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BILLS 160170, 160171, and 160172
RESOLUTION 160180

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good evening, everyone. Good evening. Can I have your attention. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Thank you.

Folks, how is everybody doing this evening?

(Great.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You good? That's what I'm talking about. Nothing like being in the neighborhood. So first I'd like to thank all of you so much for coming this evening. This is an official public hearing by the City Council of Philadelphia. We will start out with the script. We'll allow a couple of ground rules. I'll turn it over to the Councilwoman, who I want to thank you so much for hosting this event for us tonight, and then you'll be able to have some interaction with your elected officials, the people that represent you, and then we'll be able to talk to you all, the people who gave us the opportunity to have these good jobs.

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All right? I want to thank you so much.

We're going to get started now.

This is a continuation of the public hearing of the Committee of the Whole regarding Bills No. 160170, 160171, 160172, and -- folks, I'm going to ask you to please be a little quiet, because the stenographer has to be able to hear, and everybody who will speak tonight will be given a chance -- and Resolution No. 160180.

Mr. Stitt, would you please read the titles of the bills and resolution.

THE CLERK: Bill No. 160170, an ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022 inclusive.

Bill No. 160171, an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2017 Capital Budget.

Bill No. 160172, an ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

Resolution No. 160180,

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resolution providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2017 through 2021, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2016, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you very much, Mr. Stitt.

At this time, I'd like to introduce the members up at the table. There will be a number of other Councilmembers joining us shortly.

At this time, we have Councilman Al Taubenberger to my left.

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We have --

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's okay to clap. Thank you.

And Councilman Mark Squilla.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm going to save the best for last.

Councilwoman Helen Gym.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And I don't have to introduce this lady, your homegrown, Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I knew that was going to happen.

We're going to continue the script.

Today we continue the public hearing of the Committee of the Whole to consider the bills read by the Clerk that constitute proposed operating and capital spending measures for Fiscal 2017, a

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Capital Program, and a forward-looking capital plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through Fiscal 2022.

First of all, I'd like to say since you have entrusted this elected body to be your stewards of your taxes, I firmly believe that all spending measures should be reflective of your priorities. We are here this evening to continue that deliberative process. This body would like to hear from you on what you want to have considered in the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating and Capital Budget, multi-year Five Year Plan, and Capital Program.

On that note and before we start, I would like to take a moment to thank our host again, and I would like to turn this over to my good friend and your Council Lady, Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you. I'm going to ask Mr. Mike Garcia from the Board of Directors here at Concilio to just welcome you to la casa

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de Concilio.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

I just want to thank you for coming and enjoying our house. I want to thank our elected officials for coming here to the community to present these hearings.

We built this building after a lot of work. You guys are all welcome to come here. So enjoy yourselves. As the Councilwoman said, be respectful of everyone.

And, lastly, the hall is for rent. So if anybody wants to rent it. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Mike.

I just want to take a moment and acknowledge the former Executive Director of Concilio, who is now a Deputy Managing Director for the City of Philadelphia, Joanna Otero, who is here.

(Applause.)

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COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I want to thank my Council colleagues for being here today, and I particularly want to thank all of the advocates who will be testifying before us.

As I mentioned earlier before my Council colleagues came in, the room has an echo, so it carries. We want to ask people to be respectful. We don't want any booing. We've asked the advocates to assemble themselves by panels. Every panel will have several people. The folks who are with those people are free to stand up when that panel is there so that we can acknowledge the constituencies that are supporting the different issues and the testimony.

We are going to ask every individual panelist to abide by the three-minute rule. Andy will put up a yellow sign that let's you know that you have one more minute so that you can start wrapping it up.

Because we started late, we

really are committed to try to get through the list, and I must tell you, we have quite a bit of people who have signed up to testify. So please limit your testimony so that it's not repetitive. We really want it to be your story.

I acknowledge Councilman Henon who is coming in the room and joining us and Councilman Domb, who also joined us. Thank you so much for coming.

We want to hear your story. So make sure that as you talk, whether you're a pre-K advocate, a community school advocate, please give us your story. This is part of the record and it's an important part of our democratic and our budget process. So we really, really thank you.

So I'm going to start with Panel No. 1 from the Parks Alliance, and I have Robin Irizarry, Awilda Ocasio, Leroy Fisher, and Ivy Smith, if they can come forward.

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The second panel will be Alex Smith, Javier Sanchez, and Luis Rodriguez.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Again, buenas tardes. You may proceed. Please speak into the microphone. And before you start your testimony, state your name for the record for the stenographer.

I'm going to let the beautiful young lady there.

MISS SMITH: Good evening. My name is Angela Smith and I'm a 12-year-old resident of Northeast Philadelphia.

Max Myers Recreation Center has been around the corner from me my entire life, yet I have never been able to play and actually have fun there.

As a child, you want to stay as healthy as possible. Did you know that for every hour you swing, you burn 200 calories and that rock climbing can burn

454 calories on your way up and 284 down?

My question is, how can we stay healthy if we don't have the right equipment? My other question is, how are we supposed to prevent scrapes on children if we don't -- if we have holes in the mats and pipes sticking out of the ground? I think we all know these are not the only things wrong with this park.

I feel as if children such as myself should have a safe park to go to with friends and family to have a good time rather than to ponder over when change will come. That is why I think it will be important that this park is revitalized.

Thank you for your time.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. IRIZARRY: Good evening, Councilmembers, staff, and members of the community. My name is Robin Irizarry. I'm speaking for the

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Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, or TTF for short, where I serve as the Philadelphia Watershed Coordinator.

TTF has worked for the past ten years to invite the community back into Tacony Creek Park, one of our city's most challenged urban watershed parks. Considerable investments have recently been made in this park by both the Philadelphia Water and Parks and Recreation Departments, from starting to restore Tacony Creek itself to creating a new stretch of multi-use trail, a link in the region. TTF regularly hosts programs along this trail, from nature and bird walks to block parties, bike rides and an annual 5K run. The park has a new and active friends group, and just this year, we began our very first Trail Ambassador Program. We have seen how this type of capital investment has made a difference in this park and its use firsthand. The development of a trail has helped

reinvigorate this park. A park that for many years has had a reputation of crime and neglect is being rediscovered by a community eager to connect with nature in their own neighborhood, eager to walk and run and exercise on trails that did not exist until just a few years ago.

While we are seeing significant improvements, there's still much left to be done. Over the years, we've watched as millions of dollars have been directed towards parks in Center City. Meanwhile many neighborhood parks like Tacony are still lacking basic investments, like proper lighting, signage, and benches, which would make our parks safer and more welcoming for our community.

These type of investments demonstrate the City's commitment to protecting our critical green spaces, which are essential to healthy, active lifestyles and instrumental in educating students about the natural world around them.

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The TTF Watershed Partnership strongly supports Mayor Kenney's bond initiative as a timely and much-needed investment in our neighborhood parks and facilities, which have been underserved for far too long.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. OCASIO: Good evening. My name is Awilda Ocasio. I am with McPherson Park. And let me tell you what happened to McPherson. Okay? Like a couple years ago, a few years ago, McPherson Park was known as the needle park, because that's all you could find in there. The children were not allowed to go and play in our park because it was just not safe.

With the help of our Maria and the Park Alliances, we were able to redo that park. Now we have a KaBOOM playground. We have got cleaning. We

have got -- we are good now, but we could be better. There's a lot of other things that need to be done that could be added. We need maintenance in the park.

And I don't want to take too much more time, because that guy has got the green sign. So I'm going to just say thank you very much, but please do remember that the parks are one of our main parks, are one of our main places where our children need to go.

(Applause.)

MR. FISHER: Good evening. Thank you for having me. My name is Leroy Fisher and I'm the current President of Hunting Park United, and as we all are aware, Hunting Park is a jewel in our city that has received a lot of investment over the last three years, $5 million invested, and that investment is the perfect example for the rest of the parks and throughout the City, where you see 89 percent crime drop within a half mile radius of the park.

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We are the example. We are the reason that investments should come in to parks and recreations and to buildings that have not been maintenanced and updated in quite some time.

Although we have a large investment in Hunting Park and we have a lot of new facilities, from playgrounds to ball fields to new lighting and maintenance, we still run into problems with buildings that are in disrepair. I'd ask that City Council find a way to please help us, help the community, and also use the example of Hunting Park throughout the City as a means to make our City better, reduce crime, improve programming for our children throughout the City.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you.

Our next panel, Alex Smith, Javier Sanchez, and Luis Rodriguez.

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If anybody needs translation, please let me know.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I want to recognize Councilwoman Cindy Bass, who is Chair of the Committee on Parks, Rec and Arts and Culture.

MR. SMITH: How you doing? My name is Alexander Smith. I'm representing Coca-Cola, Teamsters. I'm also the Program and Donation Coordinator for a local non-profit.

I brought my 4-year-old daughter here today. She's in preschool. So I definitely understand the importance of pre-K and the importance of parks and recreation, but at the same time, these beverage taxes will ultimately end up having me and hundreds of my co-workers lose their jobs.

So even though -- like I said, I understand the importance of preschool.

