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COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
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BILLS: 210001, 210002, 210118, 210119, 210135, 210136, 210178, 210179, 210180

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COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to the Committee on Streets and Services. Today is Tuesday, March 23rd and we are ready to start our hearing.

I understand that state law currently requires that the following announcement be made at the beginning of every remote public hearing as follows: Due to the current public health emergency, City Council Committees are currently meeting remotely. We are using Microsoft Teams to make these remote hearings possible.

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Mr. Maynard, will you please

call the roll to take attendance. Members that are in attendance will please indicate that you are present when your name is called. Also, please say a few brief words when responding so that your image will be displayed on screen when you speak.

THE CLERK: Vice-Chair Squilla.

(No response.)

THE CLERK: Councilmember Bass.

(No response.)

THE CLERK: Councilmember Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning, Chairman. Good morning, colleagues.

THE CLERK: Good morning, Councilmember.

Councilmember Brooks. Councilmember Brooks.

(No response.)

THE CLERK: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and colleagues.

THE CLERK: Chair Thomas.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good afternoon. I'm present.

THE CLERK: Okay. I apologize. But with Councilmember Brooks not responding, I can't go forward for the moment.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson is here. I heard you.

THE CLERK: Thank you, Councilman Johnson. And we have a quorum.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you colleagues. And now that we have a quorum of the Committee is present, I now call this hearing to order.

This is the public hearing on the Committee of Streets and Services regarding Bill Nos. 210001, 210002, 210118, 210119, 210135, 210136, 210178, 210179 and 210180.

Mr. Maynard, can you please read the titles of these bills.

THE CLERK: Yes, Mr. Chair. Bill No. 210001, an ordinance

establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of Dexter Street and Lyceum Avenue and Green Lane; Baker Street and Leverington Avenue; Apple Street and Shurs Lane; Boone Street and Markle Street and Roxborough Avenue; Conarroe Street and Pechin Street and Mitchell Street.

Bill No. 210002, an ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 140902) approved March 4, 2015, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 224 and 232 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Cayuga Street from Whitaker Avenue to its terminus eastwardly therefrom and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes within the lines of Cayuga Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, under certain terms and conditions," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and

conditions stated therein.

Bill No. 210118, an ordinance establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of Manton Street and South 18th Street and South 16th Street and South 21st Street; South 20th Street and Ellsworth Street; Carlisle Street and Wharton Street and Tasker Street; Titan Street and South 16th Street and South 18th Street.

Bill No. 210119, an ordinance establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of South 15th Street and Reed Street; South 19th Street and Reed Street; South 18th Street and Federal Street; South 18th Street and Morris Street; Wharton Street and South 22nd to South 17th Street; Ellsworth Street and South 22nd Street; Morris Street and South 17th Street.

Bill No. 210135, an ordinance amending Chapter 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Cafés" and Title 4, Subcode "A" of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and

Use Registration Permits," by aiding new provisions allowing restaurants applying for a sidewalk café permit or a temporary lot uses permit to allow outdoor entertainment, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 210136, an ordinance authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of a sewer and appurtenant work required to provide public sewer service in the unit block of Osborn Street.

Bill No. 210178, an ordinance establishing a no-truck parking violation on both sides of Frontenac Street from Levick Street to Devereaux Avenue.

Bill No. 210179, an ordinance establishing a no-truck parking regulation on Hammond Avenue between East Nedro and Crescentville Road.

And Bill No. 210180, an ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'

Markets," by adding a permissible location, all under certain terms and conditions.

Those are the bills to be heard, Mr. Chairman.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Before we begin to hear testimony from the witnesses we have for today, everyone who has been invited to the meeting to testify should be aware that the public hearing is being recorded. Because the hearing is public, participants and viewers have no reasonable expectation of privacy.

Additionally, prior to recognizing Members for questions and comments they have, I will note for the record at this time that we will use the chat feature available in Microsoft Teams to allow Members to signify that they would like to be recognized. In order to comply with the Sunshine Act, the chat feature must and only be used for that purpose.

With that being said,

Mr. Maynard, will you please call the first panel of witnesses we have here to testify. Mr. Maynard. Mr. Maynard.

THE CLERK: Yes. The first bill to be heard is Bill No. 210002. Noelle Miller from Streets and Sarah Chiu from Planning are the two witnesses to hear from.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good morning to you both. Please state your name for the record and begin with your testimony.

MS. MARCONI: Good afternoon, Chairperson Thomas and members of the Streets and Services Committee. My name is Noelle Marconi and I'm the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Streets. I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No. 210002 introduced by Councilmember Quinones-Sanchez. This is not an Administration ordinance, but an ordinance requested by Mr. Jeffrey R. Benner, Esquire of Marcus & Hoffman representing Cozza & Cerulli Realty Partnership. The purpose of this

proposed ordinance is to amend a previous ordinance, Bill No. 140902, approved March 4, 2015, was authorized the striking from the City Plan and vacating of Cayuga Street from Whitaker Avenue towards terminus eastwardly therefrom.

The proposed amendment will extend the operable period for compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorizing ordinance until March 4, 2023. This section of Cayugo Street is not paved or open to public traffic and the City has no plans to construct a street at this location. A right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes will leave reserve within the area being stricken. This action has been requested by the abutting owners in order to provide opportunity for business expansion and additional area for parking. This ordinance is supported by the Department of Streets and is recommended to your Committee by favorable action. This concludes my

testimony and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it.

Mr. Clerk, can you please call the next witness for this panel and then after the next witness, we'll open it up for questions.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next witness on this bill is Sarah Chiu from Planning. Ms. Chiu, the floor is yours.

