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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, October 31, 2007
9:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS, CHAIR

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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BILL 070790 - An ordinance amending Title 22
of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
Employees Retirement Code," by amending
Section 22-1303, entitled "Exemption from
Attachment," to change the list of designated
payees to whom a member, survivor or
beneficiary may direct deductions from
benefits payments, all under certain terms and
conditions.

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COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Good

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morning. This is the Committee of Labor

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and Civil Service. I am Councilman Juan

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Ramos, Chairman of the Committee. Please

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note also in attendance are Councilman W.

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Wilson Goode, Vice-Chairman of the

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Committee, along with Councilman

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Greenlee, and Council President Ann Verna

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has joined us for a quorum.

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We have a quorum, so we may

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begin. I will please ask the Clerk to

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read the title of the bill.

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THE CLERK: An ordinance

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amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled "Public Employees

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Retirement Code," by amending Section

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22-1303, entitled "Exemption from

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designated payees to whom a member,

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COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I would like

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to call Dorothea Wilson of People

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2 Coordinated for AFSCME District Council
3 47.

4 Good morning. Please state
5 your name for the record and proceed with
6 your testimony.

7 MS. WILSON: Good morning. My
8 name is Dorothea Sea, S-E-A, Wilson,
9 President District Council 47 retirees.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Please
11 proceed.

12 MS. WILSON: AFSCME District
13 Council 47 is in support of this addition
14 because many of our retired members have
15 been waiting to have a deduction taken
16 from their retirement benefits which
17 would be directed to the political action
18 arm of our union.

19 When these men and women were
20 active members of the union, they
21 believed in the desirability of
22 involvement in the political system.
23 They saw that their actions and
24 contributions made a difference in the
25 type of people who were elected to

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2 office.

3 As retired senior citizens,
4 they want to continue their political
5 involvement and understand that by
6 contributing a portion of their pension,
7 they will maintain their voices in the
8 political process.

9 Our support of this amendment
10 is both an example and the result of a
11 concerted, grassroots demand from our
12 retirees to continue to have their views
13 heard and recognized by those in power.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Any
16 questions from the Committee for this
17 witness?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Having seen
20 none, thank you so much for your
21 testimony this morning.

22 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Is there
24 anyone else who wishes to testify on this
25 bill this morning?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Seeing none,
4 this will conclude our public hearing.

5 We will now move into our public meeting.

6 We're now in our public
7 meeting, and the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Goode for a motion on Bill No.
9 070790.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
11 Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
12 070790 be reported out of Committee with
13 a favorable recommendation and that the
14 rules of Council be suspended so as to
15 permit first reading at our next Council
16 session.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: It has been
19 moved and seconded that Bill No. 070790
20 be reported out of Committee with a
21 favorable recommendation and further
22 moved that the rules of Council be
23 suspended to permit first reading of this
24 bill at our next Council session.

25 All in favor signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: The bill has

8 been amended.

9 Please scratch from the record
10 the last point as "amended."

11 This concludes the public
12 meeting. I would like to thank everyone
13 for attending. Thank you so much,
14 AFSCME, for coming out here this morning.

15 (Committee on Labor and Civil
16 Service adjourned at 9:30 a.m.)

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