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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Thursday, 9/20/01

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10:15 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, PA

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12 PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
13 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
14 COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
15 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
16 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
17 COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
18 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
19 COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
20 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning,
3 everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present. The Council will
5 come to order, members will take their seats, and
6 visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller,
9 pastor of the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is
10 here today as the guest Councilman Kenney.

11 All members and guests will please rise.

12 REVEREND WALLER: Let us bow our heads.

13 Eternal God, we love You. We praise Your
14 holy and righteous name. I thank You, God, for the
15 opportunity to be a part of the biblical injunction
16 that we pray for our leaders, those that serve us,
17 those that guide us, those that You have set in
18 political office. Lord, I thank you for each one of
19 them. I thank You for the opportunity that policy
20 and procedure can be effected here today for the good
21 of all of the citizens of this city.

22 Lord, even as we come together now, there
23 are so many concerns that claim our attention,
24 concerns of our country, and even there are those of
25 us in this room who, on a personal level, have

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2 information yet to be received about our loved ones
3 in New York.

4 But I pray, God, that even right now, Your
5 divine grace would enable us to rise above even our
6 own parochial and personal concerns that we might
7 think of the good of the people, that we might think
8 of what your will would be for this city.

9 Lord, I pray for each Councilperson in
10 here, their families, their children, pray, God, that
11 you would free them from those concerns that they
12 might do justice and seek mercy and seek
13 righteousness in their deliberations today. Lord, we
14 thank You that they are of clear mind and clear
15 conscience

16 and then, God, I pray that for everyone
17 under the sound of my voice, that if there is anyone
18 that does not know You, that does not acknowledge
19 You, God, let Your grace would continue to move in
20 their lives, that ultimately they would seek
21 salvation.

22 I thank You, God, for everyone in this
23 room. I thank You, Lord, that through Your Holy
24 Spirit, we have a resiliency to even look at the past
25 events of last week and know that still, everything

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2 is going to be all right.

3 And so now, God, have Your way in these
4 deliberations today, that You would be seen in every
5 decision made.

6 I pray this prayer in the marvelous and
7 majestic name of Your son, Jesus the Christ, and for
8 his sake, let every heart say amen, amen, and amen.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
10 the Reverend for his very inspiring invocation.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council stands at ease.)

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14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
15 business is the approval of the Journal of the
16 meeting of Thursday, September 13, 2001. And the
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I move that the Journal of the meeting of
20 Thursday, September 13, 2001, stand approved.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
23 and properly seconded that the Journal of the meeting
24 of Thursday, September 13, 2001 stand approved.

25 All those in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

5 The Journal of the meeting of Thursday, September 13,
6 2001, stands approved.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
9 business is the requests for leaves of absence, and
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
12 President. There are no requests for leaves of
13 absence today on the part of the majority.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman Rizzo,
18 are there any requests for leaves of absence on the
19 part of the minority?

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I'm sorry, Madam
21 President. There's no requests for leaves.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chair will
25 dispense with the regular order of business to

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2 recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
3 chambers this morning. On behalf of all
4 Councilmembers, I welcome you to our session. We
5 appreciate your taking the time to join us as we
6 attend to the legislative affairs of our city. We
7 certainly invite you to come again.

8 At this time, the Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Miller, who will present a resolution
10 declaring September 23, 2001 as "John W. Coltrane
11 Day."

12 will Mr. Arnold Boyd and those accompanying
13 him please join the Councilwoman at the podium.

14 (Councilwoman Miller and others come
15 forward.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning,
17 everyone.

18 This is a resolution declaring September
19 23, 2001 as "John W. Coltrane Day" in the City of
20 Philadelphia.

21 Whereas Philadelphia's most noted jazz
22 musician, arranger, composer, and Grammy award
23 winner, John W. Coltrane was in Hamlet, North
24 Carolina, on September 23 -- was born in Hamlet,
25 North Carolina, on September 23, 1926. During his

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2 studies at Granoff Studios in the Ornstein School of
3 Music in Philadelphia, he realized that the music he
4 was searching for not only existed in the past,
5 present, and future, but also between the notes of
6 the conventional notations; and

7 Whereas, it is documented that John
8 Coltrane was one of the major tenor sax players of
9 his era, and today remains as influential to many
10 younger musicians. Coltrane arrived in Philadelphia
11 1944 and received wide recognition as an integral
12 member of the renowned Miles Davis Sextet. He formed
13 his own group in 1960; and