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I do a lot of work in the community. I have a lot of partners out there. We do a lot of work in the community, but this beverage tax, these grocery taxes, what it's going to come down to is not the parks and the recreations. It's going to be now how do you put food on the table to feed your family.

If you have -- if jobs are moved and jobs are lost -- and I have 160 guys that stand with me every day, and when I get involved in the community, they all get involved with me. If they don't have a job, they can't go in their pockets, begin to fund these back-to-school drives, all the stuff that we do to help the community. Now my biggest fear has always been that when I'm out here doing this work, that I see the guys that I've been working with for these years in the line receiving the stuff that I'm out here doing.

So hopefully the Council could come to an alternative to fund these

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programs that are important, but I don't want to see any job loss. I love the guys that I work with. We want to continue to be self-sustaining individuals, working hard, paying our taxes, and bettering this community.

(Applause.)

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. My name is Luis Rodriguez. I also work for the Coca-Cola Company, and I don't want this grocery tax to pass for many reasons. We as a middle-class working family just cannot afford it. We already struggle as it is to make ends meet. Also impacting us is families and our bonding time together, because due to this tax, we will have less money. This will impact our going-out time, movies, dining, road trips. We just cannot afford it.

Summer is almost here. Major family grocery consumption happens at this time due to the vacations and summer housing, as this tax could impact this in negative ways, making it almost

impossible for this to happen.

As an employee of the beverage company, I will be directly impacted. If consumers do not purchase our product, we will be obligated to reduce staff and eventually go out of business.

There are other ways to raise this revenue for the City of Philadelphia. This is not the way to go. It does not benefit low-income families of Philadelphia.

With this being said, we as the community strongly oppose the Philadelphia grocery tax.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. SANCHEZ: Good evening. My name is Javier Sanchez and I work for Coca-Cola. I work for production. So we produce cases that we supply the community, the whole City, the tri-state area. Not only do I work for Coca-Cola, but I also live in this community, right? We have a lot of small businesses that

depend on selling beverages to generate income to supply and help their family, right? If this tax that's proposed goes through, it would definitely jeopardize a lot of jobs, not only at Coca-Cola but the small businesses. It would definitely jeopardize jobs.

I have two young daughters, 6-year-old and a 1-year-old. So I definitely need a job to maintain and supply everything they need. If you pass this tax, when you go to the grocery store, that bill that's $200, $300, depending what size the family you have, you have to get your juices, because of course juices have sugar in it. So you have your Capri Suns, your flavored water, not only your soda, your iced teas, everything that you go to, your lemonades, it will get taxed. So everyone has to understand it's just not a soda tax. This is a beverage tax, you know.

So not only do we pay 8 percent

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in sales tax, which is ridiculous -- New York is 10 percent. We're at 8 percent. We're nowhere near close to New York. So adding a 3 cent per ounce, it's per ounce, it's not per container. So you have a two liter, 60 ounces, do the math. You're paying $4. So now these small businesses have to generate enough money to make a profit, right? Everyone is in the business to generate profit. You're not just cutting costs and cutting even. You got to understand, like this is what's going to happen. Three percent -- 3 cents per to ounce, not per container.

There's definitely other ways that we can generate money, and we have to get creative and come up with those ideas. Taxing the beverages is definitely not the answer.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Folks, we want to get through this. The third

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panel is Barbara Gold, Elaine Johnson, Arlene Saunders, Obioma Martin. And I'm going to include one of our school SAC Presidents, Cheryl Bennett, in this, because I know we have all these panels.

The next panel will be Miguel Martinez, Magdalena Cancel, Inorolina (ph) Melendez, and Danny Grace. So please stand by. Thank you.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you. You may proceed.

DR. GOLD: Good evening. My name is Barbara Gold. I'm a --

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Hold on.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Folks, excuse me. Keep your voice down, please.

DR. GOLD: My name is Barbara Gold and I'm a pediatrician.

My entire professional life I've been a pediatrician in Philadelphia, so I know about the two public health

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issues addressed by the soda tax - the importance of pre-K for all children and the obesity epidemic issues.

The World Health Organization announcement this week that the incidence of diabetes has increased fourfold in the past 25 years concurs with my observations over 40 years in practice. Make no mistake, these are public health issues.

First, the frightening increase in obesity, pre-diabetes, and diabetes in the past 30 years. Medical research is clear that the increase in consumption of high sugar foods, including beverages, is related to this health crisis.

Why is this a crisis? Well, for the children who must take daily medication, including sometimes insulin injections, go on strict diets, monitor their blood sugar, and who have trouble enjoying normal childhood activities, it is sad, but statistically it also means that as they age, they are more likely to

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suffer all the complications of their disease - kidney failure, blindness, nerve damage, heart disease. And we will all end up paying for this in increased healthcare costs, just as we have all paid the cost of lung cancer in people who used to smoke.

Some argue this is a regressive tax on the poor, but we will all pay sooner or later. Some argue that government should not be in the business of legislating health, but there's a long history of public health interventions, from shutting the public water tap that caused a cholera outbreak in 19th century London to mandatory reporting of cases of TB and HIV/AIDS, to use of seat belts, and warning labels on cigarettes.

When a huge epidemic sweeps the country, the government should act to help protect the citizenry.

The second issue here today, citywide pre-K, is also a public health issue. Studies have shown that children

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who spend their early years in homes where parental education levels are low and poverty-related stress levels are high hear millions, literally millions, fewer words than those in families where this is not the case. Many children who enter kindergarten or first grade poorly prepared to settle into school routines and to undertake learning will drop out of high school sooner, have lower-paying jobs all their lives, and tend to have more interactions with the criminal justice system.

In the broad definition of the health of our public, this is also a crisis. And I urge the Council to pass this tax so that we can have a better educated, healthier population in our great city.

(Applause.)

MS. MARTIN: Good evening to the members of Council and the President. My name --

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Folks, I know if you think you're whispering to the person standing next to you it's quiet, but it really carries. So I'd just ask you all please, if you want to talk, please go outside in the hallway, because it's really not fair to the people who are trying to testify and get their point across. Thank you for your cooperation.

Go ahead, ma'am.

MS. MARTIN: Good evening to City Council. My name is Obioma Martin and I am here as a parent, I am here as an educator, and I am also here as a teacher. And the first thing I want to say to you is that as a mother of five, four boys and one girl, my son last year -- I live in Overbrook Park, and my son last year, who is 15, was out on the court playing basketball when some guys decided to open fire while he was playing basketball in the park. And so I cannot allow him to play basketball anymore, because it's not safe.

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Also last year at the school across the street from my house, Lamberton, my 11-year-old son was punched in the face from behind, and I advocated to him not to defend himself, to go to the school and let them handle it, and it took a week for the boy that hit him to be suspended, because the disciplinarian was not there and the principal would not do anything.

And so it is very, very important that we have the funding in place to support the schools, to support the education system. As a mentor to individuals in the Juvenile Justice Center, they need direction. They need an education system that has the right accountability measures in place. They need counselors. They need teachers who are not overworked, who do not have 30 children in a classroom, with no support.

As a preschool teacher, an educator, our teachers are overworked and underpaid. And so we're looking at the

bigger picture as a whole. This tax will allow the whole system to benefit. It will keep our children from being in prison by the age of 7 and 5. I'm working with teachers who are working with children who are being taught in third grade how to sell drugs. They're getting on the school bus with drugs --

(Applause.)

MS. MARTIN: -- cocaine. I have a day care worker who found drugs in the baby mouth last week, a bag of coke, a bag of coke.

And so how can we be negligent? How can we even argue about not passing a tax that's going to do the right thing for our children and for jobs? We're talking about sustainability. Yes, I understand that there will be jobs lost, but there will also be more jobs gained because we'll have a better educated system of this new generation coming up.

(Applause.)

MS. MARTIN: And so we really

need to choose what is going to be beneficial to us in the long run. Are we thinking about more criminals or are we thinking about an educated workforce?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, ma'am.

(Applause.)

MS. SAUNDERS: Hello, Council. My name is Arlene Saunders, and my program is Fresh As Angels, and we're located in the Olney section of Philadelphia. I'm a family service worker for Head Start, and on a daily basis, I have to turn families away because we just don't have enough slots for the amount of families and the amount of children who need help, and we are -- we service the most needy children in the City of Philadelphia.

My parents make sacrifices, and when I have to turn them away, they have to turn to alternative methods of watching -- for people to watch their children. They have to leave their

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children with their neighbors or an aunt or mainly grandparents, who just are not able to care for the children the way that they should be cared for. So now we're sending children to school that are not prepared to enter into kindergarten.

So we ask that you do pass this tax so that all the children who need to be serviced, the neediest children who need to be serviced are offered that opportunity. We just can't -- we just don't have enough slots to provide for the children who need it, and childcare is very expensive, very expensive, more than most people's rent, mortgages. We just -- they just can't afford to pay that. The CCIS waiting list is so long, they have no other -- they have to work because they have to support their families.

So I understand what everyone is saying, there's going to be jobs that are lost, but the children are who we are advocating for, not for us to make more

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money, not for us to be in a better predicament, but for the children. We have to take care of them.

Thank you for your time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, ma'am.