MS. CHIU: Thank you. Good afternoon, Chairmember Thomas and members of the Committee on Streets and Services. I'm Sarah Chiu, City Planner with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. I'm here to testify on Bill No. 210002, which was introduced by Councilmember Sanchez on January 28, 2021. Bill No. 210002 amends Bill No. 140902 by extending the timeline for compliance of the original bill, which was approved by the Planning Commission on December 9, 2014.

Bill No. 140902 authorized the revisions of lines and grades on City Plan by striking and vacating Cayuga Street from Whitaker Avenue to its terminus and reserving a right-of-way for sewer and draining purposes within the lines of Cayugo Street. This portion of Cayugo Street is not physically paved or open to public traffic. Therefore, at its meeting on February 25, 2021 the City Planning Commission recommended Bill No. 210002 for approval as item in accord with previous policy. I'm happy to answer any questions that you have at this time. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you for you testimony. Thank you both for your testimony.

Before I open it up to questions to this panel, I want to take a moment to recognize that Councilmembers Kendra Brooks as well as Councilmembers Cindy Bass are both present in today's hearing. Thank you

for joining us this afternoon.

Councilmembers, are there any questions for this particular panel on this bill?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: There being none, I want to thank you for your testimony and let you know that we definitely appreciate it.

Mr. Maynard, will you please call the next panel or witness to testify.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next bill to be heard is Bill 210135. And the first person we'll hear from is Councilmember Gilmore Richardson before we hear from witnesses.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Chair recognizes Councilmember Gilmore Richardson before we hear from the panel on this particular bill.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you so much, Mr. Chair and colleagues of the Streets and Services Committee and also

to my co-sponsors Councilmembers Domb and Henon. But I wanted to briefly give a little background on the impetus of this legislation and also talk about the amendment process that we have undertaken with the Administration and other external stakeholders.

A year ago this month all of our lives were uprooted when COVID-19 began to spread in Philadelphia and across this country. And during this past year, our restaurants which are one of our City's most important economic drivers were forced to close and adapt to changing rules. When the winter began and temperatures dropped, restaurants saw an immediate decline in business.

Additionally, snow and other inclement weather of this particular winter season prevented businesses from offering outdoor dining as an option, further impacting our restaurant community. The combination of cold temperatures, inclement weather and a

pandemic has caused at least 200 full service restaurants to close. 50 of which are closed permanently.

Restaurants need a way to attract customers to eat outdoors to stem the tide of closures and performers and artists need the chance to once again provide vibrance throughout our City. With the spring season beginning and slightly more hope and optimism than last year around COVID-19, we must take additional steps to help restaurants and businesses reopen and succeed.

And I want to give kudos to my colleagues Councilmember Henon and Domb who introduced legislation on outdoor dining very early on during the pandemic, and particularly Councilmember Domb for his work with the Hospitality Working Group that I had an opportunity to meet with, and I think all that of that work has been exceedingly helpful and important to the impetus for this legislation.

So on February 18th of this

year, I introduced the bill to amend Sections 9-208 and 8-301.2.5 of The Philadelphia Code, to add in a definition of outdoor entertainment and allow restaurants, bars and entertainment venues that have already received or will receive a sidewalk café or a temporary use permit to offer outdoor entertainment.

The pandemic has taken its toll on many restaurants in Philadelphia. However, the City has responded quickly to create crucial pathways for operation to restaurant owners. A recent report from Center City District stated outdoor seating has been the survival strategy. The report found that outdoor seating in Center City increased from 2,997 seats in June to 5,152 seats in September and even maintain that nearly 4700 seats in December. Outdoor entertainment will give restaurant owners and operators more options for encouraging patrons to dine out safely.

The intent of this bill is to

provide restaurants, bars and streeteries the opportunity to offer outdoor entertainment until the end of 2021 and that coincides with the other outdoor dining legislation while we continue to vaccinate Philadelphians and move towards the end of the pandemic. Currently, restaurants, bars and streeteries with sidewalk cafés or temporary use permits are barred from offering any outdoor entertainment regardless of space or the type of entertainment being offered.

This wholesale ban of outdoor entertainment does not account for the situation businesses now face. So in response to a number of conversations with restaurant and hospitality community, streeteries and artists all across the City, my office crafted the bill to acknowledge our current reality and provide possible relief for businesses. So we're committed to continuing those conversations and we have continued those conversations and

had a very robust meeting with the Administration and all of the departments that are represented on the call today, including Streets and Health and L&I and Commerce and Planning.

And we also know that the bill was passed out of the Planning Commission with a favorable recommendation. And in the set of amendments that was circulated that I will explain, we sought to address all the issues we heard both from our internal and external stakeholders. So the amendments will address the Administration's concern to ensure there is a process that provides for, and I'm going to use a blended word here, eduforcement -- thank you, Mike Carroll -- education and enforcement. And that will really help them with the ability to enforce, particularly around permitting process, social distancing between the performers and the diners, ADA compliance and any issues around excessive noise.

Businesses will need to provide 72-hour notice prior to hosting outdoor entertainment. And the amendments will codify regulations from the Administration regarding safe outdoor entertainment practices and will provide clearer guidance for businesses that wish to offer outdoor entertainment.

And, Mr. Chair, I just wanted to quickly go through the chart that was circulated to all members of this Committee prior to the hearing today just to give a brief explanation before we hear testimony.

So the amendments offered will do the following, and again the information has already been circulated: It will provide for and clarify the definition of outdoor entertainment to exclude adult entertainment. The language will create a process for businesses to notify the Administration and for the Administration to keep track of outdoor entertainment in Philadelphia, and the process will

ensure that businesses are complying with the Code and all regulations. Businesses must submit an agreement that they understand and will follow all laws and regulations.