14 Whereas, Coltrane was constantly searching,
15 probing, and looking for new dimensions and heights
16 to climb, and with his horn, was also able to speak
17 the language of people struggling to be free. He
18 influenced the world through the messages within his
19 music and demanded that audiences who left his sets
20 reexamine both their ideas of music and themselves;
21 and

22 Whereas, Coltrane wrote, "My goal is to
23 live the truly religious life and express it in my
24 music. If you live it when you play, there's no
25 problem because the music is just a part of the whole

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2 thing. To be a musician is really something; it goes
3 very, very deep. My music is the spiritual
4 expression of what I am -- my faith, my knowledge, my
5 being." John W. Coltrane, having recycled his
6 learning from conversations, observations into lesson
7 plans, taught through his horn, died on July 17,
8 1967; and

9 Whereas, in Coltrane's honor, TraneStop has
10 conducted town meetings, retreats, and seminars to
11 explore situations to improve the conditions of
12 African-American classical music in Philadelphia.
13 TraneStop's initiatives seek to honor both the memory
14 of John William Coltrane and other musicians who have
15 grew up and been nurtured with the legendary
16 legendary Philadelphia African-American music in
17 general, are long overdue recognition with their
18 contributions to the art form;

19 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council of
20 the City of Philadelphia that September 23, 2001 is
21 declared "John W. Coltrane Day" and that we honor
22 TraneStop Resource Institute in its efforts to ensure
23 jazz preservation as classical music, rooted in the
24 African-American experience and as a universal art
25 form through education.

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2 Further resolved that an engrossed copy of
3 this resolution be presented to TraneStop Resource
4 Institution, Inc. and a representative of the
5 African-American classical community as evidence of
6 the sincere respect and admiration of this
7 legislative body.

8 Certification that this is a true and
9 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
10 the Council of Philadelphia on the 14th day of June,
11 2000. Anna Verna, President of City Council,
12 introduced by Donna Reed Miller, and sponsored by all
13 members of Philadelphia City Council.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Mr. Boyd for remarks.

17 MR. WOOD: Good morning. My name is
18 Raymond Wood. I'm the executive chair of the
19 TraneStop Resource Institute. I'm going to introduce
20 Arnold Boyd to you.

21 This organization is, in effect, has been
22 in existence for some 22 years. Let me just say
23 hello to some of the Council folks that I know,
24 visitors and staff and Council President and, of
25 course, the lovely Miss Donna Miller.

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2 And this is our executive director, Arnold
3 Boyd.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. BOYD: Good morning.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

7 MR. BOYD: And giving honor to God, I bring
8 you greetings from the African-American community.

9 I would like to thank John William Coltrane
10 for settling here in Philadelphia and leaving such a
11 vast amount of resources that describes the way
12 people should treat each other. Innovation and
13 powerful expression of the African-American
14 experience were the consistent themes of the
15 versatile Philadelphian who enriched the fertile soil
16 of this city's nurturing music climate.

17 John Coltrane stated, "I think music is an
18 instrument. It can create the initial thought
19 patterns that can change the thinking of a people. I
20 want to be a force for real good."

21 John goes on to say, "My goal is to uplift
22 people as much as I can, to inspire them to realize
23 more and more of their capacities for living
24 meaningful lives, because there is certainly meaning
25 to life."

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2 The TraneStop, through the spirit of John
3 Coltrane, seeks to sustain the connection of the
4 music to its roots. The goals of this mission
5 includes to restore pride and dignity to
6 African-Americans through cultural connections to the
7 music, provide students with the readiness to
8 understand and appreciate African-American classical
9 music, develop a standard method for teaching this
10 art form, and finally, to continue to convene town
11 meetings and advocate community programs.

12 I would like to thank each of you for
13 listening this morning, and I would like to thank
14 Councilman Donna Miller and all of her staff for
15 making this presentation possible. And, finally, I
16 would like to thank all of those who have supported
17 the TraneStop over the last 22 years. The TraneStop
18 is working to make this institution a reality. Come
19 and take some giant steps with us.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. BOYD: Now I would like to introduce a
23 student that is carrying on this tradition that's
24 going to play a little rendition of "Giant Steps."
25 Mr. Dickerson.

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2 (Student plays "Giant Steps"
3 for Councilmembers and audience.)

4 MR. BOYD: We would like to invite each of
5 you this evening at 6 o'clock to the mayor's
6 reception room for a community celebration of John
7 William Coltrane starting at 6 p.m. this evening.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
10 Council will be at ease. Thank you.
11 (Council stands at ease.)

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this time, the
14 chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who will
15 present a resolution honoring someone we all know,
16 John Kromer. Will Mr. Kromer and those accompanying
17 him please join the Councilwoman at the podium.