(Applause.)

MS. JOHNSON: Hello, Council. My name is Elaine Johnson. I'm the owner and founder of Johnson Child Care Center here in Philadelphia. I have two locations. I have an infant/toddler location and also a preschool program.

I'm here advocating for the children in my community. I have pictures in front of me. This picture here is a picture of the children in my program, and this picture here is the picture of my grandchildren and my children that were raised in my program and also who are in my program right now.

One of the things that was brought to my attention in one of the meetings that I went to recently as an

advocate, that early childhood -- the preschool teacher -- our programs are paid $8,000 a year, but the true cost of child care is 16,000 a year. The prisons get $40,000 a year per person to -- I guess for room and board or to house prisoners. To me, that number is upside down.

We're talking about a sugary tax that's going to offer more money to our children, for our children to be educated.

Our statistics that we have as advocates, that if the children aren't reading by the age -- by the third grade, that they're already making a place for our children in prison. I have a problem with that, and I think that we all should.

So as an advocate, I'm standing for the children in my program, for my grandchildren here, for my children who went through my program who are -- one of my daughters, she's in school for her

Associate's degree in ECE and my other oldest daughter is in school now for her Doctorate degree in education, and they all came through preschool. So preschool is worth it.

And one more thing I want to say. Right now I'm wearing this button that we have as an advocate. It says "pay now or pay later." Well, I'd like to change this button and say "pay now, don't pay later." Support the sugar tax.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: For the record, Councilman Green and Councilman David Oh have joined the panel. Thank you.

Please proceed, ma'am.

MS. BENNETT: Good evening, everyone. My name is Cheryl Bennett. I am the SAC Chairperson for John Welsh, along with a parent volunteer coordinator.

I'm here to represent the

parents today. I'm not here to represent my title at the school.

The schools are asking for a parent volunteer or more parent involvement, but when we come out to get involved, the teachers are not passing out materials that are sent home for parents to even be involved. I just recently had a Parent Appreciation Day on March the 29th, and this Appreciation Day also included the fact that the parents needed to come out for the budget. A lot of parents don't know that they are entitled to come out and sit in these budget meetings, but if the principal and if the teachers are not letting this be known, then they don't know, and then they want to know why is the money spent this way and why is money spent that way, when we have the right as a parent to speak up on these things in these meetings.

Also I'm here to just tell parents that we have a voice. A lot of

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parents don't understand that we really have a big voice in school.

I am a parent of three children in the Philadelphia public schools. I have two that attend John Welsh where I am, and parents just need to come out. They need to come out. They need to support their children. They need to support their schools, but also the principal, the teachers. Everyone needs to rebuild relationships. A lot of relationships are torn because of principals not being available to talk to, like you said, principals pushing it off on other people when it's their responsibility to look after our children, to be responsible for our -- for the children for the teacher. It's their responsibility as building administrators.

Also I wanted to let parents know that there's a Title I public view binder in each school of your office. Every parent should be able to go and

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look at that binder. That binder has all the information that you need to find out about what's going on with your school for the year.

Again, this is not advocated or this is not told to our parents in the schools because -- for what reason? I don't know. But I know that when I came in to John Welsh in February and became the Chairperson this current year, there were a lot of things that I didn't know as a parent, and I was shocked, like why didn't I know this information? So my goal was to tell everybody. Everybody going to know.

So I'm here to just let parents know, get out, go into these schools, get any information that you want to know, because the principal and the teachers are allowed to tell you. Do not be scared to go out and ask for information that you need about your children. These are our children that we're concerned about.

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We're here today talking about the tax for our children. So, therefore, the money, everything that's going on, we need to be concerned more about our children.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold on a second. Folks, hold on one second.

Councilman Domb, did you have -- the Chair recognizes Councilman Domb. I think he had a question or a statement.

COUNCILMAN DOMB: Yes. Thank you, Council President.

Thank you, Councilwoman Sanchez too.

Unfortunately, I have to go to a civic meeting in Somerton, but I'll come back after that meeting. But I wanted to speak about something not related to the budget or the soda tax,

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and that's something that has a deadline of April 18th called the Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC. I need everybody to listen to this. It's very important. Last year we left $100 million on the table that could have gone to 40,000 families, people in Philadelphia, 40,000, because people don't know about it. We have the forms. We have the information. You can ask any of my colleagues. We have all the information. We need to make sure that these 40,000 people get this hundred million dollars. April 18th is the deadline.

I'm going to give you an example. Single parent with two kids, up to $43,000 of income, the checks can be up to $5,500. You can file back three years. That's like 16,000. Married, 49,000 with two children, same type of credit. So it's real money. This is federal money, federal money. One hundred million dollars was left on the table last year that could have helped

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40,000 of our people in poverty.

So, please, I want you to tell ten people about this. It's crucial. April 18th is the deadline.

Thank you, and I'll come back. Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So the next panel is Miguel Martinez, Magdalena Cancel, Inorolina Melendez, Danny Grace.

The panel after that will be "Teddy" Theodore Daniels, Derrell Vereen-Gibbs, Ernie Bennett, Courtland Green, and Denise Stroman. And that is members of SEIU. That will be the panel after this.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Folks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Quiet, please.

MS. MELENDEZ: Good evening,

Council. I'm Inorolina Melendez.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Keep your voices down a little bit, please.

MS. MELENDEZ: Good evening, Council. My name is Inorolina Melendez and I'm here as a small business owner and also representing the Dominican Grocer Association.

I would like to say the tax for a small business is unfair. Especially small business is still suffering from the cigarette tax. So enough is enough. I'm going to see if they get to pass the cigarette tax and the soda tax, we as the small business are going to disappear.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. CANCEL: All right. So I don't have anything prepared, but --

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Your name for the record, Maggie.

MS. CANCEL: Magdalena Cancel and I am a teacher assistant for School District Head Start, and I find myself in

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a bit of quandary. On one hand I am for the children. Believe it or not, I am. But as Head Start, we took a hit three years ago, and it was to conserve, and they said we're going to close these schools and we're going to make it better and we're going to have money, we're going to have funds, we're going to have the cigarette tax. Well, the cigarette tax came and went. We've seen nothing. Head Starts are still suffering. The universal pre-K is universal pre-K, but make no mistake, it's not Head Start.

Second, you see corporations that you're taxing soda. I see families that have bills, that have mortgages.

(Applause.)

MS. CANCEL: It's very simple. It's very easy for people to say jobs will be lost, while you're going away and getting up every morning to go to your job. That is hard. That's harsh that you would say something like that.

We have bills. These are

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families just like yours. They have needs just like yours. So we need -- we can't have this soda tax. Because make no mistake, a soda tax will turn into a food tax, and they'll increase that too. And guess who that is going to hit? That's going to hit the poor of this city. And guess what? That includes you too.

(Applause.)

MS. CANCEL: Thank you.

MR. GRACE: Good evening. My name is Daniel Grace, Secretary/Treasurer of Teamsters Local 830 here in Philadelphia, largest Teamster local in the City of Philadelphia.

Council President Clarke, members of City Council, here we go again. For the third time the City is trying to pass a soda tax. Twice previously under former Mayor, this esteemed body rejected a soda tax, viewing it as regressive, unfair, and it punished one industry to the exclusion of

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all others.

Ladies and gentlemen, nothing has changed. Call it a soda tax. Call it a sugary drink tax. Call it a grocery tax. Whatever you want to call it, let's be clear on a few things. This tax, if passed into law, will more than double the cost to every drink that contains any sugar - sodas, kids fruit juices, iced teas, sport drinks, energy drinks, and many other popular beverages.

Don't think for one minute that the distributors will pass the cost of this tax on to the consumer. They most certainly will.

The other bitter irony is that the very people the tax revenues are supposed to help, the inner city poor and underemployed, will be the hardest hit by this tax. They won't have the ability to leave the City limits to buy their sugary drinks, although they may become the main patrons of the underground market that will certainly spring up if this tax is

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passed.

From the Teamsters perspective, we stand to lose as many as 2,000 jobs in the region if this goes through. Not just in trucking either, but also in sales, merchandising, marketing, and other functions. Less products sold means fewer positions needed to sell it and move it. You're talking about good, family-paying, family-sustaining jobs are on the line. People who are affected will likely leave to find work elsewhere, meaning a reduction in the City's tax base.

In closing, I want you to know that I and my members support pre-K and all other noble programs that Mayor Kenney seeks to fund, but there has to be a better way, a fairer way, a more predictable and sustainable way to fund these programs rather than placing the enormous burden on the back of one industry.

I thank you for listening to

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me, and I'll take any questions.

(Applause.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (through interpreter): Members of the Councilmen of the City of Philadelphia, ladies and gentlemen, I want to bring to the attention to the Council of Philadelphia to bring up 3 percent per ounce of the products that contain sugar.

I wanted to remind you, the Council, in the month of June you raised 4.5 percent of the property taxes. We also wanted to remind you that you allowed PECO to raise a 3.9 percent to the electric. Just like a little gift to our community, you also allowed the gas company 80 percent per month. Now the Water Department also want to increase 11 percent also to the water. On our result, that the City of Philadelphia also pretend to the first product that are needed for our children.