The language will codify the COVID regulations that are already in place, and this language will allow businesses to be better educated on how to have outdoor entertainment while complying with all the other relevant regulations that are already in place. The original bill specified compliance with all current code provisions, and that does include the ADA requirements, but we added an amendment to ensure that we will be able to deal with any businesses that may repeatedly violate laws that protect access for people with disabilities.

We have another amendment that will help the Administration better manage any noise issues and disruptions from performances by limiting the number of performances that can occur on one

City block at one specific time. And then there's additional language to help the Administration better manage outdoor entertainment by creating a permit process specifically for this issue up until June 15th, and then thereafter allowing the City to have the right to deny, the right to conduct outdoor entertainment performances on bases including right-of-way conflicts, public safety concerns, history of violations or history of complaints. And those denials will be provided in writing with the case identified, and I'll allow our additional witnesses to talk more about that specific amendment during their testimony.

So I am hopeful with all of this work and agreement from all the administrative departments that we have worked with, all the external stakeholders we have heard from, from meeting with the LCE at the state level and a number of my colleagues, in addition to meeting with Councilmember

Domb's hospitality work group. I'm hopeful that with this detailed work by my team and I that we are able to pass this legislation out of Committee today with the support of all of the members on this Committee.

Thank you so much, Mr. Chair. And I'm looking forward to the testimony being offered on this bill and being able to address any questions or concerns relative to the amendments. Thank you so much.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you, Councilmember, and thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Mr. Maynard, will you please call the first panel as it relates to this bill.

THE CLERK: Of course. The first witness we'll hear from is Mike Carroll from oTIS. On deck after that is Jessica Calter from PIDC, Nicole Marquis from Save Philly Restaurants, William Reed from Standard Tap, et al., and J. Nathan Bazzel from Woody's Bar

and the Midtown Merchants Group.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Will the first witness please say your name for the record and begin with your testimony.

MR. CARROLL: Hi. Good morning -- good afternoon. My name is Michael Carroll. I'm the Deputy Managing Director for the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability.

Good morning, Chairmember Thomas and members of the Streets and Services Committee. My name is Mike Carroll and I'm the Deputy Managing Director for the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability which we call oTIS. Thank you, Chairmember Thomas, for the opportunity to speak with you today. I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No. 210135 introduced by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson. We've been working collaboratively regarding this legislation.

This ordinance adds new provisions to the Code to give restaurants that are providing outdoor dining an opportunity to offer outdoor entertainment during the pandemic. As an Administration, we are very sensitive to the plight of restaurants and entertainers during COVID. We have specific concerns surrounding the health and safety of the public but we look forward to working with Council to fulfill the intent of this legislation while keeping the public safe and minimizing any nuisances.

There are a few factors we want to keep in mind: First, as the weather improves and vaccinations increase, we expect to see a significant rebound in pedestrian activity on our sidewalks. The City must exercise considerable vigilance in ensuring that everyone, including persons who depend on wheelchairs, can depend on a consistently clear 6-foot path to pass safely while encouraging social

distancing. This has been a challenge often even in pre-COVID times.

Recognizing that the pandemic is not over, we still need restaurants and entertainers to follow the City's COVID safety guidelines and maintain social distancing and to avoid a festival atmosphere which might be crowd-inducing. After reviewing this legislation, we were able to offer several amendments for consideration and we have seen that the Planning Commission has voted in support of the bill with the inclusion of these proposed amendments.

To highlight some of the key idea, as was mentioned, businesses must notify the City through the streetery@phila.gov email address that a performance is proposed 72 hours in advance. In this notification, applications should certify in writing that they have read and understood the City's safety COVID guidelines relating to entertainment, dining and leisure as

well as any regulations that are promulgated by the City pursuant to this legislation.

We would like to give some time for this opportunity to perform outside to burn in with both the restaurants and the public, but also for the government. That means that through the early stages of this legislation the Philadelphia Streets Commissioner would be given discretion to deny specific opportunities for outdoor performances in writing. This will give us a chance to build capacity, but also to ensure that both we and our partners in the business community are addressing the details to make sure that this proceeds successfully.

Finally, we want to make specific provisions that allow for the scale of performances to be of the nature which minimizes health risk and impacts to the broader public. These amendments were included to address a number of performances within a specific

area, to reference health guidelines in terms of the footprint allowable for performances and to consider the possibility of competing performances as well as a safety and right-of-way guidance which persists with or without the pandemic.

The bill and proposed amendments will allow restaurants to offer outdoor entertainment while keeping the public safe. We must continue to take COVID-19 seriously until more of the public gets vaccinated, but we also do certainly appreciate the need to promote a greater sense of normalcy and a commitment to support artists in the artist community.

While we continue to work for restaurants for both commerce and to support the public, we hope that we can also ensure a safe and healthy experience for everyone. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have at this time. And I'm supported I should mention by members of the Streets

Department, the Department of Licenses and Inspections and the Planning Commission. And we've also coordinated with the Health Department and the Commerce Department if questions come up in those areas as well. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, can you please say the name of the next panel and we can move forward with testimony, and we can save our questions until the end of the panel.

THE CLERK: Of course. Our next witness is Jessica Calter from PIDC.

MS. CALTER: Hello. Good afternoon, Chairpersons Thomas and Squilla and members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony today. My name is Jessica Calter. I'm the Vice-president of Marketing Communications for the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, PIDC. And on a personal note as someone with a background in

arts and culture, I'm really pleased to be here today to talk about this bill at the intersection of arts and economic recovery.

As you all are aware, PIDC's mission is to cultivate investment, directly support business growth and stability and drive neighborhood revitalization all to help Philadelphia's economy recover and continue to thrive. This vital work has a major impact on financial stability, wealth building and quality of life for a diverse range of residents in communities representing every single part of the City.