18 Councilman DiCicco and Councilwoman Miller,
19 would you please come to the podium.

20 (Councilmembers and honoree come forward.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you very
24 much, Madam President. Good morning.

25 This is a resolution honoring John Kromer.

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2 Whereas, Mr. John Kromer has served as this
3 city's Director of Housing and Community Development
4 for nearly a full decade, and in that time, the
5 Office of Housing and Community Development, OHCD,
6 has overseen the spending of more than of \$1 billion
7 in federal and state development block grant funds;
8 and

9 Whereas, Mr. Kromer has created the
10 nation's largest first-time home buyer's program,
11 which to the date has provided counseling and
12 settlement grants for 14,000 families. Through
13 Mr. Kromer's efforts, these families are now
14 homeowners in addition to being productive,
15 tax-paying citizens; and

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, Mr. Kromer
17 has also used the resources available to him in order
18 to enhance the lives of citizens of this city. For
19 example, he worked with the University of
20 Pennsylvania to launch our first comprehensive
21 inventory of houses and lots. Once this information
22 was downloaded into the university system, all
23 authorized users could obtain all of the available
24 information about a particular address. He also
25 engaged college students to promote education on

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2 neighborhood reinvestment issues and...

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And whereas, although
4 John Kromer's accomplishments are far too numerous to
5 list, it will be remembered that he has maintained
6 high levels of performance in housing production and
7 preservation and has helped to strengthen the real
8 estate market in many of our neighborhoods. Because
9 of his continuing and untiring efforts, this city is
10 now in a position to improve conditions all across
11 Philadelphia.

12 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council of
13 the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
14 commend Mr. John Kromer. We thank him for his years
15 of distinguished service to the citizens of this city
16 and wish him great success in his next challenge.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Resolved further
18 that an engrossed copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Mr. John Kromer as evidence of the high
20 esteem and sincere admiration of this legislative
21 body. Certification that this is a true and correct
22 copy of the original resolution adopted by the
23 Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 14th day
24 of June, 2001. It is signed by the president of
25 Council, Anna C. Verna, certainly introduced by the

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2 three of us who are standing before you, and
3 sponsored by each and every member of City Council

4 Thank you, John Kromer, for all you've
5 done.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. KROMER: Thank you very much.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Mr. Kromer for remarks.

10 MR. KROMER: Thank you very much.

11 Given my experience with community block
12 grant proposals that I have presented to this body,
13 I'm surprised that no amendments have been offered so
14 far.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MR. KROMER: I've spent about 150 hours in
17 a chair that is usually over there and, as you can
18 see, the carpet's a little faded from the drips of
19 sweat of come during those times during the past ten
20 years

21 but it's been a learning experience really
22 in the best possible way. I've learned a lot and
23 we've learned a lot as a city government and as a
24 city by the policies and the initiatives that have
25 been tried out during the past decade, a lot of them

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2 very successful, and I'm very proud of that. But
3 we've experienced some failures too and some mistakes
4 but we've learned from those and we've rebounded from
5 those.

6 What pleases me the most, though, is that
7 in this time, ten years after I came on as director
8 of housing, neighborhoods reinvestment is a big
9 political priority, it's a big political issue. It
10 wasn't that way during the early part of the last
11 decade. And if cities like Philadelphia are going to
12 succeed, neighborhood reinvestment has to be an
13 absolute top priority. So I'm delighted that this
14 critical issue has taken that level of priority in
15 this City Council.

16 And I very much appreciate this
17 recognition. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will be
20 at ease.

21 (Council stands at ease.)

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23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next order
24 of business is communications. The Chair requests
25 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from

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2 the mayor to the clerk. The clerk will read messages
3 from the mayor.

4 THE CLERK: I have no messages today, Madam
5 President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
9 ofbusiness is the introduction of bills and
10 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell for a motion.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
13 President.

14 (Sound system failure.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilwoman,
16 let's try again.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I move that the rules of Council be
19 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration of
20 resolutions at their time of introduction

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
23 and properly seconded that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit immediate consideration of
25 resolutions at the time of introduction.

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

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I offer one bill on your behalf and two
9 resolutions on your behalf.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Sorry, did you
11 say one bill and two resolutions?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm sorry, one bill on
13 your behalf and two resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
15 please read the title of the bill.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of the City
18 of Philadelphia to execute a quick-claim deed, or
19 such other document or documents, to convey some or
20 all of the City's interest in a certain property
21 commonly known as the 3600, 3700 South 26th Street
22 near Penrose Avenue to American Premier Underwriters,
23 Inc.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
25 referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 The clerk will read the title of the first
3 resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring October
5 2001 as "Human Relations Month" in the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption of
10 the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
13 and seconded that the resolution be deposited

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

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it and the resolution has
18 been adopted.