Also we wanted to remind the City of Philadelphia that we represent

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also the Dominican Society, but also in this time I want to speak as a citizen, as a member of this community that every day I see how the people, they have less to the products of the first needy.

We want to remind you we're not against that you develop this product that you want to develop, but find another mechanism to do it so that the lower class of people will not be the one paying those taxes.

We want to remind you that this city that there's supposed to be love, that we will now turn it into the City of hatred.

We want to remind you that in the ten city of the United Americans, the City of Philadelphia is the fourth runner inside the cities that have the higher taxes.

Please think about it.

Thank you very much for listening to me.

(Applause.)

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PASTOR PERRELL: Do I get a chance?

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Oh, you wanted to say something?

PASTOR PERRELL: Yeah, I would like to say something, if I may.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Very quickly.

PASTOR PERRELL: I will be brief.

You know, it's nice when people want to partake and use our children as a shield.

(Applause.)

PASTOR PERRELL: My name is Pastor Interell Perrell (ph).

And everybody wants to say, well, we want to have our children to be healthy, and that is a beautiful thing, but the thing of it is is that what do you do where poor people that only live in a $500 a month by their Social Security, raising grandchildren that their parents left behind, and they won't

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even have a dollar when they used to go to the store, send their kid to get a juice. Now you're going to send them with a $5 when you don't even have it. Here comes the taxes. Here comes the water bill. Here comes the electric bill. It's all good if you go somewhere else that have money, but, look, how many -- every time the elections come and every time the people say our community gets 5 million, 10 million, I'm a community man myself. I don't see none of that money hitting our streets. I don't see that money hitting our people, the stores. I don't see anything. But what I see is the City of Philadelphia applying more duties like breaking the laws in the store because he doesn't have this, because the City said you must have a fire extinguisher on the side of the entrance, or whatever. I'm just putting something up there that you will see, that when you come to a white neighborhood, not being racist, but you

go to a white neighborhood, a beautiful store -- come to our neighborhood, walk through our stores and see. You can't even hardly walk through because they cannot afford a bigger space. And we need it. The community need it. That's why it's called convenience. We ain't going to have the conveniency if you pass this tax. And what's going to happen, if we have problems now with people breaking and breaking the law and stuff like that, what do you think is going to take place? Ain't going to happen in the white neighborhood, but it will happen in ours. Murders like left and right. And you heard it here first. You don't have to take my word for it, but see later the statistics if this goes through.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Theodore Daniels, Derrell Vereen-Gibbs, Ernie Bennett, Courtland Green, and Denise

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Stroman.

And then after that, we will have Wrenton Wright, Dany Vinas, Norm Shoemaker, Sam Tolentino, the next panel. Please line up.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

MR. BENNETT: Good evening, Council. Good evening, all guests.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Folks, keep it down, please.

MR. BENNETT: My name is Ernie Bennett. I'm a Staff Director of District 1201, 32BJ SEIU. I'm a proud product of the Philadelphia School District. I'm the father of five children, who are products of the Philadelphia School District and who graduated and went on to college and graduated from college.

The School District's children are very important to me. It's a passion. I work in the schools. My grandchildren are currently in the

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Philadelphia School District. Also you see -- we see education as a priority in my family. Not only have I walked the halls of these buildings as a student, I've worked them as well as an engineer 31 years. I know how beneficial this sugar tax will be to our students and their future.

As a parent, as a representative of more than 2,000 hard-working School District employees, we have less vested in the well-being of our children. This tax bill will provide our young people with the resources they need to be whole.

Often our members see children coming to school without the things they need. The creation of community schools will fill in the gaps to provide our children with the tools they need to succeed in life, from medical to dental to counseling to trades and much, much more. If the children are our future, we need to support this measure. Universal

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pre-K for all children, not some, get a step ahead and prepares them for the school. This is positive. We need this.

Let's stop talking about how the educated system can be better and do something about it. We're always saying the children are our future. Well, let's show it.

The soda tax puts dollars in action and is a step in the right direction. I fully, fully support Mayor Kenney's sugar tax for a better future for our children and our students.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. VEREEN-GIBBS: How you doing? My name is Derrell Vereen-Gibbs. I'm from West Philadelphia. I live in the Overbrook area, and I'm here to support the Mayor's sugar tax as well.

The sugar tax helps for the education of our children. And being a father of two, I have two kids. I got a son. He's 2. His name is Daniel. And I

got a stepdaughter. Her name is Morgan, and she's 8 years old. Their education and development is very, very important to parents like myself. My son going into preschool, why is that important to me? Children need the development that preschool provides to prepare them to go into school. It provides them with the structure that classrooms have, as well as the social skills that kids develop by going to preschool rather than kids who don't.

When my now 8-year-old stepdaughter went to kindergarten, you can tell the difference between children who were in preschool and then who were watched by a family member. They didn't have the same interaction or focus in the classroom. And then when classes were -- or schools were cut and classes were bigger and you only had one teacher and now 40 students and half the kids didn't have that structure to sit down, stay focused and learn, it disrupted those

other children from having the same learning in the classrooms. As well as today schools don't have things like nurses or counselors that are provided for the kids to have the things that I had when I was in school, just to be able if you hurt yourself to go to a nurse. If you needed someone to go talk to because everything wasn't going well, you had that. They don't provide that in school today. The sugar tax will provide funding for those things like pre-K and community schools as well as playgrounds.

My daughter goes to Lewis Cassidy that does not have a playground, not a swing, not a slide, not a jungle gym, not nothing. They have concrete, 50 feet of concrete, and two little tic-tac-toe jumping things that they're allowed to play with, which means their recess isn't like recess when we had recess, when you can go and swing on the swings. The closest park is five blocks away, and I don't know where y'all live,

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but my kids are not walking five blocks with one teacher and 40 kids. That's just not what is allowed to happen. And we need playgrounds and we need funding for these schools so the kids can have what they need right there at the school, nurses right there at the school, playgrounds right there at the school, counselors who can take those kids who are discipline problems right there at the school, when you have parents who have to work two jobs and can't get back to the school to deal with their kids, but the teacher can't stop the class to deal with that one child.

We need funding, and if this is what's going to help with that funding, I am in full support of this, and you should be too.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. GREEN: Good evening, Council. My name is Courtland Green. I

would like to talk to you about the organizations that support sugary drinks, 45. We got Action United, AFSCME Council 1199C, AFSCME District Council 33, AFSCME District Council 47, All in the Family Group Association Corporation, Alliance of Community Service Providers, American Federation of Teachers - Philadelphia, American Heart Association, Belmont Alliance Civic Association CDC, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Cecil B. Moore CDC, Kiva, Center for Popular Democracy, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Children's Village, Delaware Valley Association for Education of Young Children, Eastern Pennsylvania, Clean Water Action, Education Voters of Pennsylvania, Faith Community Development Corporation, FOP Lodge 5, Germantown Community Connection, Germantown Restoration CDC, Greater Brewerytown CDC, Help Incorporated, International Association of Firefighters Local 22, Lovie Lee's Stars of Tomorrow, Media

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Mobilization Project, Men United for a Better Philadelphia, Millbrook Civic Association, Parent Infant Centers, Pennsylvania Association of Staff, Philadelphia Coalition Advocating for Public Schools, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, Philadelphia Jewish Labor Committee, Philadelphia Neighborhood Network, Philadelphia Parks Alliance, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, Public Health Management Corporation, SEIU 32BJ, SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, SEIU Local 668, SEIU Pennsylvania State Council, Unite Here Local 274, Unite Here 634, Youth United for Change.

Thank you, Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. DANIELS: Good evening, everybody. My name is Teddy Daniels. I'm a School District employee for the last 20 years, and I'm here on behalf of the sugar tax. And I understand the pain

of the people who works for the soda companies, but at what time do we do something for these kids? I get to see it every day with kids, because I work in the school, and I'm trying to figure out if we don't do this, what we going to do? Because we got to do something. And at some point in time, enough is enough.

Now, I can't afford to send my sons to private school, Catholic school or anything else. And I'm a public school graduate, and I take pride in being a public school graduate, but public school done changed. It done changed. It didn't change for the better. It changed for the worse.

Now, when do we get on board about these kids, if these kids are our future? And they going to be sitting up there where you guys are at one day. When do we start to help the kids? What do we have to do to get everybody on board for the kids? Not just one kid; all kids. I don't care where you came

from, but all kids. At what point in time do we do that?

So if the sugar tax will help my babies, then I'm all for it. I'll be honest with you. Because I got mine to think about. I'm good. I'm on my way out; I'm not on my way in. So if you don't think about your kids, think about mine, because something has to happen here.

And I don't want for these cats to lose they jobs over this sugar tax. No; I don't want nobody. I get it. It's hard out here. It ain't easy living in Philadelphia, trust me when I tell you. Been there all my life. It ain't easy living here and dealing with the nonsense that go on here, but at what point in time do we do something?

