 15; the nays are
20 two. A majority of all members having
21 voted in the affirmative, the bill
22 passes.

23 Mr. Decker, please read the
24 title of Bill No. 210073.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 providing for the submission to the
3 qualified electors of the City of
4 Philadelphia of an amendment to The
5 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
6 for the expansion of the Board of License
7 and Inspection Review, as approved by
8 Resolution of the City Council; fixing
9 the date of a special election for such
10 purpose; prescribing the form of ballot
11 question to be voted on; and, authorizing
12 the appropriate officers to publish
13 notice and to make arrangements for the
14 special election.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

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

20 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Brooks.

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COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Gauthier.

COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

O'Neill.

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COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
Thomas.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President
Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the
title of Bill No. 210080.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
amending Section 20-610 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Statement of
3 Financial Interests," by revising the
4 required conditions and information for
5 filing.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

8 I'm sorry. This bill having
9 been read on two different days, the
10 question now is shall the bill pass
11 finally.

12 Mr. Decker, now call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Bass.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Brooks.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

20 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Gauthier.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Gilmore Richardson.

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COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Thomas.

6 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Clarke.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17; the nays are
11 zero. A majority of all members having
12 voted in the affirmative, the bill
13 passes.

14 Mr. Decker, please read the
15 title of 210082.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Contracts and
19 Procurement," by amending Chapter
20 17-1400, entitled "Non-Competitively Bid
21 Contracts; Financial Assistance," to
22 provide procedures applicable to the
23 awarding of contracts to non-City
24 providers of vaccine doses for COVID-19
25 and related variants.

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

6 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Brooks.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

14 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Gilmore Richardson.

20 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Johnson.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Thomas.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

4 Councilman Johnson?

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Council

6 President? Aye, Council President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Okay. Got you. Thank you.

9 The ayes are 17; the nays are
10 zero. A majority of all members having
11 voted in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 Mr. Decker, do you have any
14 additional resolutions?

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Committee on Finance to
17 hold hearings regarding the potential of
18 land-value taxation in and for
19 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
20 Green.

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

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Council President. I move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and properly seconded.

5 All those in favor indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it. That resolution is
13 adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
16 Economic Development to hold hearings
17 examining best practices and new ideas
18 for safely reopening the City of
19 Philadelphia's workspaces including
20 office buildings, City buildings, and
21 other high-risk congregate settings not
22 currently operating at pre-pandemic
23 capacity, introduced by Councilman Domb.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
3 Council President. I move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
7 been moved and properly seconded.

8 All those in favor indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Committee on Public
19 Safety to hold hearings on a recently
20 revealed memo from a Philadelphia Police
21 Department Captain instructing his
22 officers to increase pedestrian and motor
23 vehicle stops not related to crime and
24 jeopardizing data collection mandated by
25 federal consent decree, introduced by

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2 Councilman Thomas.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Thomas.

5 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you,
6 Council President. I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 in honor of Women's History Month we take
21 this opportunity to renew and Recognize
22 March 10th as Harriet Tubman Day in the
23 City of Philadelphia, introduced by
24 Councilman Squilla.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
5 of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 authorizing the Committee of Parks,
20 Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to hold
21 hearings to obtain an update on the
22 status of the City's plan to ensure all
23 parks or playgrounds owned or controlled
24 by the City of Philadelphia are
25 inclusive, intergenerational, and

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2 accessible for all disabilities and
3 special needs, introduced by Councilwoman
4 Bass.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
9 of this resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
12 been moved and properly seconded.

13 All those in favor indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it, and that resolution is
21 adopted.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the Committee of Parks,
24 Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to hold
25 hearings to obtain an update on the

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2 status of the City Council's security
3 camera program for Philadelphia's
4 playgrounds and recreation centers,
5 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
13 been moved and properly seconded.

14 All those in favor indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that resolution is
22 adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing the Committees on Commerce
25 and Economic Development and Public

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2 Health and Human Services to conduct a
3 joint hearing to review the past and
4 current guidance for Restaurant Capacity;
5 and, if needed, make recommendations to
6 the Philadelphia Health Department to
7 either change current Restaurant capacity
8 requirements or recommend future
9 Restaurant capacity requirements,
10 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Councilwoman? Councilwoman Bass?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I apologize. I move for
18 the adoption.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
21 been moved and properly seconded.