19 The clerk will please read the title of the
20 second resolution.

21 (Clerk confers off the record with Council
22 President.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There were
24 actually two ordinances.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I apologize

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That's okay.

3 The clerk will please read the title of the
4 second ordinance.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Section
6 21-105 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hero
7 Awards," by increasing the amount that may be awarded
8 under the section to family members of firefighters,
9 police officers, and prosecution detectives killed in
10 the course of performing heroic deeds and by making
11 certain technical changes, all under certain terms
12 and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will be
14 referred to the appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
18 President. This morning, I introduce one resolution
19 on my behalf and one resolution on your behalf that
20 is cosponsored by each and every member of City
21 Council.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
23 clerk will please read the title of the first
24 resolution.

25 THE CLERK: A resolution approving a change

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2 in the Institutional Development District Master Plan
3 for the Drexel University Institutional Development
4 District bounded by Market Street between 31st and
5 33rd Streets and along the former Lancaster Avenue.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President, I
9 move for the adoption

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
12 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

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

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the resolution has
17 been adopted.

18 The clerk will please read the title of the
19 second resolution.

20 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
21 Committee of the Whole to conduct hearings to examine
22 why Philadelphia continues to lose population and to
23 examine possible courses of action to reverse that
24 trends, including a neighborhood transformation
25 initiative focusing on blight removal, improvements

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2 to City schools, job development, and anti-crime
3 initiatives or other measures.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam President, I
7 move for the adoption of the resolution

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
10 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

11 All those in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it and this resolution will
15 be referred to the appropriate committee.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I have
18 no bills or resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
20 the gentleman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam President, I
24 offer one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The

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2 clerk will please read the title of the bill.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 9
4 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of
5 Business, Trades and Professions," by amending the
6 provisions of Section 9-618 relating to the sale of
7 spray paint containers and indelible markers, to
8 include the sale of etching acid and to make certain
9 technical changes/

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
14 have two bills.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
16 please read the title of the first bill.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14
18 of the Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and
19 planning by amending Chapter 14-1600, entitle
20 "Miscellaneous," by adding a new Section 14-1623,
21 entitled "Frankford Special Services District
22 Controls," under certain terms and conditions

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will be
24 referred to the appropriate committee.

25 The clerk will please read the title of the

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2 second bill.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance establishing a
4 no-parking anytime regulation on the east side of
5 North Third Street between Clearfield Street and
6 Allegheny Avenue.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will
8 also be referred to the appropriate committee.

9 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
12 have no bills or resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I offer one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
18 please read the title of the resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring
20 September as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction
21 Recovery Month."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you. I move
25 for the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
4 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

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

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it and the resolution has
9 been adopted

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I have
12 no bills or resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
14 the gentleman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
19 please read the title of the resolution.

20 THE CLERK: A resolution declaring October
21 11, 2001 as "Lights On After School Day."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
4 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

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

7 Those opposed?

8 The ayes have it and the resolution has
9 been adopted

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I have no bills or resolutions

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
16 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I have no bills or resolutions

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
24 have no bills or resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I have three bills.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
6 clerk will please read the title of the first bill.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
8 paving of Marvin Street, Ogden Street, and Ogden
9 Place, under certain terms and conditions

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
11 referred to the appropriate committee.

12 THE CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing
13 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City
14 Plan No. 58 by placing on City Plan Marvin Street
15 from Brown Street to Parrish Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill will be
17 referred to the appropriate committee.

18 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to amend the
19 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
20 designations of certain areas of land located within
21 an area bounded by Popular Street, Ninth Street,
22 Percy Street, and Brown Street

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will be
24 referred to the appropriate committee.

25 And the Chair recognizes Councilman

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam President, I
4 have no bills or resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair thanks
6 the gentleman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I have
9 two resolutions today cosponsored by President Verna
10 and signed and supported by all members of City
11 Council.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you. The
13 clerk will please read the title of the first
14 resolution.

15 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing the
16 members of the Philadelphia Police Department that
17 were deployed to the site of the terrorist attack at
18 the World Trade Center in New York for their hard
19 work and professionalism and providing support in the
20 victim identification and investigation effort.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the adoption
24 of this resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear a

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 second?

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
5 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

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

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it and the resolution has
10 been adopted.