As you know among those communities, the region's restaurant, hospitality and entertainment sectors are certainly those most severely hurt by the pandemic shutdown and the ongoing public space restrictions. Job reductions, job losses, business closures and threats of closure are looming heavily in this space. An

all-hands-on-deck approach to helping our small businesses in the restaurant and entertainment industries to survive is imperative.

That's why PIDC wholeheartedly supports this Bill No. 210135 because it offers another critical step towards helping restaurants reopen and rebound, generating revenue that can help the entire City's recovery. The intersection of arts and entertainment with the restaurant industry will also be important to attracting residents, visitors and workers back to Philadelphia's restaurants through the arts once it's safe to do so.

As economic development specialists, we understand the importance of the restaurant industry to Philadelphia's overall economic health. At PIDC we have consistently prioritized the restaurant industry in our relief programs to date to help ensure that Philadelphia businesses in this critical sector get their fair share of funding.

For instance, working collaboratively with Council and the Department of Commerce, we were able to award $12 million to over 900 businesses through the Restaurant and Gym Relief Program and over 80 percent of those awards went to restaurants.

And as we've recently shared with Councilmembers and their staff, on March 15th the Pennsylvania COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program or CHIRP launched in Philadelphia. This was created by the Commonwealth to alleviate revenue losses and pay eligible operating expenses for certain businesses in the hospitality industry that have been severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. CHIRP offers the Philadelphia hospitality businesses grants to eligible businesses in the program, and PIDC is very pleased to be working with the Commerce team to administer the Philadelphia program and award these grants ranging between $5,000 and $50,000.

These recent efforts along with all of our other work is in alignment with our commitment to creating every opportunity possible to make owning a restaurant in Philadelphia achievable and sustainable and in a way that these businesses can continue to help our residents and visitors enjoy a key part of what makes our City so distinctive, attractive and worthy of investment. I thank you all for the opportunity to testify today and I'm very happy to take any questions or provide further information at your request. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, can you please call the next witness on this panel.

THE CLERK: The next witness on this panel is William Reed from Standard Tap and other restaurants. Mr. Reed, are you there?

(No response.)

THE CLERK: The witness --

MR. REED: I'm here. Can you hear me now?

THE CLERK: We can now, yes. State your name and proceed with your testimony.

MR. REED: Okay. Thank you. Yeah, I'm not able to join by video, but I appreciate everyone for asking me to come and testify in support of this bill. My name is William Reed. I'm writing this letter in support of the outdoor entertainment bill. To that end, let me talk a little bit about my businesses in Philadelphia.

My partner Paul Kimport and I are 50/50 partners in three restaurants in Fishtown and Northern Liberties. Standard Tap was our first business, which we opened in January of 2000. It's always been primarily a dine-in restaurant with a strong focus on local food and beer. Our second place, Johnny Brenda's Tavern, is also a music venue and located in Fishtown and is often cited as a catalyst for some of the revitalization of Frankford Avenue that you see going on now. Our third venture

is on Front and Cecil B. Moore, technically in Kensington but most people think of it as Fishtown and that's called the International.

COVID-19 pandemic has obviously been devastating the restaurant hospitality industry as a whole and most intensely for dine-in restaurants. For our small restaurant group, we are flourishing prepandemic with promising growth and our biggest concern was hiring reliable and talented employees to support our continued success. Across all three restaurants, we had roughly 125 full-time employees that we consistently paid above industry standards to keep and retain loyal employees and we were rewarded with a very low turnover. It's extremely gratifying to see many employees purchase their first homes and put roots down in our community.

As this letter is directed to City Council, I also point out that our business has contributed close to a

quarter of a million dollars each year to Philadelphia schools by way of the 10 percent drink tax. The impact of COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on indoor dining have driven many restaurants to collapse. We were luckier than some because we owned the buildings in which our businesses are located, and that allowed us to take on more debt to cover our losses in 2020.

I just finished doing my taxes with my accountant and 2020 was a massacre. In April, revenue was just 10 percent of previous years. Like many restaurants, we pivoted to takeout and delivery as best we could, but it wasn't our business model previously and it only allowed us to get back to about 20 percent sales. The PPP and other disaster relief programs truly provided the only means for us to continue payroll for the employees we fought to retain, and I'm grateful for that.

Philadelphia, like other cities, also provided a welcoming

opportunity to expand outdoor dining and also an easement of restrictions on to-go drinks. I can't say enough about how much this helped. When City Council announced the continuation of outdoor streeteries through 2021, it allowed us to invest more in the infrastructure of the outdoor dining area creating a more attractive and vibrant environment. Everyone loves eating outside when it's 70 degrees out. Encouraging customers to visit when it's in the 50s requires some creative solutions.

The grants and emergency aid were critical to keeping the hospitality industry solvent when health regulations effectively shut down much of our business. And I support that actually honestly, the regulations themselves. But truthfully as an entrepreneur, I much prefer being given the freedom to help dig ourselves out of this financial hole.

This bill in particular, allowing us to provide music or

entertainment to guests outside, helps us create a welcoming environment to help bring customers back to dine at our restaurants. Outdoor dining is still acknowledged to be the safest way to eat at a restaurant. Everything we can do to make that an attractive option is a benefit to the public health as well as the economic health of the hospitality industry. This is why I wholeheartedly support this bill to legalize what many bars and restaurants have already been doing, which is to provide music, whether it be a background or live entertainment option, to make outdoor dining a more attractive option.

In addition, I think it's imperative Philadelphia City Council take up the task of enforcement of City noise control standards. Currently, the PLCB and LCE enforce noise standards for music at licensed bars and restaurants in Philadelphia. Restaurants that don't have liquor licenses play by a completely different set of rules where

L&I is the enforcement agency for sound-related issues. City Council can and should apply for an exemption from the PLCB to allow local enforcement to take precedent over the PLCB's outdated and inefficient enforcement practices.