Now, most of y'all seen me, and I spoke at City Council with everybody sitting up there. Y'all know where I stand. I'm for the betterment of Philadelphia in the whole. Not half of

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the City; the whole city. If one part suffer, all of Philadelphia should suffer. And that's just the way it should be. All for one and one for all. City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

When we going to get down to business here? We need to stop playing around. People need to stand fast, make a decision and hold to it. But I'm not for anything going to that School District that's not going to help these kids. I want accountability, because we all know -- I don't need to say. We all know. And people need to stand fast and do what they supposed to do and not what they want to do, and maybe we'll be a better city. I don't know. But we got to do something.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for your testimony.

MR. DANIELS: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: We have

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Wrenton Wright, Dany Vinas, Norman or Norma Shoemaker, Sam Tolentino. And I'm going to include John Rosado in this mix, in this panel.

Our next panel, so they can begin to get ready, is Will Gonzalez, Christian Holland, and Pat DeCarlo.

So right now Wrenton Wright, Dany Vinas, Shoemaker, Tolentino, and Rosado.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

MR. WRIGHT: Council, thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to speak out on this issue this evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir, hold on.

Folks, please.

Thank you.

MR. WRIGHT: I'd like to thank Council for giving us the opportunity to speak on this issue tonight. This is an issue that is very important to everyone in the City of Philadelphia.

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First, let me introduce myself. I am Wrenton Wright and I am a 30-plus resident here in Philadelphia. I come wearing a few different hats. I come as a parent, I come as a taxpaying citizen, and I also come as an employee of Pepsi-Cola.

What I would like to say tonight is that this tax is going to negatively affect quite a few people. It will affect the thousands of employees who are employed by the beverage companies, but that's not the only people that it will affect. It will reach out and touch basically everyone in the City in a financially negative way. This tax is going to be a way for more money to be taken out of the pockets of the hard-working citizens of Philadelphia. Not only will it do that, I think that this tax will also drive some of the largest or larger Fortune 500 companies that we have in the City. And I think that if we as a city, with a

collaborative effort, worked with our corporate citizens, I think that the collaboration between the City and the corporation leaders could do a lot more beneficial things for the City than this tax will do.

This tax is also being cloaked under a sugar tax. This tax to me does not come across as a sugar tax. It comes across as a soda tax. If every item that contains sugar were taxed, then it would be a sugar tax, but this is a sugared soda tax, which if that comes into effect, what it is going to do, it's going to decrease consumption, which will not generate the money that the City needs to take care of these initiatives.

And, lastly, I'd like to say that those of us at big soda, as it has been termed, we feel demonized by being called, number one, big soda as if it's a negative thing. We are not an addictive product. We're not forcing anybody to drink our product. Our product is chosen

to be drank. So to panelize those people that freely choose to drink our products I think is unfair, and to take one industry that has products that contain sugar and try to get all of these initiatives pushed through on the backs of that one industry I think is unfair.

So long story short, I think that to better help the City and the residents of Philadelphia, I think bringing the corporate entities in the City together to work together on the front end of solving problems would be a lot better way than forcing the corporate entities individually to have to burden these types of taxes.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. VINAS: Hi. My name is Dany Vinas. I belong to the Dominican Grocer Association member. My story is, we are a team brother and sister and we all got store in Philadelphia. We came here in 1997 and we've been in business

since like 1997 up to now. And we agree that you people -- what you doing is great, but not the way you want to do it. I mean, I think that taxing the beverage will affect -- will be a big impact in our community and the small business. It's going to be a lot of jobs that are going to be lost. You people have to understand that most of those people that works in small business, they do not have no degree, they don't have college degree, not even a GED. So you are trying to create jobs, but how about those people who are going to lose their jobs?

There are about, I would say, about 3,500 small businesses in Philadelphia. If you pass on that law, I will say 40 to 50 percent of those small businesses are going to close, and that means a lot of people going to be unemployed. Where are those people going to go? Every person that works in one of those store, they are head of the family.

They got a family too.

So I would say that I think you should think about trying to get money some place else. I don't think this is the best way to get the money.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for your testimony.

(Applause.)

MR. SHOEMAKER: Hi. My name is Norman Shoemaker. I work for the beverage company, Philadelphia Coca-Cola, and I'm against the grocery tax that we have.

I'm a Philadelphia resident all my life. I have two kids. My four kids -- my oldest two, one in the Navy, one in the Air Force, one graduated from Central, one graduated from Girls High. My other two is behind me. They also in the race to going to one of those schools.

But I'm against the Philadelphia grocery tax because it's going to hurt many people on both sides.

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I'm all for the pre-K. That's no doubt. Kids do need help. We all for that, but not on the expense of the beverage company. We cannot afford that. If you want to help the kids, we first have to start helping the parents, because it is about the parents that take care of the kids.

(Applause.)

MR. SHOEMAKER: So we cannot contradict ourselves by putting the kids first. So we have to realize that it's all about the parents, taking care of the parents.

So if you pass this soda tax, what about me and my kids? What about my family? I'm a homeowner too. How I'm going to provide for my family? I don't think that's fair. And the ones that is for the tax, I didn't hear not one of them come up here and say that, Maybe y'all should take more taxes from me. I did not hear that.

(Applause.)

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MR. SHOEMAKER: If we is in the City of Brotherly Love, let's go love both ways, not just one way. Both ways.

So I'm not attacking them, but they should not attack us either.

So that's it, y'all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for your testimony.

(Applause.)

MR. TOLENTINO: How you doing? My name is Samuel Tolentino. I'm coming to you as a father, a husband, and a citizen of Philadelphia. I've been here all my life, 36 years old.

I see where this tax can go, how it can affect my job, but not just my job, my co-workers. The people in the City, they can't afford to go outside the City to maybe purchase soda. They're stuck with it, just like everybody else in here. Think about it.

Talking about job losses, there's no way that I think I have the heart to go to my daughter, who is 9

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years old, and tell her, Daddy just got laid off because of the sugar tax, because they couldn't have me there no more. I've been there 12 and a half years. That's going to be a crushing blow. There's got to be another way.

No one is against the pre-K. No one. I want y'all to understand that. I'm for that, but there's got to be another way to do this. Don't go after one industry.

That's it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I have Will Gonzalez, Christian Holland, and Pat DeCarlo.

If anybody else we missed from the advocacy groups -- Andre, raise your hand. If anybody else who wishes -- I have a few more names that I'm going to call out, but make sure you check in with Andre.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

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COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you so much.

MR. GONZALEZ: Buenas tardes. Good afternoon. My name is Will Gonzalez. I'm the Executive Director of Ceiba. Ceiba promotes the economic development of Philadelphia's Latino community through collaborations and advocacy aimed at ensuring their access to quality housing.

Health, education, and safety are vital elements to the ability of people to secure and retain quality housing. Accordingly, Ceiba respectfully urges City Council to support the sugar-sweetened beverage tax as the most viable and healthiest way to confront the challenges that Philadelphia faces in the area of universal pre-K, the rebuilding of neighborhood parks and recreation centers, the strengthening of schools to make them into community schools, and the retrofitting of public buildings to make them more energy efficient.

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The legislation is not an attack on an industry. The community needs the industry as a source of clean, good water.

(Applause.)

MR. GONZALEZ: Philadelphia, thanks to your leadership in City Council, has avoided the problems of Flint, Michigan. Philadelphia's water treatment facilities and water mains do not contain lead. However, many of us live in homes built prior to 1950 that are not free from the dangers of lead in our drinking water because the service lines and piping inside of our properties are connected by lead-containing solders and/or have brass pipes, faucets, fittings involved that contain lead.

The beverage industry provides us with easily accessible triple-filtered water. The sugar-sweetened beverage tax is a way to encourage people to drink more water and avoid diabetes and other illnesses, while at the same time helping

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the industry transform itself and increase its output of clean water.

The CDC, the World Health Organization, your doctor, and many others are not paid to conspire to undermine the industry. They articulate; that is, the CDC, World Health Organization, and your doctor, they articulate what is crystal clear and irrefutable: Sugar-sweetened beverages promote diabetes and are not healthy.

When we talk about taxes on cigarettes, the term "regressive" is not used because we understand the ills of cigarettes. In the same vein, using the term "regressive" to describe the tax at issue today ignores, looks the other way the ills of beverages that are subject to the tax.

Sugar-sweetened beverages lead to health problems that are more expensive to individuals and to the community at-large than the sugar-sweetened beverage tax. That is

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why we respectfully request that City Council support this tax.

We urge industry, government, and the community to use this measure to work together to promote the drinking of safe water; the rebuilding of neighborhood parks, recreation centers, and libraries; creating community schools; and retrofitting public buildings to make them more energy efficient. This measure will advance positive outcomes in the health and economic development of the City, which in the long term benefits us all.

Mucha gracias.

(Applause.)

MR. HOLLAND: Good evening, City Council. First of all, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be able to speak tonight. My name is Christian Holland and I've come with many hats. I am the Director for Episcopal Community Services Out-of-School-Time Programs, but today I'm actually coming

with a hat of representing the Philadelphia Out-of-School-Time Coalition, and the Out-of-School-Time Coalition is a group of stakeholders resolved to instituting a plan to educate our leaders, our constituents about out-of-school time, what we're doing in the City of Philadelphia and what we're doing statewide.