11 The clerk will please read the title of the
12 second resolution.

13 THE CLERK: A resolution. The City of
14 Philadelphia honors all those who have lost their
15 lives or are missing at the site of the terrorist
16 attack at the World Trade Center in New York and
17 recognizes the hard work and dedication of heavy
18 rescue one of the Philadelphia Fire Department and
19 members of the Philadelphia Housing Authority for
20 their search-and-rescue work at the site of the World
21 Trade Center and for the support that they have
22 provided to the New York Fire Department, other
23 rescue workers, and the people of New York in this
24 effort.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the adoption
4 of this resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
7 and properly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it and the resolution has
11 been adopted.

12 - - -

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of
14 business will be reports from committees, and the
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter for a report from
16 the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Excuse me. Thank you,
18 Madam President. The Committee on Commerce and
19 Economic Development reports one bill with a
20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will
22 please read the report.

23 THE CLERK: To the President and Members of
24 the Council of the City of Philadelphia: The
25 committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 which was referred Bill No. 000716, an ordinance
3 amending Chapter 21-1100 of the Philadelphia Code,
4 entitled "community Development," by amending Section
5 21-1108, entitled "Economic Development,"
6 respectfully reports it has considered and amended
7 the same and returns the attached bill to Council
8 with a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I move that the rules of Council be
13 suspended so as to permit first reading today of Bill
14 No. 000716.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved
17 and properly seconded that the rules of Council be
18 suspended so as to permit first reading today of Bill
19 No. 000716 at today's session of Council.

20 All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it and Bill No. 000716 will
23 be placed on today's first-reading calendar.

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25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order of

1 FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 business is the consideration of the calendar, and I
3 would ask the clerk if she would please read the bill
4 on the first-reading calendar, Bill No. 000716,

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter
6 21-1100 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Community
7 Development," by amending Section 21-1108, entitled
8 "Economic Development."

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair agrees.
10 The bill read by the clerk will be placed on the
11 second-reading and final-passage calendar for our
12 next session of Council.

13 That concludes the first-reading calendar.

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15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
17 calling up bills to be considered on the
18 second-reading and final-passage calendar.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam
20 President. This morning, Bill No.'s 010269, 010274,
21 010369, 010523, and 010527 are being called up for
22 second reading and final passage. All other bills
23 are being held.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The clerk will please read the title of

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010269

2 Bill No. 010269.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 9
4 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of
5 Businesses, Trades and Professions," by requiring any
6 establishment that sells alcoholic beverage for
7 consumption on or off the premises to install,
8 maintain, and use electronic equipment that scans
9 identification cards and displays the age of the
10 person as indicated on the card, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
13 been read on two different days, the question now is,
14 shall the bill pass finally?

15 The clerk will please call the roll.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010269

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010274

2 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
3 majority of all members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The clerk will please read the next bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010274, an ordinance
7 amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code by amending
8 Section B 3302.0, entitled "Construction Documents
9 and Special Permits," by adding provisions for the
10 dumping of waste materials, all under certain terms
11 and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
13 been read on two different days, the question now is,
14 shall the bill pass finally?

15 The clerk will please call the roll.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010274

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?

7 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

17 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010369

2 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
3 majority of all members having voted in the
4 affirmative, this bill passes

5 The clerk will please read the title of the
6 next bill.

7 THE CLERK: Bill No. 010369, an ordinance
8 amending Section PM 309.0 of the Philadelphia Code,
9 entitled "Emergency Nuisance Abatement Program," by
10 amending the designated area in which properties must
11 be located in order to be eligible for participation
12 in the Emergency Nuisance Abatement Program, all
13 under certain terms and conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
15 been read on two different days, the question now is,
16 shall the bill pass finally?

17 The clerk will please call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010369
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
9 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
21 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010527

2 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes the the are 17, the nays are 0. A
5 majority of all members having voted in the
6 affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The clerk will please read the title of
8 Bill No. 010527

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance providing for the
10 submission to the qualified electors of the City of
11 Philadelphia of an amendment to the Educational
12 Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
13 which would establish a process which would authorize
14 the privatization of the administration, operation,
15 and management of the School District as approved by
16 resolution of the City Council, fixing the date of a
17 special election for such purposes, prescribing the
18 form of the ballot question to be voted on, and
19 authorizing appropriate officers to publish notice
20 and to make arrangements for the special election.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having
22 been read on two different days, the question now is,
23 shall the bill pass finally?

24 The clerk will please call the roll.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010527
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?
6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010523

2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes the 17, the nays are 0. A

12 majority of all members having voted in the

13 affirmative, this bill passes.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk will

16 please read the title of Bill No. 010523.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter

18 2500 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmatic

19 Districts," by revising the boundaries of the

20 Councilmatic districts, under certain terms and

21 conditions

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill having

23 been read on two different days, the question now is,

24 shall the bill pass finally?