22 All those in favor indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it, and that resolution is
6 adopted.

7 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
8 other resolutions on the Final Passage
9 Calendar, Mr. President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

12 That concludes our Calendar for
13 today. We will now move to our speeches.

14 We have a process. Prior to
15 recognizing those members regarding
16 speeches, I will note for the record at
17 this time we will use the Chat feature
18 available in Microsoft Teams to allow
19 members to signify that they wish to be
20 recognized. In order to comply with the
21 Sunshine Act, the Chat feature must only
22 be used for this purpose.

23 With that said, are there any
24 speeches on behalf of the minority?

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Oh.

3 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
4 much, Council President. I wanted to
5 thank all of my colleagues for voting to
6 adopt Resolution 210175, which is a
7 resolution refuting the article
8 "Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War."
9 This is Women's History Month, and we are
10 talking about history. This is something
11 that happened in the 1930s and '40s. Yet
12 people will be very upset as though it is
13 attack upon them today. It is not.

14 But you cannot change history
15 when there is such a consensus and
16 overwhelming evidence of the atrocities
17 against women during World War II by the
18 Japanese Imperial Army, well documented,
19 and I won't go into that. However,
20 unfortunately, there was an article --
21 and I read the article. It's not a very
22 long article -- by a Harvard Law
23 Professor, Mark Ramseyer, which basically
24 brought forth the idea that before World
25 War II, during, and after, women

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2 voluntarily contracted through an
3 elaborate process of being prostitutes
4 for the Japanese Army and refuting the
5 testimony, the photographs, all the
6 history about the brutalization of women
7 during that war and the thousands and
8 thousands of women, girls, and children
9 that were abducted, tricked, brutalized,
10 over 90 percent died. And he entirely
11 misses a reference to The Rape of
12 Nanking, where the Japanese Army
13 horrifically brutalized up to 300,000
14 people, dead, photographs of atrocious
15 acts of sexual violence and atrocities
16 against women and girls and children.
17 This rewriting of history should be
18 refuted.

19 I will say that my father was
20 born in Manchuria in China because the
21 Japanese occupied Korea, and my father
22 has no axe to grind with the Japanese.
23 He was actually a student at Meiji
24 University. My two uncles, Tokyo
25 Imperial University, at a time where

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2 there was great discrimination against
3 Koreans by the Japanese in occupied Korea
4 and others. And there were wonderful
5 people in Japan, and there have been
6 Japanese leaders who have spoken out
7 against this, and here in the United
8 States, Congressman Honda, a democrat
9 from California, has led this effort as
10 well.

11 But he did tell me -- and he's
12 dead. He died in 2006. And one of the
13 problems is, people who have witnessed
14 this are dead. They are dying. And the
15 people have testified and seen it. As
16 they pass away, a new version of history
17 comes out.

18 We had a conversation once
19 where he told me that the Japanese Army
20 came in and took hundreds of girls out of
21 a middle school by force. Where they
22 went, we don't know, but they never came
23 back. It's assumed and understood that
24 they weren't recruiting volunteers to go
25 to the warfront with a brutal Army to get

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2 paid as prostitutes. And because of
3 venereal disease and other things, they
4 were looking for the youngest, most
5 physically fit girls.

6 The history is that women have
7 been brutalized in wars. It is commonly
8 understood that many of the prizes and
9 the booty of these wars was raping women
10 and girls and other things.

11 And so I do appreciate that we
12 do record this in history, that we
13 acknowledge it, we don't forget it, and I
14 think this resolution gives a statement
15 from this city.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 Speeches on behalf of the
20 majority?

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. And first I want to
25 acknowledge my colleague Councilman Domb,

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2 not because of his advocacy to deal with
3 the plan of the virus but for something
4 different. He spent two hours with me
5 online with about 30 students during
6 Black History Month listening to their
7 poems, listening to their speeches, and
8 it meant so much to those young people to
9 have Councilpeople pay attention to what
10 they said. And, more importantly, some
11 of the feelings that they've had during
12 the uprisings, during the pandemic came
13 across loud and clear to the both of us,
14 and I just want to publicly acknowledge
15 my colleague for spending that quality
16 time with young people, who will never
17 forget your involvement. And so thank
18 you.