Our mission is pretty much to keep children and youth safe by developing them into contributing citizens during non-school hours. And so we provide services throughout the community. We actually serve about 20,000-plus kids in Philadelphia alone. We do everything that many of our stakeholders talked about, such as the academic enrichment, the physical structured activities, the community service, project-based learning, which reinforces literacy and mathematics, as well as other enrichment activities. And we really are really all about children

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and families.

Today, I just really come to really just kind of, I guess, reinforce what's been stated already, but I come with a different tune, if that makes sense. We know that our children is a wise investment in the City of Philadelphia. We know that when we can keep kids off the street, specifically between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00, we realize that the crime rate is lowered. We know that during that time, the crime rate is at its highest peak. And we also understand that we're preparing them for the future. We're preparing them to become strategic lifelong learners.

At the end of the day, this is a very tough decision. I would not like to be in your shoes. So I would like to say many prayers are being offered to you. But I will say that our youth are our future. They are important. It is imperative that we actually provide services for our youth. It's imperative

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that we actually give them what they need.

I'm not exactly stating that pushing the sugar beverage tax is the best way. So I kind of come with a different spin on it, if that makes sense. Because I realize that, once again, our mission is to keep families together. So I'm not suggesting that pushing a tax that will put people out of their jobs is the best way to go about it. But at this point, I'm kind of with you. I don't necessarily have -- can pinpoint a specific way, but I will say that it's imperative that we think about different nuances, different ways to continue to educate our youth, to push community schools, to push universal pre-K and, at the same time, to also keep our youth and families thriving in the City of Philadelphia.

And so, once again, I just come really urging you all to really come together, make that decision. I am in

support of our youth. I'm in support of our families. I'm not in support of putting people out of their jobs. I'm not in support actually putting people out on the street. My job is to keep that from happening. I work with many stakeholders, DHS and Department of Education. So I'm all about making sure that we don't do that, but at the end of the day, I also understand that this is a tough decision.

So I'm really asking you all to maybe go back and rethink these things and really think about maybe a different way, a different approach of really making sure that we can pay for the community schools, make sure that we can pay for the universal pre-K and that we get the job done.

Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it.

(Applause.)

MS. DeCARLO: Good evening. My name is Patricia DeCarlo. I'm the

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Executive Director of Norris Square Community Alliance, an organization that currently serves over 800 preschool children from the North Philadelphia area, east of Broad. We cover from Girard to Hunting Park and from Trenton Avenue to 10th Street. This geographic area encompasses the largest Latino population in the City. Some other significant statistics are: We reside in the poorest congressional district in the State of Pennsylvania and have the highest unemployment rate. Not good statistics.

According to the Philadelphia Health Indicators report for 2014, our service area reports the highest consumption of sugary drinks in the City, and 12.5 percent of residents in the service area have been diagnosed with diabetes and obesity-related disease that leads to blindness, gangrene, amputation, and heart attacks. And, no, I'm not exaggerating. That's what happens to you

when you have diabetes.

Food and beverage companies promoting sugary drinks disproportionately targets marketing efforts and advertising towards low-income people of color, and Spanish language media receives the highest share of advertising dollars from corporations sponsoring ads promoting sugary beverages.

So what can we conclude from these statistics and the impact of this proposed tax? Our community will be paying the highest percent of taxes on these sugary drinks, when already they don't have enough resources to properly feed their families.

By the same token, high taxes on sugary drinks could be a blessing in disguise. Some people may stop drinking them given the increased price. Not likely to happen. Addiction to sugar, as with cigarettes, is hard to kick.

So we either tax the poorest,

most health-affected population in the most regressive tax possible or we figure out a way to make these taxes fund those activities most beneficial to the health, education, and well-being of the population being targeted for the tax.

Specific recommendations: Write into the law a specific percent of the funds being collected through this tax to a multifaceted advertising campaign in those affected communities that talks about the health consequences of sugary drinks, sugar, period, and the healthy alternatives. Not from public health funds from your public Health Commissioner, who obviously is going to support this, not from some foundation grant you may be getting, but from an ongoing, dedicated fund from the taxes collected to teach about healthy, nutritional, culturally relevant food such as coconut water without the added sugar. It's really great for people.

Align the funds so that the

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activities proposed to be funded by this tax are proportionately targeted at those communities suffering and paying for the brunt of the tax.

What does this mean? Those communities, populations most paying for the sugary tax are aligned to receive an equal and proportional benefit from the tax collected, so the affordable pre-K slots for working families in those neighborhoods, college education scholarships targeted to the children of those neighborhoods so they can become the teachers of their quality pre-K centers, improve expanded recreational centers for the children in those neighborhoods to be used by the children of those neighborhoods.

Why do I keep relating the two? Because I'm sorry, I come from a neighborhood where when we first came, the recreational center was dedicated to some folks who previously had lived in the neighborhood, formed a basketball

group, whatever they call those things, and moved to Jersey but still had permission in the evening, they were the ones who could play, and we're going back to that. So that doesn't make sense. I want to make sure that we, the people in the neighborhood, benefit from the taxes that we're paying for the sugary drinks that we're going to stop because we're going to become more healthy.

Twenty percent of the children in our child care centers are obese. So it's not just the sugary drinks. Sorry, Coca-Cola. It is also the Entenmann's and the Tastykakes, right? So let's be fair.

(Applause.)

MS. DeCARLO: So I'm sure this was not the intent of the proposed tax. I'm sure Mayor Kenney did not intend to target just sugary drinks. That's just the beginning.

To those employed by Coca-Cola and the other bottling companies, fear

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not. Make sure your employer starts right now and begins to bottle healthy beverages -- there's a multitude of healthy beverages to be bottled -- so that our people can buy them and not pay taxes.

Thank you, all.

(Applause.)

MS. VINCENTI: Good evening, City Council members, President Clarke. My name is Sandi Vincenti and I'm kind of last minute asked to wing it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Folks, quiet down, please. Thank you.

MS. VINCENTI: So this will be interesting.

I too wear many hats, and fortunately many of the benefits of this soda/sugary drink tax are going to be reflected in some of the hats that I wear.

First and foremost, I am an early childhood educator and director. I'm launching an environmental ed

program, and I sit on the Board of Directors for a few different local parks, particularly Penn Treaty Park in the Fishtown section of Philadelphia.

So I'd like to speak a quick moment on parks and rec, because I think that's been a little bit underrecognized here. I think in particular seeing the improvement in parks, it's an immediate benefit to all the neighborhood. It's an immediate benefit to not only the children, but to families in the neighborhoods as well. Penn Treaty Park, for instance, several years ago was just rampant with drugs and prostitution, and just small investments from the community members themselves have brought the parks a long way.

So I think directly reflecting in the sugary tax is going to be seen in the City and in the neighborhoods that can be disenfranchised.

Also I think -- I want to speak a little bit on a point that was made in

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regards to offering up the taxes ourselves. Part of the environmental education programs that I'm launching in partnerships with some of these parks, there are some vacant properties that we have paid off the taxes to give directly back to the schools themselves, because we believe in it. We are putting our passion and our money where our mouth is. And so I think I can speak personally putting that effort and benefit where it's most needed.

Additionally -- see, I told you it was going to be interesting, me winging it up here.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I think your time is almost up.

MS. VINCENTI: Well, there you go. We're good.

Additionally, I can just speak personally just being a pre-K teacher and working for a fortunate privileged preschool where we did see that quality piece, and teachers in particular are

going to receive benefits of this and be able to put back into the economy by getting a worthy wage as well. And I saw that in particular when I worked for a quality preschool. I know it was mentioned, Children's Village. And that was the only time, the only time in my working career that I was able to sustain a healthy economic family. So that is extraordinarily important, and I really urge you all and I urge everybody here to keep an open mind, because it is going to be seen from the children all the way through in all different communities.

So thanks for putting up with me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: So we have two more panels. We promised we would get through and finish half an hour later, because we started late. So I'm going to ask June Rosado, Dennis

McGinley, and Orlando Cruz.

And then our final panel, because he's from the home district -- so you got to wait until the end, Mike -- Mike McCrea, Julie Cousler, Kathleen Brown, Tony Walter, and Suzanne Haban. That will be our final panel.

Please, folks, let's be courteous.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Keep your voices down, please. Thank you.

MR. CRUZ: Good evening. First and foremost, I want to thank you for this opportunity. My name is Orlando, and I was born and raised here in the City of -- this great City of Philadelphia. I currently work here for Coca-Cola.

As a resident of Philadelphia and a taxpayer, I am highly concerned with this proposed beverage tax bill. Like I heard a speaker earlier say, we

continue to raise all the utilities, taxes. I look at my Comcast bill and there's a section just for taxes.

Philadelphia is in the top ten cities in the country that pays the highest taxes, coming in at number four of the highest taxes that we pay. Now the City wants to add a beverage tax.

A 3 cent per ounce tax will hurt the low-income families. They will not be able to afford beverages for their meals. They will also have a negative impact on small business owners that depend on the residents of their communities to help keep them in business. Therefore, many of these small businesses will be forced to close, in the hundreds, maybe in the thousands. Not only will this have a negative impact on my family and I, but it will also have a negative impact on my fellow Philadelphians. If this bill passes, I think we will all lose here in Philadelphia.