25 I'm sorry, Councilman Ortiz, do you want to

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010523

2 be recognized?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Yes, ma'am, yes.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes you.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, after
7 Tuesday the 11th, many things that we do here and
8 other places really lose a lot of importance and
9 perspective, and they maybe even seem as trivial.

10 But if anything, what Tuesday proved in
11 essence was that we as a country are a people of many
12 colors and many cultures, and we all want to be part
13 of what this thing that we have here that is called
14 America.

15 Traditionally, many of the ways that new
16 groups in this country, as they reach our shores and
17 they establish their residence and they begin working
18 to get the piece and achieve the American dream --
19 the Italians, the Irish, they had their time, they
20 built their neighborhoods.

21 In Philadelphia, the Latinos have done
22 that. Puerto Ricans came, grew, resided, and took a
23 neighborhood that previously had been inhabited by
24 Polish, Ukrainians, Russians, and made it their own.
25 And as they prospered, they moved, as other immigrant

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2 groups in this city have done. And the City, with
3 other groups, began to reflect the nature of this
4 city, the mosaic that it was.

5 For a long time, this city has always been
6 characterized in two terms: Black, white. Well,
7 we're no longer a black and white city. We're a city
8 that speaks Spanish, that is bilingual, that talks in
9 other and celebrates in other languages.

10 Ten years ago, in 1991 -- and I haven't
11 said this publicly, and I have to say it on behalf of
12 the Latino community, a plan was introduced in this
13 Council for redistricting. It was a bad plan, a
14 disrespectful plan to the Latino community. It
15 divided us into different districts and really took
16 the cohesiveness. It did not look at the
17 neighborhood that we had made. In essence, it said
18 to us, that plan, we don't want you to be a part of
19 this city.

20 Wilson Goode, Sr. made a promise and he
21 kept it. Some of my friends were here, some of my
22 colleagues, took chances and risks and sustained that
23 promise. We were able to deliver a different plan, a
24 plan that recognized that this community, after 40
25 years here -- and people think that we have just

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2 arrived, but the tobacco workers in the 1920s that
3 moved into South Philadelphia were Puerto Ricans.
4 We've been here since the 1890s, but in big numbers,
5 we started to be here since the '40s and '50s. And
6 now we're going by other Latinos: Dominicans,
7 Colombians. And they moved into the places where we
8 have been, just as we moved into the places where the
9 Russians and the Ukrainians had lived.

10 This plan, although it is has been
11 changed -- it goes from 34, now it's 39.9 -- still
12 doesn't do, although we have worked, and Councilwoman
13 and President Verna, you and I have worked very, very
14 long and hard, but we still are not there. It is
15 still not what the community wishes it to be.

16 In the last ten years in this city, the
17 Latino community grew by 45 percent. The only other
18 community in this city that grew was the
19 Asian-American community. We were able to sustain
20 our State representation, our Congressional
21 representation because of the numbers of Latinos that
22 moved in.

23 Twenty percent of others left the City.
24 We're not leaving the City. We are growing with the
25 City. The Latino community is not saying that they

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010523

2 need a district that they need to elect someone, but
3 we represent at least 10 percent or more of the
4 community right now of the City of Philadelphia, and
5 we will represent a bigger percentage in the years to
6 come.

7 What we're saying is that this has to be an
8 opportunity for us to be a decisive factor on who
9 represents that community and that there should be
10 lines in any redistricting proposal that demonstrates
11 and keeps with the growth of that community and the
12 cohesiveness of that community and where that
13 community is going.

14 Although this plan is much better than the
15 1991 plan -- and it's not really -- that other plan,
16 like I said, was disrespectful to us. This tries and
17 strives, but it doesn't get where the Latino
18 community wishes to be.

19 I wish we could have done more, I wish we
20 could do more. It is my hope that during the next
21 few years or weeks or months, that we'll be able to
22 readdress this issue. But the plan, as currently
23 structured, after consultation with the people that
24 testified here -- and it was very interesting that
25 the only individuals who testified before this City

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010523

2 Council were Puerto Ricans. It seems no one else
3 cares about redistricting. But the plan doesn't
4 achieve the goals that I would like it to see, and I
5 would hope that we can strive during the next year or
6 so to make it better

7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
9 Councilman.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The question
12 still remains: This bill having been read on two
13 different days, shall the bill pass finally?