In particular, PLCB regulations are completely subjective. They rely upon the liquor control agent's personal judgment of sound levels, literally their ears. Philadelphia's Air Management Services, a division of L&I as you guys know, measure noise and sound scientifically with objective and fair standards. Two restaurants on the same block currently have completely different regulatory standards imposed upon them if one is a licensee and the other is not.

The solution would be to have City Council opt out of the PLCB/CLE regulation of sound issues within the City of Philadelphia. This is probably also necessary to allow the above-referenced bill to be put into effect

because current PLCB regulations prohibit any and all outside music at a licensed restaurant with no exceptions.

Thank you for this opportunity. Philly is a vibrant and growing city that I'm proud to be a part of. Our City government has risen to the challenge of this pandemic when there was a vacuum of leadership in this crisis, and I hope City Council continues to support local independent and vibrant businesses as it has in the past year. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, can you please call the next witness for this panel.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next witness for this bill is J. Nathan Bazzel from Woody's Bar and the Midtown Merchants Association.

MR. BAZZEL: Yes. Good afternoon. First, I'd like to thank the Committee for even considering such a wonderful bill. My name is J. Nathan Bazzel. I am the Outdoor Dining Chair

for the Midtown Merchants Association. Our association serves businesses in the area of 13th Street between Market and Locust Streets. Just to clarify, that would include 12th Street and Broad Street as well.

Previously I worked in our City's tremendous arts and cultural scene for both theater companies and museums. Prior to COVID-19, Philadelphia's cultural and restaurant scenes were experiencing record expansion and growth. Both sectors have now been devastated by the complexities and financial turmoil that this pandemic has caused. I am here in support of Bill No. 210135.

When we began work with the City to bring outdoor dining to life, one item that every restaurant in our corridor asked about was music and entertainment outside. Unfortunately, City policy and the state liquor code, as Mr. Reed mentioned, have made that impossible. Every restaurant that has

wished to include live music or entertainment have found ways to safely include this while adhering to CDC guidelines, if it were permitted. Entertainment has been allowed and many times during the pandemic inside, again while following state and CDC guidelines.

If entertainment has been allowed inside, why not outside. Every health agency has stated repeatedly that outdoors is safer than indoors. The barrier for most is the state's liquor code as just mentioned, which prohibits any amplified sound emitting from a licensee's property. To clarify, I'm referencing liquor licensees.

While this overly broad policy may be understandable and doable in a suburban or rural environment, it is not designed for a city of the first class such as Philadelphia. Under the restriction, no business with a liquor license may use amplified sounds outside. It means that a violinist

cannot plug into an amplifier to be heard over traffic. A dancer cannot play a prerecorded soundtrack. A poet cannot use a microphone to make their words heard.

However, the state does offer a way around this. To make this bill viable, the City must first begin by submitting paperwork to the State Liquor Control Board stating that the City has its own sound enforcement laws and will take over sound enforcement within the City limits. Harrisburg, our state capital, has already done this, as have other municipalities. Not only would this initial step make it possible for the restaurant industry to work more closely with the cultural community, it would give the City more control over sound enforcement in the City.

I understand that there have been some concerns about who will enforce sound from outdoor entertainment and how will we pay for it. Well, the first one has already been answered in

our sound enforcement code here in Philadelphia. There's a few ways that that can happen, either through the Health Department or through trained officers of the Philadelphia Police Department.

I would like to recommend that the City also consider a modest adjustment to the amusement permit fee to cover the costs of such enforcement. Doing so would make the initiative budget neutral. Prior to COVID-19, Philadelphia was an exciting cultural and food city. That is now in crisis. We have the greatest opportunity in generations to expand our cultural and food prominence in our country. Bill No. 210135 is a first step for Philadelphia to rise from the pandemic like a phoenix.

Think about the excitement that can be experienced when our culturally diverse restaurant scene comes together with the diversity of our cultural scene. This can be a beacon to

residents of surrounding counties to come back and experience Philadelphia as we rise up. It can be an example to other cities of how to rise out of the shared nightmare we have all been experiencing. Please consider approving Bill 210135 and take the first steps to making it a reality, by requesting that the City take over sound enforcement oversight from the liquor control enforcement agencies. I will be happy to answer any questions and assist in any way to make this bill a reality. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your testimony.

Chair recognizes Councilmember Bass for a question. Councilmember Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

I did have some questions and concerns about the bill. And I do want to state for the record very clearly

that I reached out to the bill's sponsor, Councilwoman Katherine Gilmore Richardson, who has been most gracious in attempting to reach out to me on several occasions to answer my questions. We did not connect just because of my very hectic schedule. But I do want to just note for the record that she really did make every effort to answer my questions and allay my concerns.

My concerns are -- and I know that the Councilwoman is probably going to address these in the future during the course of this hearing, but my concerns are really wrapped around what we have in my District and what we don't have. What we do have is restaurants -- well, actually what I call stop-and-gos, what many people call stop-and-gos which have a restaurant license. And these are establishments that are essentially illegally operating liquor stores and bars that have a restaurant license which allow them to operate in a fashion

in which they do operate.

Several years ago we passed a bill around stop-and-gos. And so, I have a great concern that this could be somehow more into a tool that would empower stop-and-gos to be even more of a nuisance than they are already, if one would imagine that could even be possible.

In most of our District where these stop-and-gos are, people want them closed immediately. We want them to operate as restaurants because we need restaurants. And when I go back to my initial statement in terms of what we have and what we don't have, what we do have is stop-and-gos. What we do not have is our restaurants. We do not have restaurants operating throughout most of the 8th District.