19 The second thing I want to talk
20 about is the scales of justice. You
21 know, being Chair of Public Safety, I
22 spent a little time researching what that
23 actually meant and the symbol of justice
24 with the goddess holding the two scales.
25 Sometimes she had a blindfold, sometimes

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2 she had a sword in the left hand. But my
3 interpretation of that symbol is
4 balancing the rights of victims with the
5 rights of the accused and to come out
6 with justice.

7 And last week, two things
8 happened. One, I stood beside Member
9 Gauthier and Commissioner Outlaw when
10 they apprehended four individuals that
11 are accused of doing nine shootings in my
12 district and Member Gauthier's district.
13 And we stood in that church where some of
14 the families of the victims now could at
15 least rest a little more at peace with
16 the fact that the City of Philadelphia,
17 the District Attorney's Office, the
18 Philadelphia Police Department are
19 actually out there apprehending shooters.

20 So that's one part of that
21 scale, Mr. President. The other part of
22 that scale, which I was proud to hear
23 about, is the prevention of people
24 pre-entry, as Keir Grey often calls it,
25 by a group of barbers out at ESPN Zone.

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2 They have a youth program, and they think
3 very highly of you, Member Green. You
4 have street cred among them. And they
5 are -- and I don't know how it works in
6 your barber shop, Mr. President, but they
7 serve as therapists for us. Whether it
8 comes to sports, whether it comes to
9 family issues, whether it comes to
10 politics, they are our therapist. But
11 what I didn't know was that they're
12 interveners also when it comes to youth
13 violence, that they hear what's going on.
14 And Mike, who runs ESPN, along with his
15 colleagues and other barbers around the
16 City, actually have had in their back
17 rooms, in their barber shops
18 interventions, because they service both
19 ends, both corners, and are able to come
20 in and say as credible messengers, y'all
21 should stop.

22 And I know you got street cred
23 from North Philly. I heard something
24 about Member Green, but from Mount Airy
25 it's a whole different thing. But they

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2 still have that street cred with these
3 vulnerable populations, and they're
4 putting together a program to intervene,
5 to become mentors, to become counselors
6 to these young people, and when I heard
7 about it, it created that scale of
8 balance. We have the left hand of
9 punishment, that sword you often see in
10 the justice, and whether you're in South
11 Philly, West Philly, North Philly, Mount
12 Airy or Germantown, people want to make
13 sure that police and the District
14 Attorney and the courts are doing their
15 part to keep them safe. But on the other
16 end of the spectrum of the scales, that
17 we're trying to prevent some of this,
18 that we care enough about these young
19 people to put out our resources. And I'm
20 proud to say that they're watching us.
21 Didn't know this. Like I thought in
22 barber shops all you were going to get is
23 some basketball, but they are actually
24 paying attention to what we're doing, and
25 I'm thankful for it.

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you so
5 much. That is clearly the place where we
6 get educated as elected officials. Thank
7 you so much.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Bass.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
11 very much, Mr. President and colleagues.
12 I just wanted to follow up on two things
13 unintentionally that wasn't the original
14 part of my conversation this morning, but
15 I did want to mention that Councilman
16 Curtis Jones, I wanted to thank him for
17 his conversation around the importance of
18 making sure that we engage our salon
19 owners, our barber shops, our stylists.
20 We have an upcoming series, first in a
21 series of conversations that we're going
22 to have, and I want to invite anyone who
23 is listening that's in that part of the
24 beauty business to a series of
25 conversations that we're going to be

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2 having called Shop Talk, and that's going
3 to be held this coming Monday, 5:00 p.m.,
4 and we're going to have our first feature
5 speaker, which is Michael Rashid, our
6 City's Director of Commerce, talking
7 about how we can get businesses on track
8 with COVID and everything that's
9 happening and the problems that
10 businesses are facing right now.