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Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. McGINLEY: Hello. My name is Dennis McGinley. I work at the Pepsi Bottling Company in Philadelphia. I've worked there for 15 years. I'm also the shop steward there. I've worked as the shop steward as a union representative for 13 years. I have the pleasure of representing almost 400 guys, who are going to lose their jobs if this bill is passed, if this tax is passed.

Today, I've heard people talk. The only thing we haven't been -- or hasn't been pinned on us is world hunger. We've had parents say how kids are going to jail. I'll be honest with you, I was born and raised in this city. I didn't go to jail, because my parents made sure I didn't go to jail. All right?

(Applause.)

MR. McGINLEY: That's why.

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I went through the public school system, right, just like most people here. I got an education. I have a job that can sustain and take care of my 14-year-old child and myself. We're not criminals. We're not the people that people are putting us out to be.

People have to take care of their own children. That's the cold hard facts. It's not our responsibility.

If you pass this tax, 2,000 members of the Teamsters are going to be out of jobs. Where are we going to go to get jobs? Nowhere, because there's no other industry in this city. Where's the rest of the jobs at? Nabisco, which had over 500 employees, just left the City. How long ago?

There's got to be another way. You cannot put this tax on the back of one industry. We all have children. We have members right back there who have their children with them. We had other members who sat here with their children

right next to them.

We want pre-K. We want parks. I group up in the City. I played in the parks, you know, just like everybody else in this room did. We want all these good things, but put it on -- put it another way. You cannot put it on the back of one industry that can cost 2,000 jobs. Where are you going to get that tax money? That's something they teach you in school, simple math. Two thousand jobs, where is that tax money going to come from?

Come on, now. Let's be real. All right? This is a great city. This is a city that's going to wind up like Detroit if we keep on putting industry out of this city, 2,000 jobs. What about our children? What about our 2,000 children or 4,000 children or X amount of children that don't have parents who can pay the mortgage, that can feed our children and can't send them to school?

You have to put this on the

back of several industries, not just one. It's not a soda tax. It's 1,600-plus grocery items that will be taxed, 1,600-plus, all kinds of things. Let's get real. It's time to put this tax on the back of several industries. It's a tax that needs to be done a different way.

And no one is responsible for taking care of anyone else's children except for the individual that wants to have them children.

(Applause.)

MR. ROSADO: Good evening, City Council. You have a lot of emotions here. My name is Wilfredo Rosado. They got me there as June.

There's a lot of pros and cons here, but there's no one in this room that don't love their children. We all love our children. The ones in the back that are saying we're against, the ones that are saying that they're for, we all love our children. The question is the

methods that we're trying to come up with to be able to supply for our kids is affecting a lot of other areas.

Right now we have people saying that beverages or sugar in the soda is bad for you. Well, I have a problem with you telling me that soda is bad, but we legalize marijuana. So are we talking about taxing marijuana?

We said let's raise the tax on cigarettes. People are still smoking, and nothing is being done.

This is already the third time that this has been brought up and trying to get passed. If a tax is going to be passed, it should be beneficial for everybody, not just one group. I don't think that a tax should affect the jobs of anyone. I have a family, but so does everyone here. It's easy to say, well, those guys are going to lose their jobs, because they're not in the soda business. But I have my two boys and I have my little baby girl that was just born six

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months ago. What am I going to do? I just bought a new house. Where am I going to go? What am I going to tell them? We got you a playground, but now you don't have a place to live.

(Applause.)

MR. ROSADO: Education, like my colleague said, education starts at home. Education starts at home. I teach my kids how to respect our home. I don't wait for them to go to school to learn how to respect. They learn how to respect in my house. They learn how to treat each other right in my house. And when you teach them young this and they grow up, then they'll be better in the schools.

Taxing soda doesn't give you better -- to better educate the kids. The teachers do, so do the parents.

(Applause.)

MR. ROSADO: So directing yourself like my other colleagues here, directing them taxes to just one singular

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group, that's unfair. There's pro, there's con, but there's also right and there's wrong.

So we need to think about these things, because like another gentleman said, it's on y'all. And you're going to be bad either way. If you're for it, you're going to be bad. If you're against it, you're going to be bad. But if you try to figure out where everybody benefits, then we'll be proud of you.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Folks, folks, we got to be respectful. We need to be respectful, please.

Mike McCrea, Julie, Kathleen, Tony, and Suzanne. These will be the last ones and then we'll turn it back over to the President to close it out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All right, folks. Hold on, please. We got our last panel.

Hello. Hello. Please keep

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quiet, please, so we can get the last panel. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you.

(Witnesses approached witness table.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you. Please proceed.

MR. WALTER: Hello there. I'm a little out of my element, so I'll do my best. My name is Tony Walter. My family and I own a small chocolate manufacturing retailing business. We manufacture just a few blocks from here actually.

I'm here not on behalf of the soda -- you know, one way or the other on the soda tax. I think you guys can take a sigh of relief there. I'm here for small business in the City.

My father and I 15 years ago took over a building that had been vacant for several years. We spent years improving, began manufacturing chocolates there, and within our space, we now employ people. We have a gift basket

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company in there that employs people. Believe it or not, an organic mushroom farmer who is working on employing people. We have a coffee roaster and another chocolate manufacturer under our roof.

So I'm here to ask you guys to work harder for the small business. I just have a short list. I'm not an accountant. I don't have lobbyists. I don't have an accounting department. I just have a small list of things I've compiled as a small business that we pay. Some of them are going to sound ridiculous to people back here that aren't small businesses. So here it goes. Let me see if I can read this.

The sign fees, we pay a fee for our dumbwaiter. We have a little dumbwaiter about this big and we pay a fee. Our alarm registration, our fire alarm inspection, the tags for the fire extinguishers. We had a backflow preventer in our facility. Water

Department came along, said they don't like it, cost us another $2,400 to get a different one put in. We now have to have that certified every year. That's another fee.

Some of these are state or federal. Our scales, our Center City District service fee for our retail store downtown. We clean our sidewalks. We always did. Now it costs us close to a thousand dollars for the guy with the little green broom.

City trash fee. Didn't used to have that. I also pay a waste hauler because sometimes our trash doesn't get picked up.

Food certification classes. I pay for the classes, then somebody leaves. They've changed the rule, so we now have to have somebody on site at all times, not just one person to deal with that. Then after we pay for the class, we then send the little diploma thing into the City and pay again for our

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little piece of paper from the City, because that little diploma thing wasn't sufficient.

Use and occupancy. We're now paying water runoff, which is significant. Obviously real estate taxes, City wage tax. We're registered with the Department of Agriculture, so we pay a fee for that. Philadelphia, you know, everything -- the 2 percent higher sales tax. Our parking lot where we park, that tax was just raised, so our parking lot fee because we drive around, that just went up. Then the Social Security employer portion, Medicare, state unemployment, federal employment, federal income tax, state corporate income tax, Philadelphia business income and receipt taxes. And then as somebody said earlier, all the additional taxes on utilities across the board.

I think that covered what came to mind quickly, except just the other day -- sorry. My mouth is a little dry.

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I'm nervous.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You did a pretty good job.

MR. WALTER: Just the other day I got my food prep license, which was another $300 this week, and I believe that's up. I'm not positive.

Like I said, I don't have an accounting department. This is just what I scraped together and get in front of you guys here. I'm not Comcast, like I said. I'm not Coca-Cola, but we do employ people in this neighborhood and the people we've brought in with us also. Peak times, all of us put together, we can be, you know, I don't know, maybe 75, 80 people. We are seasonal. And several people in here have worked for us seasonally, and I didn't know they were going to be here. They didn't know I was going to be here. But many of our employees and the people with us employ people from the neighborhood.

So I'm just here to ask you

guys to help us, the people who aren't Coke and Comcast and Pepsi and everybody else, the little guys employing people from these neighborhoods that just go to work every day and work hard, but continue to get the bill in the mail, and that bill increases every time it comes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

MR. WALTER: I guess that's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you. You did a pretty good job.

(Applause.)

MR. WALTER: Thank you.

MS. COUSLER EMIG: Good evening. My name is Julie Cousler Emig. I'm the Executive Director of Education Plus Health, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to provide testimony to City Council in favor of the sugary drink tax.

I've spent the last 30-plus years working to improve the social conditions and the outcomes of women, children, and families in Philadelphia.

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Sadly, I have seen much of -- many of those outcomes get worse over the last 30 years.

Philadelphia is now known nationwide as the city with the deepest poverty rate. This is unacceptable. The City must take giant steps to address poverty. Education, beginning with early and quality early childhood education, is the only means and must be the sole priority for the City, state, and national leaders, yet our state legislators clearly do not agree even in the face of bipartisan research and recommendations. And education has certainly not been at the forefront of the presidential campaigns. Very sadly, Philadelphia must take bold steps alone. Increasing and improving education and quality developmental experiences for children and youth requires more money. And I do have to confess that I love Pepsi and I will continue to drink Pepsi, but I drink it infrequently, so I'm not

worried about the tax, and that's how it should be for all of us. If we're worried that anyone is going to be financially harmed from this tax, then they're consuming too many sugary drinks.