And so, what I would like to just be on the record and state is that I am likely going to be supportive of allowing the bill to come out of Committee today, but I do have

significant concerns that may have some thoughts around exemption from the 8th District or try to work through my questions and concerns with the bill's sponsor with additional amendments, if it's necessary.

So I just wanted to be on the record with that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate you putting that information on the record.

Chair recognizes Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

And I also want to thank Councilmember Bass. With our very busy hectic competing schedules, we were not able to touch base. But I appreciate the question because I do think it's important. Knowing the issues that we have dealt with, particularly in local neighborhood communities and commercial

corridors to ensure we have clarity around the stop-and-go businesses that sort of operate as if they are restaurants, but really they're stop-and-gos. And I want to give you again kudos on that bill because I think that was one of the most important bills that passed during the last session of Council.

So for the record, I wanted to ask Mr. Carroll about where the streeteries are located and if he could detail for Councilmember Bass sort of the process that we were able to work out through the amendment process and then also the permit process that's in the bill. And can you speak to specifically the issue around the potential of stop-and-gos, knowing that most of them based on the information I have, have not signed up to be streeteries or provide outdoor dining?

MR. CARROLL: Yes, that's the case. There's really a number of them that are doing some form of takeout, but

that is not what's included in this bill. You need to have a license or obtain a license to do either a sidewalk café or a streetery, so that's sort of a setup which is in the parking lane.

In many of the situations where we've got nuisance businesses, they're not -- I think they understand that there's a little bit of scrutiny that comes with having that license and they're not signed up to do that. Also, within the bill as you referred, Councilmember, there's opportunities for us to at first right out of the gate apply that scrutiny at the discretion of the Streets Commissioner, so he has the right in writing to explain why a proposal is being denied, and having a documented history being categorized as a nuisance business would certainly be a legitimate basis to do that.

Furthermore, as we indicated we need that advance notice. And folks who are not able to kind of comply with the basic setup requirements and also the

other regulatory requirements, if they've got a violation, basically you get that one strike. But beyond that, you're not eligible anymore. You're not eligible to take part. So I feel pretty comfortable we can stay ahead of this.

Like we discussed, I think it's important for the Commissioner to have the ability to kind of hold a tight fist around these opportunities for a period of time to make sure that there's clarity on all parts of the businesses, the public, the performers and within government before we get that pace that we expect to pick up throughout the summer. And on that basis, I think we're in a good position to start this off on the right foot and not have these types of problems and not contribute to existing problems as Councilmember Bass also pointed out.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Mr. Carroll, for the record --

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I --

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: -- I just wanted to address Councilmember Bass's concern specifically around the stop-and-gos. Do we know of any stop-and-gos that have applied for outdoor dining or to be a streetery? Because for this legislation, they would have to be a streetery already or apply to be one to be allowed to have the outdoor entertainment, and they would still have to go through an additional process with the City. I just want to make that clear for the record based on Councilmember Bass's concerns.

MR. CARROLL: So I will need to go back and work with Licenses and Inspections and Streets, but we can develop the list of folks who've applied and do that overlay to make that comparison, I think, in a pretty straightforward manner, so we'll bring that information back as soon as we can.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Is that it, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson?

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Yes, on that particular issue. But I think Councilmember Bass wanted to be recognized.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Chair recognizes Councilmember Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, and thank you, Councilwoman. I appreciate the clarity. I think that that goes a long way in helping me to making some decisions regarding the support of the bill. Understanding that it's just designated for streeteries, it's an important designation.

But I guess one of the questions I also have for Mr. Carroll, one of the problems we have in the City of Philadelphia is around enforcement. And so, when things go wrong, it almost feels as though we are stuck with it, whatever it is. Getting support from the Administration or from the various departments to deal with an issue effectively becomes quite (inaudible). So with a streetery gone bad that's

providing entertainment (inaudible).

MR. CARROLL: So I certainly want to recognize that there have been some challenges in the area of enforcement. We want to do everything we can to continue to work with Council on that issue. And if you guys can help us to pinpoint, working with neighbors and other stakeholders, where these locations are, we will do what we can to focus our efforts in those places.

With respect to this type of work, like we've mentioned we think we have some good protections in place, but we have the opportunity to beef some of that stuff up over time. And the work involved in kind of preparing to do the performances, we want to make sure we have enough advanced notice. And I think that's a key point. People can't just go out there and set up at the drop of a dime, so that allows us to sort of flag locations to come back where we may have had issues in the past and to kind of reach out to them.

There may be some people who are trying to do things the right way, but it could be the circumstance to the neighborhood or folks who are kind of in the vicinity who create issues. We want to be very clear that this should not turn into festivals. This should not contribute to crowding. And so, that is going to be something we have to keep our eye on, especially as the summer rolls on. And we may see interactions with things like the return of block parties, special events, so we do want to flag that. And where we see those convergence of events coming together, that will be a basis for us to try and roll back the opportunity in some instances, especially if we have some history of nuisance activity associated with specific locations.

So the one thing I think we need to be paying attention to is not everybody is going to even bother to follow the rules. And so, we do need to do a good job of kind of keeping our

eyes wide across the City. And on that front, the more we can partner with Council and your networks to understand what's going on, I think the better off this is going to work out for everybody.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: No further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you both. Thank you, Councilmember Bass. Thank you, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

Are there any other questions by members of Council by this particular panel?

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: No. Mr. Chair, I just wanted to again thank Councilmember Bass for those important questions because I do think it's vital to have those answers specifically for the Council Districts that may have streeteries in their communities.