11 So we're very, very excited
12 about that, and we want folks, regardless
13 of where you are in the City, out of the
14 City, if you have clients that you serve,
15 then this is going to be a series of
16 conversations that is going to serve you
17 well. So we want to encourage folks to
18 contact our office and be a part of Shop
19 Talk.

20 The other thing I wanted to
21 mention is, I wanted to thank my
22 colleague Councilman David Oh for his
23 commentary regarding women who were used
24 essentially as sex slaves during World
25 War II. We need to shine a light on the

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2 atrocities. We need to make sure that
3 they don't continue to happen. And we
4 know whether it was during World War II,
5 before World War II or even a few years
6 ago with the young women in Africa who
7 were taken from a school in the middle of
8 the night who were kidnapped and some of
9 them have never resurfaced, we need to
10 pay attention to the atrocities against
11 women. And this is Women's History
12 Month.

13 So I just really thank him for
14 being someone who is really progressive
15 and thoughtful when it comes to the
16 opposite sex and is paying attention to
17 the issues that we face.

18 I also wanted to say that as I
19 mentioned, this coming Monday is
20 International Women's Day, and that
21 celebrates the social, economic,
22 political, and cultural achievements of
23 women all over the world, and it raises
24 awareness of, lobbies for, and fundraises
25 for global gender equality.

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2 The 2021 theme for

3 International Women's Day is Choose to

4 Challenge, which calls for all people to

5 confront gender bias and equality and

6 take action for gender equality.

7 Individuals and organizations all over

8 the world are invited to share

9 #ChooseToChallenge images in the lead-up

10 to International Women's Day 2021. Each

11 photo will feature an individual raising

12 their hand to show one's commitment to

13 challenging inequality, calling out bias,

14 questioning stereotypes, and helping

15 forge an inclusive world.

16 Support for women comes at a

17 critical time where we have experienced

18 adverse impacts from the COVID-19

19 pandemic. Black, indigenous, and women

20 of color disproportionately work in

21 industries experiencing job losses, and

22 many jobs created -- or many jobs

23 considered essential, such as nurses,

24 home health aides, and childcare workers

25 are dominated by women.

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2 Today, I want to recognize
3 Vision 2020, Women's Way, the Women's
4 Campaign International, the Womanist
5 Working Collective, My Sister's Keeper
6 Collective, and Women Organized Against
7 Rape for their work in mobilizing,
8 investing in, empowering, and supporting
9 women and girls in Philadelphia. Thank
10 you all for building a movement towards
11 achieving women's equality in
12 Philadelphia and setting a national and
13 global example of campaigning for
14 positive change.

15 It is important that we
16 continue to highlight the inequities and
17 achievements of women and amplify the
18 diverse voices of women around the world
19 as we celebrate International Women's Day
20 and Women's History Month.

21 Thank you very much,
22 Mr. President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson.

3 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
4 you. Thank you so much, Council
5 President. And I wanted to thank my
6 colleague Councilmember Green for his
7 resolution that passed today
8 acknowledging each life lost due to
9 COVID-19.

10 I rose this morning to the
11 devastating news that we have lost yet
12 another Philadelphian to COVID-19, and my
13 heart was very, very heavy to hear the
14 passing of someone many of us have worked
15 with in City Hall. You could find him on
16 the fourth floor on the northeast
17 corridor when he was in the Civil Affairs
18 Unit with the Philadelphia Police
19 Department.

20 So I wanted to rise today to
21 acknowledge the loss and the passing of
22 someone that, again, many of us have
23 worked with over the years in City Hall,
24 Officer Erin Tokley. He was also a
25 minister at Calvary Baptist Church, and I

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2 wanted to thank him for his 24 years of
3 service and say to his family that our
4 thoughts and prayers are with you, and if
5 there's anything that we can do for you,
6 please feel free to let us know. But I
7 wanted to acknowledge his passing, as we
8 have worked so closely over the years
9 with him. And I just remember him
10 sitting by the metal detectors on the
11 fourth floor and always had a kind word
12 to say. He was always dressed to the
13 nines. You can always count on him to
14 have on a very nice suit and down to the
15 shoes. He was just a wonderful dresser,
16 and I'm just going to miss him, his kind
17 words, his encouraging spirit, and my
18 prayers are definitely with his family
19 and the entire Philadelphia Police
20 Department, particularly the 12th, the
21 25th, and the Civil Affairs Unit.