I now operate 14 school-based health centers in Title I charter schools. Last year, 44 percent of the 5,000-plus children that we served and screened screened as either overweight or obese. The health problems that these children will have because of being overweight beginning as a child will far outweigh the impact of a 3 cent per ounce drink tax that their parents will pay for the sugary drinks that they certainly consume in high quantities.

Philadelphia, we have much bigger problems than the 12 cents extra tax that people will pay on a can of soda. I wish we didn't have to take these kind of actions, make these kind of decisions, but if we keep waiting for state and federal legislators to figure

out how to better fund education, particularly early childhood education, our problems will continue to get much more worse.

So I encourage you to consider supporting the sugary drink tax.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

Good evening.

MS. BROWN McHALE: Good evening, City Council members, President Darrell Clarke. I'm Kathy Brown McHale. I'm the President and CEO of SPIN. We're a non-profit human service organization with high-quality, inclusive early childhood education programs and lifespan services for people with autism and intellectual disability.

In our four early childhood centers, SPIN provides high-quality pre-K, Head Start, early intervention, and child care for 775 3- to 5-year-olds.

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Research has concluded that every dollar spent on high-quality preschool saves society between $9 and $13 in future costs. That's due to less need for special education, less juvenile delinquency and crime, fewer school drop-outs, and less unemployment. Additionally, the investment in pre-K supports families to work, improves parenting skills, and creates jobs. That's an investment that we cannot walk away from.

In high-quality preschool, children experience an interactive child center day where they develop foundational social and emotional learning and literacy skills. The children develop a curiosity for science and math and learn to care about and interact with their peers. They learn to care for their health needs, eat and learn about healthy foods, and develop early leadership skills. And it's simply remarkable to see the difference in these

kids from September to June. And over two years in high-quality preschool, the children have the skills that they need to be successful in school, with 20 percent more graduating from high school and going on to college than those who do not attend quality preschools.

The funding per child is less than we need. Our teachers at our organization are all certified in early childhood education, yet they earn $10,000 less than if they worked in the School District. The teacher assistants earn between $12 and $12.50 an hour, which is about $10 an hour less than a living wage in Philadelphia. And there is no money to acquire, renovate, and supply a proper preschool building. Most years my organization barely breaks even to provide these programs. We have many of the same costs that business has. This year we are losing money to provide these high-quality services.

Only one in three Philadelphia

children has access to quality pre-K. This results in developmental and educational deficits for children, increased stress for young families, and it further burdens an overburdened school system.

The downward effect on Philadelphia and all its citizens are difficult to calculate, but they are cumulative and lasting.

I urge City Council, recognize the critical importance of early childhood education to the future of Philadelphia and invest in our children's future.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. McCREA: Thank you. My name is Michael McCrea. I'm at the Feltonville Recreation Center just about a stone's throw from here. One of the things that we do as a volunteer -- I'm President of the Advisory -- is that we

raise money onsite for the cost of the programs that we run. I'm also President of the Citywide Advisory, and between us, there's 150 -- over 150 advisories across the City, each one in a different playground, park or rec center that raise that kind of money. On our half, it's somewhere between 90 and 95 percent of program dollars come from onsite, locally raised up through the staff, through the volunteers, through grants, through donations, through businesses and whatever else we can get, because that's what it is. The City doesn't have the money to apply to that. We have to make up the difference in what it costs to run those programs.

And one of the reasons why I moved to my neighborhood almost 30 years ago where I am now is because my recreation center is right next to the library, right next door, and across the street are two schools. So everything was all one big complex, and kids can --

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you'd get out of school, walk across the street and get to the library or the rec center without -- crossing one street, right across the street, and that was a really good design, I guess. I don't know if every neighborhood is like that. I wish it was, but that was a great design. That's what sold me, the biggest thing that sold me on why I moved to where I moved to. I've been living in Feltonville for 29 years, almost 30 years.

But one of the things that I noticed tonight -- and I'm going to make this short, because I'm usually very longwinded. He's laughing at me, but you're right. You know that, right?

I'm going to make it short. I realize it's getting late.

But one of the things I noticed tonight was that -- we all talked about this, and I heard a lot of the different arguments for and against all of this, and there were some good arguments. I

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can't have too much of -- I don't have too much a grudge with any of it. I heard everybody making some good arguments. What I didn't hear was, I said, If you don't want the sugary drink tax, then come up with an alternative.

We need to do rebuild. We have to do rebuild. It's not -- we've been kicking this can down the road for 16 years, through two administrations. We can't afford to do that anymore. It's got to get done. We got to pay for it. If you got a better idea, I'm more than willing to listen. At this point, we cannot kick that can down the road another year.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HABAN: Good evening, City Council members.

Don't mind my cold.

My name is Suzanne Haban. I'm

a lifelong resident of Philadelphia and I'm a fourth grade public school teacher at Webster. I'm testifying today to support the tax on sugary drinks. Thank you for your time and attention this evening.

To be honest, when I first heard about this tax, I was against it, until I saw where the funds would be spent. The biggest amount would be used to expand preschool programs in order to give all Philadelphians the ability for a strong start.

Many years ago my younger brother was enrolled at the local Head Start program, which had a huge positive impact on his early development. He struggled at expressing himself verbally, and it was the safe, structured, nurturing preschool environment that set him up for future successes. Now he is an employee of the City of Philadelphia, and when he continues to buy his Coke products, which he will, he will be

ensuring that future generations receive a quality preschool program just like he did. No, these aren't his children, but they are all our children, our neighbor's kids, the students in Philly schools, the children that ride SEPTA, and the future employees of the City of Philadelphia.

The funds would also rebuild parks and recreation centers. Parks and recreation centers were a crucial part of my childhood. Today's children also need a safe, clean place to socialize and play. A few years ago I worked at a local Police Athletic League center. Kids would come in an after-school program -- come in after school, complete their homework, and then practice a seasonal sport and play games for an in-house league. For some of these 9- to 12-year-olds, this was the first time they've ever been on a team. That was surprising to me. How else do we learn to follow rules, work as a team, win as a team and, more importantly, lose as a

team? A team creates a sense of belonging, a feeling similar to what lonely, poor children could possibly find in a gang. For that reason alone, we should increase funding to our recreation centers.

It's primarily for these reasons that I'm encouraging you to support the Mayor's tax on sugary drinks.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. WISMER: Hello again. My name is Lisa Wismer.

I hear a lot of people were talking about we care about our kids and everything, and Ms. Gym hosted an education forum at Thomas Edison and I was there and I see some other faces that were there, and I want to thank you, Ms. Gym, personally because our school has working water fountains now.

(Applause.)

MS. WISMER: And I want to tell you all in this room that we elected our

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officials and we should trust our officials that we elected.

I just was -- I just was reading and listening to all this stuff, and I was just like what's going on? And I read the latest, Fox 40 in Sacramento just reported that sugary taxes are not a deterrent. So everyone can be happy, because they're still going to drink soda, no matter the sugary tax on it.

I will say that there have been longitudinal studies directed at pre-kindergarten and students who attend pre-kindergarten versus students who don't, and students who do attend pre-kindergarten, quality pre-kindergarten, they do better on their standardized tests, they graduate from high school, they have higher rates of employment, and they have less rates of going to prison. And those are statistical facts that have been studied since 1960.

So, I mean, it's not a lie.

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It's not like some new thing. This has been studied for years and years and years.

So I think that it's important that we invest in our kids, even the ones who have parents that don't -- that may not take care of them, they do take care of them. They do their best. Sometimes we have kids that both their parents are deceased. I have a kid in my classroom whose mom died when he was 4 and now his dad is in ICU bleeding internally. So, you know, I mean, the family dynamics are real, real different in Philadelphia and everywhere else. I mean, I don't think it's going to be as bad as Detroit and Flint and all that other stuff that you're saying if we have a soda tax. The whole world is not going to fall apart if we pay an extra 50 cents for a 16 ounce bottle of soda. I really don't think that's going to happen. And if it does, I'm sure City Council will revoke the tax and do something else and find another

way.

But I'm just saying, I trust my officials and I trust that they'll invest in our future and our students' futures and our city's future.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Folks, I'd like to thank all of you so much and those that have left. Thank you so much for your participation. This is about what your government is about. Thank you all so much.

I want to thank Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez for her participation. I want to thank Councilmen Domb, Taubenberger, Green, Squilla, Gym, Henon, Bass, and David Oh. Thank you all so much.

We have official business to conclude. This concludes the neighborhood budget hearings for this evening. The Committee will stand in

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recess until Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Real quick, real quick, folks, for those of you who want to continue -- hold on one second, folks. Folks, real quick. We will have community budget hearings in City Council, for those of who that want to continue to talk about this issue, Tuesday, April 19th at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall and Wednesday, May 4th, 5:00 in City Hall. We will have testimony for the public to come in and talk about any issues, not just sugar tax. Okay? So you will have another opportunity, bottom line.

Thank you. Thank you all so much.

(Committee of the Whole concluded at 8:35 p.m.)

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