I just wanted to follow up for

the record with Mr. Carroll to say that we'll await that information relative to the amount of streeteries per Council District so that we can share that information with all of the District Councilmembers. And also for the record, Mr. Carroll, I just wanted you to detail for the record the sort of application and permit process so that's on the record from the perspective of your Department as well. Knowing that not everybody's going to follow the rules, but I think with this process, it gives us a better opportunity around enforcement for those who are trying to skirt the rules.

MR. CARROLL: Right. So that process involves sending an email 72 hours in advance of a performance, which indicates the location of the performance and the nature of the performance to -- there's an email address we've set up for all of this work we've been doing. It's streetery@phila.gov. And for the period

up through June 15th of this year, we're also going to require that there be an application for a footway closure permit that's submitted to the Streets Department and will be approved at the discretion of the Streets Commissioner. And I want to clarify, the Commissioner has the ability to waive the fees associated with that permit and we intend to do that. But the fact that the permit is required gives us that extra level of scrutiny that we've been talking about in order to make sure that this kicks off in a safe manner.

There's other details with respect to that permitting process which is fully online. Folks can refer to the Streets Department's website, philadelphiastreets.com, and we'll be happy to talk through any issues people have. If they just send an email to that address, we can maintain that communication with them on that basis as well.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk, can you please call the next panel.

MR. BAZZEL: My apologies, Mr. Chair. If I can just add one quick item of relevance to the Councilmember's question. There is another --

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Hold on. Hold on one second. Chair recognizes Mr. Bazzel.

MR. BAZZEL: There's one other item that is probably beneficial to Councilmember Bass's point. And that is that currently entertain -- if you have a café license or a liquor license, you can't just have entertainment. It does require a City amusement license on top of that. So having both the streetery or street café license and the amusement license should be considered for this outdoor entertainment bill.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Bazzel. We appreciate the clarity.

Mr. Clerk, can you please call the next panel.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next bill we'll hear is Bill 210180. And the witness for that bill is Sarah Adamo from Licenses and Inspections.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Please state your name for the record and you may begin with your testimony.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Pardon me, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Chair recognizes Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Yes, pardon me. I just wanted to for the record notate the other witnesses that submitted letters in support of the legislation for the record.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: For the record, yes. So, Councilmember, for the record you're referring to the previous legislation that we were just discussing as it relates to outdoor eateries. Do

you want to provide those names and then we'll move on to the next panel?

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Sure. Thank you very much for your latitude, Mr. Chair, regarding Bill No. 210135.

There were also additional letters of support submitted to you, Mr. Chair, and to the members of this Committee from Melissa Bova, Vice-president of Government Affairs at PLRA; Jeff Guaracino, CEO of Visit Philly; Priscilla Luce, Interim President and CEO at the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance; Nicole Marquis, Save Philly Restaurants; and Michelle Freeman, CEO of Witty Gritty. They also submitted written testimony in support of this legislation.

Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. I appreciate it. And we appreciate those people providing testimony. It's important, so thank you and thank you for your leadership on this issue. And

thank you to all the parties involved for providing such clarity. It's all very much appreciated.

Mr. Clerk, can you please read the next bill and introduce the next panel.

THE CLERK: Of course, Mr. Chair.

The next bill is Bill 210810. The witness to testify is Sarah Adamo from Licenses and Inspections.

Ms. Adamo, the floor is yours.

MS. ADAMO: Good afternoon, Chairperson Thomas and members of the Committee of Streets and Services. My name is Sarah Adamo and I am the Legislative Affairs Manager for the Department of Licenses and Inspections. Today I am here to provide testimony on Bill No. 210180, which if enacted will amend Section 9-213 of the Philadelphia code, entitled "Farmers' Markets."

The bill would permit a Farmer's Market to be located on the sidewalk and adjoining curb lane in the

rear of 6301 Haverford Avenue. The Department has no objection to this bill and is prepared to enforce its provisions shall it become law. Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Department's testimony on Bill No. 210180. I'm happy to answer questions at this time.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your testimony.

Are there any questions from members of this Committee for this particular witness on this bill?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Hearing none, thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it.

Mr. Clerk, can you please read the title of the next bill as well as the next panel.

THE CLERK: Yes. The next bill to be heard is Bill 210136. Laura Copeland from the Philadelphia Water Department is the witness to testify.

MS. COPELAND: Good afternoon,

Chairman Thomas and members of the Committee on Streets and Services. My name is Laura Copeland and I'm the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Education, Community Engagement and Government Affairs for the Philadelphia Water Department.

I'm here today to testify in support of Bill No. 210136 sponsored by Councilmember Jones, authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of a sewer and appurtenant work required to provide public sewer service in the unit block Osborn Street. The impacted properties on this block of Osborn Street are currently served by private septic tanks which are no longer functioning properly and requires the installation of a public sewer as soon as possible.

There is no access to the rear yards of the septic tank for repair, maintenance or replacement and the property size does not allow for proper septic tank installation. This

situation has resulted in unsanitary conditions for many years. In accordance with The Philadelphia Code, impacted residents on the unit block of Osborne Street will be assessed for the installation for the newer sewer. These charges will be billed to the individual property owners, existing water sewer and storm water accounts.

PWD respectfully request that this bill be reported favorably out of this Committee and that the rules of Council be suspended to allow for the first reading of this bill at the next session of City Council. Thank you for the opportunity to appear today before you. I'm happy to answer any questions.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your testimony. We appreciate it.

Are there any questions from members of this Committee for this particular witness?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Hearing none, we want to say thank you for your

testimony and let you know it's very much appreciated. Thank you.

MS. COPELAND: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Mr. Clerk, can you please read the name of the next bill as well as the next panel.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next two bills to be heard are Bill Nos. 210178 and 210179. Noelle Marconi from Streets is the witness testifying on both bills.