22 Thank you, Mr. President, for
23 the opportunity.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman. Yeah. Someone

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2 sent me his picture last night. I was
3 like, wow, you know. He's a good guy,
4 yeah. It's a brutal disease, I'll tell
5 you. We got to beat it. We got to beat
6 it.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Thomas.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you,
10 Council President. I just want to take a
11 moment to echo the sentiments of my
12 colleague Councilmember Gilmore
13 Richardson as it relates to the recent
14 passing, as well as Councilmember Green
15 as it relates to his resolution. I
16 appreciate both of your leadership.

17 Outside of that, we did have a
18 hearing a little while back as it relates
19 to hit-and-runs, and my office has been
20 in a lot of communication with different
21 people, and unfortunately -- and I want
22 to thank Ikey Raw and his interaction
23 with victims for helping us with this
24 issue. Some of the people in North
25 Philadelphia section of the City are in

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2 trauma, and we want to also offer our
3 condolences to Roberto Velez, who was a
4 60-year-old person who unfortunately was
5 hit and killed by a hit-and-run accident.
6 That happened yesterday as well too.

7 So we just want to offer our
8 condolences to that community, the
9 family. We understand it was a really,
10 really unfortunate situation that
11 traumatized a lot of people. And this is
12 another problem that we have in our city
13 that this legislative body is working to
14 rectify.

15 So thank you, Council
16 President. Thank you, colleagues.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you for
19 bringing that to the forefront with your
20 hearing.

21 Any other speeches? I don't
22 see any.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN:
24 Council President?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Actually, I
3 did have one quick comment.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is
5 that Councilman Green? The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Green.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
8 Council President.

9 I want to thank both
10 Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and
11 Thomas for bringing those points to our
12 attention, to the public's attention,
13 especially those who were not aware of
14 those tragic losses of life that once
15 again grip us as we continue to deal with
16 COVID.

17 I wanted to bring a point up
18 with a more positive point for some. I
19 know last summer both my colleagues
20 Councilmember Parker and Councilmember
21 Gilmore Richardson were very, very
22 disappointed that they could not
23 celebrate in an activity and a gathering
24 of women that wear the colors of pink and
25 green. I know they were very

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2 disappointed that they didn't have the
3 opportunity to salute the ladies of Alpha
4 Kappa Alpha who were scheduled to have
5 their national convention, or boule, that
6 was going to be here in the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 However, this evening they are
9 going to be having their 9th -- 90th,
10 excuse me, virtual North Atlantic
11 Regional Conference. They're going to
12 have their public meeting this evening at
13 7:00 p.m. and then a reception at 8:30
14 p.m.

15 This is an outstanding
16 organization. We know our current Vice
17 President is a member of Alpha Kappa
18 Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. There are
19 a number of past members of City Council
20 as well as my Chief of Staff, Kyra
21 Harris, Stephanie Marsh, works for the
22 Mayor's Office, and a number of
23 outstanding women in the history of this
24 city.

25 So I know they're calling on

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2 all of the public to participate and
3 attend the public meeting, especially
4 those of the Divine Nine, and I know for
5 both Councilmembers Parker and Gilmore
6 Richardson who were so disappointed that
7 they could not salute and have a chance
8 to wear pink and green last summer, they
9 can now do it this evening in a virtual
10 way by supporting the ladies of Alpha
11 Kappa Alpha and their 90th conference
12 that will be virtually held here in the
13 City of Philadelphia.

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 That concludes our speeches on
18 behalf of the minority and the majority,
19 and with that, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Jones for a motion to adjourn.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
23 adjourned until Thursday, March 11th,
24 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It has been moved and
4 seconded that Council stand adjourned
5 until Thursday, March 11, 2021, 10:00
6 a.m.

7 All in favor indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it. The motion carries.

15 Thank you all very much and,
16 again, be safe. Thank you.

17 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
18 12:03 p.m.)

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