14 The clerk will please call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 010523
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski?
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth?
6 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano?
8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller?
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter?
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz?
16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown?
18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Council President Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes 15, the nays are 2. A majority of

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2 all members having voted in the affirmative, this
3 bill passes.

4 That concludes our calendar for today.

5 - - -

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
7 speeches on the part of the minority?

8 (No speeches on the part of
9 the minority.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
11 speeches on the part of the majority?

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 Madam President, after the vote we just did
16 on the redistricting, after much time and thought --
17 and first of all, I'd like to thank the Council
18 staff, Councilmembers 'cause only we know -- and the
19 community groups and the voting rights groups that
20 came in, 'cause only they know the blood, sweat, and
21 tears that went into this process. Even to the two
22 members that voted against this, a lot went into this

23 As the District Councilman that represents
24 that district that we seem to be trying to help one
25 way or the other, depending on what side you're

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2 looking at, I'm going to look into the possibility --
3 I'm asking any of the other Councilpeople within the
4 next couple weeks and the next month to look for
5 legislation to create 15 District Council seats and 2
6 at-large seats. We might want to get that question
7 on the May '02 primary ballot

8 Because one thing I learned out of this
9 whole process, there is a group of people that
10 somehow feel that they're not represented correctly
11 in this Council, and I know I for one and everyone --
12 and probably everyone in here came here to try to
13 help people, and this is not for political reasons,
14 but maybe that's someone we as a Council -- and I
15 would challenge my fellow Councilmembers to try and
16 help me work on that legislation to try to change the
17 Home Rule Charter to get 15 Council Districts and 2
18 at-large districts.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
21 the Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you, Madam
23 President.

24 In the week of the terrorist attacks,
25 there's been a big increase in the number of false

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2 9-1-1 bomb threats. In a normal week, we get a few,
3 but in the week following the terrorist attacks,
4 there were close to 100. And, you know, obviously,
5 they're very bad, they distract our firefighters and
6 police officers from the job that they have, and they
7 create a very dangerous situation

8 The first offense for this is a
9 misdemeanor, and I think we need to do something
10 eventually about that, and the second offense is a
11 felony. And depending on the circumstances, ethnic
12 intimidation and terroristic threats charges can also
13 be brought. So any activity like this is just so
14 unacceptable.

15 The point that I'm going to try to make
16 today, and hopefully the people listening and
17 watching this will get the word out that if people
18 think that this is something that's anonymous, it's
19 not. Callers are able to be traced by the Police
20 Department. The technology there is very enhanced.
21 If they have what they believe to be private numbers
22 that don't normally show up on caller ID, that data
23 is available to the Philadelphia Police Department,
24 and the Police Department will dispatch police to the
25 source of those calls and conduct an investigation

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2 and make an arrest if necessary.

3 And also, for people that -- especially in
4 our Arab community that may receive a threat, again,
5 the technology, they must be aware that Verizon, the
6 telephone company here in this region, provides a
7 service where those calls can be traced. And, again,
8 they need to know about that.

9 And the police have made it clear that
10 these types of false calls will not be tolerated.
11 They don't want to discourage anyone from making
12 legitimate calls when they believe that there is a
13 significant problem in their neighborhood or their
14 community.

15 So I just wanted to restate the Police
16 Department's condition and the concern that we all
17 have and the jeopardy that we put our police and
18 firefighters in every time one of these false calls
19 from into police radio

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
22 the Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
24 President.

25 Just a few words about redistricting and

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2 empowerment independent politics. I am no stranger
3 to either. In fact, a couple years ago, the day
4 after the primary election, most people thought that
5 my election was a major upset. I don't know who was
6 supposed to be upset, because my family has been
7 involved in empowerment independent politics for
8 three decades

9 As I talked about it on the campaign trail,
10 I gave my first political speech at age 5. For
11 show-and-tell, I wore a Hardy Williams-for-mayor
12 button and talked about empowerment politics then to
13 a group of 5-year-olds.

14 It was not until I was 18 that this City
15 elected its first African-American mayor. At that
16 point, the African-American population in
17 Philadelphia was 38 percent. The black voter
18 registration at that point was 39 percent. But we
19 won with a multi-racial coalition with the black
20 community as a major base in that effort.

21 In 1999, the City elected a second black
22 mayor. The black population was slightly over 40
23 percent. I ran citywide in that election. My
24 district was the entire City. I was not endorsed by
25 my party, I was not endorsed by my future colleagues

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2 who I have come to know, but I was convinced that
3 empowerment politics and independent politics, the
4 years we put into that movement created an
5 opportunity for me.

6 Empowerment politics, though, is
7 independent politics; it's the politics that have
8 elected many of us here. There were no district
9 designs for our victories and no special elections in
10 which we were hand-picked. It was hard-core
11 grassroots politics.