MS. MARCONI: Good afternoon, Chairperson Thomas and members of Streets and Services. My name is Noelle Marconi and I'm the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Streets. I'm here to offer testimony on Bill No. 210178 introduced by Councilmember Parker. This is an ordinance that establishes a no-truck parking regulation on both sides of Frontenac Street from Levick Street to Devereaux Avenue.

The Department of Streets has no objection to this bill. The

regulations can be posted within 30 days of the bill's passage. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Good afternoon, Chairperson Thomas and members of the Streets and Services Committee. My name is Noelle Marconi. I'm the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Streets. I'm here today to offer testimony on Bill No. 210179 introduced by Councilmember Parker. This is an ordinance to establish a no-truck parking regulation on Hammond Avenue between East Nedro Avenue and Crescentville Road.

The Department of Streets has no objections to this bill. The regulations can be posted within 30 days of the bill's passage. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today, and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

Thank you for your testimony. It's very much appreciated.

Are there any questions from members of the Committee on these two bills, specifically for this witness?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Hearing none, I want to say thank you for your testimony and we appreciate it.

Mr. Clerk, can you please read the name of the next bill and call the next panel.

THE CLERK: Of course. The next bills to be heard are Bills 210001, 210118 and 210119, and the witness on all three bills is Dionne Bracley from the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Ms. Bracley.

MS. BRACLEY: Good afternoon, Council. My name is Dionne Bracley, Deputy Manager for the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Thank you for allowing me to testify before Council regarding Ordinances 210 --

THE CLERK: Ms. Bracley, could

you pause for just a moment?

MS. BRACLEY: Yes.

THE CLERK: Can the court reporter hear Ms. Bracley?

COURT REPORTER: Yes, I can hear. She's a little faint, but I can hear.

THE CLERK: Okay. Thanks, Taneha.

MS. BRACLEY: Hello?

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Yes. Can you just start from the beginning. State your name and go ahead and proceed with your testimony.

MS. BRACLEY: Yes, I will start over. Good afternoon, Council. My name is Dionne Bracley, Deputy Manager for the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Thank you for allowing me to testify before Council regarding Ordinances 210001, 210118 and 210119 establishing parking regulations. The Philadelphia Parking Authority has no objections to the ordinances previously read before Council and recommends favorable

consideration. Thank you again for your time. I will be happy to respond to any questions at this time. I'm done.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, that concludes the witness's testimony on these bills.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Was that your testimony for all three bills?

MS. BRACLEY: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you. We appreciate it.

Are there any questions from this panel for this witness on these three bills?

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to make sure -- I know you had mentioned earlier to be recognized as present for the hearing. Mark Squilla.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Councilmember. Please note for the record that Councilmember Squilla is present. He has been present for some time now. Thank you, Councilmember

Squilla.

With there being none, I want to say thank you to the last panel for your testimony. We appreciate it.

Are there any questions of this Committee for any of the bills that were introduced thus far?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: With there being no further questions from the members of the Committee and no other witnesses to testify, I will ask if there is anyone else present in this hearing whose name we have failed to call and that wishes to offer testimony on any of the bills being considered today?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Hearing none, I want to thank all the panels of witnesses for their participation today. We value your opinions. I now invite all panels of witnesses to please disconnect from the meeting before we go into our public meeting. We will now

pause the proceedings briefly as multiple participants will be leaving the hearing.

(Brief recess.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: And again, this concludes the public hearing of the Committee and we will now go into the public meeting to consider the actions to be taken on the bills before this Committee today.

Mr. Maynard, will you please call the roll to take attendance. Members that are present will please indicate that you are present when your name is called. Also, please say a few brief words when responding so that your image will be displayed on screen when you speak.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK: Vice-Chair Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Present.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good afternoon. I'm present.

THE CLERK: Very good,

Councilmember. Thank you for checking in.

Councilmember Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Can you repeat that.

THE CLERK: Councilmember Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: I am present. I didn't hear you. Thank you.

THE CLERK: No problems at all, sir.

Councilmember Brooks.

COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: I am present.

THE CLERK: Thank you, Councilmember.

Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present.

THE CLERK: Thank you, Councilmember.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Present.

THE CLERK: Thank you, Councilmember.

And, Chair Thomas.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Present. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. A quorum of the Committee members is present.

The Chair recognizes Councilmember Squilla for a single motion to approve the amendments to the bills that are being considered today.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: (Muted).

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: You're on mute, Councilmember.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I offer an amendment to Bill No. 210135. A copy of the amendment has been circulated to all members of the Committee. I move that these amendments be approved.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: It's been approved and properly seconded that the amendments to the bill just read by Councilmember Squilla be approved.

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

(Aye.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: The ayes have it. The motion carries, and these amendments have been approved.

The Chair recognizes Councilmember Squilla for a single motion on the bills that are being considered today.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I move that Bill Nos. 210001, 210002, 210118, 210119, 210135 as amended, 210136, 210178, 210179 and 210180 be reported from this Committee with a favorable recommendation and further move that the rules of Council be suspended to submit the first reading of these bills at the next session of Council.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Councilmembers. It's been moved and

properly seconded that the bills just read by Councilmember Squilla including any amendments that have been approved today, be reported from this Committee with a favorable recommendation and further move that the rules of Council be suspended to permit the first reading of these bills at the next session of Council.

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

(Aye.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN THOMAS: The ayes have it and the motion carries.

This concludes the business before the Committee of Streets and Services today. I want to thank everybody on this Committee for your participation, your flexibility in making this happen. I appreciate you all and I'm pretty sure the citizens of Philadelphia do as well. Thank you,

folks. Have a good one.

COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Have a good one.

COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE RICHARDSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

(Committee on Streets and Services concluded at 3:30 p.m.)

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