12 No electoral victory can be decided in this
13 chamber by just 17 members. That's actually up to
14 the voters themselves. Our job is to protect the
15 voting strength associated with every demographic
16 voting bloc that we can, not to deliver victories.
17 Those of us who have to win our victories
18 independently are still for principle in this
19 process. It should be noted that majority and
20 minority members, black white, women, men, younger,
21 wiser members of this Council stood up protecting
22 every demographic voting bloc in this city,
23 protecting but not trying to deliver any one group,
24 any one district.

25 In the end, empowerment politics,

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2 grassroots politics, independent politics is not
3 going to be decided by the status quo, but by the
4 future leaders. The opportunity for future minority
5 political empowerment has been protected here, but it
6 has to be seized, not given to anyone

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very
9 much.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
12 President.

13 Madam President, over 1500 community
14 organizational leaders, elected officials, and
15 citizens-at-large will be attending a call-to-worship
16 service dedicated to praying for the world and
17 supporting the American Red Cross Disaster Relief
18 Fund. This Sunday, September 23rd, at 10 a.m. in the
19 grand ballroom of the Marriott Hotel located at 12th
20 and Market Street, I am pleased to note that thus far
21 that Councilmembers Blondell Reynolds Brown, Wilson
22 Goode Jr, Angel Ortiz, and I have confirmed our
23 attendance. An open invitation has been extended to
24 the public, all members of City Council, and elected
25 officials throughout the region

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2 This service is being hosted by Enon
3 Tabernacle Baptist Church, which is led by their
4 pastor, and my friend and then our friend who was
5 here this morning, Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller

6 I ask that all of my colleagues confirm
7 their attendance by contacting my office for
8 logistical purposes. I want to thank you and invite
9 the public to join this service for support for the
10 American Red Cross

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
12 Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode --
14 Councilman Cohen.

15 (No immediate response.)

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes. I was just
17 interested in my other name, "Councilman Goode."
18 That would give me about 50 more years in Council, I
19 would hope.

20 (Laughter.)

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I wanted to mention that
22 with respect to the legislation we've passed for the
23 referendum on the privatization of the schools that
24 the exact language may be a bit confusing, but I want
25 to make it very, very clear that those who support a

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2 public school system are going to be asking for a
3 strong "no" vote.

4 The reason for the resolution is to give
5 people in Philadelphia an opportunity to be included
6 in the process, because so far, the public has been
7 excluded. Decisions have been made without people's
8 involvement, so that the electoral process on
9 November the 6th will enable people to say, Do you
10 favor the concept of privatization? Or do you think
11 the public schools ought to remain public?

12 And I just wanted to add the note to make
13 it very clear that those who favor public schools are
14 going to be working very hard to secure a massive
15 "no" vote.

16 With respect to the comment made by
17 Councilman Mariano to increase the number of
18 districts to 15 and the number -- and to reduce the
19 number of at-large seats to 2, I just want him to
20 know he's fighting history, he's fighting the whole
21 purpose of the Home Rule Charter by such a proposal.

22 The main architect of the Home Rule Charter
23 was Richardson Dilworth, and Richardson Dilworth,
24 because he felt that citywide issues ought to prevail
25 in the City Council, always urged upon the electorate

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2 to have one more Councilmember-at-large than the
3 number of District Councilmembers.

4 So I just thought, Councilman Mariano, in
5 addition to fighting the change in the current
6 districts, you would be fighting history, and I think
7 it would be an unsuccessful fight.

8 Thank you.

9 And, incidentally, because directing is
10 very important to the Councilmembers-at-large as well
11 as to the District Councilmembers, but it is the
12 responsibility of Councilmembers-at-large to examine
13 the whole district proposal to see to it that such
14 things as ethnic groups feel fully represented in
15 government, that all sections of the City are treated
16 equally, even though it's the concern of the District
17 Councilmembers, of course, about each of their
18 districts.

19 Thank you very much.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're welcome.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Council President, to
25 Councilman Cohen, I appreciate the history lesson,

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2 but I just need the Councilman to remember one thing:

3 It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the

4 size of the fight in the dog.

5 Thank you.

6 (Laughter.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

8 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of

9 making a motion.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Well, I'm sure we're

11 going to have a dog fight.

12 (Laughter.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I

14 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,

15 October the 4th, 2001, at 10 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved

18 and seconded that City Council stand adjourned until

19 Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

20 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it and the motion carries.

23 Thank you all very much.

24 (Proceedings end at 11:19

25 a.m.)

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